

September 2020 Edition

*Wine Country Flier*



**Next meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19.**

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# *Presidents Report*

By: Guy Nicholas

Salutations to you all. I hope you all made it through our latest round of fires. Is anyone else getting just a bit tired of them? I know I am!

I have a couple items for you this month. First up is the auction we had which I will say was a huge success. We brought in approximately \$2000.00! I would like to give thanks to our donors Mark Crowley and Mike Ramponi, and a very large thank you to the primary donor, Richard Aal. I also have to thank all the folks that bought items. Most of the purchasing went to people in the club, but there were a number of non-club members there as well. Thank you to all! The money raised will go a long way towards getting out runway fixed.

Speaking of the runway, we are actually making some progress in that area, and we have a bid for work and should have a couple more very soon.

We discussed the holiday party and the problem is restaurants are still unable to have indoor dining. The venue we used last year has patio seating, 4 people to a table with a max capacity of around 30 people. Buffet is out, served plates are in which adds to the cost of the meal. The board was mixed on whether it would be better to wait until Spring when we would have more choices on try to push forward with something smaller in December. We thought it best to ask the members what they thought. I have created a ONE QUESTION survey that I urge you all to take a moment to voice your opinion here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2YHLCB> It will literally take you 10 seconds to finish this!

Our very own Paul Kohlmann has another article in the AMA's Model Aviation this month and you can check it out here: [https://www.modelaviationdigital.com/modelaviation/october\\_2020/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=26#pg29](https://www.modelaviationdigital.com/modelaviation/october_2020/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=26#pg29)

That's all I have for you this month. The weather is still very nice so get out and fly!

