

Wine Country Flier



Next meeting: 23 Jan. Mountain Mike's Pizza 3125 Cleveland Ave.

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Promoting Model Aviation in Sonoma County

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Presidents Report

By: Nat Seavy

WCF members,

It's January, and we're already well on our way into 2025. This year, our focus remains on finding a new flying site and keeping our momentum as a club.

With the new year comes a new board. I wanted to start by thanking three outgoing board members: John Cole, Adam Clement, and Eric Bergesen. All of them have provided a great service to the club by serving as board members (on top of everything else they have done for the club). I would like to extend my gratitude to them, and I hope that you will too next time you see them.

At our final meeting of last year, we held elections for our new board. Our new board is:

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

Additionally, the following members are serving as appointed board members: Kristin Nagata, Bill Van Asdlan, Guy Nichols, and Colin McRae. Everyone of these board members volunteers their time and unique talents to ensure that the club continues to operate. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of them. If you ever have any questions about the operation of the club, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Update on our search for a new flying site

We have had several responses to our Craigslist ad and have been visiting sites with potential. Unfortunately, the properties that we have visited have not been suitable flying sites. However, they have been good conversations and they have often concluded with the landowner offering to help get the word out to others. We continue to run our Craigslist ad and look for other ways to get the word out.

As a reminder, here's what you can do to help:

- Spend some time exploring Sonoma County and 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. <https://sfbay.craigslist.org/nby/grd/d/santa-rosa-wanted-to-rent-4-acres/7816828505.html>
- Talk to your friends and family. Send them the flyer, ask them if they have any ideas about places or people we should contact.

Even though we do not have a site, I hope everyone is finding ways to stay connected and enjoy the hobby.

