

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: Christmas party - Monday 4 December at Charlie's Grill Windsor

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Presidents Report

By: John Cole

Hello members,

I hope this message finds you happy and healthy! I'm honored to once again serve as your club president for 2024. I am always available for any questions or assistance you may need in our unique and challenging hobby.

It's been a very busy month for us, mostly due to a trip to Arizona to fly in the Scalemasters championships. It was a very well run contest, and two of our other members, Adam Clement and Jake Chichilitti, attended as well. Dave and Jeff Lovitt also made the journey from Northern California so combined, we all made a very good showing! If anyone is interested in the Scalemasters program, please feel free to reach out to me and I'll help in anyway that I can.

As usual, we will not hold a general membership meeting in November due to Thanksgiving. Our yearly holiday dinner is scheduled for the evening of Monday, December 4. I do hope that you can make it as we had a really good time last year. Details of the dinner will be included in the club renewal letter.

Until next month, fly safe and help a beginner.

John

Adam and Jake between flights!



My son Steven was a huge help during the event.



Our granddaughters!



Events Calendar

- Monday 4 December, Tentative date for WCF Christmas Party

General Meeting Minutes

28 September, 2023

By: Jake Chichilitti

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by club president John Cole
- Thirteen members present at the meeting
- John Morrison attended the meeting and renewed his membership after a two year hiatus.
- The club Christmas dinner is scheduled for Monday December 4 at Charlie's Restaurant in Windsor. Meet and greet at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:15 PM.
- Paul Gibson will be mailing out the 2024 club renewal notices along with the dinner invites shortly.
- At this evenings meeting we accepted nominations for the 2024 club officers as follows:
 - President: John Cole
 - Vice President: Adam Clement and Nat Seavy
 - Secretary: Jake Chichilitti
 - Treasurer: Paul Gibson
 - Safety Officer: Josh Bernstein
 - Maintenance and work party supervisor: Colin McRae
- Please note there are two nominations for vice president and we will have a vote at the next general meeting in October.
- John Cole and Adam Clement are traveling to Mesa, AZ in October to participate in the Scale Masters contest. We wish them the best of luck.
- The Larry Frank Scale Fly in will take place at WCF on Saturday Oct. 7. Bring any scale model and fly with us.
- Josh Bernstein is the 2023 recipient of the Neil Taylor award.
- Club raffle drawing: And the winners are: Jim Van Aslan, Walker Nagata and Guy Nicholas

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted, Jake Chichilitti

Board Meeting Minutes

8 October, 2023
By: Jake Chichilitti

- In attendance: John Cole, Bill Van Aslan, Jake Chichilitti
- Adam and Nat were both interested in being the club vice president for 2024. They both agreed that Adam would run for vice president and Nat would join the board. To be voted on at the next general meeting.
- John Cole and I are planning on meeting with Tim at the Sonoma Earth School to discuss WCF hosting a model building class if they are interested. We would like to start them off with a rubber powered free flight type model like the AMA Cub. We should know more at the next general meeting
- The Larry Frank event was scheduled for Saturday Oct. 7th. This was cancelled due to a memorial service held by Ya-Ka-Ama on that day. The gate was locked and no flying was permitted.
- Santa Rosa JC is hosting an event on Saturday Oct. 14, which will also close the field to flying from 10:00AM until 3:00 PM on that day as well.
- The Larry Frank event was rescheduled for Sunday Oct. 29th. This is not to be a contest, but a day to fly your scale models for the heck of it. The club would like to host a BBQ lunch that day and are looking for a kind volunteer to take on that chore. To be discussed at the next general club meeting.
- Adam has volunteered to help set up our spring swap meet. He would like some help this year with the planning and set up.
- Paul Gibson has mailed out the 2024 club renewal/Christmas Party invitations and you should have them shortly if you haven't received it already.
- Our next General Membership Meeting is Thursday Oct. 26 and we will be voting on the 2024 club officers. Please try to attend.
- We need someone to put a lock on the gate during the SRJC event. This event runs from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Sat. Oct. 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Chichilitti

Scale Masters

By: Jake Chichillitti

U.S. Scale Masters Championship 2023

The event was held in Mesa, AZ beginning on Oct 12 and ending on Oct. 15. The Wine Country Flyers were well represented by John Cole and Adam Clement. John flew in the Expert Class and Adam flew in the Pro Am Pro class. I was confident that John and Adam would both do well in the contest and here is how it turned out. Each contestant is allowed five flights. The best scoring three flights make up the final score.

John Cole Third place in his class and a nice trophy to take home.

In addition John was also awarded plaques for Best Scratch Built Model, Best WWI Model and Best Engineering. John built the model from his own plans.

Adam Clement First place in Pro Am Pro and an even bigger trophy to take home.

In addition Adam was also awarded a plaque for Best WWII model.

Dave and Jeff Lovitt also attended. Jeff flew a Lockheed T-33 with a turbine engine to first place in Expert and Dave came in fourth in Expert. Northern CA was well represented at the contest.

It was a long ride to and from the contest, but well worth it. Thanks for doing all the driving Adam.

Jake

John Cole's DH-1 being static judged.



John's DH-1 flying during a flight round



Adam's Zero performing a flyby for the judges.



Jeff Lovitt's T-33 being static judged



Random Items

By: Guy Nicholas

Pylon racing has been going on and I have been there not as a participant, but only to serve as a lowly pylon judge. We have had a decent turnout and people have had a good deal of fun. But come on, what spectators really want is the crashes!

This first one is entitled, "When once they met"



Eric was not pleased with the tailgaters!



Here are a couple of shots of Jim Swanson's new P-47.



And finally, an important safety tip brought to you by Eric Bergesen. This was a 6S battery that he dropped on his garage floor. Fortunately, nothing but the battery was destroyed!

