

*August 2023 Edition*

## *Wine Country Flier*



**Next meeting: 24 August 6:30, at the Mountain Mikes Pizza**

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# ***(Vice) Presidents Report***

By: Jake Chichilitti

## Vice President's Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

Breaking News, our president and his wife have contracted Covid and are under the weather. We wish them a speedy recovery and only have mild symptoms.

Last month our club put on a Warbird Day at the field. Not a contest, just a get together to fly our warbirds. It was very well attended and lots of flying and hanger flying. On August 12 the club put on a Fun Fly with four events. While not as well attended as the Warbird event, there were seven pilots willing to take on the challenge. Lots of laughs and lots of fun.

The Larry Frank Scale event is now scheduled for Sat. Oct. 7. Stay tuned for more info. We may also have a BBQ lunch that day.

Please be aware Shone Farms are having outdoor classes. If you see folks in the vineyards give them a wide birth. Also keep your eyes open for club announcements the close the field for Ya-Ka-Ama or Shone Farms events.

Next club meeting on Thursday August 24. See you there,

Jake

## *Events Calendar*

- 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

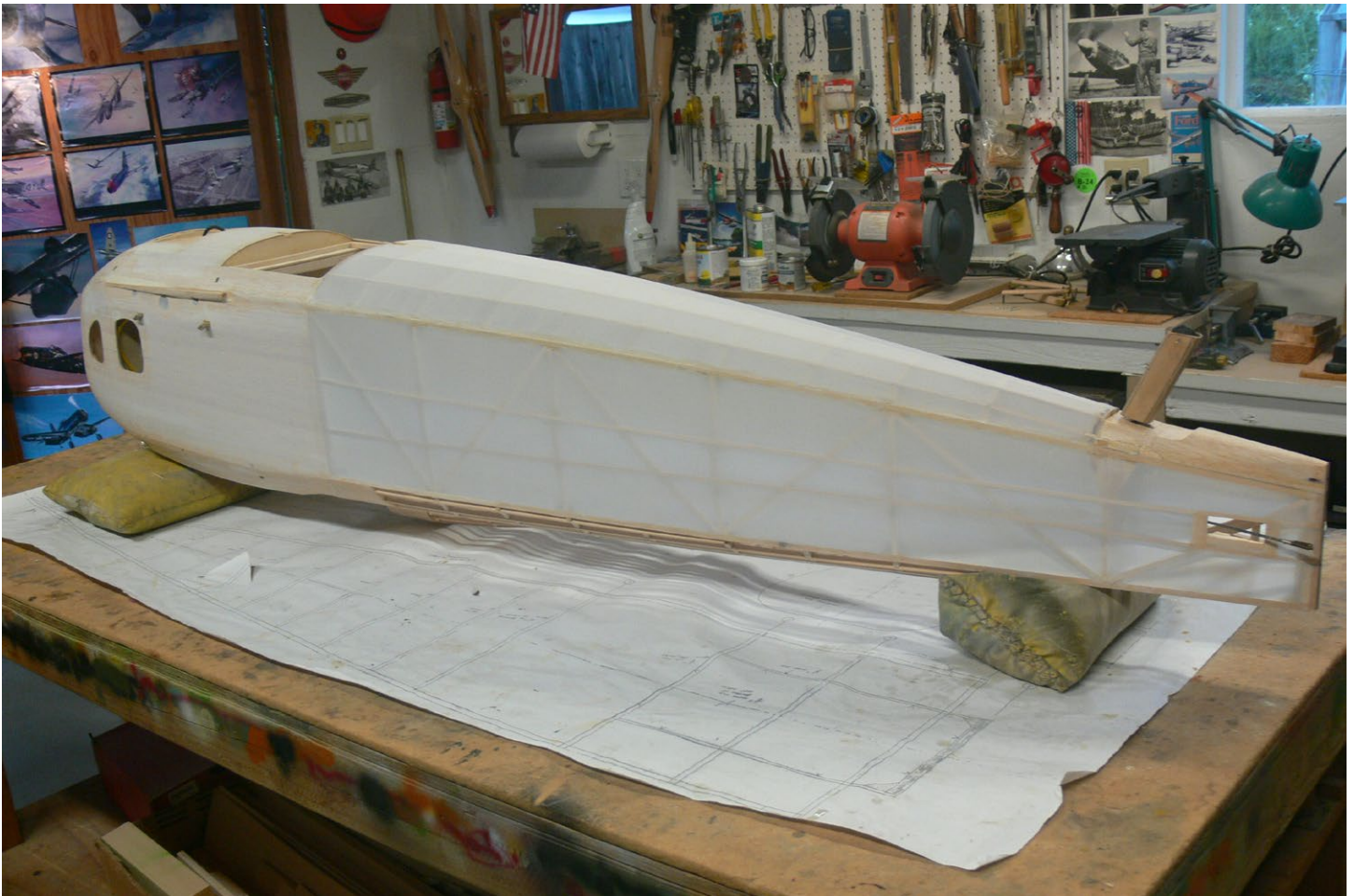
(Josh Bernstein has volunteered to video Pylon Racing with his drone, would be posted on club website)

