

# WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS

## December Newsletter 2017

### Prez Sez: December 2017.

What is a club? It's a group of similarly interested individuals who unite to share experiences and resources to achieve a greater enjoyment of the activity that they have chosen to pursue. In our case it's individuals who are passionate about model building and flight of whatever types of models fascinate them. Any of us could go fly at the school, field open space or street. We wouldn't need any rules to pursue the hobby by ourselves. We could do this as many modelers do every day. But we don't.

We have banded together, first as the Davis Aeromodelers in 1970 (flying off the property near our site along pole line road with all the solar panels!) then incorporating as the Woodland Davis Aeromodelers to turn a city master plan vision of a model flying field on the old woodland landfill into a model oasis for over 25 years complete with paving, shade, and a small lake just a few miles north of our current humble abode.

Our most recent iteration is still a work in progress. While we lack some of what we had in our old site, I'd like to point out some things that we have now. First, we have almost fifty acres graded perfectly flat with more safe flyover that we could dream of at the old site. We have a venue that can accommodate pretty much any RC model you can imagine. Electric- yep, we've got power in the pits. Glow, gas--yep, start up over there and go fly. The control line activity that we have is second to none. Helicopters on the north circle? Check! Quadcopters or park flyers on the south open field. We've got that too.

We have hosted not one but two US Scale Masters Championships. We've hosted the us team trials for a world champion pylon team. We've hosted world champion level competition on our control line circles. Jets, warbirds, pylon, pro bro, fun flies, chilly and chili, toys 4 tots, and golden age models. Maybe our most important

event has been the heli masters event which has received international recognition while encouraging its participants to "fly for the cure" to help Autism Speaks support research that will find the cure for autism.

Mowers, water pumps, tractor, grader-- we either have been able to purchase what we've needed or figured out how to borrow, repair, salvage whatever we've needed to rebuild our fields into what we've wanted and needed for our members. We have had members with an amazing array of skills over the years and many more who stepped-up to get behind a shovel or a broom. Electricians, equipment operators, landscapers, surveyors, mechanics, as well as accountants, engineers and managers. We all bring important skills to the club that when we are pulling together allow us to do more and

**NEXT WDA CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD**  
at the **Woodland Library, Leake Room,**  
**Monday**  
**December 11th @ 7pm**  
**Board meeting at 6pm**

### This month:

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- **In Door Fun Fly** **F. Barton**
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- **AMA Expo West, 2018**

enjoy the hobby to the greatest extent possible.

The most important thing that I want to say as I complete my term as president is that this club has succeeded in its history- through challenge and drama because of its members and their devotion to the hobby, the club and its members. We look out for each other. We listen to each other and we respect opinions that come from different directions. We also strive to operate safely and to be good stewards of the property we lease, and ambassadors of the hobby. We realize that we have rules and that the rules of the club are there for all of us, not some of us. While we might not think that we need a certain rule for ourselves, we understand that WE are more important than one person. We also respect all modelers within our field and welcome visitors as future members. We know that no members carry more weight than others. Individuals that fly more than others or fly certain types of models are no different. We are all the same. We build, assemble, repair, tune, fly, soar, because we are passionate about it.

I can think of no other place I would like to be on a weekend morning. Watching models of all types and seeing old and new friends. This is what the hobby is all about. Let's remember what's really important the next time we disagree and agree to listen to the voices. They come with experience.

I leave this Prez Says with a photo taken by David Searles at Best in the West in October with my Cougar embarking on another mission, gear closing up and accelerating skyward. That is how I see this club moving into the future. Thank you for your support and for all of your hard work for this club.

Jeff



## **November 13, 2017 General Meeting Minutes**

Board Members/Officers present: Jeff Lovitt, John Eaton, Mike Frint, Forrest Barton, Doug Vice, Kerry Roberson. Absent: Rich Geertson, Chris Dellinger, Mike O'Kane.

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours. Jeff Lovitt as Chairman. There were 22 members present. No guests or new members.

