**PREZ** SEZ Well things are starting to look better and start drying out. We have 7-10 days of good weather ahead and should hit our first 80deg day this week. With things drying out that means "spring cleaning" around the site. By the time this comes out in the newsletter we should have had our first work party of the year. This was mainly directed at preparing for the Jet Fly that is coming up on April 6-8. Jeff Lovitt has agreed to bring this event back and CD it. Last year with the lack of active CD's to organize events we elected to not have a jet event. Jeff looked at the calendar which is heavy with fall jet events and elected to try a spring event and give pilots options earlier in the year. Along with the event coming back and a new time of year it gets a new name "Nor Cal After Burner". Kinda catchy for an event returning from the ashes, nice job Jeff.

As we work our way through the spring season take a look for ways to lend a hand if you can. We will be having work parties to finish up some of the projects we have been working on. Also this is the busy time of the year for the grounds crew. Spring brings wet, sunny, warm conditions and things really start to grow. This is the time of the year where if you let the mowing get away from you it can be hard to catch up. As always the main mowing day is on Thursdays so at times the field will be closed to allow that mowing to happen. If you have time toss a plane in the car and come out and help and then fly a bit. As work parties are setup emails will

be coming out letting you know what projects were working on and tools that maybe needed to help with that effort.

A couple other events coming your way in the next couple months. First April 27-29 will be the spring float fly at Lake Minden. Randy Sizemore is the king of the lake. He has done a wonderful job CD'ing and growing this event. When this event started it was almost just a WDA fly time with just a few participants. But through Randy's efforts it has been building into quite the event

## NEXT WDA CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD at the Woodland Library, Leake Room, Monday April 9th @ 7pm **Board meeting** @ 6pm

- **Prez Sez**
- **Meetings Minutes**
- **Mike Frint** Mike Frint

**Forrest Barton** 

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- **Events Flyers**

with camping on site and wonderful pot luck style BBQ on Saturday night. This event has been getting bigger and better each year. If you are looking for something to do especially Saturday I suggest this float fly. Even if you don't have a float plane just pack a cooler with some drinks and snacks then grab your favorite folding chair and come up. With all the grass and shade just toss your chair out and plunk down the cooler next to it and spend the day watching the planes, visiting with members and maybe even the occasional nap in the afternoons warmth. This year as discussed at the last club meeting they are having some fun with Spitfires on floats. Several of the guys have been buying Dynam Models 1.2m foam Spitfires to race and have fun with. John Eaton actually bought one at the last meeting during the conversation. I think John said his was \$179 as a plug n' play. Just add your RX and flight battery. John's arrived just before the last indoor so he brought for us to see. Over the course of the evening he had it basically assembled before he went home. So should be interesting to see a bunch of identical Spitfires chasing around after each other. Our next event at the field will be the Burgdorf Memorial Pylon race on the weekend of May 19 & 20. Robert Holik CD's this event for us and he is looking for help. Last year this event was scrubbed due to the field not being usable due to the winter damage. So Robert has lost the momentum of some if his workers. Not a lot of WDA members are pylon racers, which means there should be plenty of us to help out and lend a hand. This event tends to be one of the more prosperous events we hold but it also takes some effort on our part to bring the necessary man power to pull it off. If you have time that weekend please contact Robert to lend a hand. As I recall in a perfect world we would love to see about 15-20 people around the site each day to both help and give others breaks.

Last I wanted to touch on what the board has been doing over the last several months discussing the status and vison for the equipment needed to maintain the field. We have been operating for years on riding mowers most of the residential nature. These mowers were either purchased used or were donated to the club. Most of the time they just do not stand up to the rigors of the "duty cycle" at our flying field. Our old equipment was just getting to the point we were putting a lot of man hours and \$\$ into maintenance vs. operating time. So during the 2016 mowing season we elected to try a new approach and purchased a new 66" commercial pull behind