# ***Spad Build***

By: Jake Chichilitti

The SPAD is at the covering stage of construction. I'm using a product called Stits Lite. This covering does not have an adhesive backing. So I'm using nitrate dope for attaching and sealing the Stits Lite. Heat will tighten up any wrinkles.

In case you are wondering. I have been building on this model for one year now and I'm hoping to have it finished four months.





## Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

Finally was able to complete my new CL model. A SIG Skyray 35 from a kit.

Vitals:

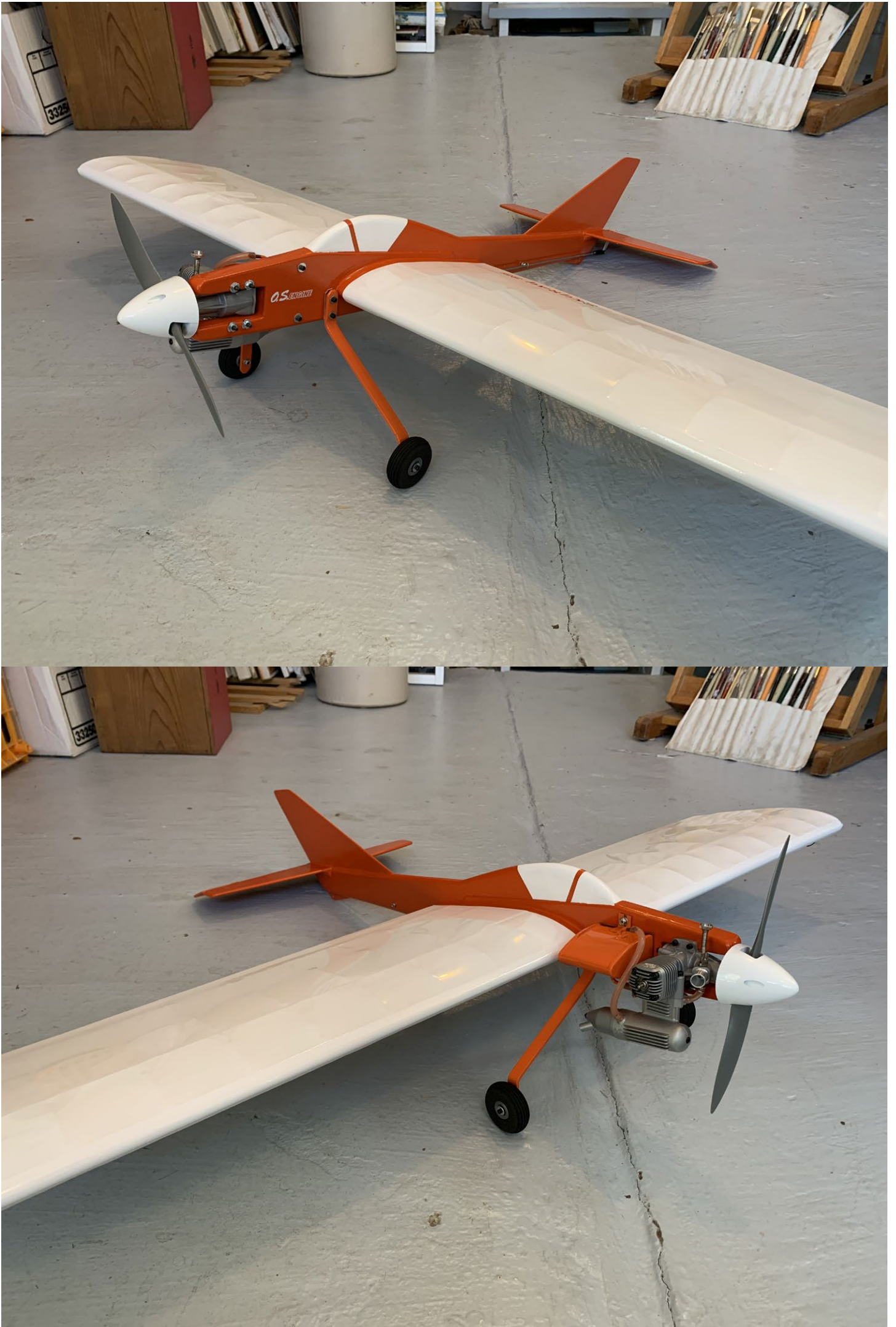
44" wingspan

All balsa construction

Powered by an OS 25LA glow engine (modified with a front needle valve assembly)

Completed model weighs 33 ounces

The SIG model design dates back to the 1970's I believe. It was originally designed for a Fox 35 glow engine. Newer engine designs such as the OS LA engines run much better when compared to the older Fox's and McCoy's.





## For Sale

We have a couple items for sale this month. First up are some of Leonard Troglin's models. His number is (707) 874-2201, and here is what he has to say:

So dad wanted \$200 for the Kadet (it has wings, they just aren't in the photo)  
\$30 for the stand  
\$100 for a Carbon Cub (includes radio) (may be in the next batch of photos)  
\$100 for a Beaver (no radio)  
Another radio - 10 plane programmable---FREE  
And a bunch of other stuff he wants to donate.



Next up we have a T-28, from former member Dario. I (Guy) can say that this plane flew only once, by me when we maiden it. Here is what his mother Chantal has to say.