A motion was made to approve last month's minutes, seconded and passed.

### **Officer reports:**

**President:** Jeff came in at the end of the board meeting. Thanks to Forrest for conducting the Board meeting. Jeff had nothing new, said we were finishing projects and deferred to others for information on these. He did bring up nominations/elections and asked if we wanted to do a pizza party Christmas meeting this year. So it was decided that we would. Monty Welch will bring the food.

**Vice President:** Rich was absent.

**Secretary:** Mike had nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** John Eaton: A large amount of money went out this month. We spent money on equipment, flags, pipes and glues, pylon pad materials, electricity and paying the accountant. None of our savings was used as this came out of the donations for the runway replacement. It appears that our dues structure is working as it seems to balance with our expenses. We had almost ten thousand dollars in donations and John is working on paperwork for the donors.

Forrest then gave a quick recap of the board meeting.

### **Chair reports:**

**Field Chair:** The irrigation project is in motion. Per Doug Barton: We have about 700 more feet to go. The pylon pad area and control line area pipe is installed except for the sprinkler heads. They are not buried yet, some need to be raised. No work party is scheduled yet. We still have to finish the fence work.

**Membership:** John was putting out 2018 cards tonight. He put five in the mail and will be taking care of the lifetime members as well. AMA has been getting the cards out late this year but John can check your status online. Kerry Roberson has changed the online club application to the correct year.

**Safety:** John Lett had nothing until the New Business came up.

**Newsletter:** Rich was absent.

**Website:** It's up to date but the points list had not been updated yet.

**Points:** Check your points before your renewal. Don't wait until the last minute please.

### **Event reports:**

**Bayside R/C Auction:** Forrest sold one of the club's trainers for 50 dollars. The event was very busy this year.

**Kingdon Jet Rally:** Jeff reported that the rains put a little damper on the event. The hangar BBQ was good. He suggests that we look at bringing our jet event back, maybe in the springtime. Jeff also stated that if you have any ideas for other events to talk to Forrest. He makes

the event calendar.

**Vacaville Library Presentation:** Kerry reports that we had six members attend but only about six visitors attending. The presentation lasted about an hour and a half. Jeff Lovitt thanked those who helped out. Those six members were Doug Barton, Doug Vice, John Eaton, Monty Welch, Kerry Roberson and Rich Geertson.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Indoor Flying: Scheduled for December 9th.

Chilly and Chili on January 1st.

The pylon race will be held the weekend before Memorial Day.

### **Old Business:**

**Nominations:** Jeff Lovitt stated that because of work schedules he cannot continue as President and Rich Geertson cannot continue as Vice-President. Forrest offered to continue as a board member if needed but if elected President he won't be available for field events. After some discussion nominations were closed. Nominations are: President-Forrest Barton, Vice-President-Doug Vice, Treasurer-John Eaton, Secretary-Mike Frint, Board Member-Danny Winters. Nominations will be reopened at the December meeting.

### **New Business:**

Monty Welch made a motion that we discontinue construction of the fence along the pilot's stations. The motion was lost after debate. Safety Officer John Lett did say that he felt the pilot's stations should be moved back from the runway.

A recess was held from 2002 to 2014 hours.

**Show and Tell:** Lou Fox brought in a "almost a Hotliner" type powered glider named the Origin Hobby Acro. It was purchased from Tower Hobbies and included the servos and motor. Most interesting about this model is that the motor has "vectoring" meaning that it tilts the propeller and motor to enable some wild maneuvers. Lou uses a 3S/2200 battery but it is capable of 4S. Forrest brought in the club raffle plane. It is a Proctor Antic biplane. Very nicely built but it needs some TLC. Forrest said there is at least five hundred dollars worth of parts alone. It is powered with a Saito .90 four stroke. Floats are included and it's IMAA legal. Get your bids in! Forrest also brought in his Dave Platt FW-190. It was originally built to be a static display model but he is converting it back to a flying airplane. It has an eighty inch wingspan and originally came with a SuperTigre 3000 but Forrest changed it to an EVO 26 beam mounted engine. He says the difference between the two engines results in the airplane losing a pound of weight. He is using Airtronics radio gear and Dave Platt retracts. The tailwheel retracts straight up and down but the plans had no instructions for this tailwheel mechanism. The model features a photorealistic instrument panel and a pilot figure by Warbird Pilots. It also features a custom muffler and the scale guns act as cowl retention pins. He hopes to have it flying by the Chilly and Chili event.

