

WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS

November Newsletter 2017

Prez Sez: November is here, and that means it's time to start thinking about getting your AMA renewed and your club membership renewals started. It's also time to think about nominations for club officers and elections which will occur in December. I have decided not to run again as President. I feel that my limited time is better spent focused on running events, and supporting/leading field maintenance and improvement projects. I would encourage all of you to consider your role in the club and look at what you can do to help. The club has succeeded for 40 plus years because so many have given some of their time to make the vision a reality. If you are unsure what you can do to help, please contact me.

Best in the West Jet Rally-- I had the opportunity to attend the Best in the West Jet Event at Buttonwillow which is located about 4 hours south near Bakersfield along I-5. This is a world class jet event, that takes place in the middle of nowhere on a full size runway. People come from all over the country and world to participate and the models are quite spectacular. There were over 100 pilots this year which was down a bit from past years, but that made for lots of flying. I was able to do two days of flying this year, but I racked up 18 flights on my Cougar and had a great time. Jack Diaz had his Cougar as well, and we teamed up for some formation flying during the event. We were trying to keep up with some very good formation pilots and we ended up with a little recognition for our efforts when we got the Best Formation Flight award at the banquet.

Work Party-- A big thank you for the work party that took place on Sunday October 14 to get the pylon runway down, and to install safety fencing in front of the pilot stations. Big thanks also to John Eaton and Kerry Roberson for coming out in advance of the work party to get the trenching down for the pylon runway and the upcoming irrigation work that will improve the grass runway and stabilize the soils around the pylon mat. As per usual, we really did not have the resources needed to get all of the work done that we wanted, and the familiar faces that

were out there have been doing much of the work at the field of late. I don't want to belabor this, but in order to maintain and improve the facility that we have put in place, we really need more hands to help lighten the work. There is much that needs to be done and more help is needed to get to it all. Please see me or field chair Doug Vice if you want to know how to get more involved.

That's all for this time. Get that new project on the building table, or drag out the old one that didn't get done last year! Looking forward to seeing your project at the next meeting.

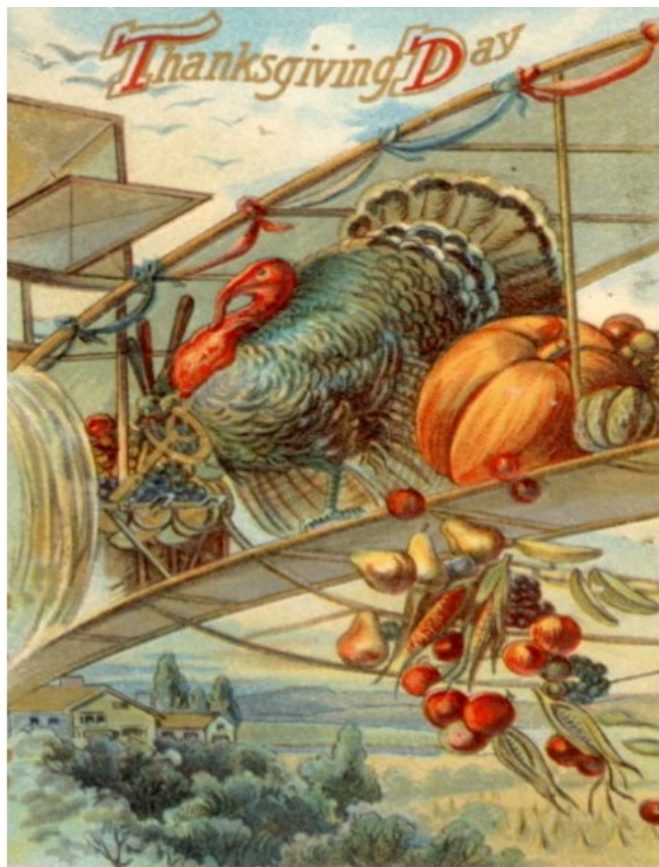
Happy Landings.

Jeff

NEXT WDA CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD
at the Woodland Library, Leake Room,
Monday
November 13th @ 7pm
Board meeting at 6pm

This month:

- **Prez Sez** Jeff Lovitt
- **Meetings Minutes** Mike Frint
- **Modeler's Corner** R. Geertson
- **Golden Age and Old School Fly In**
- **National Aviation Month, Vacaville Library**
- **In Door Fun Fly** F. Barton
- **34 years ago... WDA Newsletter**



Right: Jeff Lovitt and Jack Diaz received the Best Formation Flight award at Best of the West

Below: Jet Flying action at Best of the West



October 14th work party applied all new (enlarged) Petromat Pylon starting area



October 9, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 1907 hours. There were 19 members present. No guests or new members.