mowing deck. This is a deck that has its own dedicated engine that runs just the mowing blades on the deck. This concept had its advantages and disadvantages. But for our use we felt it was a better fit. Like most things that deck had some growing pains mainly associated with the belts, but we have sorted that out and it is working quite well for us now. That deck has become the primary means of how we mow the bulk of the field week in and week out. We still have a couple small riding mowers for doing the detail work around the site. Then late last year we started to look at the totality of how our operations were working and how we could better help the volunteers that maintain the field for us all. It was decided since we had access to an electric golf cart to give it a shot for pulling that deck around the field instead of a ride around mower. We now have that in operation working at the field. It still early in the evaluation process but things are looking positive so far. The board is now looking at phasing the next couple of steps out due to the cost involved. The next step probably in the next couple month will likely be the purchase of another identical pull behind mower deck. This would double our mow capacity under normal circumstances and give us the security if one deck goes down we still have one that would be operating. By purchasing the same pull deck we also know what we're getting and it makes it easier for maintain identical equipment. A luxury we have not had in the past. The next step will be the purchase of a "Commercial" ride around mower. To replace some of the residential units we are using for doing that detail work and could once again expand our cutting production as well. This purchase will not happen right away. But will rather be dictated by available funds and opportunities that present themselves. We have a good relationship with the local John Deere dealer that we have been dealing with for years. We may plant the bug in their ear in case they come upon a good deal or good trade in. I wanted to pass this on for a couple reasons one so that you know where your membership dollars are being spent since these both will be a substantial purchases. But to also plant the bug in everyone's ears to keep an eye out for opportunities on a commercial grade mower preferably John Deere since that is what we mainly operate.

Well, that's it for this month gang. Looking forward to great flying weather ahead! Hope to see you at the field.

## March 12, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

**Board Members/Officers present:** President: Forrest Barton, Vice President: Doug Vice, Treasurer: John Eaton, Secretary: Mike Frint. Board Members: Doug Barton, Chris Dellinger, Kerry Roberson. **Absent:** Board members: Mike O'Kane, Danny Winters, Safety Officer John Lett.

Meeting called to order at 1914 hours by Forrest Barton. at the Woodland Public Library. There were 16 members present plus one guest/potential new member. A motion was made by Art Williams to approve last month's minutes, seconded and passed.

### **Officer reports:**

**President:** Forrest deferred until the "business" portion of the meeting.

<u>Vice President:</u> Doug Vice reported that the golf cart issue is closed, we have sprinklers heads, work party to be scheduled and we are looking at mowers.

**Treasurer/Membership:** John Eaton gave a two month treasurer's report. He cannot account for member card number 18031. If you have it please let him know. We have 83 paid up members so far.

Secretary: Mike's only comment was that Carlos is still listed as an instructor and we need to find out his status. Safety: John Lett was absent.

#### Chair reports:

**Field:** Doug V. repeated what he said as Vice President but added that we have more weeds now. With rain coming we must wait to schedule a work party. Jeff Lovitt said we should be good to go for the jet fly. Chris stated that we need dirt to fill things in before the event. John E. said we can't use the tractor because it has a water pump issue. Forrest wants to plan a work party before the jet event April 6-8. Ben P. added that we need to get the pylon area done before the event May 19-20. Doug B. added that the sprinkler heads were 300 dollars less than thought.

Newsletter: Rich was absent.

**Points:** Monty had nothing to report.

<u>Website:</u> Kerry said the website is up to date. Some computer hacker has been sending out e-mails addressed from Forrest to "call me right away". Ignore these. We think the hacker is using the club officer list from the website.

**Old Business:** Work party still delayed due to weather. <u>Event calendar:</u> Indoor flying March 17. Jet fly coming up April 6-8. Jeff Lovitt said RVs can come in Thursday, it will be a non-sanctioned event, and he asked about food. Ben will take care of the food. Randy Sizemore asked about the insurance forms for the float fly April 27-29. We are good to go. Randy said that we need to get another trolling motor for the float fly recovery boat as the owner of the current motor wants it back. He stated that the event seems to grow each time and had 19 RVs camping last time. Come early. Also, there will be a potluck on Saturday night. A mention of Spitfire models on floats was made and John Eaton was actually shopping for one online during the meeting. Robert Holik needs help for the pylon race May 19-20. Some of his old helpers are not available. Please help out; plus you can get **paid**.