Meeting adjourned at 2045 hours.



**November 13, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Members/Officers present: John Eaton, Mike Frint, Forrest Barton, Doug Vice, Mike O'Kane, Kerry Roberson. Absent: Jeff Lovitt, Rich Geertson, Chris Dellinger.

Meeting called to order 1812 at the Woodland Library. Forrest Barton acting as Chairman. 10 persons present.

**Old Business:**

We started with a continuation of last month's agenda. The pylon pad, sprinkler line and fence were discussed. We will need to get 640 feet of pipe for the sprinklers. The pylon pad is installed and the pylon race will be held the week before the Castle Fly-in on Memorial Day weekend. Forrest suggested that we put a map of the fence plan in the newsletter. People are still flying out of bounds at times and pilots need to display their identification cards. There were two current bids for the club auction plane at this time. The club's trainer model sold at the Bayside R/C Auction on October 28 brought in fifty dollars. Discussion continued about mowing equipment. Kerry obtained a golf cart but it needs batteries and a charger. We are going to need four 12 volt batteries. Conversation ensued about where to obtain these. Doug Vice may have a source. We could also use this golf cart as a fire suppression cart. The county was called about grinding the road and we have not received any feedback.

John Eaton gave a short treasurer's report. A large amount of money went out this month. We spent money on equipment, flags, pipes and glues, pylon pad materials, electricity and paying the accountant. None of our savings was used as this came out of the donations for the runway replacement. We have one new roll of runway material and most of a new roll. A general conversation about the new runway put in at the AMOS club was held. The Vacaville Library event was also discussed. See the general meeting minutes.

**New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 1844 hours.



**Above:** Forrest Barton's Dave Platte FW-190

**Right:** Lou Fox describes his "almost a Hotliner" type powered glider

# Modeler's Corner

Although Monty Welch's scratch-built Avro Vulcan has been finished and flying for a while, according to Monty there are still some fit and finish items to be addressed -

***"I have 8 flights on the Vulcan now... pretty much have all the bugs fixed.***



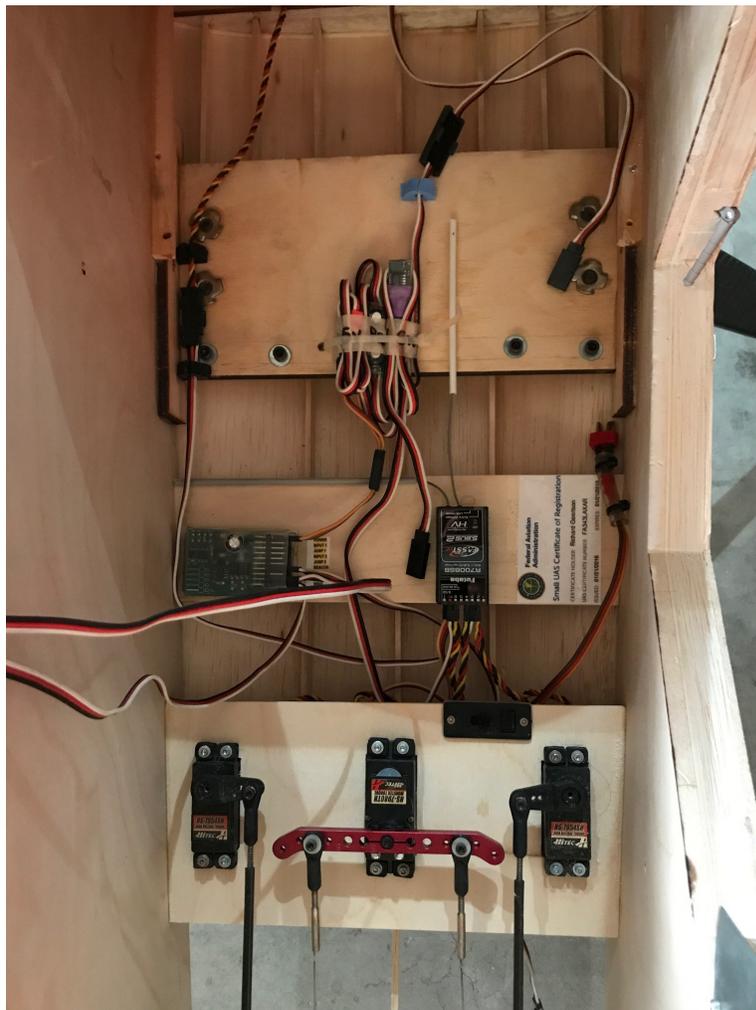
***Initially had problems with landing gear and bomb drop mechanisms... All working Ok now..***

