

WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS



Feb Newsletter 2022

Prez Sez:

The new year is well underway. January is rapidly disappearing as I sit here on Sunday morning to tap out this very important piece of communications to the club! The good news is the days are starting to get a little longer, and the field has turned that beautiful spring green that I wish we could find a way to keep year 'round. The upcoming spring weather should provide an opportunity to test my new project. I am finally finishing my Proctor Nieuport 28 project which is pictured here. There are a few things to finish, but its pretty much done except for some small paint markings. I picked this kit up second-hand in about 2004, built the fuselage in about 2008, wings were around 2012 and then last year I finally finished rigging and finishing. It has a Laser 200 four stroke twin for power, Jeti radio and is finished in Solartex and dope. It will replace my Nieuport 11, which has been flying since 2001. The -11 has had a long career, but it is basically falling apart at this point!

Speaking of new models, test flights and the beautiful spring weather. Have a look at your models. Even seasoned models need a thorough review. Checking out those electronics, linkages, engine attachments, ball links, etc. Check out that tailwheel that steers good enough, and see if it can be made to steer well. Wheels



Prez Sez

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Upcoming event flyers

Jeff Lovitt

Mike O'Kane

WELCOME!

Monty Welch

The February General meeting will be held via ZOOM call @ 7pm February 7th. LOOK for the invite to be sent to your email.

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that hang up and prevent the model from rolling smoothly. Maybe that loose linkage that prevents the model from really trimming out well. I haven't had any models that flew perfectly from the test flight. They've gotten closer as I've learned to take steps during the building that result in models that fly well and present a minimum of pilot workload.

That said, I've been flying my Yellow Zero for about a year and a half now, and I still have little tweaks when I return from the field to make it a really good flying model, or a little easier to maintain. Have a look at your equipment now to see how you can make your model the best it can be, one that provides the greatest enjoyment and most satisfaction.

On the club business front, one of the obligations of the club is to recommend and lead the development of work at the field, and to help promote the club. To do that, I am obligated to review the club budget and make recommendations to the board and the club with regard to how much money we take in during the year (dues, event fees, donations, etc) and weigh those against our committed costs like rent, PG&E and maintenance/mowing costs. Then we look at decisions about items at the field that need attention to maintain this year and any other items that membership feels the club should embark upon to improve the field. My belief is that we have done an amazing job over the past ten years to replace the field that we had up the road closer to Woodland. Other than having well water and acres of irrigated land on the property, there isn't much now that we need to add. The bigger challenge is to figure out how to maintain what we've built out with limited manpower. One of the goals for this year is to identify work party dates with lots of notice and communication so that we can get as many people out there to help. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work," and its true. One of the goals for the work parties is to make sure that we have leadership for those parties and a clear plan for what we are doing with the needed resources (shovels, tools, lumber, hardware, paint) that are needed to knock the work out when the labor force is there. The main goal is to get back to flying, right?



So, back to my point about the budget...My goal is to present a budget for the March meeting so that you can see what we project for income and expense. The goal is that we are a solvent organization with income that exceeds expenses, plans for the rainy day and has a plan to try to reach out to the community so that we are encouraging new membership to come in. If you have ideas or thoughts, I'm always interested to hear. Please shoot me an email or lets make arrangements for a phone call so that I can hear what you have to say. For that matter, please talk to an officer or a board member if you feel more comfortable. They are all your conduit to club leadership. We are all looking around and listening to what's going on but the entire club membership eyes and ears need to be put to use. See something concerning? Don't hesitate to speak up. See someone needing some help? Lend a hand! Let's be the club in the area that welcomes its guests and new members. We want people to be successful and enjoy whatever portion of the hobby they enjoy at our field. We are so fortunate to have this field. I love driving in and seeing old timers, control line, jets/warbirds and some park flyers or gliders on the south end. Seeing all stages of our field in use is seeing the field fulfill the goals we had for it when we laid it out.

That's it for this month. I look forward to seeing you out there. If you are working on something, share it with Rich, he's always receptive to content for the newsletter!

May your takeoffs equal your number of landings.

Jeff

Board Members Meeting
January 10, 2021
ZOOM meeting

Board Members present: Jeff Lovitt, Forrest Barton, John Eaton, Doug Barton, Chris Dillinger, Bill McGaughey, Keith Young, Mike O'Kane and Danny Winter
Meeting was conducted via ZOOM on January 10th at 7pm
Meeting called to order.

Discussion

2022 Membership is at 23

Jack McAfee, a longtime member and former club president, passed away recently. A motion was made to add Jack's name on the member's memorial, a 2nd was made and the motion to include his name passed unanimously.

The Club received a donation call from the estate of Ralph Mateo, several kits and electric aircraft were offered. Forrest made the motion that the Club accept the donation, 2nd was made by Chris, vote to approve was unanimous. Items offered will be available at the 4-23 swap meet.

Treasury: John reports a net increase of \$311.76 in the Club Checking account after income from membership dues and event income of \$1950.00, and expenses of \$1643.00.

Tileston Home: Water in the pool is being circulated regularly with an external pump, pool pump/plumbing condition unknown. Central heating/air-conditioning in good shape, home is being occupied full time for security concerns.

Safety: Review of the Field address information at the Flying Field that would be needed to place an Emergency Call has determined the Club needs to place the physical road address in conspicuous places to eliminate delays or confusion as to where our Flying Field is located when an emergency or Law Enforcement call is made. The address of the Fly Field is located on the WEB site MAP page and is 43295 County Road 29, Davis CA 95616. This info will be made available in numerous places i.e. Club billboard sign, entry gate, RC and Control line, Snack Shack, maintenance containers.
Chemical Powder ABC fire extinguishers will be shaken, inverted and stirred (Shake Senora by Harry Belafonte when doing this) with external X, Y, Z motions to prevent caking of the retardant powder, this is intended to be a monthly task with tags attached to track the date.

