

## *Wine Country Flier*



**Next meeting: 27 April 6:30, at the Mountain Mikes Pizza**

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## Presidents Report

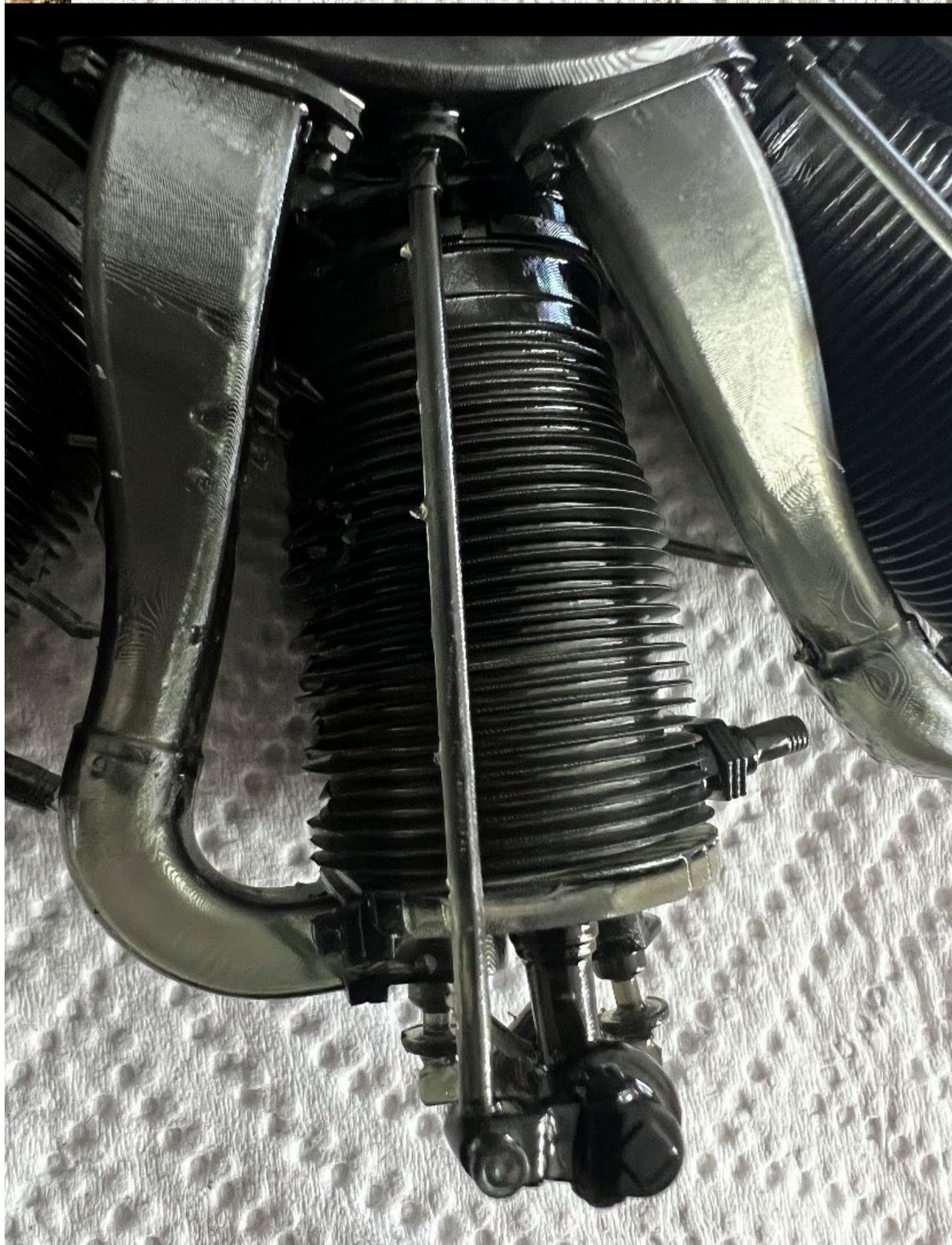
By: John Cole

Hello members;

Spring is here and with all the rain we've had, things are blooming!

For the time being, the SRJC Shone Farm folks will be helping us to keep the grass and weeds from getting out of hand on our field. They have a 'grazing program' utilizing their herd of sheep, and they will be coordinating with their students on which sections of the field get done and when. Please don't feed the sheep, and stay away from the temporary electric fence that will be used. The college is providing this service for free so keep this in mind when you interact with these folks.

