

## Newsletter

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hmmm, Newsletter column number 48. Well, it would be 48 if I had not flaked out on one or two. Next month it will be Jeff Lovitt's "fault" if things go according to plan at the December meeting. I think Jeff will make an excellent President for the club and I am very happy that he is able to run. I appreciate all the other people that stepped up at the November meeting and were willing to stand for election for officer and board positions. Of course, until the elections are over you can still add yourself to the list. I know the person up for Treasurer is trying to duck.....but if elected I will serve without whining too much. But I WILL whine!

In my first newsletter column in January 2012 I mentioned that I needed to finish my 1/4 scale Dart. Has it been that long? I wonder if it is getting impatient? This picture is from August 2012 so I did work on it in 2012 but it has been resting since then.



Next year I hope we can continue the indoor flying that Forrest has been putting together. The library staff would like us to put something together for a kid's program and the indoor flying would be a good thing to combine with that. I failed to make it to the Friday December 5th date and hope it went well. I was planning to go but due to distractions and CRS I didn't remember until about 10 pm. Sorry, Forrest.

From the June indoor flying, either Forrest or Kerry turning to final approach with a B-17. It flies like a B-17, just lumbers around. Time for a 4-ship in the box formation!

Rich Geertson did two events this year, Golden Age and



Old School, a Vintage R/C event. I really like this event. We've all forgotten how much fun these airplanes are. I think the winner was a single channel .020 powered ship brought by John Hoppe.

Wings of Victory was well attended this year. Among many nice airplanes present, Larry Sutherland of

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### THIS MONTH

**Meeting Minutes..... Mike O'Kane**  
**WDA Calendar**  
**Builder's Corner..... Richard Geertson**  
**Tips & Tricks..... Richard Geertson**

# GENERAL MEETING

## MINUTES

### NOVEMBER 9TH, 2015

Members present: Ed Morgan, X John  
Eaton, X Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane,  
X Jeff Lovitt, X Rich Geertson X Doug  
Barton \_X\_ Randy Sizemore Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by John Eaton.

Last month's minutes reviewed, motion for approval,  
2nd, and passed unanimously.

Recognition of guests and new members.

Officer reports:

President: John commented he will not be running  
for the President position.

John reported that the new AMA renewal method of  
month by month will be out of sync with the Club  
annual renewal. Members must ensure they have  
coverage throughout the year

Vice President: Ed Morgan is out of town. John  
recapped the Board Minutes listed in the Board  
meeting.

Treasurer: Jim MacDonald reported on Club  
account.

Secretary: None

Chair Reports:

Membership: 2016 Membership cards are available.  
Dues will remain the same for 2016.

Safety: John Lett is not present

Field Chair: Bill and Art present, some minor  
mechanical issues

News Letter: Glen Spaulding is not present

Points Chair: Points are posted, WEB site is current

WEB PAGE: WEB page is current

Events Reports: Forrest Barton has organized  
an Indoor flying event Saturday evening  
December 5th, at the Sport complex 8 PM until  
midnight.

Don't forget the Chilli-n-Chilli on January 1st, the  
Potluck and tail gate food is worth the drive

Toys for Tots: 2 toys and \$115.00 in cash

Old Business: Toys for Tots, Chilly -n-Chili

New Business:

Nominations are open for 2016 Board and Officer  
Positions.

NO nominations this evening

The Board Position Doug Barton holds expires at the  
end of this year and Doug will not be seeking  
renewal. 12 month Board Position is available.

Jim McDonald is stepping down from the Treasurer  
position.

Mike O'Kane will step down from the Secretary  
position if someone is interested in the position.

John is stepping down from the President's position.

Ed Morgan will step down from the VP position if  
someone is interested in the position.

