

WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS



October Newsletter 2018

Prez Sez: Happy fall to everyone out there in the WDA family. Hopefully you are still taking advantage of the great flying weather. As I write this we are on the eve of the Helicopter Scale Masters, the last event at the field for the year and I see some rain now in the extended forecast.

Over the last month in talking to some of the newer members around the field I realize that I take it for granted that some of the things that I understand as normal from being around the club for 40years. So I wanted to take this month and explain a few of those things for some of the newer members.

- **Work Party Timing** - Unless there is a conflict in dates with another event the work parties are always the Saturday morning following the club meeting. This is set up this way for several reasons. First it allows the board to confer with the field crew and decide what needs to be done at the work party. We can set priorities and talk man power and equipment and then get that word out to the membership. That is why the day after the meeting you typically see the club email announcing what work will be performed and what tools might be needed. Second reason is if it's a consistent day than people can schedule to be there and know when it normally is even if were not sure what we are going to do. Last for those that are looking to fly they know that Saturday should be avoided as we normally shut down the site for a work party.
- **Work Part Field Closure** - Which brings me to another item? The site is normally shut down during a work party. Even if the work being performed isn't in all areas it is easier to shut down for a few hours than to be working around operating aircraft. As such we try to keep the work parties to only a couple hours and get the field open for operations.
- **Mow/Maintenance Day** - That brings me to the mow day. Every Thursday is the day the mowing crew comes out on site to take care of their duties. They will also shut down the site but try to get there work done in the flight area to be able to open the site up and get people flying. They typically will also work with pilots to take turns and maybe stand down to allow and watch a flight and then head back out. Just understand on Thursday's they take priority over the site for our weekly maintenance. They do a great job and keep the field looking the way it does. If your schedule allows that group is always looking

This month:

**NEXT WDA CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD at the
Woodland Library, Leake Room**

**Monday
Oct. 8th @ 7pm
Board meeting @ 6pm**



Prez Sez	Forrest Barton
Meeting Minutes	Mike Frint
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for fresh blood to lend a hand.

- Contest Schedule - As were talking about shutting down the site. One thing that the board has always tried to do was the limit the club events at the flying site to one event a month. That way the average weekend flyer only has to deal with one weekend a month that they may not be able to fly as the field is being used for some sort of event.
- Financial Model - So the current financial model the club operates under is that the membership dues cover our yearly operating cost plus a little. As the yearly membership is a relatively predictable revenue source. Then the events that we hold create the profit for the club so that we can make improvements and put funds in the bank. So if we had a year where every event was blown/rained out. We are not relying on those funds to keep the club afloat. The base operating costs of the club are always covered by the membership.
- Point System - The point system was created about 30 years ago as a way to encourage and try to spread the work load around. The old adage 5% of the membership do 90% of the work is not what we want as the norm in this club. We prefer the adage many hands makes for light work. That is the purpose for the point system, to get people involved. Guys working together will bring that sense of comradery and it also creates a sense of pride and ownership in the site. I would love it if we had \$0 point revenue because everyone was earning there points. But we understand that life can be busy and it can be hard to make time to work let alone fly. So for those that can't contribute the effort they can contribute financially to support the efforts to keep up the site.
- Meeting Time - Similarly this club has a very diverse cross section of membership in terms of where we call home. With many of the members out of the area. This is why the board meeting and the club meeting are on the same night. When the club started those meetings were on separate night. For quite some time both meetings have been on the same night on the 2nd Monday of the month. With the board meeting at 6pm and the club meeting starting at 7pm. This was changed for those that have to travel for meetings only have to do that once a month not twice. It creates convenience but at the same time creates some challenges as well in that we are limited to 1 hour and meeting once a month doesn't let us reflect on items between the board meeting and the general meeting.
- Specialty Memberships – In understanding the diversity of our membership this club also has created a couple special membership categories you probably won't see in other clubs. Such as the "out of area membership", "family" and the "super senior" membership. We understand the typical Jr, open and senior don't serve the diversity of this club. So we have many options including a hardship program.
- Chair Positions - The non-elected chair positions of the club are appointments of the president. So the newsletter, points, snack bar, field, safety work at the leisure of the president. So a new incumbent president can bring in new staff as they see fit. These are not elected by the membership or the board.

