

*September 2023 Edition*

## *Wine Country Flier*



**Next meeting: 28 September 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;

Please plan on attending our next meeting, which is this coming Thursday evening at mountain Mike's pizza! Nominations for next year's club officers will be accepted, with the elections held during our October meeting. Keep in mind that the October meeting is the last one for the year since there are no meetings held in November and December. So please make the effort to attend if possible!

Recently, I was able to test one of my scale models at the field, and all went well. Jake and my wife Martha took the time to be at the field, and were a tremendous help in getting me airborne. This particular model hadn't been flown in 10 years, and with all new radio components, and some balance adjustments, it felt like the maiden flight all over again!

Until next month, stay safe, have fun, and help a beginner.

John





## ***Events Calendar***

- 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

## ***Voting Time***

By: Jake Chichilitti

Fellow Members,

It's time to nominate our club officers for 2024. The club will be taking nominations at our next meeting on Sept. 28 at Mt. Mike's Pizza on Cleveland Av. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Free pizza at 6:30.

Don't be shy, think about giving back to your club. Nominations for all club officers are being taken. That includes president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and safety officer. The person nominated does not have to be present, but it would be nice if they knew about it and were willing to serve.

In the past the safety officer was also the maintenance person. We decided at the last board meeting that we would split the two positions, so one person would not have to be responsible for both.. All positions except maintenance officer are required in order for our club to be chartered by the AMA.

We will vote on the nominations at the club meeting on Thursday October 26.

Thank you.

# *General Meeting Minutes*

24 August, 2023

By: Christopher Bailey

- Jake(V.P) standing in for John Cole
- Meeting started 6:56 pm
- 13 members present
- Paul(Treasurer): 77 members as of August 9, previous years we have had between 82 and 90 members at this point in the year
- Christmas Party: still working on a date, Guy will finalize date and menu with Charlie's Grill in Windsor, Date and Cost to be announced later
- Safety: SRJC will be conducting classes in the vineyards surrounding the flying field, please keep an appropriate distance
- Pylon racing, Sunday August 27
- Several club members have planes for sale, check club newsletter
- Club Officer Elections for 2024: Nominations at general meeting September 28, Voting at general meeting October 26
- Sonoma Earth School: John and Jake are planning to work with the students again this year
- Fun Fly Awards: 1st Adam, 2nd Mike R, 3rd Patrick, 4th Leo, 5th Jody, 6th Larry, 7th Guy
- FRIA: Guy is working with a FAA representative at the Sonoma County Airport, Spektrum has released a Remote ID module \$69.99 presale, \$99.99 regular price, Flite Test Remote ID module \$109
- EAA event September 23
- Woodland Davis WWI Fun Fly, Labor Day, Saturday September 7
- Bilal asked when the next float fly at Lake Hennessey will be, Jake will announce, date to be determined, contact Jake if you are interested
- Adam brought up the carpet in the pit are at the flying field, it is very worn, needs to be replaced, we will work on new or used artificial turf next year
- Walker shared his 1st Place Winning paper airplane, flew over 100 feet, he shared about his design process, modifying an aerobatic paper plane design to fly farther and faster, congratulations on winning first place!
- Jim shared about Aloft Hobbies, he was able to take a tour inside their warehouse, he described the vast array of building materials they sell
- Guy: shared about an upcoming Maker Faire in October (<https://makerfaire.com/bay-area/>)
- Raffle: \$50 (Paul), \$30 (Jim), \$20 (Adam)
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm
- Minutes respectfully submitted, Chris Bailey

## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

14 September, 2023  
By: Christopher Bailey

- Meeting started @ 6:30 pm
- Present: John, Jake, Guy, Eric, Chris, Paul (by phone)
- Paul: same # of members as last month, club finances are fine
- Election of club officers for 2024: Nominations will be at the general meeting, Thursday September 28, Voting will be at the general meeting, Thursday October 26, John has offered to continue as President, Paul has offered to continue as Treasurer, Jake has volunteered to be Secretary, Jake suggested splitting Safety and Flying Field Maintenance into separate positions, John will ask Josh Bernstein if he would be willing to be Safety officer, Guy has agreed to be Field Maintenance, Jake will ask Steve Cole if he would be willing to be Vice-President
- John brought up upcoming EAA event on September 23, since none of the current board members is available to attend event, he suggested that we plan not to participate this time, but plan to participate next year, all that attended last event agreed that it was a fun, worthwhile event, and that we should do it again in the future
- Larry Frank Event: Saturday October 7, will be a “Fun Fly” style event rather than competition, it was suggested that there be a “people’s choice” award, planning to offer a \$6 lunch, including a hamburger, chips, potato salad, and a drink
- Ya Ka Ama lease renewal is approaching at the end of this year
- John and Jake planning to work with Tim at the Sonoma Earth School again this year, they will be building Delta Dart kits, John has obtained 25 kits, building will occur this fall, probably on Tuesdays and Thursdays, specifics to follow
- WCF Club Christmas Party: Monday December 4th at Charlies Grill in Windsor, Guy will arrange a meeting @ Charlies to finalize the menu and cost, Paul will then send out club membership renewal notices for 2024, included will be details for the Christmas Party
- FRIA deadline has been extended 6 months, Guy will continue working with the Sonoma County Airport and the AMA to get our flying field approved.
- Eric suggested a club “night fly” in the fall, after daylight savings ends (ends November 5), Night Fly will be scheduled sometime in November, Paul will check Moon Phase, and bring info to general meeting Thursday, September 28, Jake suggested we serve chili and cornbread, everyone bring a can of chili to add to the communal pot
- Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Bailey



## Spad Build

By: Jake Chichilitti

I have made good progress this month. I now have the wings covered and primed. I used SIG Koverall on the wings and tail surfaces and non-tautening nitrate dope as the primer. The interplane struts were installed to check the fit.

Next step is a trip to Home Depot for latex house paint for the camouflage finish.

I am hoping to have the 1/3 scale pilot painted by next month's report. And work on the dummy exhaust pipes.

Jake





## Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

WCF control line pilots Colin McRae and Paul Pomposo participated at the annual Meet 'n Meat 23 CL stunt competition in Napa, CA. Colin flew in the Beginner Class while Paul flew in three different classes (Old Time Stunt, Classic Stunt and Expert Class Stunt). The classic and expert classes fly the full AMA CL stunt pattern while the beginner class flies a much simpler AMA pattern with fewer stunt maneuvers. Along with Paul, the Bay Area is fortunate to have a number of expert CL pilots who are considered to be the best in the CL circle.

Eight pilots flew in the AMA expert class. Four of the models were electric powered, while four were glow engine powered.

Expert Class appearance point judging lineup



Dave Fitzgerald's pull test prior to his first flight. Dave Fitzgerald lives in Napa, CA and placed first at this years NATS expert CL stunt competition. Dave is considered to be one of the best. Dave is a commercial airline pilot (which probably has something to do with his overall expertise).



Dave Fitzgerald's stunt ship. This is also the same model he flew at this year's NATS.



Paul Pomposo's stunt ship



Paul Pomposo getting ready for his first flight





## 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