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

Officer reports:

President: Jeff brought up that nominations are open for the four club officers and one board member. Jeff stated that he is unsure if he can continue as President as his work in the bay area makes things difficult. A work party is to be held October 15 to put down the pylon mat, remove the shade awnings and work on the fence at the pilots' stations.

Vice President: Rich gave a quick review of the board meeting.

Secretary: Mike mentioned that a guy called him asking for information about gliders. He had not called anyone else. It was recommended to refer this gentleman to the SVSS club.

Treasurer: John gave a quick report.

Chair reports:

Membership: Some dues money has come in.

Safety: John Lett was absent.

Field Chair: The work party was mentioned again. Bill F. reported that he had taken down part of the shade awnings because one of the pipes has broken.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Points: The Welch's were absent.

Website: It's up to date and the points list is current.

Old Business: Jeff brought up the Vacaville Library presentation that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7. It starts at 1830 hours. If you can help out, please do so. Jeff also asked if anything was happening for the UC Davis Airport Open House. Nothing was planned for that event.

New Business: No new business came up.

Upcoming Events: The Golden Age and Old School events were scheduled for October. There will be no indoor flying for October.

Event reports:

Golden Age event: Rich reported that the winds were howling so bad that even taking airplane parts out the car was hazardous. There were only 5 people attending that day so the event was rescheduled.

Meet and Meat and Goyet control line events: Doug Barton reported that Meet and Meat had a good turnout. The event was a net loss but the club did receive a good donation from one of the members. The Goyet event was a good event and the club broke even monetarily on that one. It was the 19th year of Meet and Meat and the 20th

for the Goyet event. The winner of the Fox .15 engine hurling event threw the engine approximately 150 feet.

S.A.M. event: Doug reported that a antique Half-A Texaco duration event was held on a Friday. This is a world-wide inter-club event and scores are shared among the clubs. The next world championship event is to be hosted by Italy. Part of the trick is just to get an .049 engine to run long enough, plus you have to fly so high that you can barely see the plane. WDA members have won some of these events. Conversation went on about this challenging and fun event.

Float Flying: Forrest reported that Saturday was a good day. John took a lot of photos that may eventually appear on the club website. A 80 inch model of an Albatross was flown and Forrest was able to test fly his new Macchi.

Other: Jeff said he went to a World War One event in Ukiah. He also stated that he went to the AMOS Jet event where Monty Welch flew his Vulcan Bomber and that it was quite popular. He also stated that we need to pick a date for the WDA Jet event. A discussion of various people's first airplanes took place at the end.

Toilet Seat Award: Not brought up.

Show and Tell: None

Meeting adjourned about 2010 hours.

October 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at the Woodland Library. 14 persons present.

New Business:

The meeting started with a note that H and R Block has a program that will donate twenty dollars to the club for each new client. If you utilize H and R Block's services be sure to mention this to them. Forrest brought up that he has a trainer model that the club doesn't need that could be sold at the Bayside R/C Auction on October 28. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sell this model. Forrest also has a Antic Bipe model that he suggested having a member's only silent auction. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have this model auctioned off to one of the club's members.

Old Business:

A work party is to be held Sunday Oct 15 to put down the new mat in the pylon launch area and the fence at the pilot stations. We also want to take down the rest of the shade awnings.

Discussion ensued about buying mowing equipment. The board is considering spending about five thousand to get new or upgraded equipment. The merits of tow-behind equipment versus dedicated mowers and warranty issues were discussed. Another issue is because of the terrain we need rough cut versus finish cut mowers. We also

need to be using heavy-duty kevlar drive belts. The four wheel vehicle is too fast to tow with so one idea is to use golf carts. Kerry will try to borrow one so that we can test this idea. Consensus is that the club should probably just have pull mowers and one regular mower and sell the rest of the old equipment. John Eaton gave a short treasurer's report including income from the swap meet and dues.

Nominations: Board officer positions will expire as follows: Forrest Barton-end of 2017, Chris Dellinger-end of 2018, Mike O'Kane and Kerry Roberson-end of 2019, Doug Vice-end of 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 1855 hours.

