

Wine Country Flier



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Presidents Report

By: John Cole

<John was unable to get a full report out this month. The following is just a quick note he asked me to pass along>

We have reached out to Kristi several times and seem unable to actually get a meeting with her. John is considering other means of communicating with not only her but their entire board. Fingers crossed.

In the meantime, it is everyones duty to help find a potential new home.

George Simien's Celebration of Life

By: Josh Bernstein

Our dear and recently departed friend George Simien's celebration of life event has been scheduled for Sunday June 23, 1-4 PM at 76 Sprauer Rd, Petaluma. Dress is casual; ball caps of the 49ers, Giants, and Warriors variety are particularly requested - out of respect to George's love of those teams ;)

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you who can make it, to show George's family just how much he meant to all of us.

Josh

Air Force Museum

By: Jake Chichilitti

Merlin and Jake's trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH and AMA HQ in Muncie, IN.

Merlin and I just got back from our trip. I would highly recommend a visit to both.

You Tube has virtual tours of the AF Museum that are very good.

The AMA Museum has to be seen to be believed. Two more items crossed off the bucket list.

We also got a chance to visit the Wright Bros. Museum in Dayton. Complete with an original 1905 Flyer and artifacts from their bicycle shop.

Jake

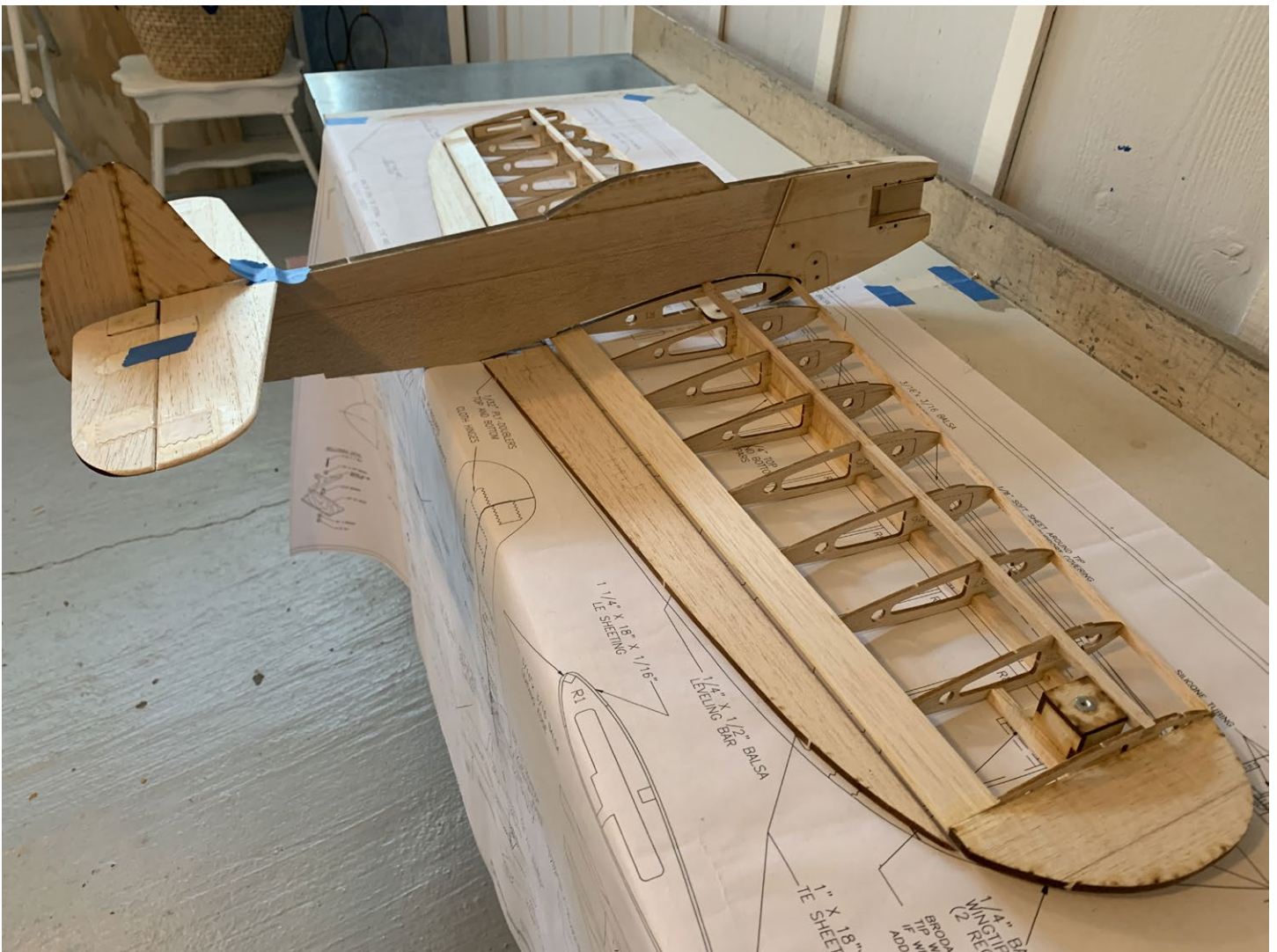


Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

After a few months away from this build, I am continuing on with my Russian Yak-9 warbird kit. I recently got the basic wing put together and now the model is taking final shape.