Current Nominations are:

Officers. Jeff Lovitt for President, this will open a  
Board Position

Rich Geertson for Vice President, this will open  
a Board Position

Mike O'Kane for Secretary

John Eaton for Treasurer

Board nominations:

Forrest Barton

Monte Pate

Kerry Roberson

Jim McDonald

Show and Tell: Rich Geertson presented a Sport  
Biplane w/ a 85cc gas motor. He recovered the  
model with Super shrink Coverite and used Ace  
paint with Litho plate printer markings. Model has  
a 9' wing span and swings a 26 by 8 prop. Model  
finish was excellent.

John Eaton presented an Astro Hog he picked up at  
the Bayside Auction and a Thunderbird powered  
by 2 slit .049 similar to the Texaco .049. Model is  
covered with Ultracoat and custom graphics

# BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

### NOVEMBER 9TH, 2015

Members present: Ed Morgan, John Eaton, X  
Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane,  
X Jeff Lovitt, X Rich Geertson, X Randy  
Sizemore X Doug Barton, Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by Mike O'Kane

Meeting agenda as posted on the Club forum with  
any following additions.

#### OLD Business

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None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Picnic Table: Repair existing tables and add three  
additional tables. Jim and Mike working on parts  
list and pricing

Mike found a picnic table plans on Bob'splans.com for  
an Octagon shaped table that seats 8 without  
having to lift a leg to get over the bench seat. The  
idea is to make the table friendlier to physically  
challenged persons and to have everyone facing  
each other when seated. These Octagon tables are  
not a small build and uses the major part of the  
tree for a material list. Rough Order Estimate  
(ROE) is \$525.00 ea. to build.

Snack Shack: Need to make changes to improve the  
sanitary features in the Club such as an internal  
water system. Propane grill to be stored in the  
Conex adjacent to the Snack Shack with plans to  
add a small sink in the counter where the grill was  
previously stored A tank elevated outside the  
Snack shack higher than the sink may also provide  
adequate gravity feed water for clean-up.

Jeff Lovitt has confirmed WDA will be doing the  
Airplane Scale Masters, event time line looks like  
the first week end in October 2106 once the dates  
of the Helicopter Scale Master is determined.

Items discussed re: the event:

Parking Donations  
Fees for Pit passes  
T-shirts

Jeff Lovitt will be the CD

Helicopter Scale Masters end of September or the first  
two weekends in October

49ers Qualifier after the middle of May.

#### NEW Business:

John Eaton briefed the Board on the new AMA  
renewal cycle, basically 12 months from the month  
you renew. This will not synchronize with the  
Club's Annual membership cycle.

Down load the Membership Application and send into  
Monte Pate, he has the 2016 Membership cards.

Confusion regarding the January and February  
meeting dates has been worked out, we are on our  
normal schedule of the 2nd Monday of the Month.



WDA 2016 Events Calendar	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan 1	Chilly n' Chili Fun Fly & Pot Luck

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Fresno brought his new Aichi Val. Seems appropriate to put it in a newsletter article I am writing on December 7.



The EMS group came to the Helicopter Scale Masters again this year, with an interesting arrival. Mike O'Kane will be the general marshall for next year's event as Gonzalo's work responsibilities continue to grow. Gonzalo, thank you for putting together an Event Par Excellence!



The feast at January 2015's Chili and Chilly. Be sure and make it this year, hopefully we will have more winter like weather than the spring day we had then! Of course the real men and women show up on the 31st of December.

And that is all the remains on this year's event schedule:

1 Jan 2016      Chilli and Chily fun fly and pot luck

Once again, 35 mph on the road please, take care to minimize dust near homes. Take special care to stay away from Christine's horses at the northwest corner of the field, and stay south of Road 29.

See you at the meeting. Woodland Public Library, Leake Room, December 14th. Board Meeting at 6PM and General Meeting at 7 PM.