New Business: The safety fencing design continues to be a contentious issue. Monty Welch addressed the members about the fences. Monty did express concern that there was "not enough votes in the room" for anything he proposed. A big discussion ensued. The library's whiteboard was used to draw up ideas and to show the current plan which John Eaton has in CAD on his laptop computer. Part of the current plan is to have tennis netting two feet in front of iron fencing. Location of the startup areas is one concern. Two motions were made. Motion one 1) Doug Vice made a motion to "move back the startup areas ten feet from what was previously approved, including closing up the mow area in back and adding matting"\*. Monty Welch seconded. After debate, with a 9 yes to 4 no vote, with 3 abstaining, the motion was adopted. 2) Second motion-Monty Welch made a motion "remove the pilots' iron fence and return to pilot stations. Also adding fence to close in the startup area for protection."\* Jeff Lovitt seconded. After debate, with a 4 yes to 7 no vote, with 5 abstaining, the motion was lost. (\*Forrest helped the Secretary with these wordings.) John Eaton did express his concern that we have spent a bunch of money on this already and that people must fly "with a safety mindset."

Show and Tell: Again Monty and Linda Welch brought in Linda's latest project, a Park Scale Models Grumman HU-16 Albatross. She is progressing along nicely. Lou Fox brought in his new two-meter sailplane. The Austrian X-RES is for the new F3-RES (Rudder/ Elevator/Spoiler) class. They do man on man competition, mass launched on high starts. Instead of being laser cut, the parts are CNC router cut to eliminate the burnt edges a normal laser cut kit possesses. It has a three piece wing with a full flying stabilizer. Lou plans to cover it with UltraCote Lite. Lou estimates it should be 15 ounces all up. (For comparison, an old school Gentle Lady or 2x6 with standard gear could come out about 22 to 30 plus ounces.) <u>https://www.hyperflight.co.uk/</u> products.asp?code=X-RES&name=x-res

## (see pictures next page)

**Auction Plane:** Ed Morgan brought in the club's auction plane. It was auctioned off and the highest bidder was....our guest and potential new member, Justin Bellrose.

The meeting was over at approximately 2125 hours.











## March 12, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

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The meeting, held at the Woodland Public Library, was delayed for John Eaton who arrived at 1810 hours. The Board conducted a closed session from 1811 to 1823 hours. The regular board meeting then started with 14 persons present. No guests or new members.

## Old Business:

Mower/Golf cart discussion continues. The golf cart seems to slow down when the gauge reaches one-half or about one hour of operation. The key should stay off and switching the key results in resetting the charging cycle. It can remain on "float" charging indefinitely. No need to touch the key or turn off the charger. The golf cart is not a complete solution for mowing the field but this issue is considered closed. Discussion of spending up to \$3000 for another pullbehind mower attachment continued. Doug B. is to research this. Work party needed. We have all the sprinkler heads. Doug B. recommended that one person do all the head installations as they must be done a specific way. Doug will do the control line side and asked Art Williams to do the R/C side of the field.

## New Business:

Safety fence changes-Forrest has four sections of tennis netting at his house. Mike O'Kane needed to leave after the board meeting and asked Monty Welch for information that Monty wanted to present at the general meeting. A disorganized discussion then occured. Discussion about voting procedures/absentee ballots then ensued. It was mentioned that both AMOS and SVSS clubs have these procedures. Forrest referred to our bylaws. If/how should we deal with "absentee communications"? Kerry thinks we have about twenty members that don't have e-mail access but John E. thinks we are down to only one. Doug V. thinks we should have one point of contact and one secondary. A discussion then ensued about Robert's Rules of Order.

Meeting adjourned at 1900 hours.

