

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 22 June 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;

There are lots of activities going on with the club and I do hope that some of you have been able to enjoy the weather we've had.

I attended the float-fly at Lake Hennesy a couple of weeks ago, and it really was great fun. I discovered that Bilal had never flown from water before, and neither had I, so it was a pretty cool experience for us. The water was a little bit choppy but that didn't stop the flying!



I've been invited to attend the Scalemasters event which will be held in Arizona in October, and we are planning to attend! I've not competed in a while, so it will be nice to dust off my airplane, replace batteries and do a thorough inspection of everything. The model I'll most likely take to the contest will be my DeHavilland DH-1a, which is a really good flyer.



There have been ongoing field maintenance projects lately, and I sincerely want to thank the volunteers who stepped up to the plate and helped make our field a safer and better place to fly our models. Thank you!!

Our lease on the field will be up for renewal in about 10 months, so we will be working on a proposal for a renewed lease agreement to submit to the YaKa Ama folks. It's good to remember that we are using their land, and remaining a good neighbor couldn't be more important. If you can hear or see any tribal activities in the area, please remain vigilant in respecting their privacy.

I hope to see you at our next meeting which will be this next Thursday the 22nd at Mountain Mike's pizza.

Until next month, stay safe and I hope to see you soon.

John

Events Calendar

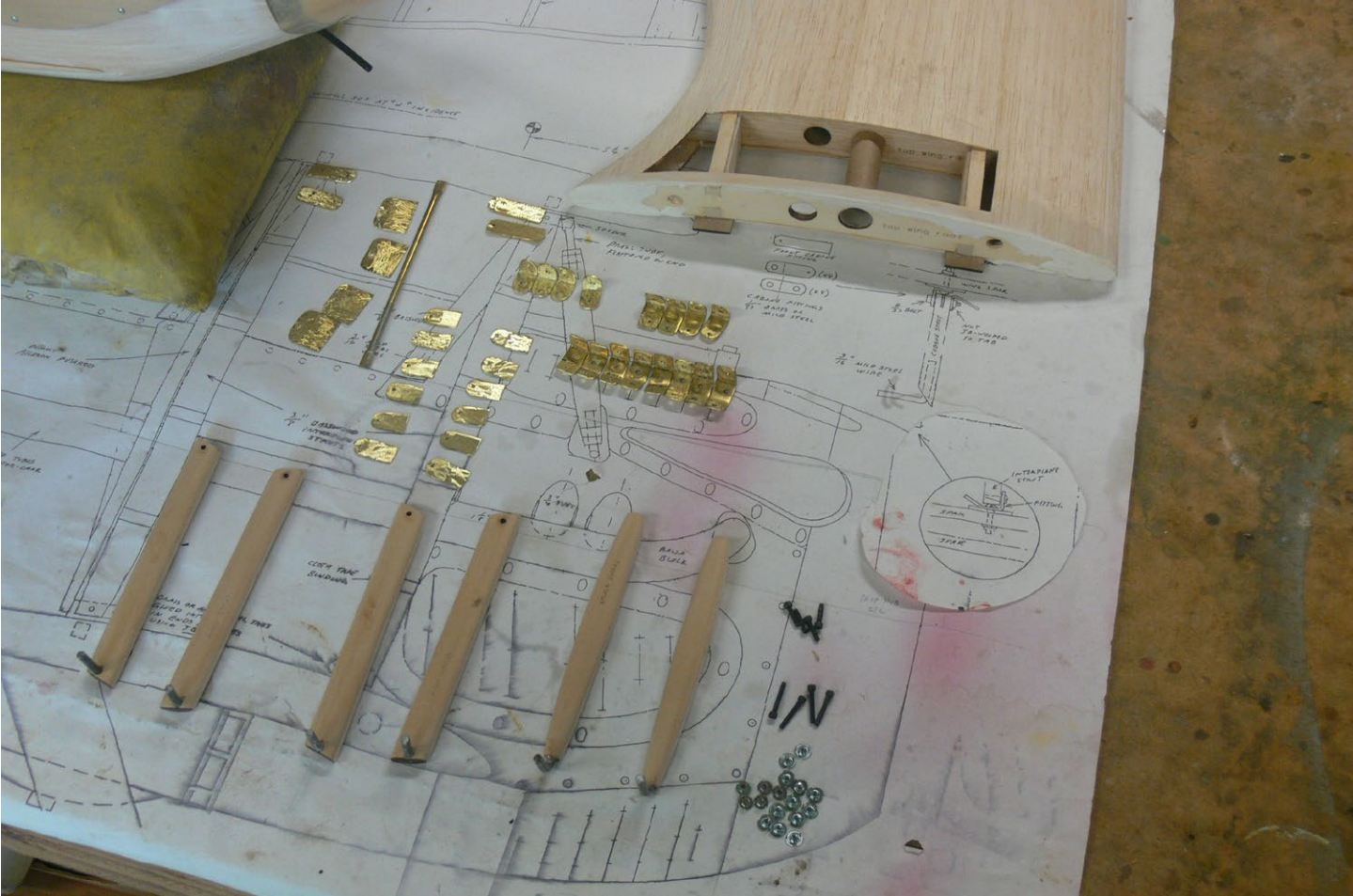
- Sat 24 June Learn to Fly Day at the WCF flying field
- Sun 25 June Pylon Racing
- Sun 23 July Warbird Fly-In
- Sun 30 July Pylon Racing
- Sat 12 August Fun Fly Contest
- Sun 27 August Pylon Racing
- Sat 23 September EAA Women in Aviation and Young Eagles Event at Sonoma County airport
- Sun 24 September 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)

