

WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS

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October Newsletter 2016

Prez Sez:
How is it October already? Well, it is. We've just completed that last big push of the year in terms of events and improvements. The field has a brand new shade structure adjacent to the snack shack that was a hit during the heli masters and the Scale Masters Championships. Everyone marveled at it's robust construction and ample shade. A big thank you to the crew of volunteers who got to work with work parties to dig holes, fabricate steel, set the steel posts, erect and tighten cables and lace the new covers. Fantastic Job.

The Heli Masters are over and now so are the US Scale Masters. I will talk a bit about that event in a separate article. It's important to know that events like this are an opportunity for the club to generate revenue that pays for improvements or our long term financial position. It takes everyone pitching in to really make these events go. I had some great help on the Scale Masters in the judging and from Ben Ponzo heading up the food service but in many ways we missed opportunities to run the contest well and to maximize revenue. This is a consideration going forward with the events that we choose to take on. As we get to the last quarter of the year, we begin plotting the events for the upcoming year and I think members need to give some thought to what events you want (and don't want to see). What do you want to participate in, and what do you want to help with? Personally, while the Scale Masters event is a huge achievement and a point of pride for me, it is exhausting and all consuming for the two months leading up to the event. Sadly, the stress associated with an event like this does take away from the fun. I asked in numerous emails to the membership for help on this, and got very little response. Those that responded, THANK YOU. We have been asked to consider making our club the home of this event on a rotating basis every three years or so. I would appreciate feedback from

members on this.

Nominations time is coming up. The members will be asked in November to nominate officers and board members for consideration by the club at the election to be held at our December meeting. Please consider giving some of your time to the club in new capacity. Many of our board members and officers have been at this for a long time and I think that its healthy for the club to get nominations for multiple candidates for these jobs.

Enjoy the fine fall weather and get out and fly and enjoy our field. It's an amazing field, that received a number of compliments over the weekend. I realize that I am fortunate to call this my home field and home club after welcoming so many other competitors and guests to our field last week. Let's start thinking about what we can do to make it better. 2017 may be time to invest in stronger water distribution capability to automate and increase our capacity. Maybe we should consider doing something about the county road leading to the site before the axles fall off my van. If you have ideas, please let us know.

All for now... Jeff

This month:

- Prez Sez
- September Meeting Minutes
- Sept. Bd. Meeting Minutes
- Helicopter Scale Masters
- U.S. Scale Masters
- U.S. Scale Masters photos
- Upcoming Events, Next meeting
- California Capitol Air Show
- Lake Minden Float Fly



Jeff Lovitt
Mike O'Kane
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Gonzalo Martinez
Jeff Lovitt

Rich Geertson

September 12th General Meeting Minutes

Members present: X Jeff Lovitt, Rich Geertson,
X John Eaton, X Mike O'Kane,
X Monte Pate, X Kerry Roberson X Forrest
Barton X Jim MacDonald Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by Jeff Lovitt.

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

Recognition of guests and new members.

Officer reports:

President: Jeff called the meeting to order, thanked
everyone present for attending and asked for any new or
potential members to introduce themselves.

Vice President: Jeff recapped the Board Minutes listed
in the Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer: John Eaton reported on Club treasury sta-
tus.

Secretary: Mike talked about Public Law 112-9, section
336 regarding modelers and mentioned the 14 CFR part
107.

Chair Reports:

Membership: Monte Pate stated he receives the mem-
bership, John Eaton fills out the Club Roster. Monte's
reports we have approximately 109 members are regis-
tered as of tonight's meeting.

Safety:

Field Chair: This position is currently open. As of the
Work Party on the 17th of September the Field is ready
for the Heli (9/22-24) and 2016 US Scale Masters (9/28-
10/2) The new turf carpet was laid in place and the old
was spread in front of the shade structure up to the safe-
ty fence

News Letter: Rich Geertson is the current editor and is
always looking for picture and content for the NEWS let-
ter.

Points Chair: Linda Reports Kerry has been sent all the
current signup sheets.

WEB PAGE: Kerry Roberson reports WEB page will be
current in the coming week current

Events Reports:

Old School event: 11 Pilots, approximately 25-30 air-
planes, weather cooperated, Bruce Thorp attended,
Indoor: Forrest Barton reported on the event which con-
tinues to have good turnouts. The next Indoor Fly is Sep-
tember 17th.