Message from VP - I am not seeking re-election for 2018 and am nominating Doug Vice for the VP position. As I discussed with Doug, he is more involved in the day-to-day goings-on at the field than I ever was. I believe Doug would make a good VP.

I will continue doing the WDA newsletter and help out the club in any other ways that I can.

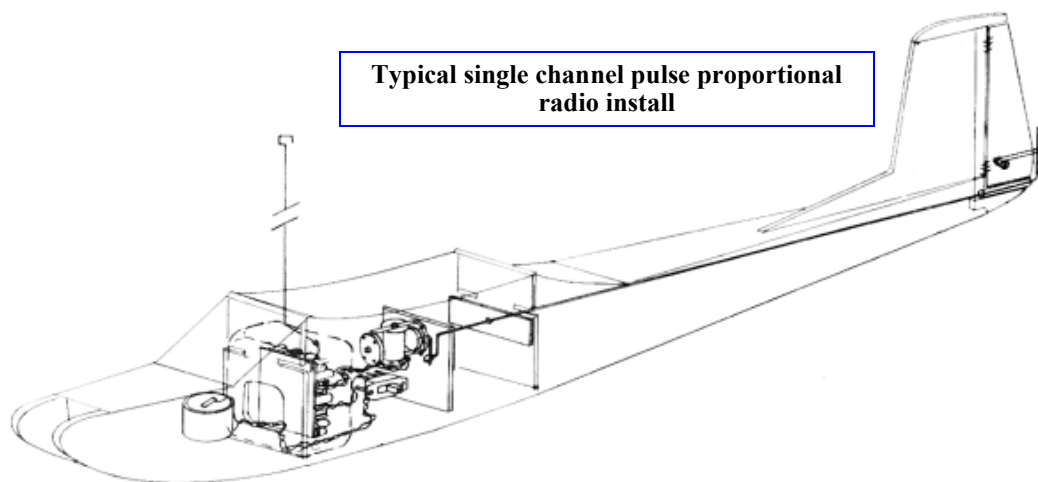
Richard Geertson



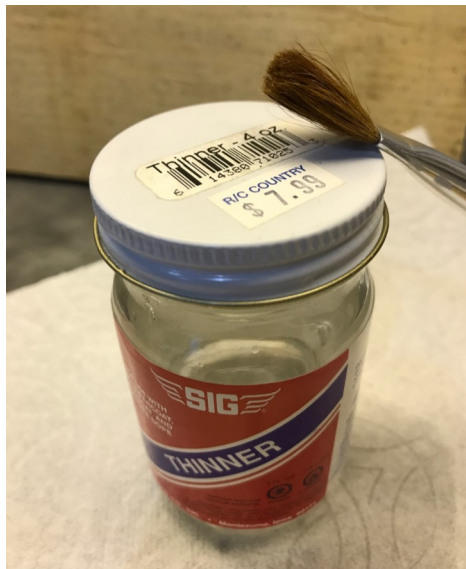
Modeler's Corner

With every intention of having Dick's Dream flying in time for my Old School RC Jamboree, I forged ahead with its (mostly) dope finish. After 3 coats of sanding sealer and 2 coats of fuel proof dope - sanding with 320 in between - many surface imperfections were still visible, including brush strokes. Regardless, I commenced with

brushing on a coat of white dope. The results were not satisfactory, with brush strokes and irregular coverage very obvious. Setting the fuselage aside, I proceeded to cover the wing with white Coverite 'Microlite' film. Although this plastic film is fairly fragile, it was easy to tack down even with low heat (as is required for foam) and its shrinking qualities are excellent. I am happy with the results. It seems like an ideal covering where light weight is a must. If I had gone gang-busters I could have had the plane ready, but the dope finish had me a bit flummoxed, as the ONLY solution to the sub-par painted finish is to air-brush the dope... I simply didn't have a burning desire to spray a solvent-based dope, and all the associated hassles, so... it didn't quite make the cut. By the way, I was SHOCKED at the price of fuel proof dope! I don't blame RC Country, but rather a lack of demand combined with inflation and environmental regulations. 8 ounce cans of Sanding Sealer or Dope, \$14! 4 ounces of Thinner, \$8! I remember buying this stuff as a kid for pennies...