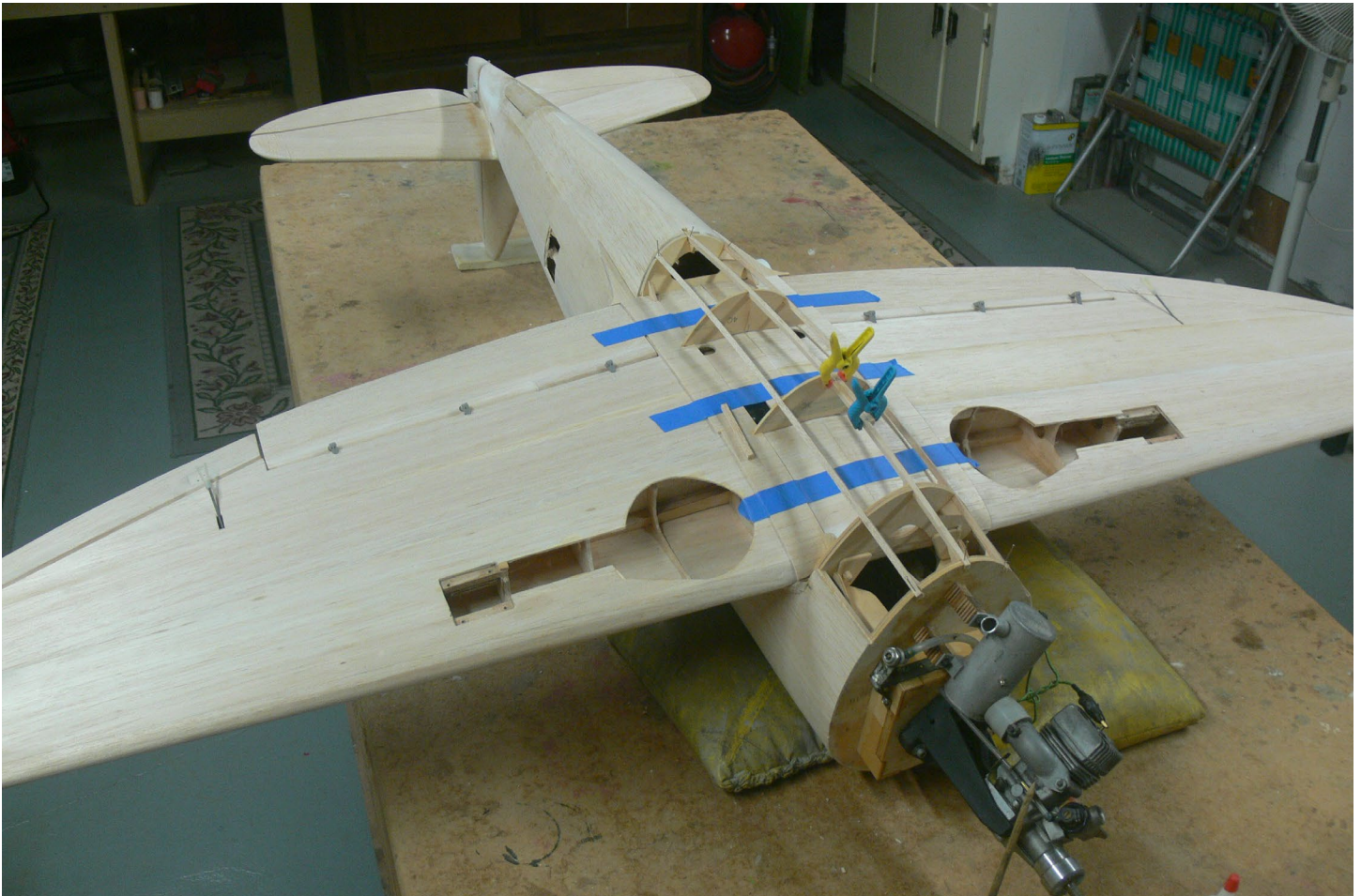
## Top Flite P-47 Build

By: Jake Chichilitti

I'm back to work on the P-47. The wing is complete and ready for primer. The belly pan is the last bit of construction for the fuselage. I have the 108 gallon drop tank kit and will install the Vortec drop tank release and servo.

The Robart retract tail wheel is mounted and the tail wheel doors are finished. Stay tuned and find out what the hole in the side of the fuselage is for.

Jake



# ***Safety Matters***

By: Jake Chichilitti

I hope you all have been able to get out to the flying field and fly in spite of the smoke. It's not the best conditions, but good enough to bore holes in the sky.

I've found bits and pieces of airplanes and a couple of broken props on the runway. If you have a mishap on the runway please do your best to police up the debris.

There was quite a bit of flying on Sunday Sept. 13th during our club silent auction. I watched Josh flying and I think he now has even more maneuvers in his bag of tricks.. Lots of flying going on and everyone being safe. There was a real good turnout for the auction, too.

Here are a few more field rules as posted at the field.

Rule # 17 All flying must be done in approved flying area. The one area we have to most careful in is the vineyards on the other side of the runway. There may be people working in the vineyards and please do not fly close to them.

Rule #18 No pets at the field. This rule was required of the club as part of Ya-Ka-Ama's ground rules for the property. We must adhere to their rules pertaining to No Drugs, No Alcohol.

Rule #19 Club Membership badges and AMA card visible at field. Please wear your club badge where it can be seen.

Rule #20 Check web site for field closures Our field was shut down for a few days in August while under an evacuation order.

That's about it for me.

Jake

# ***Board Meeting Minutes***

9 July 2020

By: Chris Bailey

- Present: Jake, Guy, Bill, Steve Koll, Paul, Eric, Chris
- Start: 6:31 pm
- Guy: Runway update: Guy hasn't had a chance to contact the three contractors, we will divide list, each person will contact 1 of the contractors, , set up a meeting at the flying field so they can develop a bid for the needed soil work, Guy found out that the grant money from the foundation must go directly to the land owner, not directly to the club, question was asked about whether Mike Newman had purchased the moving dollies for the batteries at the flying field, no one present knew the answer
- Holliday Dinner at Charlie's Grill in Windsor: Eric checked into this, format would be tables of 4 on the patio, plated meals only, no buffets, Group discussion followed, question was raised about how many club members would want to attend ? Guy will develop an online survey, send to the club membership, we will wait to see about level of interest before making further plans
- Meeting adjourned 7:22 pm

## **WCF 2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- **Christmas Party: TBD**
- **News Year Day Fun Fly: (take a guess)**