U-Control: Goyet event, had about 21 pilots sign-up.

Upcoming Events:

Helicopter Scale Masters: Set for September 22-24th.
This will be a fun fly event and not a fund raiser.

US Scale Masters: Coming up 9/28 – 10/2) . We will
need help with food, parking, field setup, flight line boss-
es, Ready box coordinators, scoresheet runners, and
registration help. Please see Jeff Lovitt.

Show and tell: None

Meeting adjourned.

September 12th Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Rich Geertson, X Jeff Lovitt,
X John Eaton, X Mike O'Kane,

X Monte Pate, X Jim MacDonald, X Kerry
Roberson, Chris Dellinger, X Forrest Barton

Meeting called to order by Rich Geertson

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

OLD Business

1. Picnic Table Order: Kits have been delivered and as-
sembled, need final coat underneath

2. Purchase of a temperature alarm for the Snack Shack
Freezer is still and open item. No action

3. Bylaw edit, details of this are being reviewed and will
be posted at the next meeting. No action,

4. Shade structure engineering, John will circulate via e-
mail before the next meeting at which time plans will be
discussed. Work Party scheduled for Saturday September
17th.

5. Water to irrigate the grass has been intermittent due to
land owner that supplies us water is having well/pump
issues. Options to be discussed

NEW Business:

- Discussion regarding consideration to install a lift
pump that will draw water from the slough, block off
the adjoining ditches to keep the water for WDA use.
Further discussion anticipated.
- Jeff discussed Port-a-Potties for the US Scale Masters.
- Sacramento Valley Soaring Society asked to share our
by-laws for their 501 non-profit application.
- Department of Fish and Wildlife asked to use our fa-
cility to train their 12 people to fly UAS drones. The
Club motioned to allow 12 DFW employees to join
the Club for a fixed fee of \$1,000.00 and no points,
motion 2nd, passed unanimously.
- Work Party September 17th to lay the new turf carpet
and finish clean-up and securing the two final shade
panels

Meeting Adjourned

HELI SCALE MASTERS 2016

Dear Friends,

I want to say thank you to everybody who came and participated at HSM 2016! We had a BLAST! The event was so much fun and that's because of you! You made HSM a special place to be, where friendships continue to be made!

Special thank you to the Woodland/Davis Aeromodeler's team for hosting the event and doing a superb job on all logistics! I could not be more proud of our club! Mike O'Kane did a fantastic job hosting the event! As you know this year we decided to do a light version of the event.

We had, some wind/strong gusts and some of the most spectaculars combination of blue skies, incredible display of beautiful clouds with some occasions of challenging flying. Despite the winds we flew quite a lot.

This year I had the chance to bring a full size Robinson R44 Raven II helicopter to our field. This was a very special occasion as I piloted the aircraft from Santa Rosa (KSTS) to our field. We landed on Friday morning and hot loaded some passengers for rides. It was a total BLAST having a chance to fly many of our friends in the R44 for a tour around our field.



The flight line had some incredible display of piloting skills! We did some amazing formation of military helos flying together and plenty of fire/rescue simulations.

We had 20 registered pilots and close to 45 beautiful scale helicopters on display!

Thank you to everybody who traveled from far away in the States and International! We had friends coming from Arizona, Oregon, Seattle, San Diego, Canada and Austria!

Looking forward to see you at HSM 2017! We have some very exciting plans for next year.....

Warm regards,

Gonzalo Martinez



2016 US Scale Masters Championships Woodland/Davis California.

This was the second time that we have had the opportunity to host this event. The first was in 2013 and now three years later the 37th annual version is now in the books. Started in 1980, by a small group of southern California scale squadron modelers, the event was patterned after the Masters Golf tournament event which invites its attendees through a qualifier system. Wins and placements at regional events would qualify modelers around the country for the Championships, held annually in the fall each year. The event has ranged all over the United States and often includes some international participation.

The event kicked off on Thursday with arrivals, registration, practice flying and mostly a lot of static judging. Our own Jim MacDonald and Rich Geertson toiled for the day studying models to separate the best of the best. Jim has handled Craftsmanship judging many times over and I find his sharp eye and experience as a modeler to be a plus. Rich has judged at the qualifiers many times for me and now for the second time at the championship event on the outline category. Nothing gets by Rich. Color and Markings were judged by Roxanne Cottrell, who came from the Phoenix area to mix it up a bit. Models in the expert and team categories are judged against a 100 point standard. Most scores are in the nineties, and we even had a 100 at this event from an amazing Grumman Ag Cat.