So those are just a few things that I could think of this month that jumped into my head. If you have questions on any of these or want to know why something is the way it is drop me a line they may make good suggestions for things to bring up in future newsletters.

Over the last couple months I have been talking to you all about a pump system to get water on the site for irrigating purposes. We were looking at a small diesel pump that was a high volume low pressure pump. With this style system we would run the pump for a couple hours and fill our ditch and then turn on the sprinklers system. However we have been presented an option that I think we are leaning more towards. That is the option of a solar powered pump. With this system we put in a small solar array to power a small lift pump. The pump runs all the time as long as we have sun light. The difference in operation to put it in modeling terms is the diesel pump is like a fast charger vs. the solar is like a trickle charger working all the time. The pluses for the solar system is it's pretty maintenance free just running all on its own during the day vs. someone having to go out and start up and baby sit the diesel system. With the diesel system we would want to water at that time as soon as the ditch was full. With the solar we can be more flexible in our watering times to include evenings. Obviously there are no ongoing fuel charges with the solar system as well. We had the company reps on site last month during the work party to make a proposal to us and we will be reviewing our options at the next board meeting. My hope is this will take care of our watering needs for the future. I had mentioned looking for donations to help fund this and we have seen a few come in just like last year for the runway replacement. I want to keep encouraging so that we can try and pay for this without dipping into savings that we have set aside for other needs.

My last item of note this month is with fall here we now have nominations open for the elected club officer positions. So yearly the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one board position come up for reelection. We started taking nominations last month and will continue to take them through the November club meeting. Then have our elections at the December club meeting. So far we have 3 people nominated to retain their jobs with Doug Vice, John Eaton and Chris Dellinger each accepting a reelection nomination to their position. The President and Secretary positions as of right now do not have nominations. Mike Frint and I have not volunteered to accept a nomination for reelection for next year. We are both still weighing our options. So if you are interested or know someone that you think would represent you well please have them nominated to serve in some capacity. It is always nice to have options to vote on in December. So get those nominations in over the next 2 months for who you want to see represent you next year.

As always enjoy this great hobby and I look forward to seeing you around the site.

Thanks, Forrest

September 10, 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, Mike O'Kane, Danny Winters. **Absent:** Board Members: Chris Dellinger, Kerry Roberson. Safety Officer: John Lett.

Meeting called to order at 1909 hours by Forrest Barton at the Woodland Public Library. There were 12 persons present. No guests or new members.

A motion was made by Art W. to approve last month's minutes. The motion was adopted with one no. Stop it John!

Officer reports:

President: Forrest deferred until later.

Vice President: Doug V. deferred until later.

Secretary: Mike told of his trip to Yuma, Arizona where he visited the Yuma club, also known as the "Aeromodelers." The field appears to be on borrowed U.S. Government land. They have a pit on each side of the runway and a fence across each end of the runway. Nobody was there as the temperature was 109 at the time.

Treasurer: John gave short report from memory as he left the printout at home. We are down a little this month.

Membership: John said we have one new member, one returning and 102 total.

Safety: John Lett was absent. He was stuck in Oregon due to wildfires.

Chair reports:

Field: Doug V. waited until old/new business. Art was asked how the golf cart was working. Art said it works great.

Newsletter: Rich was absent.

Points: The points chair is still open.

Website: Kerry said the website is up to date. He and Chris then departed.

Old Business:

A work party was scheduled for September 15 at 0830. See Board minutes. Forrest expressed his appreciation for all the help at the field this year. He said we accomplished alot with only minimal help. During the meeting Forrest received an e-mail from Mark Ragsdale with some solar powered water pump information. Forrest read it to us. Mark's company will do the pump install but we have to build a rack for the solar panels. They also want to make a demonstration video of our project during the install. More research to follow. The pipe from the canal will come out during the winter so that the flapper valve/gate will be able to close. The club will also have to pay a "seasonal water fee" to be able to get the water. Doug B. said that the soil is so dense that it's actually wet not very far down.

Events: The Float Fly is October 5 through 7. No more indoor until we find a new venue. Helicopter Scalemasters

will be over by the time you read this. We will again be doing the Vacaville Library event in November on Thursday the 15th.

