

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 25 April Mountain Mike's Pizza
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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

By: John Cole

Hello members,

I believe by now all or most of our membership has been made aware of the Yakaama board decision to not renew our lease on our flying field. This is a major blow to our club, but rest assured that the officers and board members have been working to hopefully resolve this issue, up to, and including, procuring another piece of land for our purposes. As previously requested, we would appreciate any help and input from you.

We will hold our general membership meeting this Thursday evening at Mountain Mike's Pizza beginning at 6:30 PM. I would greatly appreciate as many of our members as possible to attend, to discuss this issue and hear your suggestions and concerns. I really do hope to see you there.

On a lighter note, the annual hobby swap meet is this coming Sunday morning at the veterans memorial building in Santa Rosa! I believe that we will have an awesome turnout for this event and I hope to see you there. Immediately after the swap meet, we will stow the tables on the floor and hold some indoor model flying! We have use of the room until 3 PM that afternoon, so we will have until that time to fly.

Until next time, be safe and help a beginner!

John

Board Meeting Minutes

11 April, 2024

By: Colin McRae

<ed. I didn't get formal meeting minutes, but did receive this from Colin McRae>

I did not take notes, but considering the current club circumstances, we did not discuss much other than the club issue were we might lose our flying site. And that we would immediately respond to Kristi's email to the club in the hopes that Ya Ka Ama might reconsider their stance.

That all members should scratch their heads for ideas on a new flying site.

We decided to close the club for their softball tournament.

We also decided to postpone the field work party.

Also discussed that the swap meeting was happening soon.

That's all I remember.

Colin

In Memoriam

By: Josh Bernstein

A sad morning for all of us at WCF, and in the Sonoma County flying community at large: our dear friend George Simien has passed away. I spoke with his wife Laura late last night; big George went quickly and without extended suffering; a gift, all things considered. He left the field Thursday in a great mood; he and I just finished the all too familiar many day project of transferring all his planes over to his new radio (and completing trim flights), and he and Jim Swanson worked together to capture a truly amazing photo of his new — and beloved — scale helicopter (see below). Knowing how important and central this hobby (and club) was to him, the fact that he had a successful and happy flying day (as opposed to a frustrating one) with his friends right before he went is no small thing.

I'll update you all should there be an opportunity to participate in any planned services. If any of you would like to convey your personal condolences (or good memories/funny stories of George) please send them to my email and I will gather/combine in to one message to pass along to his family at an appropriate time.

Josh



**April 28th
8am ~ 12pm**

2024 Hobby Swap Meet

Presented by:

**The Wine Country Flyers
and Jake's Performance Hobbies**

**All Hobbies Invited
April 28th, 8am to 12pm**

Swap open to ALL Hobbies: RC Airplanes, Heli's, Drones, Cars, Crawlers, Boats, Trains, Rockets, Warhammer, Plastic Models, Die-Cast and More!

18th Annual. Bigger and better, 100+ tables!

Swap Meet starts at 8AM, set-up at 7:30AM.

Hobby Swap will be in the Main Hall of the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building.
1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

No early bird selling or parking lot deals.
(both parties will be asked to leave)

Come be part of the fun!

Tables are \$20 reserved, \$25 the day of the swap.
Tables and Chairs are provided.

Table reservations must be prepaid.

Buyers Entry Fee: \$3 per person (12 & under Free)

For questions, please contact:
Adam at adamclement@gmail.com

For questions, or to reserve tables, contact:
Hunter at 707-586-3375

Plenty of FREE parking again this year...

**Indoor Flying from 1 to 3pm!
Bring out a UMX and have some fun!**

Largest Indoor Hobby Swap in Northern California!

General Meeting Minutes

22 February, 2024

By: Jake Chichilitti

Meeting called to order with 15 club members present and no guests.

Membership Meeting Minutes 3/28/2024

- Meeting called to order by vice president Adam Clement. President John Cole was out of town. 15 members present, no guests.
- Treasurer's report: Paul Gibson reports the club is close to having 78 members and our financials are looking o.k.
- Safety Report: None
- Field Maintenance: A work party is scheduled for 4/20/2024 in preparation to our Opening Day Event on 5/4/2024. The pit area carpeting is in bad shape and should be replaced. There is a weed eater in the storage shed and is available for anyone who wants to do a clean up of the weeds around the pits. There is gas currently in it. Use 50 - 1 gas oil mixture if it is out of gas.
- The Wine Country Swap Meet is scheduled for Sunday April 28. Doors open at 8:00 AM for the general public. Contact VP Adam C. if you would like to volunteer at the event.
- Discussion has continued regarding a car track at our flying site. We still need to have a meeting with the car folks to establish the ground rules. It appears the club members are in favor of a car track.
- Ukiah's Airport is holding an open house on June 1, 2024. Adam was invited to fly an R/C demo at the event.
- Not discussed, but may be of interest to club members. The CAP will be holding a Young Eagles Event at Sonoma Co. Airport on Sept. 21, 2024. The club has participated with them in the past.
- Mike Newman purchased one of the models that Ron Cappucio donated to the club. The money went to the club treasury.
- Show and Tell
- Guy Nicolas brought his Alpha Slope Glider for show and tell. A two meter design with ailerons and flaps. It looks very sleek and fast too.
- Club Raffle: Mike R. donated two glider kits for the raffle. Thank you Mike.
 - The Swift Fox EPP glider was won by Nat S.
 - The Bat Wing EPP glider was won by Gyu N.
 - \$50.00 gift card won by Adam C.
 - \$30.00 gift card won by Mike R.
 - \$20.00 gift card won by Merlin W.

Meeting adjourned. And the pizza was especially delicious this evening.

Respectfully submitted

Jake C.

Merlin's Hog Bipe

By: Jake Chichilitti

Merlin Watson finished building his SIG Hog Bipe. Electric power and very nice flying model. Nice looking too.



Slope Soaring in Los Banos

By: Jake Chichilitti

Ken Martinez and I drove down to Los Banos on Thursday April 11 in the hopes the weather would cooperate. Thursday the winds were light, but we brought our electric powered gliders and could still fly all day. On Friday the winds picked up and we put away the light models and out came the lead sleds. There was terrific flying all day. Friday the rains came and we left early. We were joined by fliers from the South Bay Soaring Society and a good time was had by all. There is a good possibility we will be returning again next month.

Jake



Events Calendar

- Work Party Saturday April 20th
- WCF Swap Meet Sunday April 28th
- Opening Day Saturday May 4th We would like to have a BBQ for this event if we can find a volunteer to buy the fixings and cook..
- Learn To Fly Day Saturday June 8th.
- Warbird Fun Fly Sunday July 14th
- Fun Fly Contest Saturday 17th
- Larry Frank Scale Event Saturday September 14th, 21st or 28th.
- Racing will be the last Sunday of every month starting in May.