Planned power is an OS 26 four-stroke engine.



Float-Fly May 31st

By: Colin McRae

A few WCF members (along with others) enjoyed a great day of float-plane flying at Lake Hennessy in Napa. When the 1st WCF members showed up at the lake they noticed that some modelers were already there getting ready to fly. Ends up that the others were members of a flying club out of Livermore, CA. In any event, they welcomed WCF and a good time was had by all.



Jake apologizing for the weather.



Jake ready for take-off!



General Meeting Minutes

23 May, 2024
By: Jake Chichilitti

Meeting called to order by Vice President Adam Clement at 7:30 PM

17 Club members in attendance, no visitors

Treasurer's Report

Paul Gibson reports the club now has 79 members and the club is in good shape financially. The WCF Swap Meet turned a profit for the club.

Old Business

Adam gave a shout out to the boat folks for their display at the swap meet. Their display showed very high quality workmanship.

And an indoor flying session was held after the swap meet and it was reported it turned out to be a "crash fest".

Flying Field Report

Hopefully by the time you read this the field will be open to the club for flying. The field was closed for mowing during the week of 5/20/24 and was reported to be complete by Saturday 5/25 and was reopened that day.

Coming Events

A two class Pylon Racing Schedule is set to begin on Sunday 5/26/2024. The two classes are T-28 and FMS Warbird. New this year is a \$10.00 entry fee. With cash prizes at the end of the season for the winners. Tony M. will be the contest director. There will be a pilots meeting at approximately 9:00 or 9:30 before the contest to discuss the rules. I missed the exact time.

Club officers are trying to meet with representatives from Ya-Ka-Ama to discuss the tribes decision to not renew our flying field rental agreement. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. The club is hopeful that we can remain at the present location at least until Oct. 2024. Club members made suggestions as to alternate flying sites in the county.

Opening Day Event.

This was a non event due to rain.

Young Eagles EAA event

To be held at the Sonoma Co. Airport on Saturday 5/25 and will be history by the time you read this message.

A float Fly is scheduled at Lake Hennessey for Friday 5/31, weather permitting.

Ukiah Airport will have an airshow on June 1. WCF members will be flying their r/c models at the show.

San Carlos Airport is holding a R/C and full scale air show on June 15. Tickets are on Sale on line.

A work party is scheduled for Saturday June 8 starting at 9:00 AM. Weed eaters/leaf blowers would be useful. Also there is a bit of trash that needs to go to the dump. The club will reimburse you if you have a pick up truck or trailer to haul the trash to the dump.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service held for George Simien on June 23rd in Petaluma. The time and place to be announced. Rest in Peace George, you will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake

General Meeting Minutes

25 April, 2024
By: Jake Chichilitti

Meeting called to order by President John Cole
24 members in attendance No guests or visitors

John called for a moment of silence in memory of George Simien.

No old business

Paul Gibson gave the treasurer's report. The club now has 77 members and the club is solvent.

In case you haven't heard Ya-Ka-Ama has declined to renew our flying field lease. The club has paid for another six months lease and Ya-Ka-Ama accepted the check. So our current lease would expire in October 2024.

The club officers will contact Ya-Ka-Ama for more information. So far we have had little contact with their board of directors.

As of the date of this meeting we still have flying privileges' at our field. We will notify the members if that changes.

John called for the club members to actively search for another flying field. Ollie Burns found our current site by advertising on Craig's List. Could it work again?

Very Important: The field is closed to flying on Saturday May 18th as requested by Ya-Ka-Ama.

Liberty Field/Liberty Flyers R/C Club: The Liberty Flyers club field has been sold and is in escrow as reported by Buzz Russell. We can only hope that they can remain on the property.

Coming Events:

May 4th is Opening Day

May 31st is a tentatively set for a float fly at Lake Hennessey. I have a list of folks interested in float flying. Contact me at jake.chichilitti@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to the list.

April 28th is our Swap Meet at the Vets Building. Adam Clement did most if not all of the set up for this event. The club purchased a new banner that was hanging on the front of the building.

Show and Tell:

John Cole brought in a collection of rubber and glider models from the 1950's. Some of us are old enough to remember flying them in our youth. Thanks for the memories John.

Raffle Prizes:

\$50.00 gift certificate won by Guy N.

\$30.00 " " " " Tom B.

\$20.00 " " " " Bill V.

The pizza at Mt. Mike's was delicious and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jake Chichilitti .

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

Events Calendar

- 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.