Event reports: The last indoor flying was August 25th. Forrest reports that he was there with Mo C. and Paul T. A younger fellow named Ben owns some Klik models and knows Kerry from the full scale glider airport up in Williams. Old School event had eight pilots registered. Pizza and donuts were served. More info in Board Minutes. We had a guest at the field. Bob Tigert was test flying a large scale twin engine De Haviland Caribou model. Bob is a member at EBRC and Diablo Valley. He may also become a member of WDA as well.

New Business: Nominations for club officers and the Board take place in September, October and November. Forrest nominated Chris Dellinger to continue as Board Member. Doug Vice and John Eaton said they can stay on if needed. The secretary is unsure. Forrest added "somebody please" step up and volunteer. Lou Fox has a fridge he is donating for the snack shack. Another small fridge will be placed in the pit area to store the first aid kit. (Kerry's?) Mike O. asked Lou Fox if he could get some newspaper (press coverage) to advertise the Helicopter Scalemasters.

Reminder: The low water crossing at the canal (Road 103 off Road 28H) between roads 28H and 29 is open. Use this to avoid driving down the dusty gravel road. This also helps keep the dust down for the neighbor house on the east end of Road 29.

Toilet Seat Nominations: None

Show and Tell: Doug Vice brought in a Sig Four-Star with a O.S. .65 AX engine. Doug transferred the gear from his trainer into this model. He reports that it is very nose heavy. He has one flight on it as of the meeting. Lou Fox brought in two sailplanes, one that he had brought for a previous show and tell before it was finished. This one is the Austrian X-RES. It came in at only one pound finished with both Monokote and Ultracote Light. He uses Hitec HS-5055 servos. The second plane is a German kit known as the "Fresh." Lou had Mo Culverwell assist on the construction. The instructions were in German so they had to use Google to translate. Both airplanes are made to fly in the F3-RES (rudder, elevator, spoiler) class. The X-RES has a full moveable stabilizer unlike the Fresh which uses a conventional stab/elevator setup.

...pictures, next page...

The meeting was adjourned at 2031 hours.

Mike Frint

WDA Club Meeting Show N Tell



September 10, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

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The meeting, held at the Woodland Public Library, was called to order by Forrest Barton at 1803 hours. 10 members were present. No new members. There were two guests; Trina Camping, the manager of Square One at the library and her son Albert.

A motion was made by Forrest to approve last month's minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted with one no. Again, just for humor.

Officer reports:

President: Had nothing

Vice President: Had nothing

Secretary: Had nothing.

Treasurer/Membership: John left the treasurer's report at home but we have one new member and one returned. Money was spent on pipe and fence materials.

Old Business: Points Chair is still open. Safety Audit update: Three items on the list have been (almost) completed. The old first aid kit is taken down, a small medical kit has been acquired but has no medications in it. It will be put in a fridge to protect it. A chain has been placed across the connex boxes to warn people to stay out. The water tanks have been marked with signs that say "non-potable" water. One sign purchased accidentally was "potable water" which will be replaced. Water supply for irrigation discussion. John and Forrest have assembled the pipe for the canal. An e-mail came from Bill Ragsdale on September 5 that has us revisiting the pump purchase plans. His son Mark, who is a former club member, has an alternative system that could save the club a couple thousand dollars. Forrest is getting more information. Shade structure: Mike O. is looking to improve the structure so we don't have to keep repairing it. He hopes to have more information at a later date. We still need to get a memorial plaque for the field for Milt DeGroot.

Event Reports: Old School event had eight pilots registered and even more spectators. Rich Geertson flew his very nicely built single channel (Galloping Ghost) Ace Dick's Dream model, powered by a Cox .020 engine, that was the hit of the show. It really shows how far modeling has come and how good we have it now.

New Business:

A work party was scheduled for September 15 for installing the water pipe and repairing the smaller shade structure. We also want to clean up for the Helicopter Scalemasters. Mike O. asked that we have the portable toilets serviced before the event. Bill McGaughey and his wife will help out with the snack shack. Locks: Keith Y. and Jeff L. have both had problems with the gate lock. A lock was temporarily used from one of the fire tool kits.

John is going to get another lock.