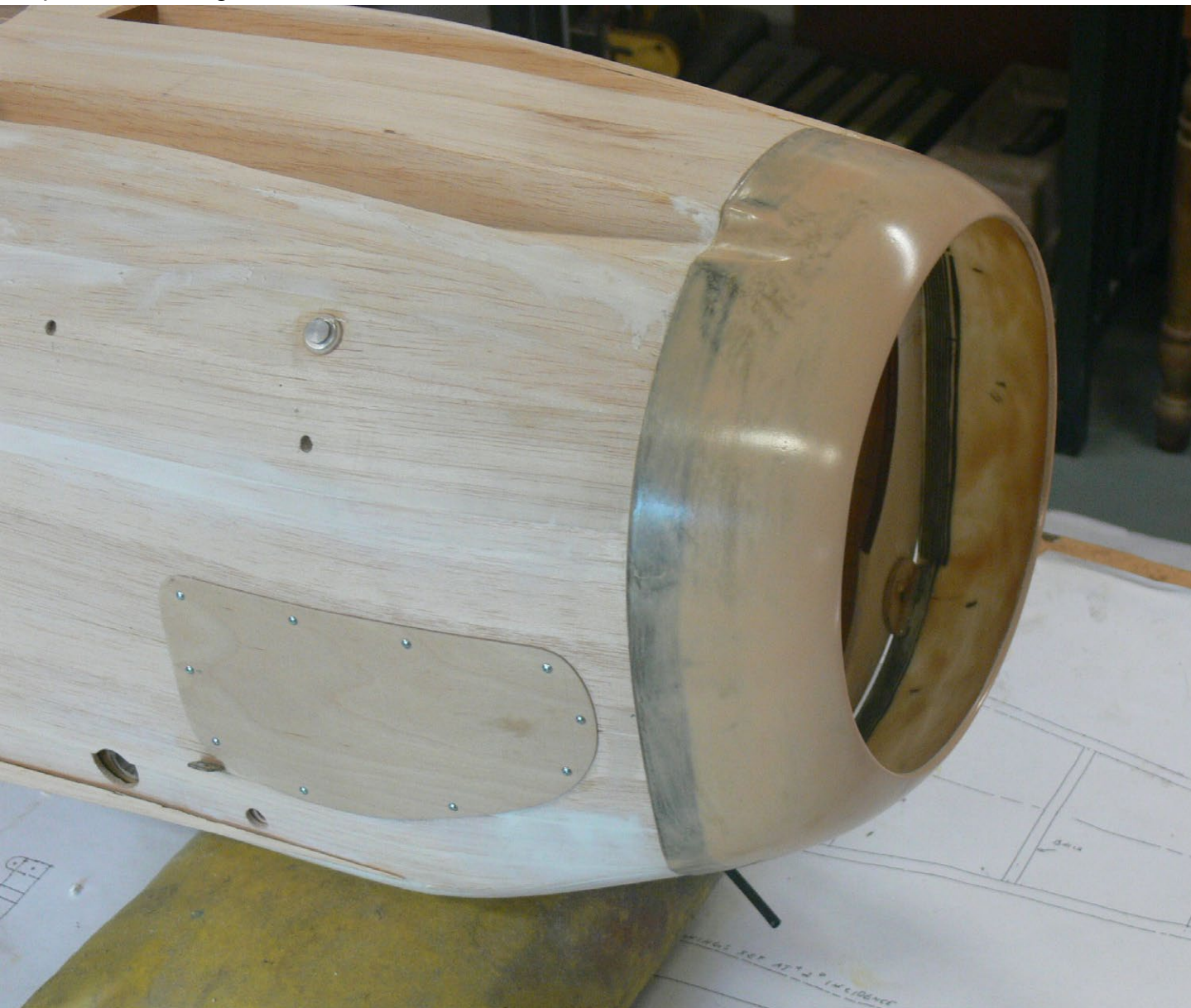
Spad Build

By: Jake Chichilitti

Most of the woodwork on the SPAD is completed. This last month has been spent making the brass fitting for the flying wires. Not my favorite thing to do, so it took awhile to make all of them.