## Bankruptcy judge OKs Horizon's purchase of Hobbico's RC business

## Tue, 04/03/2018

CHAMPAIGN — A bankruptcy court judge approved Horizon Hobby's \$18.8 million purchase of Hobbico's remotecontrol business Monday, which means Hobbico employees must reapply for their jobs at Horizon before the purchase is completed Friday.

Hobbico's more than 300 employees were made aware of this possibility last week, after Horizon was the lone bidder in a bankruptcy auction for Hobbico, which filed for Chapter 11 protection in January with the goal of finding a new buyer.

"As mentioned in yesterday's Town Hall Meetings, Hobbico employees who are interested in being considered to work at Horizon Hobby are required to apply online," Hobbico human resources manager Megan Huppert wrote Friday in an email obtained by The News-Gazette.

It's not clear how many of the employees will be hired at Horizon, especially since the two Champaign-based hobbyproduct distributors perform similar tasks.

"Horizon and Hobbico have served many of the same retailers and customers for years," Horizon CEO Joe Ambrose said when his company announced it would try to buy Hobbico's RC units.

Horizon is buying Hobbico's Great Planes and Tower Hobbies divisions, along with its Axial and Arrma brands. Also on Monday, a bankruptcy judge approved a separate \$7 million sale of Hobbico's Colorado-based model-rocket subsidiary, Estes, to an organization called The Langford Group.

An auction for Hobbico's remaining assets - including United Model, Revell US and Revell Germany - was tempo-

rarily suspended last week.

Hobbico employees will be applying for jobs in departments at Horizon rather than specific positions, and a temp agency is helping Horizon process the applications.

"Due to time constraints with hiring/reviewing/interviewing 300+ employees, Express Employment is assisting Horizon with the recruitment process," Huppert wrote. "Employees who are selected to work in the Distribution Center could start on Saturday, April 7th through Express Employment."

If employees apply by Friday, their seniority with Hobbico will be used to determine when they're eligible for benefits.

However, "If you apply after the close of the transaction (April 6th), you would be considered a new applicant and treated like any other external candidate," according to a document attached to Huppert's email.

"We will review the applications and get in touch with candidates with whom we are interested in moving forward," the document said, later saying: "We plan to interview as many people as we can, but given the short time frame prior to closing, we will not likely be able to interview everyone."

A representative for Hobbico could not be reached for comment Monday, and a representative for Horizon said the company would issue a statement after the sale closes.

The two companies were both formed in 1985 and are among the top 25 employers in the county, according to the Champaign County Economic Development Corp.

Last year, Hobbico said it employs 415 people in the county, and Horizon Hobby reported 341 employees.

## FAA Authorization Extended to September 30, 2018

The AMA Government Affairs team has worked diligently with Congress to ensure our hobby is protected in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization legislation. On March 23, President Trump signed the omnibus spending bill into law, which includes a six-month extension of FAA authorization, funding the FAA through September 30, 2018. This extension means the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (Section 336) will remain intact and our members can continue to fly under AMA's set of community-based safety guidelines, as we have for many decades.

While this legislation provides short-term clarity for our members, we need long-lasting certainty for our hobby. Over the next six months, we will continue to work with Congress on a long-term reauthorization bill that will strengthen the Special Rule for Model Aircraft and affirm the role of community-based organizations like AMA in educating and supporting hobbyists.

As always, the most current information about our government advocacy efforts is available on our website <u>www.modelaircraft.org/gov</u>.

Sincerely,

AMA Government Affairs Team



| Date       | Event                     |  |
|------------|---------------------------|--|
| Apr 6-8    | Jets WDA                  |  |
| Apr 27-29  | WDA Float Fly             |  |
| May 5-6    | Oakdale IMAC Spring Fling |  |
| May 19-20  | Burgdorf Pylon Race       |  |
| May 23-28  | Castle                    |  |
| 9-Jun      | Warbirds AMOS             |  |
| June 23-24 | AMA Pattern Contest       |  |
| June 23-24 | Chumley Stunt Clinic      |  |
| 7-Jul      | Golden Age                |  |
| 14-Jul     | Sac Rats Warbirds         |  |
| July 21-22 | Wings of Victory          |  |
| 18-Aug     | Warbirds Livermore        |  |
| 25-Aug     | Waldo Pepper              |  |
| Aug 25-26  | Goyet Stunt Fest          |  |
| 3-Sep      | Labor Day                 |  |
| 8-Sep      | Old School RC Jamboree    |  |
| Sept 12-16 | Reno Air Races            |  |
| Sept 21-23 | Jets AMOS                 |  |
| Sept 22-23 | Meet n' Meat              |  |
| Sept 27-29 | Heli Scale Masters        |  |
| Oct 5-7    | WDA Float Fly             |  |
| Oct 13-14  | Warbird Race Championship |  |
| 1-Jan      | Chilly n' Chili           |  |