***Lots of cosmetic work needs to be done due to all the mishaps etc.***

***Also have to add the ECM antennas, radar dome and refueling probe."***

A few pix of my 33% Xtreme Decathlon showing aileron servo and wing tip Navigation light installations. Radio compartment shown with Elevator servos, Rudder servo, Receiver, Navigation light controller, Digital switch and voltage regulator (the regulator is being used to limit voltage to the LED headlight unit). Large open space in forward compartment reserved for fuel tank, smoke tank and smoke pump. Currently dragging my feet on the STITS covering as I lack M.E.K. (methyl ethyl ketone). It isn't sold off the shelf in California and unless someone has a source, I may be driving to a Home Depot in Nevada to acquire this necessary STITS system solvent.

R. Geertson



# "A DAY AT THE FIELD"



And some VERY nice planes belonging to our Bay Area members...



Upper left is Lynsel Miller's Laird Turner Special. This was its maiden flight

Upper right: Randy Warkenton's Zirol Hellcat. Zenoah GT80 for power. Randy has done well at the Scale Masters with this aircraft.

Above: John Costa's Fokker D7

Above left: Daryl Rolla's Fokker D7.. another maiden flight.

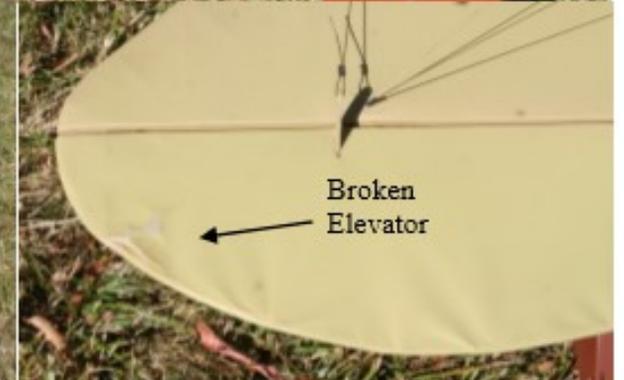
Left: Michael Radu's Mitsubishi Zero

**A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL..  
WEATHER WAS GREAT!**



## WDA Club Auction Airplane

This year we are trying a new concept for a club airplane. We are going to have a club auction. This will be similar to an online auction. If you are interested in bidding you just need to send me an email to [CBarton328@aol.com](mailto:CBarton328@aol.com). I will then add you to a group email and every time the bid goes up I will let the group know. Otherwise the plane will be at the Dec. club meeting and you can inspect and bid there. At show and tell I will close the bidding and the highest bidder wins. Right now we have an opening bid of \$200 from the last meeting. So now a bit about the airplane. This is a Proctor Antic Bipe with a Saito 91 4 stroke. The plane is covered in super coverite fabric and painted. This plane is about 30 years old and is showing some age. At the time it was new the plane was a 10. Right now I would call it a 7 or 8 and with some TLC could be a 9 again. There are some signs of its age in the paint. One elevator has the tip bow cracked and needs to have some thin CA wicked into it. The plane has been in storage for 10 years and will need a once over but after that and the fix to the elevator you could be in the air. If you have questions please let me know. Otherwise send me an email with a bid and let gets this started.