The club trainer is finally back in service, so with that project off my table, I'm getting my Proctor Nieuport 11 airworthy again. Once I get some more airtime on it, I'll finish it up with final details, dummy LeRhone engine, etc. The model is built to 1/5th scale, so finding a suitable dummy engine commercially is not an option at this time. But a solution was found with 3-d printers! My son Steven has been experimenting with this technology for several years now, and he's getting it right. With the appropriate cut-file, he was able to print one in 1/5th scale. The final result is convincing, but the material is somewhat fragile. Additional strength will be added to it using resin, wire, and high density filler materials.



Until next month, stay safe and have fun at the field.

John

## Ya-Ka-Ama Event

By: Jake Chichilitti

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The Wine Country Flyers were invited to participate at the Ya-Ka-Ama event on Saturday Feb. 25 which included vendors with native jewelry and clothing. Ya-Ka-Ama also held an election for their board of directors. The day started out cool and a bit drizzly. But as you can see from the pictures we buddied up with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and shared their pop-up shelter thanks to Nicole Demetrak the Community Services Officer. The pictures were taken by Larry G. We had lots of interested folks stop by and look at our models and try out the flight simulator that Chris B. brought with him. I want to give a shout out to Andy Werback, Bill Ostendorf, Larry G. and Chris B. for volunteering at the event. Larry G. and I brought our trainers and buddy boxes and had quite a few folks give R/C flying a try. And Chris was doing a brisk business with his flight simulator. Also Dario's mom Chantel Valentine made a surprise visit to our booth. All in all I think we made a positive impression at the event and it may develop into a yearly event.

Jake C.



## Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

Latest progress on my SIG Skyray 35 control line project. Before final assembly and gluing, temporarily mounted all parts to verify everything fit as planned, and to get a rough idea on overall weight distribution. Model has a wingspan of 44". Planned power is an OS 25LA engine spinning an APC 9-4 prop at around 12,000 rpm. Goal is a model final weight at around 35 oz.



## Los Banos

By: Jake Chichilitti

Ken Martinez and I drove down to Los Banos for a few days last week to do some slope flying. Temperature wise the weather was great. But we could have used more consistent wind conditions. We brought models for every wind condition. I converted a Gentle Lady glider with an outrunner motor and folding prop. It came in very handy when the winds died down. I was too busy flying to take more pictures. No flying pictures this year.