Field maintenance goals: Paint the maintenance/storage Conex containers volunteer for painting welcome, please contact the Board if interested.

Numerous sink holes on the Field and around the runway have developed from the heavy rain earlier this winter. Plan is to fill the holes with loose dirt and prevent any further damage to landings that go off the runway. Contact Art Williams or the Board if interested

Calendar changes: Dawn Patrol is currently snow scheduled for June 11-12.

Open House and swap meet: currently scheduled for April 23-24, swap meet is Saturday the 11th only, Filed is open at all AMA members Saturday and Sunday (11th- 12th) Contact Mike O'Kane, or other Board members if you have donation items for the club table at the swap meet

Meeting site remains uncertain due to the Covid-19 rules, based on this a General Members meeting is scheduled via ZOOM. An invite to the meeting will be sent via e-mail, if you have never run the ZOOM app. before, clicking on the invite will prompt you to agree to the Zoom privileges and the App. should install on your system. Select to join the meeting and if directed to WAIT, the host will allow you to enter the meeting place. Select to "Join the meeting with computer audio" and you should then have access and see others in the meeting. You can also listen in to the meeting with out video if you choose on your Smart phone or other capable tablets, etc. Meeting is scheduled for 7pm February 7th.

Next Board Meeting via ZOOM is set for 7pm February 3rd.
Meeting adjourned

NEW MEMBERS

2 new prospective RC pilots showed up at the WDA field on Sunday Jan 16th to check out the field and obtain their turbine waivers.

Thomas (can't remember last name) and Dong Kyun Liam (DK).

DK is from the Sunnyvale area and Thomas is from the Sacramento area.

They were both very impressed with the field



and both obtained their Turbine waivers. Prior arrangements had been made for this day and they both flew as my guests. They intend to become new members and on behalf of the WDA club we welcome them to the club!



TOP PICKS: 8 GREAT SPORT RADIOS



Modeler's Corner

Many of you may remember my wife Linda... building the HU-16 Albatross 2-3 years ago. I think she did a real good job, but of course I am biased to some degree :-)

Anyway, a few weeks ago I decided to send pics of the plane and a short article with details on the plane and the build to Model Airplane News....for entry in the Pilot Project section of the magazine. The plane and the build were voted "PILOT PROJECT OF THE MONTH."

The article is on page 6 of the February issue.

MONTY WELCH

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HU-16 ALBATROSS

Linda Welch, Vacaville, California



Modeled after the full-size Hu-16 at McClellan Air Museum in Sacramento, this 85-inch electric version weighs 12 pounds ready to fly. Linda strip-planked its nacelles, nose hatch, and pontoons and covered the model with fiberglass and Solartex. The model is equipped with landing, nav, strobe, and anti-collision lights and flies very well. After building the H-16, Linda masked it off for her husband Monty to add HobbyPox paint. Callie Graphics decals provide the finishing touch to this dream team project.



Ben Ponzo, Keith Young, and Monty Welch make up the newly formed *Vampire Trio* team. The team was formed as of January 16, 2022. A Vampire melee with just 3 minutes of flight time does not give you much of a time window to put on a show! (LOL) The planes flew well and there were no mid-air. The planes landed safely and were reusable. The Vampire planes came from Hobby King for \$127



Woodland Davis Aeromodelers Events for 2022

Apr 1-3

WDA Jet Fly

Apr 23-24

WDA Open House

Apr 29-1 May

Float Fly

May 12-14

Helicopter Scale Masters

May 21-22

Fred Burgdorf Memorial

Pylon Race

June 11

WWI R/C Dawn Patrol and

Golden Age Fly-In

Aug 27-28

Goyet Control Line Stunt

Classic

Sept 2-4

Wings of Victory

Sept 24-25

Meet n' meet Control Line

Competition

Sept 24-25

Pattern Contest

Sept 30-2 Oct

Float Fly

******* 2022 Non WDA Events *******

Mar 12

Livermore Flying Electrons Swap Meet

RC SWAP MEET



Saturday, March 12, 2022
8am - 2pm

Livermore Flying Electrons Flying Site
4455 Raymond Road, Livermore, CA
www.lferc.com

Don't Miss It!

**Anything RC - Planes,
Gliders, Helicopters, Drones, Cars, Boats, Tanks!
Come One, Come All!**

**No Table Fee - Free for All! Arrive early to guarantee a table
(or bring your own). Lunch available for \$5. Flying allowed, but
tables reserved for Swap Meet participants. Hope to see you there!**

Contact Steve if any questions at steven.iverson@rocketmail.com

Woodland-Davis **AFTER BURNER**

Woodland Davis Aeromodelers April 1,2,3 2022

Radio Controlled jet aircraft at WDA featuring electric ducted fan and turbine powered jets. A low-key, gathering of jet modelers and aircraft. The theme is to have fun and show off some great models and flying. Camping is available all weekend with no hookups. WDA has a 600'x55' mat runway, forgiving over runs and generous overfly areas. All AMA operation and safety regulations are in effect. Landing Fee \$30.00.

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Map to Woodland Davis Aeromodelers Field

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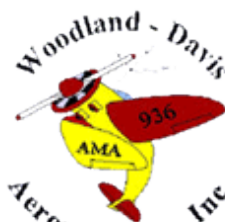
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⇒ Keith Young (530) 848-3666

Helicopter Instructor (Only):

⇒ OPEN



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