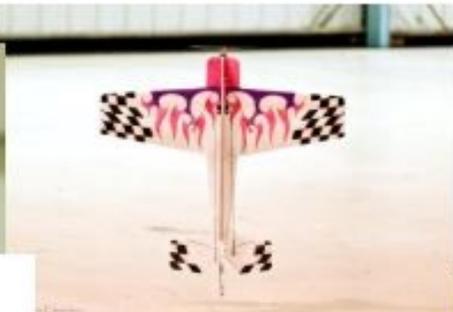


**INDOOR FLYING IS BACK!!!**

# Indoor Fun-Fly

**Saturday Dec 9th NorCal Indoor Sports**

The Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers will be holding an night time indoor fun fly. We have found a new home at Norcal Indoor Sports in Woodland. The event will be on the main hockey rink which has almost 30' ceilings. So there is plenty of room to fly whatever you want. We will be limiting indoor Heli's to 250 size NO bigger please. \$5 entry to the event with a valid AMA insurance card. Will be flying 8pm-Midnight. For those with a GPS the address is below. Otherwise use the directions provided or see their web site at <http://www.norcalindoorsports.com/directions>. As always spectators are free and welcome. This month will have introductory flights for kids 8-16 as time permits. There is a full snack bar on site. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



From Sacramento:  
Take I-5 N  
Take the Main St exit toward CA-113/Woodland  
Turn left at E Main St  
Turn right at Pioneer Ave  
Turn left at Tanforan Ave

From Davis or Vacaville:  
Take 113N  
Exit 113N/ East St. Turn Right  
Turn Right on Churchill Downs  
Turn Right on Santa Anita  
Turn Left at Tanforan Ave

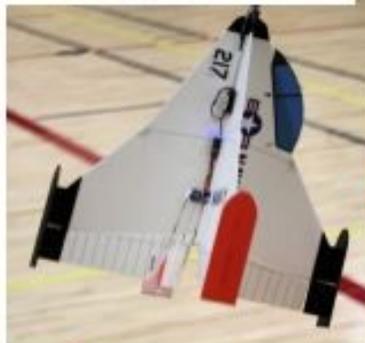


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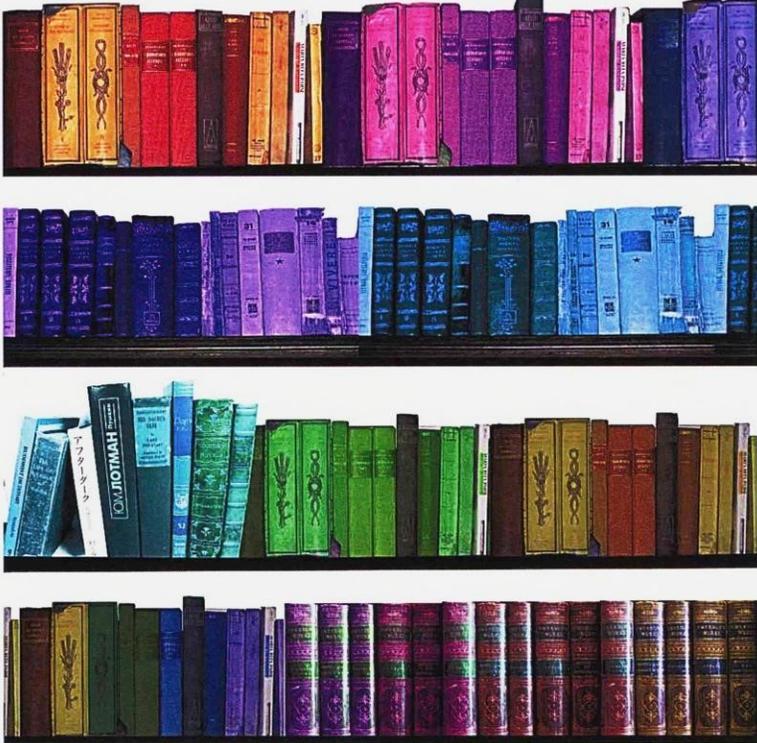
**Web Site:**  
[www.WDARC.org](http://www.WDARC.org)