## Friday, Saturday, Sunday Float Flying at River City RC Lake!



The River City RC club invites you to our annual Spring Float Fly; April 6, 7, 8, 2018. AMA sanction #18/900

The float flying site is the lake on HWY 1604S, 5 miles south of Randolph Air Force Base and 1 mile north of IH 10, next to the 4-lane bridge.

Registration fee: \$20. AMA current card required to fly

Pilot Prizes, Free pilot lunch, and free Saturday night <u>Jambalaya</u> dinner for registered Pilots. Free dinner for registered pilots Friday night after flying

Plenty of room for campers (no hook-ups), Launching ramps, Retrieval boats and a great big lake with room for large RC seaplanes; Yes the big Bird <u>shown above</u> will fly at this event!

CD is Robert Jones 210-789-4425 Additional info: Keith Moody 210-865-3410 or Rick Carlo 210-872-3282

# Legendeny Swap Meet April 21st 2018

R/C Country

Join us Saturday April 21st, 2018 in the RC Country parking lot for our Legendary Swap Meet. Free for everyone buying or selling hobby related items.

NON-Commercial sellers only.

Store opens at 8 am, but spaces are first come first serve so arrive early to get a space.

Gates open at 8am and flying starts at 9am after pilots meeting on runway 30L. Registration is \$15.00 and you must have a current AMA card. Any and all types of War Birds are welcome.



Delta Valley Modelers

Invite you to our

annual

Narbird Fly-in

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

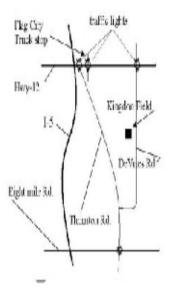
## Kingdon Air Park

12145 North DeVries Road, Lodi, Ca.

DELTA FLYING CLUB

Lunch will be served at the event

Our thanks to Kingdon Air Park and Delta Flying Club for the use of their runway.



## 2018 Lake Minden Float Fly Schedule



## April 27-29, 2018 & October 5-7, 2018

Camping \$ 30, Day \$ 8, Pilot Fee \$ 15, Weekend, Day \$10

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

## Contact RANDY SIZEMORE (916) 804-4250

Swap Meet- Buy, Fly or Say Bye Bye to Your Float Plane!! (sell) lol.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fred Burgdorf Memorial

## Pylon Race May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Race Site: Woodland/Davis Model Club www.wdarc.org

## Advance Registration will be accepted and is encouraged Entries should be emailed <u>or</u> post marked on or before May 5<sup>th</sup> Payment can be made on the day of the event

## Entry Fee per Day: \$25 per Class WDARC Members: \$15 per day for EF-1

CLASSES: AMA 422 (608' long course), AMA 426 (475' short course), and EF-1 (475' short course) FORMAT: Two, one day events, with all three classes on both days

## Entries are Limited to 3 Pilots per group (frequency)

Info: Robert Holik Phone: 530-661-0399 E-Mail: info@apcprop.com

Time Schedule <u>Friday</u> All day test flying with pylons

Saturday 8:00 Registration closes 8:30 Test flying closes 8:45 Pilots meeting 9:00 First heat starts Sunday 8:00 Registration closes 8:30 Test flying closes 8:45 Pilots meeting 9:00 First heat starts