VIEW SHOWING COMMANDER R/O INSTALLATION IN DICK'S DREAM;
SAME GENERAL IDEA APPLIES TO OTHER AIRCRAFT OF THIS SIZE.



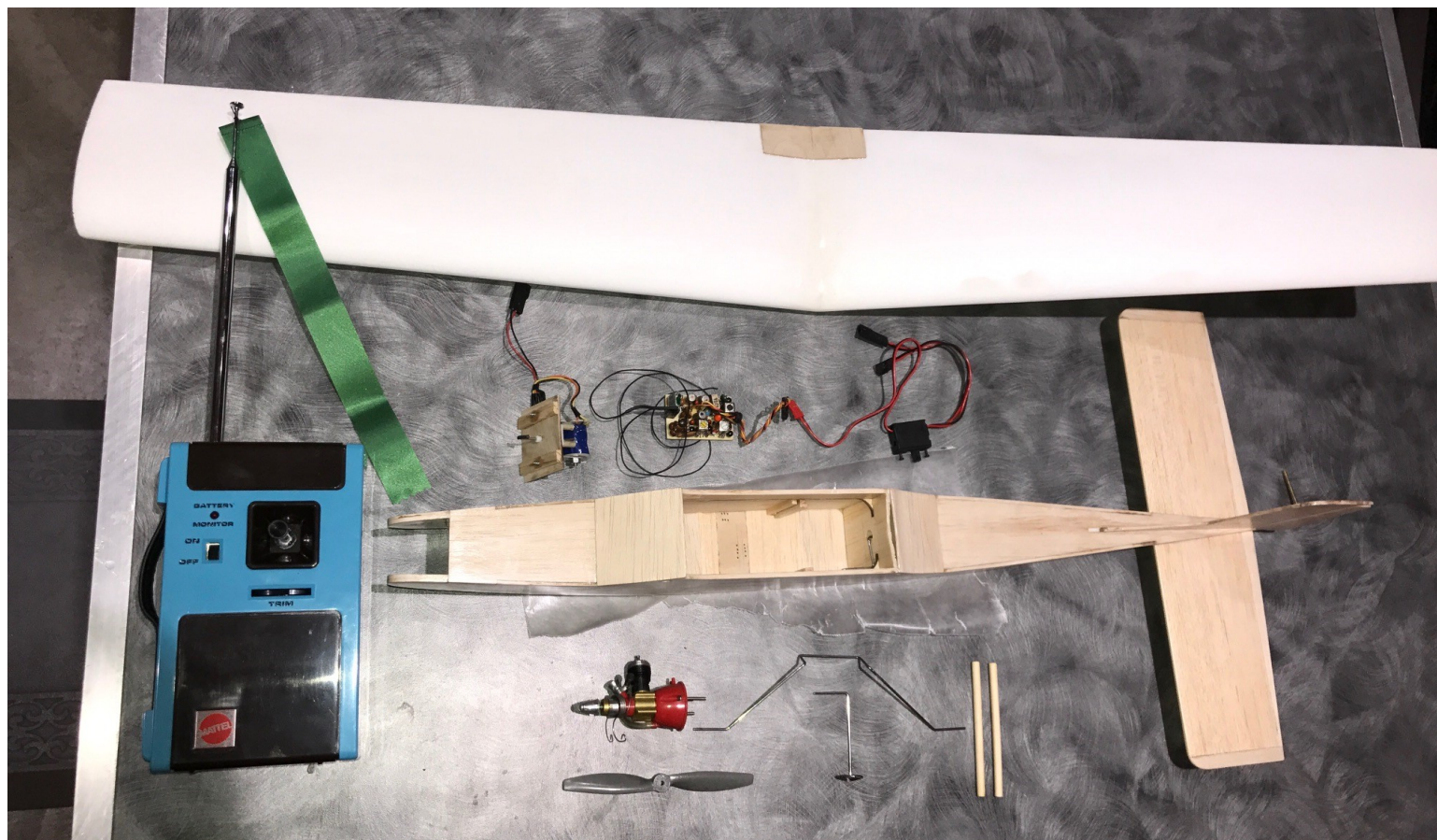
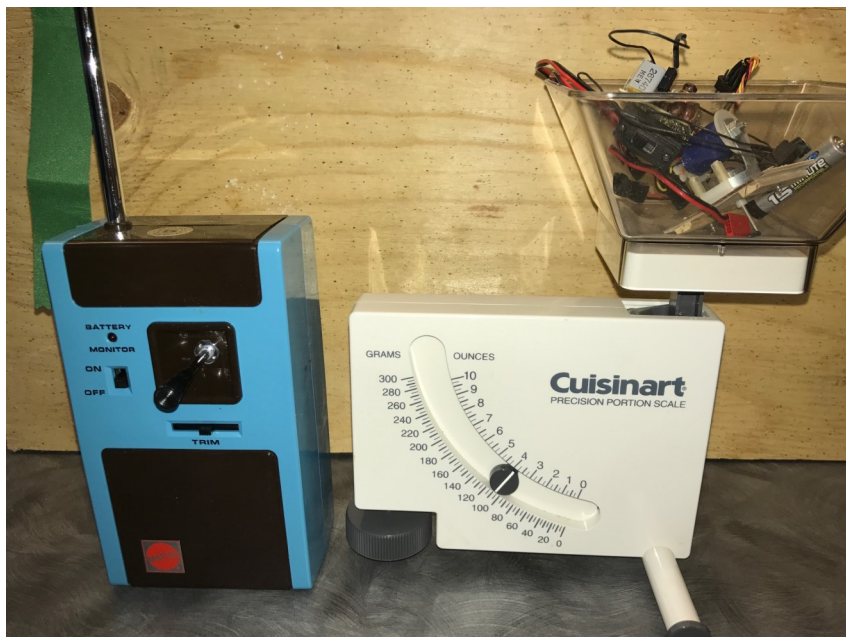
Applying a dope finish is a “trip” down memory lane (to a good place), but plenty of ventilation is a MUST!!