Flying commenced on Friday. We fought some wind that came up throughout the day on Friday, but everyone flew round one and only a few had to stand down for the afternoon round 2. A hangar party that was sponsored by the folks that bring you Zap Glue was held at the hotel on Friday night. A good time was had by all! Saturday morning brought perfect weather, light breezes, cool temperatures and lots of flying. Two more rounds were flown before everyone cleaned up and headed off to the banquet. We had a guest speaker, local pilot who has done good- Red Jensen. Red is a native of Santa Rosa, model pilot and designer, pylon racer, sailplane guy, and now chief pilot at NASA. He highlighted the work that he does at NASA with models to improve the state of controlled flight and pilot safety. Of particular interest was technology pioneered with models that allowed an aircraft to take over control after pilot loss of consciousness. He showed video of happening showing that the pilot was saved within one second of crash. He also brought a couple of NASA artifacts including a Gemini space craft hand control thruster gimbal which flew in space, and must have contained a 500 machined parts. He also brought a Mach meter from the Bell X1 flown by Chuck Yeager to break the sound barrier. Yes, that Mach meter!

Sunday dawned with the threat of showers and wind. We hustled and got the flying done with one squall that came though. Brad Osborne of Southern California got caught the worst and flew almost a whole flight through his rain streaked glasses with his PT 19. He didn't have the luxury to remove them; he told me he couldn't see 6 feet in front of himself without them! We then tallied the awards and presented some prizes. Our own Alex Garza won the KMP P47 raffle, which was pretty awesome. He came by my house last night and picked it up and he was excited. Maybe a new scale pilot in the midst. Our own Forrest Barton took 4th Place in Pro AM Pro category, with Jack Diaz SR in 2nd and Jack Diaz Jr in 1st.

In Expert, Chris Wolfe of San Diego won with his electric Mirage III jet. He flew very well and deserved to win. I can recall when the first electric powered model flew at the Masters in 1990 and it was a cub type that staggered around for 5 minutes until its battery died. Chris' Mirage is a real departure from those old days. My Lockheed T33 missed the first two rounds due to a bad flap servo that had to be fixed. Using my only three flights on Saturday and Sunday I was able to get close but could not catch Chris. I was .16 points behind Chris in second. My dad Dave was 6th and local her Daryl Rolla was 7th and received pilots choice.

Everyone has gone home now and the event is a memory, but I had so many people complement our field, our club, the welcoming atmosphere and expressed their sincere appreciation for the efforts put forth by the members of our club that I felt it important to share.

- Jeff Lovitt

Just a few photos from the U.S. Scale Masters

Photos by John Eaton



**Chris Wolf: 1st place,
Expert**



**Jeff Lovitt, 2nd place,
Expert**



**Ben Andrus, highest
static score**



**Jack Diaz Jr., 1st Pro-
Am Pro**



**Dave Lovitt, 2nd high
static, 6th in Expert**



**Shailesh Patel (and
son), 3rd place Expert**

WDA 2016 Events Calendar

DATE

Oct 7-9

Oct 8-9

Nov 4-6

EVENT

Lake Minden Float Fly

Norcal Pro Bro

Delta Valley Modelers Jet Fly

See lots more of John Eaton's great U.S. Scale Masters photos at:

<http://yolo.net/%7Ejeaton/WDA/20160929smc/20160929USSMC.html>

Also, find all the scores and results from the U.S. Scale Masters at:

<http://www.usscalemasters.org/>

**WDA Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at the
Woodland Public Library in the "Leake" room**

250 1st St, Woodland, CA 95695

- Board Meetings go from 6pm to 7pm (members are welcome to attend)
- General Club meeting 7pm to 8:30pm

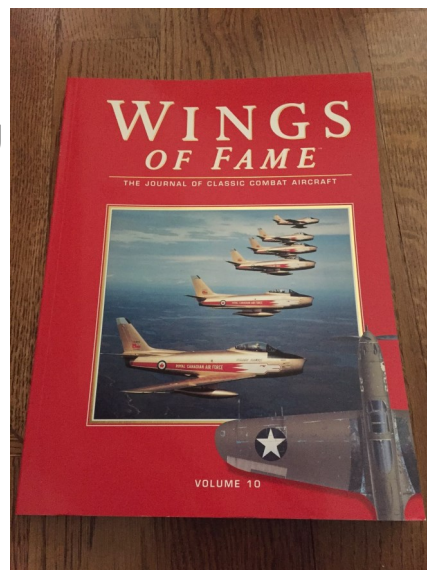
WDA General Club meetings are open to the public. Members and those interested in joining WDA are encouraged to attend!