Mounting the fiberglass cowling to the fuselage with eight rare earth magnets and locating dowels to keep it from shifting.



The moment of truth. With Mike Newman's help we mounted the engine and got the beast running. It will take a few hours of bench running to break it in. And it is easy to hand start.

Jake



Lake Hennessy Float Fly

Words by: Jake Chichilitti
Photos by: Jake Chichilitti & Bilal Maqsood

Not the best weather conditions at the lake on Wednesday June 7. The lake can get busy with fishermen and boaters on the weekend, so we like to go during the week. I have started a list of interested folks that would like to join us for the float fly. Let me know if you want to be included on the list and I'll keep you posted via email.

Group picture of the pilots from left to right. John Cole, Bilal Maqsood, Larry Gustafson, Jim Wolfe, Merle McGregor and Jake Chichilitti. The kayak in the background was our retrieval(rescue) boat piloted by Larry's wife Elizabeth Gustafson. A great big Thank You to Liz for her expert help. Everyone got to fly multiple times even in the less than ideal conditions.

Second picture of Liz doing her rescue duty.

Jake



Miscellaneous shots from Bilal



Field Flattening

By: Guy Nicholas

10 June was field flattening day. Turf under the shade and on a couple taxiways was lifted, rock was dropped and packing was done. Hopefully it feels better to y'all. I thought it went pretty well, but Patrick seemed steamed about it! Thanks to all who participated!



Board Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey
8 June

- Meeting started@ 6:30 pm
- Present: John, Guy, Bill, Steve, Chris, Jake, Eric
- John and Jake were invited and attended the Sonoma Nature School Fundraiser Dinner @ Shone Farms, very nice event
- Ya Ka Ama lease for flying site discussed, lease started in 2019, rent increase 2021, lease to expire April 2024, Board will be working on new lease agreement to present to Ya Ka Ama
- John checked with Connor Murphy about proposal to grow and bale hay in areas surrounding our runway, Connor said he still needed to get permission from Ya Ka Ama
- Jim Swanson had suggested that maybe Shone Farm might be interested in working with one of our club members with a drone to perform an aerial survey of their vineyards
- Steve C shared about the Club Pylon Racing group, meets the last Sunday of each month, FMS foamy warbird class, T-28 foamy class, enough participation for 3 T-28 heats, approximately 1 ½ hours total start to finish, trying to build interest this year, increase participation in Pylon Racing event
- Guy: has contacted Joe from Ukiah Propbusters about working on our club website, is waiting for his reply
- Josh Bernstein has been recommended by Adam Clement and selected by the board to receive the Neil Taylor Award for 2023, award to be presented at the Larry Frank Scale event, September 30, 2023
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm
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Respectfully submitted, Chris Bailey

General Meeting Notes

By: Christopher Bailey
25 May

Members present: 14

Start: 7pm

- Jake will be standing in for John tonight
- Meeting started @ 7pm
- 13 members present
- Motion by Jake to approve meeting minutes as published in the newsletter, second by Paul, all present in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.
- Paul: Treasurer's report, 75 members as of May 3, received final refund of deposit from swap meet, paid our first installment of rent to Ya Ka Ama for flying field rent, second installment due in Oct.
- Patrick: Safety update, there will be a work party at the flying field, 2 items, fill hole in taxiway, fill holes/even out ground around picnic tables
- Jim bought a FrSky transmitter at the swap meet, finding that he really likes it
- Thank you to Chris, Mike N., and Matt for cutting weeds at the flying field
- Guy: show and tell, foam combat wing, SST 48
- Jake: shared that the flying field was dedicated to Ollie Burns, who located the current field when the club left the Trentadue Winery site, Patrick commissioned a handsome goldtone plaque, posted at the field to commemorate Ollie, field dedicated on Opening Day, Ollie's family was present
- Raffle: gift cards to Jake's Performance Hobbies, \$50, \$30, \$20
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bailey