#### NOTE: Model inspections will be available all day Friday until 4:00pm

#### Recommended Hotels

| Days Inn & Suites<br>4100 Chiles Rd.<br>Davis, CA 95618<br>(530) 792-0800 | Quality Inn & Suites<br>1362 East Main St.<br>Woodland, CA 95776<br>(530) 666-3050 | Hampton Inn & Suites<br>2060 Freeway Dr.<br>Woodland, CA 95776<br>(530) 662-9100 | La Quinta Inn & Suites<br>1771 Research Park Dr.<br>Davis, CA 95618<br>(530) 758-1771 |
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| Advance Entry Form  |  |  |   |
| Name  |  | AMA  | Send to:<br>Robert Holik  |
| Address   |  |  | 1222 Harter Ave.<br>Woodland, CA 95776  |
| City  | State  | Zip  | NMPRA #   |
| Phone   | E-mail   |  |   |
| 2.4 GHz (Y or N)  | Freq (if 72MHz)  | Classes (circle all that apply)  | 422426EF-1  |
| Teammate#1  |  | _Teammate #2   |   |

### Please make checks payable to: Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers

DO NOT SEND ENTRIES BY METHODS THAT REQUIRE SIGNATURE ON DELIVERY

#### ASSOCIATED MODELERS OF SACRAMENTO (AMOS) PRESENTS

## CAMP FAR WEST 2018



## May 16 to May 20th

- Entry Fee: \$15 for week or \$10 per day
- Camping Fees: \$23 per Night or \$13 per Day
- Transport to / from water and RV
- Chase boat provided by club
- Plenty of RV Parking (South Peninsula Reserved for event)
- Spectators Welcomed (Come on by / Ask Questions)

#### Contacts:

John Sorenson (916) 216-0384 Gary Meyer (916) 276-6990

Website: amosrc.com

- Night Flying:
  - o Friday
  - o Saturday
- Food / Drinks
- Shade
- Boating
- Swimming

#### Notes:

Pilots (AMA Required) No Beach Landings (Seaplanes Only)

Enter through South Entrance Tell attendant you are here for the Float Fly DO NOT PAY AT GATE! Camp Far West Lake, 9300 McCourtney Rd, Lincoln, CA 95648 (530) 633-0803

## Site Maps

Coming South on I-5 turn

East on Hwy 20 to Hwy 65 Ther South to Wheatland Follow signs to Camp Far West. Coming North on I-5 turn

East on I-8C to Hwy 65 North to Sheridan. Turn right on Riosa Rd, go until it dead ends on McCourtney left to entrance.

The South Gate will be closed and the sign will say that the South Side is Closed. Not to Us.

Make sure you close the gate behind you!

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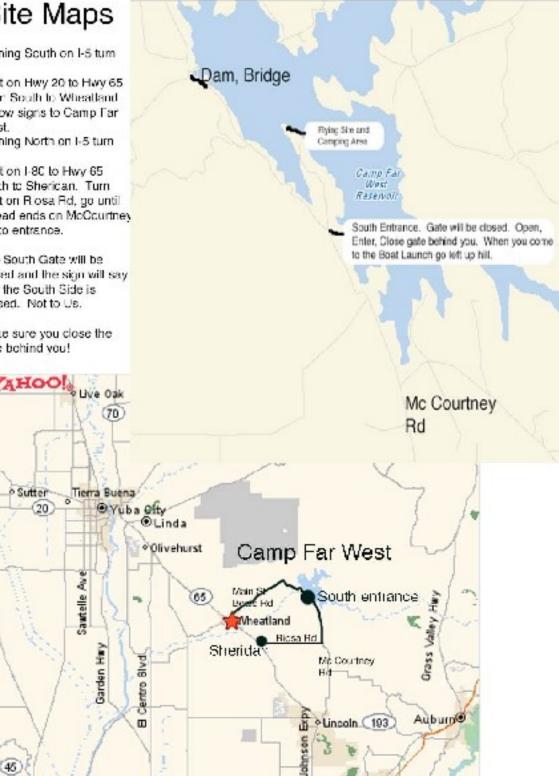
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