

Wine Country Flier



**Next meeting: 12 Dec. Mountain Mike's Pizza 3125 Cleveland Ave.
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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Acting Presidents Report

By: Nat Seavy

WCF members,

I know that everyone is anxious to hear news about a new flying site. I wanted to provide everyone with an update about what the board has been doing to find a new site and how you can help.

During October and November here is what the board has been doing:

- Identifying potential sites and contacting landowners. As we find fields with potential, we have been looking up the landowner information for those sites and sending an inquiry to them. One especially interesting one is a large dairy that Kristin found on Llano road. It is listed as owned by Douglas Beretta, who Kristin sent a letter - if anyone knows the Beretta family, please let the board know.
- Posted a Craigslist ad. You can see our ad here, or go into Craigslist and search for “model airplanes” under the wanted section. No responses yet, but we will continue to run it.
- Keeping a list of potential sites. We have a spreadsheet of potential sites where we keep track of who and when we have contacted the landowners. We’re trying to prevent confusion about who is approaching landowners.
- Updated the flyer. We revised it to focus on needing 2-4 acres of land and then additional agricultural land to fly over, we hope that this makes it easier to find a suitable property.

Here’s what you can do to help:

- Send the board information about potential sites. At a minimum we need an address and short description, and if you know any information about the landowner that would be extremely helpful. Please send any info to contact@wcflyers.com
- Share the Craigslist ad on social media. Please consider a post with something like: Our model airplane club is looking to rent 2-4 acres of agricultural land in Sonoma County as a new flying site. If you know of any opportunities, please contact me and/or see the Craigslist ad below for more information.
- Talk to your friends and family. Send them the flyer, ask them if they have any ideas about places or people we should contact.

A reminder about WCF Officer elections

As we approach the end of the year, it is time for us to elect club officers for the coming year. On December 12th (6:30 pm) we will gather at Mountain Mikes (3125 Cleveland Ave) for pizza, elections, and an update on our search for a new flying field. We will plan to vote at 7:00. Because there is currently no club revenue, you will need to purchase your own pizza.

At the last board meeting, we received the following nominations for club officers:

- President: Nat Seavy
- Vice President: Rich Debret
- Secretary: Jake Chichilitti
- Treasurer: Paul Gibson
- Safety officer: Josh Bernstein

If anyone else would like to run for these positions, please submit nominations by the end of the day December 1. You can email nominations to the board at contact@wcflyers.com

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and I look forward to seeing you on December 12th at Mountain Mike’s.

Until the next newsletter,

Nat Seavy

Acting President, Wine Country Flyers

Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

Well I finally completed my new Yak-9 CL model. I actually did a maiden flight last week at Napa. It flies better than I thought it would, and is fun to fly.

This model qualifies for Old Time Stunt competitions. To qualify for OTS, the model must have been designed, published or kitted prior to December 1952. The Yak-9 CL model was originally kitted by Sterling Models back in 1952. Brodak sells the kit today, but the new kit mimics the original Sterling design to maintain its OTS eligibility.

Stats:

40" wingspan
30.5 oz weight (no fuel load)
Wing loading 13.5 oz/sqft
OS 26 Surpass 4-stroke engine
2 oz uniflow fuel tank
9-7 APC sport prop (runs at 10,000 rpm)
10-15% nitro fuel (20% oil)
Operable flaps
Flown on 60' lines



Hawker Hurricane Build Project

By: Jake Chichilitti

I ran out of kits to build and saw a documentary of the Hawker Hurricane on You Tube. I found a 3 view drawing of the aircraft and drew my own plans for an r/c model.