Jake

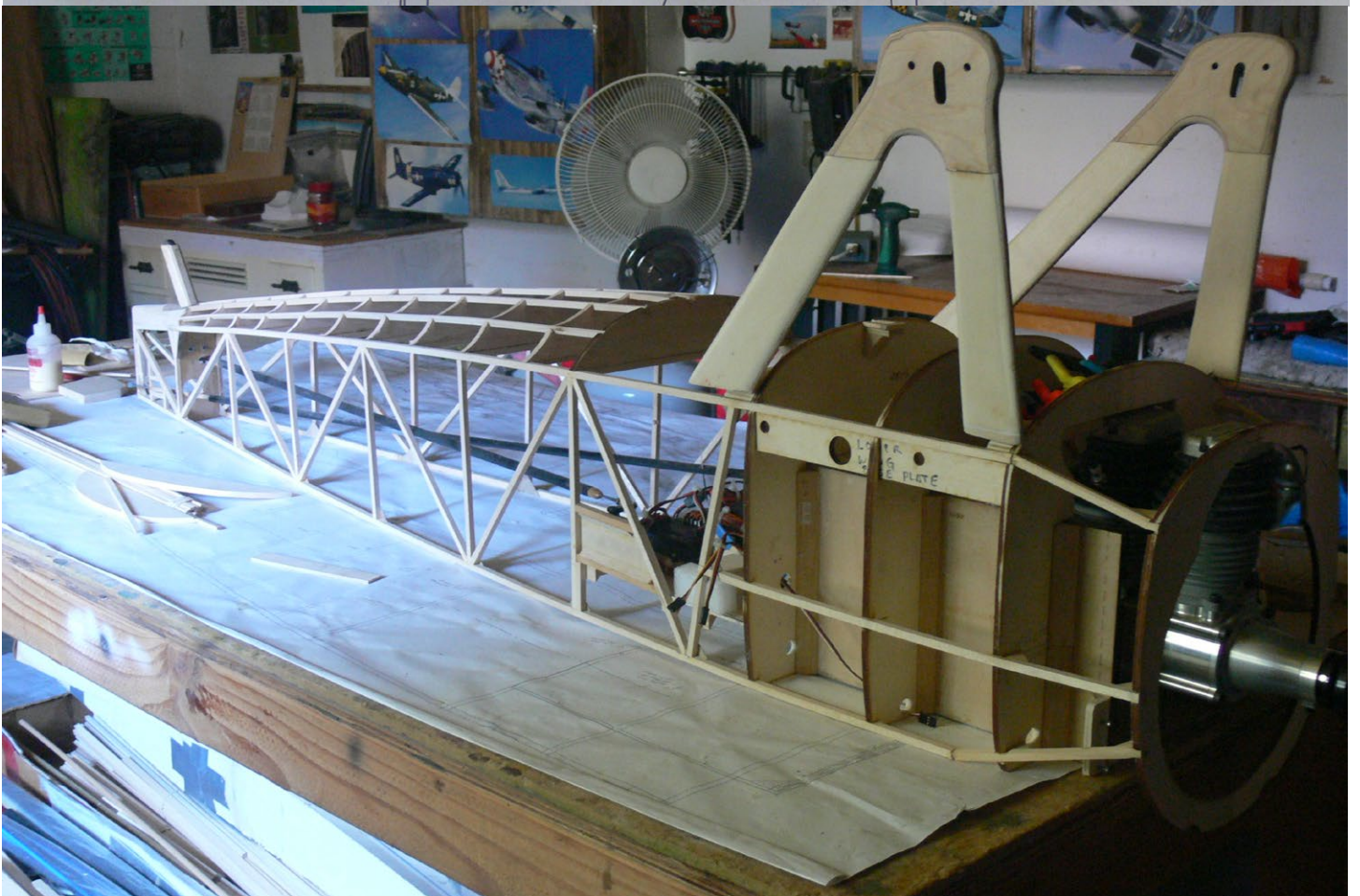
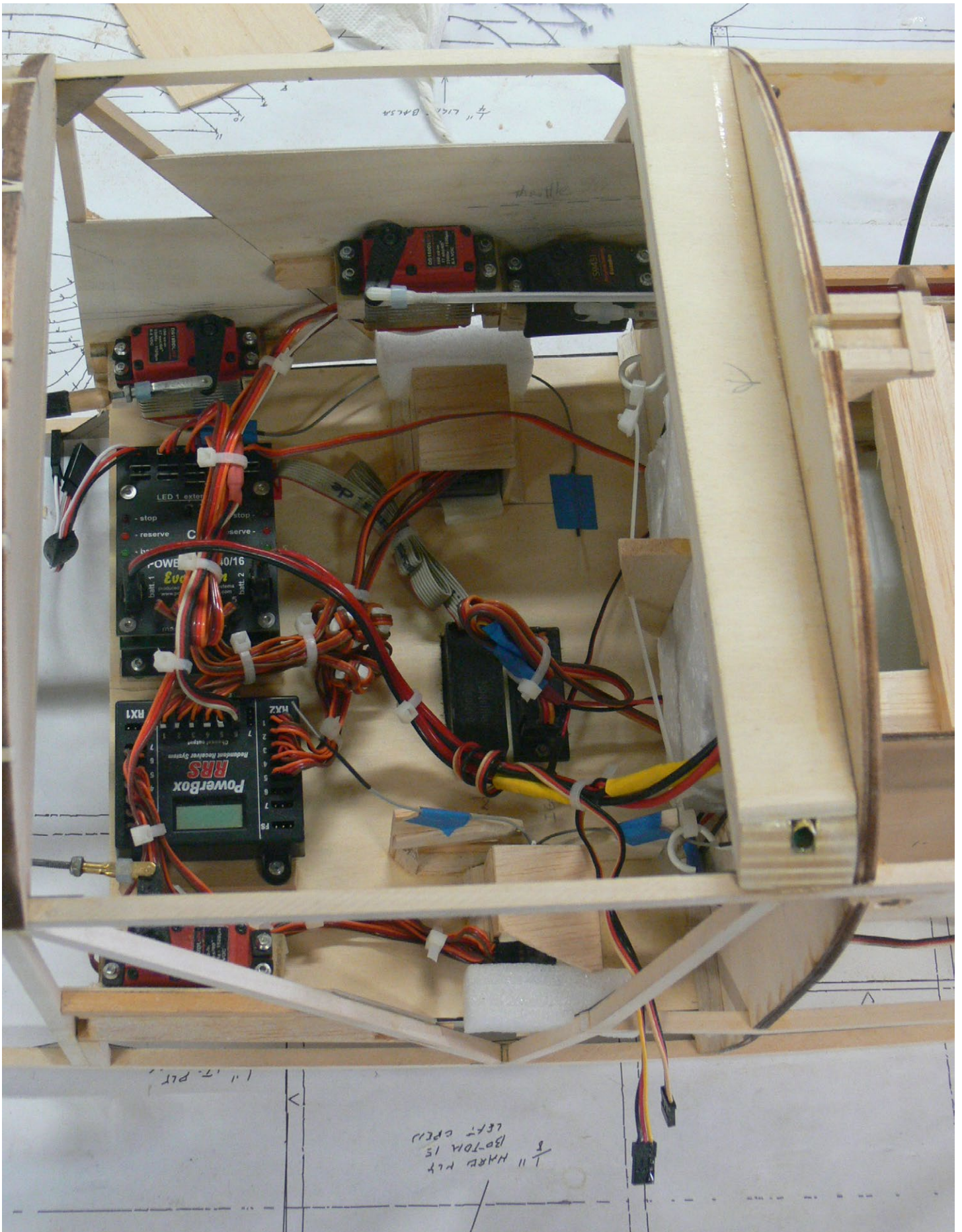