Dick’s Dream instructions state “the RC gear should not weigh more than 3 ounces.” Mine weighs 4 ounces, which I attribute to the heavy (cheap) Mattel actuator and receiver. No doubt an original ACE pulse proportional set up would have been lighter.

Oh well, I know it will fly with this gear, even with a Pee-Wee .020.

Mine has a ‘hot rod’ TD .020 ! But at this size, ounces really DO matter.

Below is every part and piece of this little single channel plane (except wheels)



Other than applying a satisfactory dope finish and some simple markings, the plane is finished and I look forward to the methanol and caster fueled howl of that tiny Cox engine! BACK to working on the 33% Xtreme Decathlon...

R. Geertson

Golden Age Fly In and Old School RC Jamboree

Due to extremely high winds October 1st and again on the 14th, this year's Golden Age and Old School RC events were postponed then combined on October 28th. As they say, "the third time's the charm," as we simply could not have asked for better flying weather. We had a good turn-out of pilots and aircraft, many of which qualified for both events. A total of 12 registered pilots and 20 aircraft flew almost continuously from 9am until about 2pm. Special THANKS goes out to Ben Ponzo who manned the grill, providing hungry pilots with great burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Instead of awards this year, the \$10 landing fee included lunch. I intend to return to the August time frame for next year's events. Yes, it is dependably HOT, but also dependably calm. There are lots more pictures on our Facebook page.

Participants:

- ◇ Richard Geertson
- ◇ Ed Morgan
- ◇ Robert Stanley
- ◇ Keith Fick
- ◇ Money Welch
- ◇ John Sorenson
- ◇ Roy Holmes
- ◇ John Casey
- ◇ Jack Albrecht
- ◇ John Hoppe
- ◇ Sheldon Berkowitz
- ◇ Ken Martin



National Aviation Month

Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers presentation



In celebration of National Aviation Month, the Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers will be displaying and discussing their model airplanes. They'll also share with us how we, too, can become aeromodelers.