Until the next newsletter,

Nat Seavy

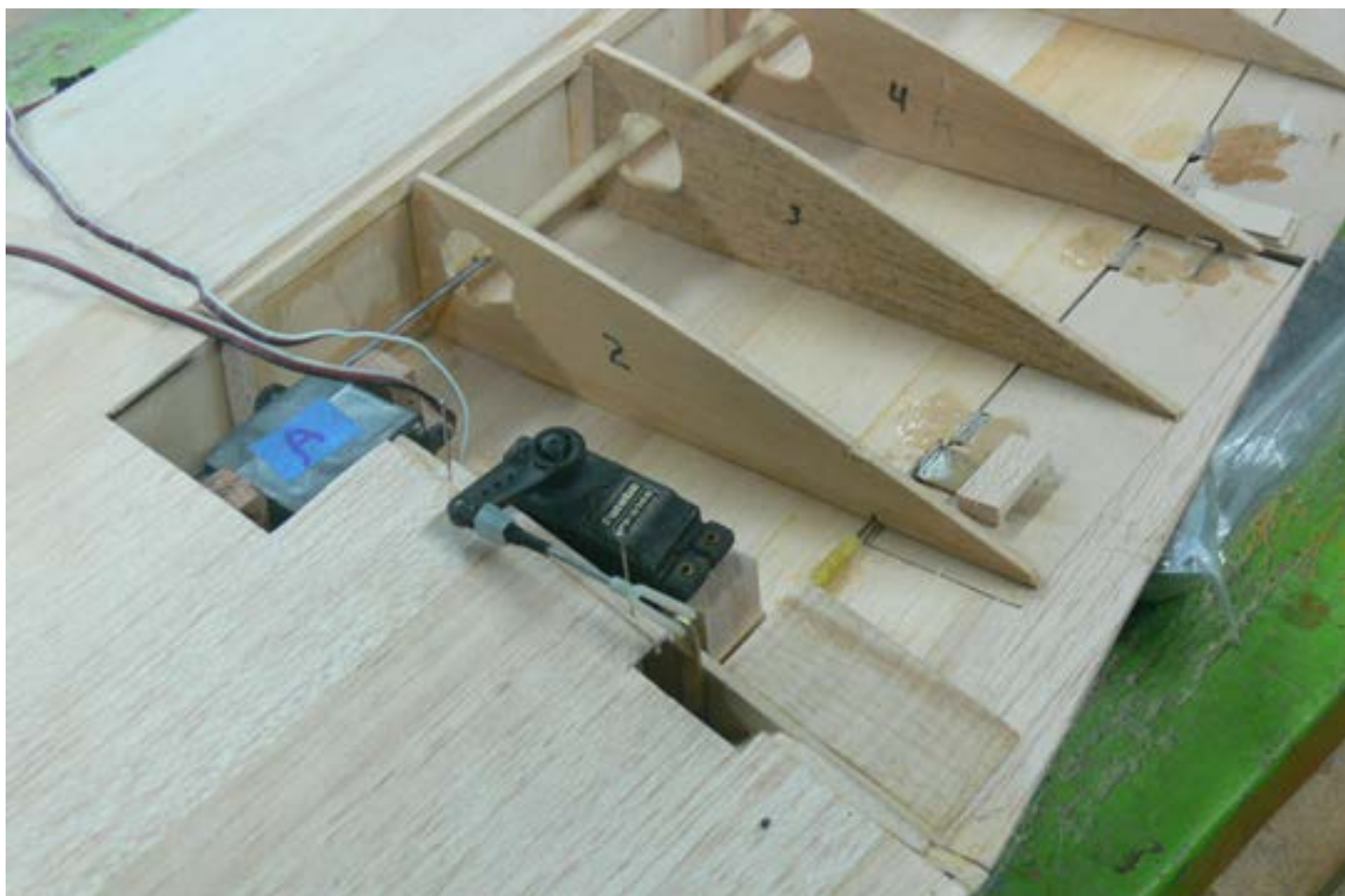
President, Wine Country Flyers

Hawker Hurricane

By: Jake Chichilitti

Making progress on the Hurricane,

Aileron pushrods and servo are installed along with the servo for the split flaps.



Bottom of the wing showing the split flaps and cut out for the retract. The wing is basically finished at this point.



Stabilizer and elevator construction. The prototype had fabric covered tail surfaces, but I will cover them with 1/16" balsa.



I want to finish building the flying surfaces before I tackle the fuselage.

Jake

Sloping at Banos & Sunset

Words by Guy Nicholas
Pictures by Jake Chichilitti

Jake and crew are working on going to Los Banos sometime around the first couple weeks of May, anyone interested in heading there contact Jake (email & phone at the top of the newsletter).

Oh, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention the hard date for Sunset beach Camp & Fly which are 2-4 May. For this, you can contact me for more info.

To add a little color to this, here are a pair of pictures. The first is someone (sorry, I wasn't given a name) tossing what I believe is Jake's P-47, which used to be a powered model. The second is a great picture, about which Jake said, "taken circa 1982 at Windy Hill in San Mateo Co. Looking east towards the east bay. Bill, Jake and Dan. The original Gentle Lady that taught me how to fly r/c."



Board Meeting Minutes

9 January, 2025

By: Jake Chichilitti

In attendance: Nat S., Bill V., Rich D., Guy N. and Jake C. Joined the meeting by phone: Josh B., Paul G. and Kristin N. and Walker N.

The main topic of discussion was our search for a new flying site. So far Nat S. has been getting some feedback from the Craig's List web site. And he has made contact with potential land owners, but so far nothing has worked out.

Nat requested club members send him any information you may have regarding a potential flying site. Such as a name, phone number and address. He can follow up.

Rich D. will work on an ad to be placed on Facebook, which may produce some results.

Josh B. suggested we update our club status to a non profit organization as it might help us secure a flying site if an owner could use it as a tax deduction. It would require the club to hire a CPA to submit a tax return to the state every year.

Patrick O. and Guy N. will be administering the club's face book page and will also work on updating our web site. Many thanks!

Our treasurer Paul G. reported the club has made a deposit with the Vet's building to secure a date for our swap meet. The date should be published in the January newsletter. He is in the process of securing our club charter status with AMA and renewing our rental of the Post Office Box.

Mark your calendar for January 23rd for our next general meeting at Mt. Mike's Pizza on Cleveland Ave. You will have to purchase your own drinks and food. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jake C.

General Meeting Minutes

12 December, 2024

By: Jake Chichilitti

Meeting called to order by Vice President Nat Seavy

19 members in attendance

First order of business: To nominate and vote on the officers for 2025. The officers for 2025 are as follows: Nat Seavy President, Rich Debret Vice President, Treasurer Paul Gibson, Secretary Jake Chichilitti and Safety Officer Josh Bernstein. WCF will remain a chartered AMA Club for 2025 and we will maintain our P.O Box and web site..

The search for a new flying field continues with an ad on Craig's List and some leads to be followed up. Members are encouraged to contact Nat if your spot a site that looks usable. He has a map of the county and can mark the location and contact the owners.

There will be a WCF Swap Meet at the Vet's Bldg. in April. The date to be announced.

Treasurer's Report: Dues will be suspended until a new flying site is obtained and the amount of rent is known. We will continue to hold our monthly meeting at Mt.Mike's Pizza on

Cleveland Ave. on the fourth Thursday of the month. Members will have to purchase their own meal and drink at the meeting.

Jake C. reported that the float flying site at Lake Hennessey has been closed by the Napa Park Dept. with no opening date given. The Sonoma County coast is open for slope/glider flying. There are two nice flying sites just south of the Goat Rock park entrance. Please send me an email and I will add you to a slope/glider list and update everyone when weather conditions are favorable.

Show and Tell: Mike Bolger showed plans for a foamy model that required fanfold styrofoam. He thought he would have to buy a large sheet of the material, but it turned out one of members already had a supply and offered some to Mike.

Next general meeting Thursday Jan. 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Jake Chichilitti