**Address:**  
NorCal Indoor Sports  
1460 Tanforan Ave  
Woodland, Ca 95776

Date: Nov 18th 2017  
Time: 8:00pm –Midnight



Tuesday evening November 7th, in recognition of National Aviation Month, WDA participated in a model aircraft Show N Tell at the Vacaville Public Library. Monty Welch, Doug Barton, John Eaton, Kerry Roberson, Richard Geertson and Doug Vice displayed many different types of RC aircraft, including EDF and turbine jets, giant aerobatic, gas, glow, Old Timers, warbirds, and indoor RC. The Vacaville library staff was very appreciative of our outreach. We received the following THANK YOU...



Thank You so much  
to the Woodland-Davis  
Aeromodelers for sharing with us  
your impressive and beautiful models.  
Sky's The limit!  
You're always welcome to visit our  
library again.  
Once again, much thanks!  
Didalah  
and the staff at the  
Town Square library.

## Academy of Model Aeronautics Member Communication



Dear members,

You may have seen coverage of a [hearing](#) on Capitol Hill yesterday about emerging uses for UAS, as well as an FAA [report](#) released this week about drone airborne collisions. Some in Washington have responded to these developments by calling for more regulation and blaming hobbyists generally. We're writing to share with you our position on these issues. First and foremost, our goal is to strengthen and protect Section 336, also known as the Special Rule for Model Aircraft. This provision allows AMA members who follow a strict set of safety guidelines to continue flying responsibly as we have for decades. Simply being a hobbyist or casual drone user does not qualify one as a 336 operator. Section 336 was never designed to be a get-out-of-jail free card for anyone who wants to fly drones. It only applies to those who fly in accordance with the safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization like AMA. Mounting concerns about the effectiveness of Section 336 are unfounded and misdirected. We agree that the issue of drone flyers who are operating carelessly and recklessly needs to be addressed. These operators should be following Part 107, the alternative for legally flying if you're not an AMA member. The FAA clarifies this position by stating in Part 107 that those who do not "satisfy all of the criteria specified in Section 336 of Public Law 112-95" are required to comply with the hobbyist rules in Part 107. Section 336 operators, like AMA members, are not the problem. We strongly believe these Part 107 violators should be held accountable for their actions and be penalized for breaking the rules. Lastly, we continue to believe that increased education for new drone flyers is critical. At the end of the day, education, not regulation, is what truly equips individuals to fly responsibly and keep our skies safe. As you know, safety is high priority for AMA, which is why we have spent decades creating and implementing a robust education program and safety guidelines for our members. We have participated in education efforts for the general public as well, and are hoping to do more of this in 2018. As always, thank you for your support of AMA. We continue to work hard on protecting our hobby and will keep you updated every step of the way.

Kind regards,  
AMA Government Relations



## || AMA EXPO WEST

# Ontario Convention Center – Ontario, California

### Event Hours

Friday, January 5, 2018 11am – 5pm

Saturday, January 6, 2018 10am – 5pm

Sunday, January 7, 2018 10am – 4pm

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Members can also take advantage of member pricing!

40 miles from downtown LA



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### Jet Turbine Instructors

⇒ OPEN

### Helicopter Instructor (Only):

⇒ OPEN



# Next Club Meeting: Dec. 11th at 7pm

Woodland Public Library "Leake" Rm., 250 1st St, Woodland, CA



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