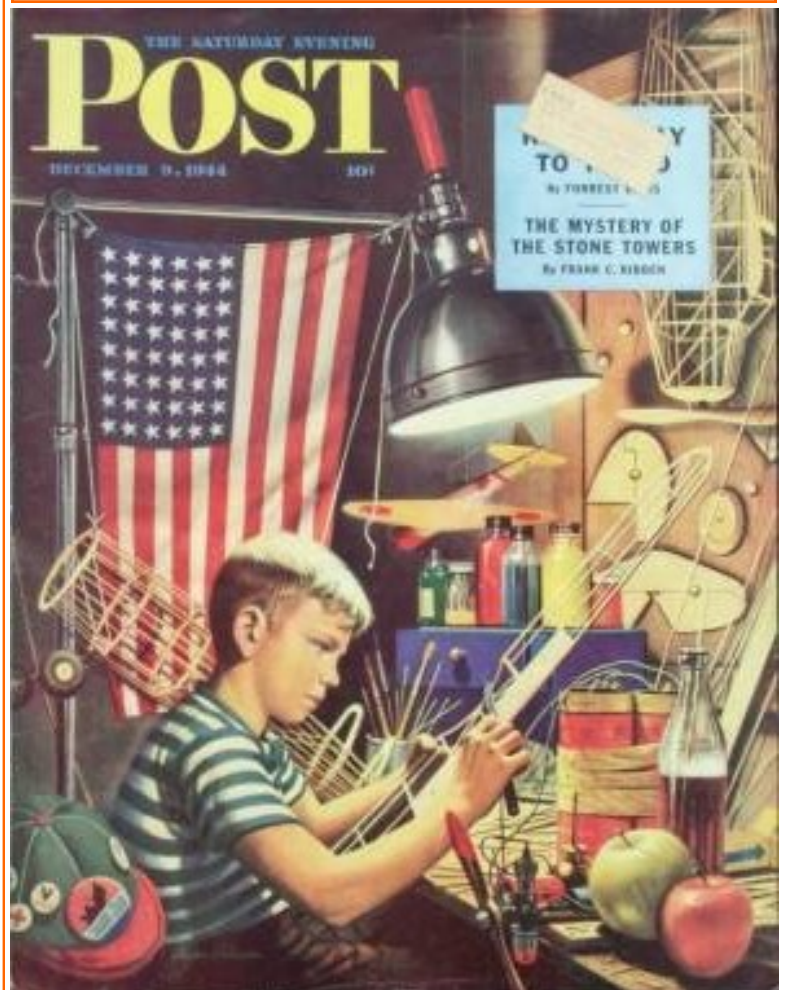
Other: UAS stuff: Mike O. reports that testing is being done in South Dakota on "beyond line of sight" UAS flying. It could be five years before Amazon is using them for deliveries. Keith Y. was supposed to get an instructor card from AMA for UAS but has not received it yet. Doug V. reported that he learned quite a bit about judging during the control line event. Forrest has been asked by new members about the work party scheduling. Forrest says they are usually the Saturday after the club meeting, which was news to even some of us old-timers.

Upcoming Events: Helicopter Scalemasters will be over by the time you read this. The Float Fly is October 5 through 7. Vacaville Library presentation is scheduled for November 15th.

Guests: At the end of the meeting, Trina Camping gave us a talk about classes available at Square One in the room next to our meeting room. It's possible we may arrange some nights so club members can use some of the equipment. Of most interest to us is likely the laser cutter, 3D printers and CNC router. Her son also had a old Goldberg Electra kit that we were able to peruse. <https://www.cityofwoodland.org/295/Square-One>

Meeting adjourned at 1847 hours.

Mike Frint



OLD SCHOOL RC JAMBOREE!

The 5th annual Old School RC Jamboree was held at the field, Saturday September 8th. This event is sanctioned by the AMA (thanks Doug Barton) and supported by the VRCS: Vintage RC Society. The weather was fantastic and we



had a decent turn-out of pilots and aircraft; 8 registered pilots and about a dozen aircraft.

The motivation for this event was (and remains) to encourage modelers to fly built-up aircraft (as opposed to ARFs) and power them with Glow engines, just as all of us did way back in the day...



I also encourage participants to use vintage finishing techniques (silk, dope) and if possible, vintage RC equipment.