Hello WCF friends! I hope Oshkosh, Ireland & Tahoe were great for you!

Thank you for helping to sell Dario's plane as he is going to use the funds for things related to the Civil Air Patrol, where he is a full fledged cadet. :) We heard about the CAP at a Young Eagles event where the pilot he went up with started out in CAP when he was 13. And I'm sure his time with all of you was also influential to inspire more love for airplanes, etc!

Attached are the pictures and I see there is a race on the 12th! So, if you know of anyone who wants to get it this week, please connect them to me :). 415-755-5734. Otherwise, can you please put it in the next newsletter?

The price is \$200 and includes the like new plane and an extra battery. (retail is \$259 new plus tax and \$30 battery)

THANK YOU!

Chantal





## Oshkosh

By: Jake Chichilitti

### EAA Air Venture 2023

My friend Curtis, myself, Merlin Watson and Jim Wolfe checked off another bucket list things to do. We spent three days in Oshkosh soaking up everything aviation.

One of our biggest surprises at Air Venture was the museum located nearby. It was well worth our time to check it out.

The third picture is a P-47 razor back making its debut at Oshkosh. The pilot put on a great aerobatic routine and the sound of that big radial engine was like music. T

he fourth picture is an early model Corsair making a low pass down the runway. Check out you tube for videos taken this year. The Air Show videos are the sharpest.

Jake



Here is a picture of the trophy winner in the homebuilt category at Oshkosh. And me standing in front of my favorite warbird. What a show!!!