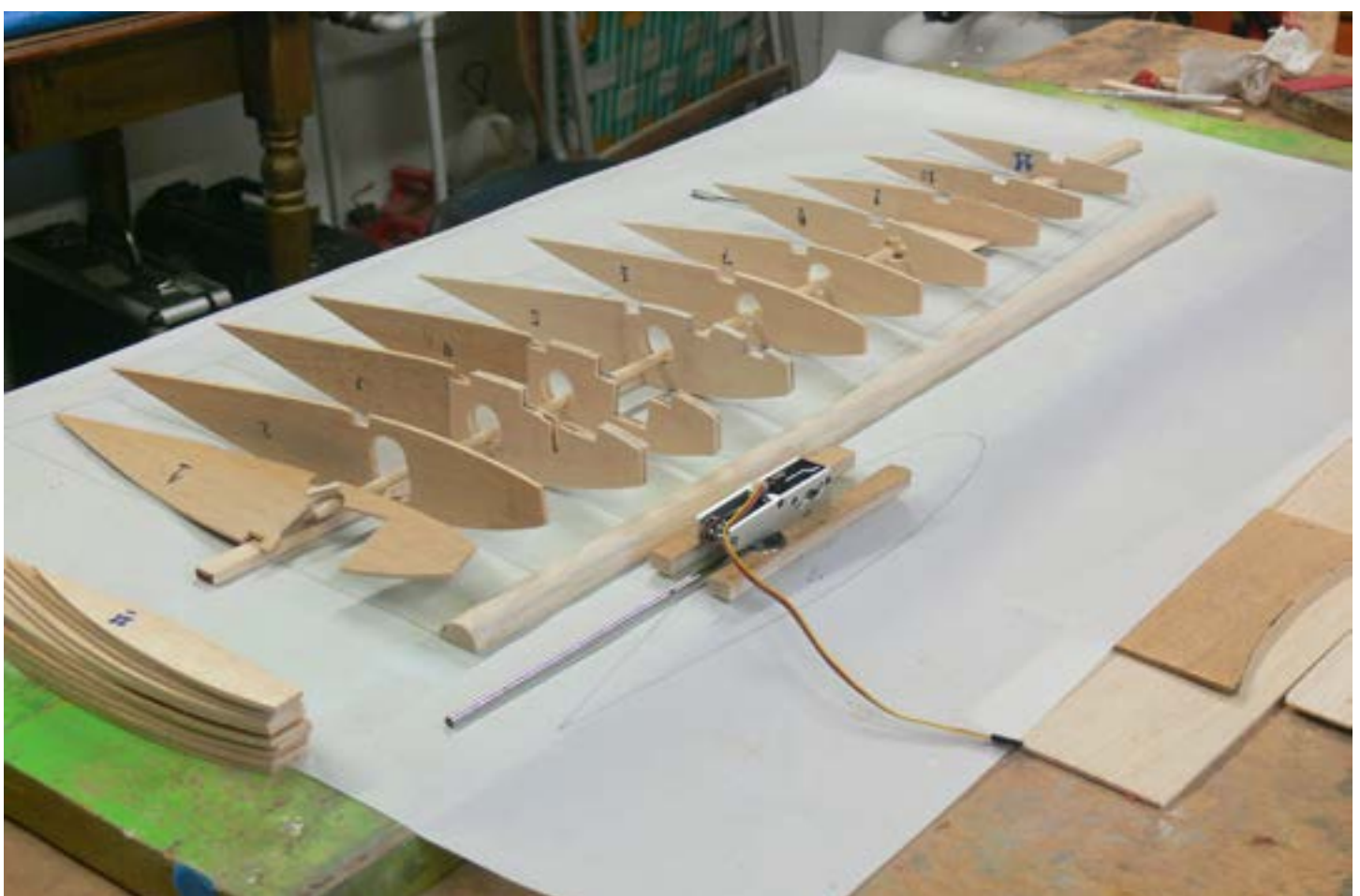
I have an O.S. .91 4-stroke engine that is not being used, so I designed a model to fit that engine. The wing span will be 66 inches. it will have split flaps and retractable landing gear.

I'll be lucky to finish the model in a years time. Start the clock!

Here is a 3-view that i used for the design.



And here is the start of construction of the right wing. Also in the picture is the E-Flite electric retract that will be used. I think that will be the only thing that I will have to buy for the build.



Board Meeting Minutes

14 November, 2024

By: Jake Chichilitti

Attending in person: Guy N., Nat S. and Jake C. Attending by phone: Josh B., Colin M., Paul G. and Kristin N.

Ya-Ka-Ama was notified that our field equipment was removed and the club has vacated the property.

Paul G. reported the cost of the dumpster was \$810.00 Also voted on and approved was a donation of \$250.00 to the Silver Oaks Christmas Float Fund in lieu of paying Mike Retterer for all the work and equipment he supplied to the club for moving our field equipment to Kristin N.'s property for storage. Mike would not accept any payment for his services and requested we donate to Silver Oaks Christmas Float Fund. The club will maintain the Post Office Box and web site.

Guy N. will update the club's field status and club officers with AMA .

Please mark you calendar as the club will be having a general meeting at Mt. Mike's on Dec. 12 to vote in next years club officers and update information on the field search. The club will not be providing pizza at this meeting in order to preserve the club treasury for our move to a new flying field

Nat S. requests any members have a line on prospective property that could be our next field to contact him or a board member with the information and he can run point.

Weather permitting we are planning to float fly at Lake Hennessey on the second Friday of each month. Please email jake.chichilitti@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining us. I send weather updates to the float flyers .

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Chichilitti