I took a dose of my own medicine and elected to control my tiny Ace Dick's Dream with a Mattel 1 channel "Galloping Ghost" system. The fuselage was doped and power was a Cox TD .020. While the Cox ran as well as any TD, the Mattel seemed to exhibit limited range. Several times during my 3 flights I did not feel I had rudder control. On the third flight, Dick's Dream spiraled into the ground and no amount of opposite rudder input was able to save it. Thankfully, the damage is repairable and it will live to fly another day. NOTE** the VRCS does NOT condone the use of "vintage" RC equipment for the very reason I experienced. Compared to today's modern radios, reliability is questionable....which is why I elected to fly a very small, light, and relatively slow plane with this 40-year-old system. I may replace the Mattel with an ACE "baby" Galloping Ghost as the ACE is lighter and reliability should be better. The One Year Membership to the VRCS was awarded to John Hoppe, who has always been so generous in supporting this event.

Rich Geertson

RC Estates Sell-off

Saturday October 13th, 8am until 5pm
Geertson's Garage, 800 Collier Dr., Dixon
(707) 693-9537
Cash, check and PayPal accepted (no credit cards)



Built-up Corsair. Enya .90 four stroke with Perry pump. Retracts. Some minor damage. Probably needs some RC updating. \$175



Curtiss Hawk P6E. Built from Hostetler plans. 84" span. Kioritz 40cc gasser. Extra FG cowl. Probably needs some updating: \$275



Ohio RC 63" Ultimate. S.T. 3000 converted to gas. Some minor stab damage. Nice fabric covering and paint. Extra FG cowl. Needs some updating: \$250



Spectrum DX6 DSMX Transmitter
LIKE NEW: \$150



(two) MDS .40 engines with mufflers.
New In Boxes: \$40 each
More engines for sale!



OFNA "Pirate" Monster truck w/Rossi .21 and radio. Perfect condition: \$200



Mugen MTX-2 "PT Cruiser"
Comes with many extra parts (gears, belts, suspension, exhaust, gaskets).
Receipts exceed \$700. Asking \$200



"Peterbuilt" on Associated chassis. HP .25 FOUR stroke and Airtronics radio, ready to run: \$150



- Schluter 60 on left: \$350 & Schluter Junior 50 on right: \$250**
Both glow-powered helicopters have been flown, are in great shape, and ready to fly. Incl. blades and extra parts.
- ◆ **TONS of Schluter small parts/hardware also for sale.**
 - ◆ **Mikado Logo 10 3D helicopter (electric), comes with MANY replacement parts incl. lighted blades: \$200**
 - ◆ **Spectra G gas 23cc Helicopter with Futaba 9CAP. Immaculate condition. Over \$2500 invested: \$700**
 - ◆ **Some engines, tools, RC related hardware and parts. LOTS MORE. NO reasonable offer refused!**



SIG 25% Spacewalker. Finished, but appears to have never been flown. Slight hangar rash. \$125



SIG Skybolt. Almost finished, never flown. Fair condition. \$50

All the built-planes will require some TLC, RC and fuel system updates. These were built by an experienced RCer, but had been sitting in his shop for years. There are several framed-up aircraft, complete and partial kits. Engines, tools, hardware and small items and even **FREE STUFF!**



KITS: from complete to various stages of completion... Pica Waco, Ohio RC Ultimate, SIG 33% Spacewalker, Chips Akro II, Midwest Super Stearman, SIG Skybolt, Giant Sweet N Low Stik, and more... make ANY OFFER!
Lots more stuff than what is pictured here...

Remaining events for 2018

Oct 5-7	WDA Float Fly
Oct 13-14	Warbird Race Championship
1-Jan	Chilly n' Chili



UNIVERSITY AIRPORT (KEDU) 16th Annual OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th 2018~ 10 AM to 2PM



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Hello FORREST,

You and your fellow club members are cordially invited to attend the 33rd Annual London Bridge Seaplane Classic Fun-Fly to be held November 9,10, and 11 at Windsor Beach 4 in the Lake Havasu State Park.

This annual event is presented by the Desert Hawks RC Club and is considered by many to be the premier seaplane event of the year and this year is shaping up to be the best yet.

For your convenience, we have included a link to our website with more information about this event <http://deserthawksrc.org/2018-lbsc/>

Additionally, the following link is a direct link to our Event Brochure which is in PDF format. Use this link to view, save, and print the brochure which can then be posted on your bulletin board and included in your newsletter. http://deserthawksrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-LBSC_9-1.pdf

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who may be interested in this event. We appreciate your help in spreading the word and hope to see you at the event.

Thank you,

Vic Goodman

LBSC Event Committee Member

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⇒ OPEN



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



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