# BUILDER'S CORNER

## Legendary Desert Aircraft SERVICE

I am in the service business. We are constantly measured on the quality of our service. As a matter of fact, there is a universally recognized measure of customer service known as 'NPS' or "Net Promoter Score" - NPS relies upon the results of a single question: "Would you recommend (fill in blank) service to a colleague? The respondent must provide a rating, from 1 to 10. A rating of 9 or 10 is a "Promoter;" a rating of 7-8 is a "Neutral;" anything below that is a "Detractor." THIS is NOT a cake walk! How many times have you been surveyed and given a 10? Most folks assume a rating of 8 is pretty darn respectable, but an 8 won't elevate the company into the ranks of an Apple or Harley... The measure asks for FAR more than "Are you a **satisfied** customer?"... A high NPS score reflects on legions of enthusiastic, LOYAL supporters of the product! Apple and Harley Davidson have consistently high NPS scores,; as you can imagine, the users of those products are fiercely LOYAL to the brand!

Desert Aircraft, makers of premium quality gasoline engines, has always been high on my list of companies that stand behind their products, but they go further than that. DA ultimately does THE RIGHT THING when it comes to customer service, regardless of the circumstances. Yet another case in point: I was examining my DA70 twin recently and found that the right cylinder was literally COOKED! Btw: WORD TO THE

WISE.. If you are shopping for a used gasser, specifically a DA... IF the cylinders have a pinkish hue? The engine has been over-heated! Put your wallet in your pocket and RUN (don't walk) AWAY! My first indication that all was not well with the engine was several times it sagged while flying my Mr. Mulligan. It was not over-propped or too lean, so I just assumed it was still breaking in. It never quit and never sounded strange or labored at any other time. It



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idled and transitioned like a DA—excellent. But after several flights when I examined the engine closely, I could see the right spark plug cap internals had literally been turned to POWDER! And then the tell-tale pinkish coloring of the right cylinder indicating it had been over-heated, so I removed the engine to examine it more closely. A look inside the right cylinder exhaust port revealed severe 'pitting' on the top of the piston! Well, I packed it up and sent it to DA. When it had been in their hands for a couple weeks, I called them about it. They were running behind on service due to their annual involvement in the Tucson Aerobatic Shoot Out. Their findings were inconclusive as the root-cause of the over-heating, but they suspected a faulty ignition. The engine was just outside of its warranty period, but they completely rebuilt it and replaced the ignition at NO CHARGE! Desert Aircraft always installs any updates that may have been released since the purchase of the engine—no charge. Their rule of thumb is: ANYTHING they do to the engine that the owner did not request, is FREE. Now, there are exceptions... mis-use, abuse, wrong oil, wrong prop, wrong needle settings may void your warranty or their willingness to fix the engine at no charge, but it has been my consistent experience that DA always goes the extra mile for their customers, EVEN IF you aren't the original purchaser of the engine.



Now, I am NOT going to talk down anyone else's product, but GOOD LUCK getting that kind of service on your DLE (and I own a DLE) or other brand. When I phone DA, I can speak to the guy who built my engine or is repairing my engine.

In my book, Desert Aircraft gets an NPS score of 10... "Yes I would enthusiastically recommend DA service to a colleague!"

Richard Geertson

## TIPS & TRICKS



If you need to remove the labels often affixed to various wood stock, there is an easy way to do this. First, **FORGET** the alcohol, lacquer thinner, or other chemicals. Sometimes these work, but more often than not you end up with the label still stuck, but a "half on / half off" mess of sticky paper. No need to use a razor blade either. Just grab your heat gun. The high heat will loosen the label's adhesive and it will peel right off. Just be careful you don't burn your fingers! Once removed, you may find the adhesive still present on the wood's surface. IF you find it necessary to remove this, alcohol, lacquer thinner or even acetone may be necessary depending upon the adhesive and how long it's been there. You can use this same technique to remove shipping labels from boxes - The labels peel right off in one piece!



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**Next Meeting: Monday, December 14th, 7:00PM**  
 Meeting held at Woodland Library @ 250 First Street



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