

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 25 May 6:30, at the Mountain Mikes Pizza

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

By: John Cole

Hello members,

By now you might have noticed that our field is getting mowed! This is being done by Connor Murphy and the SRJC Shone Farm folks. I believe that this shift in policy is due to Connor wanting to cultivate the field for hay. He is working with YaKa-Ama, the land owners, to develop this idea. The good news for us is that we may have a solution to our weed problem at the field! More info about this development will be provided as it unfolds.

Speaking of Connor Murphy and the Jr. College, we recently received a request from him to use our field to help support a project that some of his students have been working on. The project consisted of building a model rocket capable of carrying a payload of equipment to record altitude, gps coordinates, and video footage. Everything went well, but not without some equipment issues. These students were able to complete several flights and gathered enough data to complete their engineering course at SRJC!!

Tim Allen from Sonoma Earth School brought his entire class over to ask questions, and help with the countdown.

I'm happy to report that WCF has been working with SRJC, Sonoma Earth School, and YaKa-Ama to benefit all involved. As a community based club, cultivating and maintaining these relationships is important.



I'm still chipping away at my Nieuport project. My son Steven provided me with a 3D printed LeRhone engine, and with some work should be completed soon. Here's a picture of where I'm at so far...



3D printing is a great technology, especially for scale projects.

I recently received an invitation to compete in the 2023 Scale Masters championships this coming Fall. The contest will be held in Mesa, AZ, and we're planning to attend. I've not competed in about 10 years, so this will be a great opportunity to jump back in. I will likely bring my DeHavilland DH-1a, which will require that we rent a van. Note to self: don't build models that can't be transported with a small car..



And finally, on a personal note, I've been having some health issues recently, but I'm now the proud owner of a new pacemaker! Recovery has been slow, but feeling better every day.

Until next month, stay safe and help a beginner!

John

Events Calendar

- Sun 28 May Pylon Racing
- Sat 24 June Learn to Fly Day at the WCF flying field
- Sun 25 June Pylon Racing
- Sun 23 July Warbird Fly-In
- Sun 30 July Pylon Racing
- Sat 12 August Fun Fly Contest
- Sun 27 August Pylon Racing
- Sat 23 September EAA Women in Aviation and Young Eagles Event at Sonoma County airport
- Sun 24 September Pylon Racing
- Sat 30 September Larry Frank Scale Event
- Sun 29 October Pylon Racing
- Thurs 7 December, Tentative date for WCF Christmas Party

(Josh Bernstein has volunteered to video Pylon Racing with his drone, would be posted on club website)

Spad Build

By: Jake Chichilitti

Here are the latest photos of my 1/3 scale SPAD XIII. In the first photo you can see the hatch for access to the radio equipment. I also started sheeting the lower fuselage and cowling. The black tubing between the landing gear is the fuel tank overflow and the opening where it is exiting is for airflow over the engine.



This photo gives you an idea of the size.



I'm almost finished sheeting the forward fuselage and the top fuselage formers and stringers are done. There are two spruce stringers on each side of the fuselage. The first one has been glued in place. I hope to have the engine mounted in a test stand and start breaking it in shortly.

Jake



For Sale

Four Spektrum AR410 DSMX 4 channel Sport receivers - \$15 each

One Spektrum AR620 DSMX 6 channel Sport receiver - \$25

One Spektrum AR631 DSMX 6 channel AS3X and Safe receiver - \$40

I also have one new in the box FrSky dual channel Tandem TD R18 receiver - \$65

I can bring these to the next WCF meeting, or figure out some other way to get them to you.

Thanks,
Jim Wolfe
(707) 328-2367



Board Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey

11 May

- Jake will be standing in for Club President John Cole
- WCF Club Event attendance: very limited attendance at recent club events, why?, Guy said that club members have told him that they did not attend various recent events because the events were not publicized adequately, suggested we publish a calendar of club events in each newsletter, group discussion, it was also suggested that we post the calendar of club events on our website, and a printed copy at the WCF flying field
- Events currently planned:
 - June 24 (Saturday) Learn to Fly Day at the WCF flying field
 - July 23 (Sunday) Warbird Fly-In
 - August 12 (Saturday) Fun Fly Contest
 - September 23 (Saturday) EAA Women in Aviation and Young Eagles Event at Sonoma County airport
 - September 30 (Saturday) Larry Frank Scale Event
 - Pylon Racing, Last Sunday of each Month, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, Sept 24, Oct 29, Josh Bernstein has volunteered to video Pylon Racing with his drone, would be posted on club website
 - December 7 (Thursday), Tentative date for WCF Christmas Party
- Guy: there is a guy that has contacted Guy, Dave Martin, who has a friend that wants to cut and bale the grass at the WCF flying field, for free, he is supposed to come out to the field to evaluate sometime this week, Guy will follow up with him
- Guy is working on club website
- Steve suggested that we might want to include a ticket to the Christmas Party in the raffle prizes at some of the General meetings
- Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted, Chris Bailey

General Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey
23 Feb

Members present: 14

Start: 7pm

- Jake will be standing in for Club President John Cole tonight
- Plane crash at the flying field, resulted in a small fire, fire extinguisher used to put out fire, Jake had the extinguisher recharged and it is back in service at the field, cost \$23 to check and re-charge extinguisher
- Jake proposed motion to accept minutes of the last meeting as published in the club newsletter, Bill seconded motion, all present in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted
- Paul, Treasurer's report, 71 current club members, about where we were last year at this time
- Swap Meet summary: 89 tables sold, 410 tickets sold, revenue about \$500 less than last year, still a good profit for the club, no issues at swap meet this year
- Ken ask about "break even" number of members needed to cover all club expenses annually, Paul estimated about 80 members, suggested that end of year Christmas Party raffle prize budget could be adjusted if needed to help balance club finances
- Jake asked about a new AMA member, thinking about Park Flier level AMA Membership, would they be able to fly at our field? Is insurance coverage different? Jake will contact AMA office for answers
- Pylon Racing: will be starting Sunday (April 30) after Opening Day Event at the flying field
- Raffle: Gift Cards to Jake's Performance Hobbies, \$50, \$30, \$20
- Show and Tell: Adam brought an electric motor with a reduction gear, that will be used in place of a 85cc 2 stroke gas engine, will swing a 25" propeller at about 4000 RPM, using a 12 cell 5000 mAh Lipo battery
- Reminder: September 23, 2023 will be the next EAA "women in aviation" and Young Eagles Day at Sonoma County Airport
- Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bailey