## Spad Build

By: Jake Chichilitti

Most of the electronics are mounted to the bottom of the cockpit floor with the switches mounted on the top side with the pilot. There are two Futaba R617 receivers and the redundant battery/receiver units with all the wiring. I did my best to keep everything neat and tidy. Once that was done I glued in the formers and stringers. The landing gear is mounted in heavy duty plywood blocks and are removable until the covering is finished. There will be a hatch just behind the landing gear to access the radio equipment. That's about all I had time for this month.

Jake



## ***Board Meeting Notes***

By: Christopher Bailey  
9 March

- Present: John, Guy, Steve, Bill, Chris, Paul by phone
- Meeting started 6:40 pm
- Mowing at our field: John has spoken with Conner Murphy from Shone Farms, SRJC students will be herding sheep on our site, no charge to the club, they will provide electrified fencing, and move the sheep to various parts of the property periodically, seems like a fantastic arrangement, thank you John!
- Guy has talked with Joe from Ukiah Propbusters about our website, Joe did the website for Ukiah Propbusters, is willing to do a website for our club, no charge, club will probably need to purchase a template, more to follow
- Swap Meet: coming up soon, Sunday, April 23, 8am-12 pm, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, Pre Sale sellers tables \$20 (reserve through Jake's Performance Hobbies), same day sellers tables \$25, Buyers admission \$3, club will need 6-8 volunteers
- April Club Newsletter will come out Monday, April 17
- Adam is having a plaque made to recognize Jake Rosen for his many contributions to our club, to be presented at the Swap Meet
- Patrick has obtained sign recognizing Ollie Burns for finding our present flying site, sign has been transferred to Jake Chichilitti, Ollie's contribution will be recognized at Opening Day at our flying field, Saturday, April 29, 2023
- It has been brought to the WCF Board's attention that the unevenness of the ground around the picnic tables/pit area at the flying field is a serious safety hazard, Board will work on scheduling a work party at the field to correct the situation
- Paul has been in contact with a gentleman from a Silicon Valley company that has expressed interest in using our flying field to test some drone video software they are developing, Paul will investigate this matter further and report back to the Board
- Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted Chris Bailey

# ***General Meeting Notes***

By: Christopher Bailey  
23 Feb

- Meeting started 7:05 pm
- Members present: 11
- Paul: Club doing well financially, 67 Members
- Paul has paid final payment for rent of Santa Rosa Vets Building for Swap Meet, Sunday, April 23
- Mowing of our flying field: Jake and John checked with County Probation Camp, waiting to hear back, Guy checked with a sheep herder, he wanted \$3000, still looking at other options
- Guy has submitted "FRIA" paperwork for our flying field, has received a confirmation of receipt
- Guy shared info about a Remote I.D. module currently available, sold by Vertigo Drones, "Dronetag Mini Universal Remote I.D. Module, \$299.99, Part# DT-Mini\_K-US-13, SKU: 7C-136A-EL
- John shared 3 of his classic Cox airplanes
- Guy shared story of he and Patrick "flying" a slope soaring glider, no wind, no lift, plane "flew" about 3 feet, then hit the ground
- John Donated a Dumas WACO kit to the club
- Eric brought a Eflite Nightvisionaire to be auctioned at the meeting
- Recap of YaKaAma Election Day event: Larry and Jake flew about 12 Buddy Box flights , several dozen people tried their hand at the Real Flight simulator, flying the Eflite Apprentice, generally seemed to be very positive comments from all involved
- Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Chris Bailey