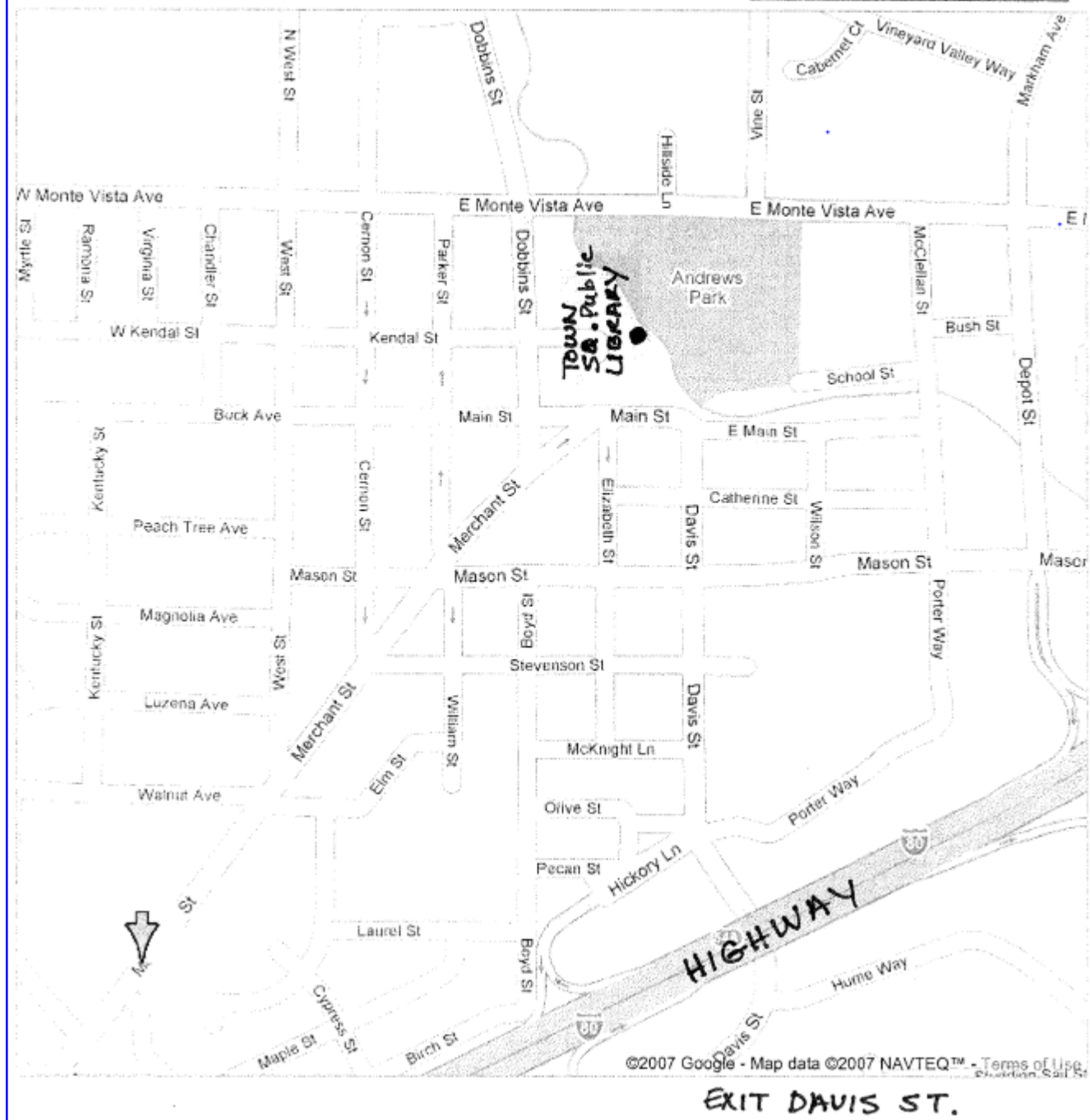
Tuesday, November 7 • 6:30 p.m.

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Directions to the Vacaville Town Square Library, for the November event on the 7th.

The easiest freeway exit to take, coming from Sacramento on I-80, is the Davis Exit in Vacaville.

When you exit, you'll make a left at the first stop light you encounter, which will be Davis Street. Continue going straight on Davis Street, which will run right into Main Street. (You'll go beyond the "Welcome to Vacaville" downtown sign, and run into Main St.)

Make a left on Main Street, and then make a right on Dobbins Street.

Lastly, make a right at the first stop sign you encounter after turning onto Dobbins St., and you'll see the library building in front of you.

We share the parking lot with Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant and the McBride Senior Center. If you see either one of these two places, you're in the correct area and in the correct parking lot.



INDOOR FLYING IS BACK!!!