Bring your latest project for Show N Tell and let us see what you are up to!

Jim McDonald generously offered to share his collection of "Wings of Fame" journals of classic combat aircraft...I was the first one with my hand up and have perused and enjoyed these publications for a number of months now. I would like to propose the same offer.... Should you be interested in these great journals (with lots of great pictures), I would be happy to tote them with me to the Oct. 10th club meeting OR you can come on by and pick them up from me in Dixon.

Just let me know.

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As they say, 'the best-laid plans of mice and men'.... (what that actually means, I have NO freakin clue!) But suffice it to say, there is no CONCLUSION to my Mr. Mulligan dummy radial project because promptly after the last installment, in which I declared, "next month (this month) you will see the finished product," I was DELUGED with personal and professional responsibilities. It was about 6 weeks ago that a long-time colleague announced he would 'retire in two weeks.' What that meant to me was doing two jobs until my company finds a suitable replacement. At the same time, my wife and I were launching into a kitchen remodel...so as you might imagine, my modeling endeavors were pushed to the back burners of our new induction cook top ;-)



The good news..the kitchen project is 98% done and we have interviewed a number of qualified candidates.. AND I am one week away from being finished with employee reviews, which will then "free" me up to attend to the day-to-day routine responsibilities of a service manager doing only two jobs... The better news is that, hopefully, we will have another service manager hired within a month so that I can get back to some semblance of work/life balance!



In the meantime, there is ALWAYS time for a beer and an air show!!

My wife and I attended the CA Capitol Air Shows on Sunday Oct. 2nd. We have never attended this air show nor have we ever

attended as "VIPs" (a few bucks will buy just about anything)... What a fantastic venue! Great food, great seating, and an open bar all day... **I could get used to that.** Depending upon your taste in aircraft, the highlight was either the F-18s/Blue Angels OR the exceedingly RARE WWII aircraft that flew! (I love it all). Indeed, I have been to MANY air shows, including Oshkosh, and I honestly do not remember such an eclectic combination of flying historical treasures... A B-29, SBD Dauntless, TBM Avenger, P-38 Lightning, Corsair, P-40 Warhawk, and P-51s. All we could say was, "WOW!!!" The performance was a WWII tribute, starting with Pearl Harbor (which included an Aichi D3A Val replica), and ended with the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan (and an accompanying Wall of FIRE). It was a truly moving performance when one considers how many young lives were terminated all too quickly during that horrendous conflict - while standing in the realization that SO FEW WWII combatants (people and flying machines) remain today...



A pair of our newest U.S. strike fighter, the F-35 "Lightning," were on display, but did not fly. I was not aware that the F-16 has been upgraded and the newest variant is called the "Viper" (not the fighting Falcon). I still find the F-16 to be one incredible fighter. Fast, agile, and great fun to watch fly!

There were plenty of beautiful vintage civilian aircraft as well as military transport aircraft on display. Other than a short rain squall that lasted perhaps 30 minutes, the weather was fantastic and the flying was constant.

The Blue Angels were, as always, SUPERB and it was such a great thing to see them performing again! The VIP tickets we purchased were worth every penny and the whole event was first class.

If you've never been to the California Capitol Air Show, make plans for next year!



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Lake Minden Float Fly

Apr 29-30 & May 1st 2016 - Oct 7-9 2016



1256 Marcum Rd Nicolaus Ca. 95659 (530) 656-2700

Lake fee \$7.00 per day.

Weekend Pilot Fee \$15.00 or 1 Day \$10.00

Camping \$30.00 per night (Fri-Sat) Restrooms & Showers at camp site, food & snacks available at camp ground store.

Please contact Randy Sizemore for more info (916-804-4250)



Don't forget every float fly is a swap meet!! so come on out and swap buy or fly, its always a "fun fly" at Lake Minden



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Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 10th 7:00PM

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