Indoor Fun-Fly

Saturday 18 Nov - 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:

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Turn Right on Churchill Downs
Turn Right on Santa Anita
Turn Left at Tanforan Ave



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

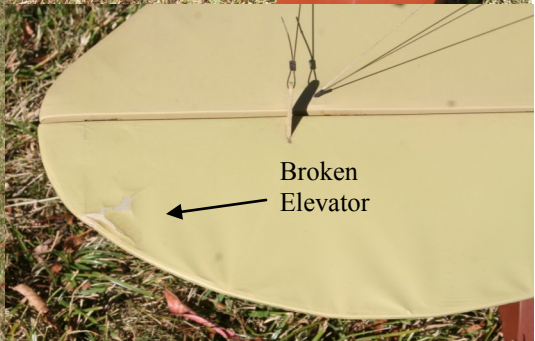
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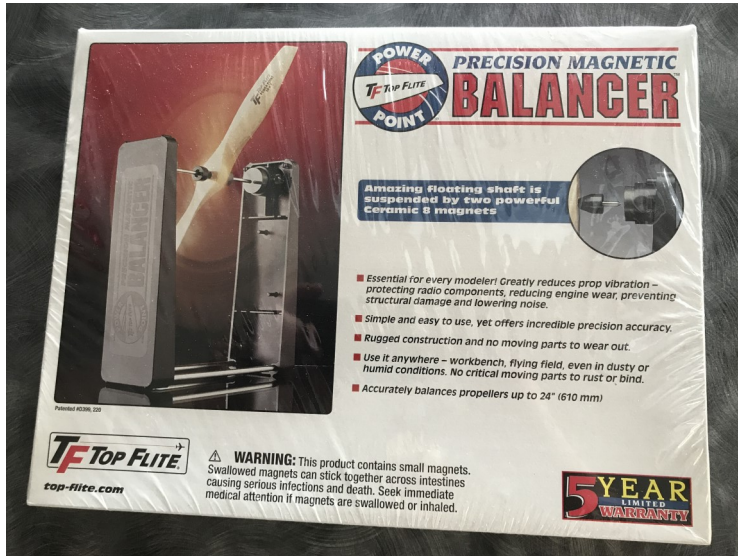




This year we are trying a new concept for a club airplane. We are going to have a club auction. This will be similar to an online auction. If you are interested in bidding you just need to send me an email to CBarton328@aol.com. I will then add you to a group email and every time the bid goes up I will 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.



Items for sale



- **Top Flight Prop Balancer** **\$10**
- **Dremel Mini Saw Attachment** **\$10**
- **DuBro 1/5 scale Cub Wheels** **\$15**
- **4Ks Models Baby Bombshell (.020, .049, electric) 36" span** **\$30**



On the following pages, take a trip down memory lane. Pulled from the WDA newsletter archives from 34 years ago... November 1983....

DAVIS AEROMODELERS, Inc.

Editor, BOB HENSON

I was very pleased to see some new faces at the last meeting. As I recall, we have a new member whose name is Jim Moya and we had as guests - Tom Archer, Eric Graven, Tom Graven, and Kevin O'Connor. I hope we will be seeing all of you as regulars at our meetings.

Minutes. The November 3 meeting was called to order by President Monty Pate at 7:00 pm.

Secretary/Treasurer Report. Jim MacDonald gave a status report on our financial situation and tax appeal (OK and nothing new, respectively).

Everyone was reminded that it is time to renew both club membership and AMA. For now, our dues are unchanged: \$15 for adults and \$3 for juniors (we may have to raise them later if we lose our tax appeal). Remember - you must be a member of AMA to be a member of the club. You must show a 1984 AMA card or proof that you have sent for it (cancelled check, photo copy of completed application form, etc.). In February, AMA will send forms to the club secretary on which we must reconcile our club roster against AMA's computer list. Believe me, it's a lot less work for the secretary if the lists match up.

Flying Site Report. There was a lengthy discussion of how the funds which we have available for "flying site improvements" could best be put to use. This discussion is of vital importance to everyone in the club and it will carry over to the December meeting. Everyone is urged to attend.

Nominations for Club Officers. Nominations were opened for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Board of Directors. We have two openings on the Board this year; Doug Barton's term expires and Rolf Fecht has asked to be replaced (his veterinary business is occupying all of his time and energy--which is good for Rolf, but a loss to us).

The people nominated for the various offices were (in alphabetical order):

President - Ed Morgan	Secretary/ - Rich Cavaletto
Monty Pate	Treasurer Gary Darby
Vice	
President - Bob Berhens	Board - Doug Barton
Glen Byrns	Member John Eaton
Eut Tileston	Bob Henry

Only one of the slots on the Board is a full 4-year term, the other is for 3 years, since that is the time remaining on Rolf's term.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Show and Tell (Bring and Brag?) Last meeting had Glen Byrns showing his House of Balsa AT-6, which he won in an earlier raffle. I saw the critter fly a while back, and it moves along right smart. I don't know what engine he has in it, but it performs very well. Lee Helsel had what was referred to as "Number Seven," a design dreamed up by a modeler in Grass Valley. It's a high-wing cabin ship, sport-flyer type that performs great. It accepts a broad range of engine sizes, according to your needs. As some of you may remember, Eut Tileston had a smaller version that he has flown on floats from the grass at our field, and at the Community Park here in Davis. If anyone is interested, see Eut for plans. It is a very straight forward design, simple to build. John Eaton brought his Top-Flite "Freshman," to which he has added a high mounted anhedral stab. John uses it to tow banners, and gliders. The old arrangement he had, using twin rudders, didn't work as he wished. He uses a "mixer" for control, as the stab works as a rudder and elevator at the same time. And, as a result, John has to have a separate servo to operate the tail wheel. It won't work off the rudder servo, 'cause there ain't one! You can see that John knows a good thing; he built a tail-dragger!

Raffle Prize winners this month:

Jim Marshall....Heat gun
Arch Pittenger...1 gal. of fuel + a 4-way wrench
Karl Jantz.....Glo plugs and fuel tank
Gary Darby.....Epoxy Cement
Eut Tileston....Royal fuel pump
Eric Graven....X-Acto knife
Bob Henry.....Wheels
Lee Helsel.....Debonder for ACC cement

I want to take this final opportunity to thank our raffle chairman for all the good work he has done this past year, and also to thank the contributors for their generosity in providing prizes, either free, or at very generous discounts. You are all certainly appreciated.

December Pot Luck. A reminder to all interested: Doug & Christie Barton will be hosting our annual pot luck at their home in Woodland. Later on in this letter you will find a map. The party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10th, about 5:30 pm, with a pot luck dinner to follow a little later. Try to attend, as everyone always has a very enjoyable time.

I want to thank Bob Behrnes for the R/C-operated kill-switch diagram produced in this issue. It looks like a very good idea. Bob didn't say, but I assume the switches, both A, the toggle switch, and B, the slide switch are single pole--single throw types. I wish more of the members would take the time to provide ideas such as this. Doesn't take much time, and can be a help to someone else. Let's try to provide your new editor with some similar ideas, OK?

In the meeting minutes you will find Jim MacDonald's notes on the upcoming election. I hope all the members will take this opportunity to give some serious thought as to the persons they want to represent them for this next year. We have some issues very vital to the future of the club, and it will be the responsibility of the new officers to see that they are carried out to the benefit of the members, and the community as a whole.

And, on a final note, I want to thank all of you for your support during my stint as Newsletter Editor. I appreciate your patience, when the letter might have been a little late, or the names spelled wrong. And a very special Thank You to Judy MacDonald for retyping my letters, and getting it into readable condition, and to Jim for the copy work, folding, and otherwise getting the letter out in the mail. Thanks, Jim & Judy, for this, and many other things.

Your newly elected officers will be looking for persons interested in taking over the other appointed positions, such as Editor, Membership Chair, Field Chair, etc. Volunteer your services if you feel you can meet the challenge and you have the real interest. You are the people we need to continue as a fine club. And I cannot help but say that the Davis Aeromodelers is the finest group I have ever been associated with.

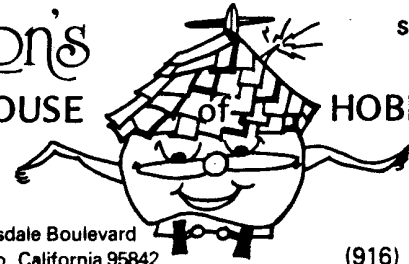
I have one more year as a member of the Board of Directors. I will concentrate my efforts towards this new project we have in the development stage. Beyond that, who knows? We will have to see what the new year brings, and what needs to be done.

Anyway, see you all at the next meeting on December 1st. Come ready to help.

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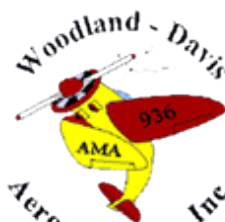
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