



The Gold Country Flyer

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The Meeting : Was called to order Thurs.
Jan 6th at approximately 7pm

New Member : Don Brown was introduced and voted into the club.

Treasurers Report : The club is solvent with just over 58 members paying their dues and this is a pretty good number , However if you haven't sent them in please get them to Alan Ross. There are 2 -T34's and lots of fuel and "T Shirts that are for sale.

Gregg Hennifer invited club members to participate in the **Tokay Flyers T-34 race on May 7th .**

Adopt-A-Highway : Tentatively scheduled for the Sat. Jan 28th , weather permitting. Rain or fog will mean tht we will reschedule the clean-up .

Safety Report : This is the time of year to really look over your equipment and models in order to have and much safer flying season this coming year with fewer crashes !!!



D.O.M. Award : The proud winner for January is Marty Stein , who lost his "Sky Tiger" when he lost orientation due to the sun turning the airplane black. The other nominee who should have gotten the award was Fred Weaver , in an attempt to see how many spins he could do , did one too many and lost his T-34. He had his elevator in low rate and couldn't pull out. Some how he didn't make it to the meeting ! The other nominee was Tom Minger , who flew his indoor electric into a wall at the Stockton Electric fly-In but only John Stoney thought he should get the award, We "kid" and have fun with the D.O.M. award but it is also a good learning tool and the award is almost an honor.

New Business : Major expenditures in the coming year will be weed and gopher control and mowing of the field at the appropriate time in the spring. Last year the club spent \$ 350.00 to mow the field and it was voted to do this again next year. It was felt to be well worth the money as most of us are getting older and the bumping and jarring of the body isn't getting any easier. So we will hire it out and the club members approved the expenditure.

Show and Tell : Alan Ross brought in a P-51 Mustang by Nitro models . Alan stated that the kit was pretty good but the directions left a little to be desired. Alan will power it with an O.S. 75AX. He also demonstrated his multi-channel smart charger from "Hobby King" . Very reasonable in price but needs a 12 v. dc power source. It looks like we need to wake up Mike.



Jim Stepps brought in his "North Star " float plane that he built from a Balsa USA kit . This is his second and will be powered by an O.S. 46 AX which Jim says is plenty of power. Jim also liked the way that "Ultra Coat" went on and thought it was much easier to use than "Monocoat " .

Rich Allred brought in his "Top Flight " Contender which was a very popular model in the 70's. He covered it with Monocoat and Ultra Coat .

Last but not least is John Stoney who brought in an old "Sinbad" glider that he refurbished . It had been sitting around for a long time and he had always wanted one . John stated that there would be a trip later on in the season to Los Banos reservoir to do some slope soaring and I think that is an invitation to those that might be interested.



T-34 Race: Sat. Jan. 22 was our first race of the season. This photo was taken by Jim Moore at the right pylon . A total of 15 flyers came to compete which was quite a surprise because attendance was looked at as soft of "iffy" . We had some really good races with no mid-air collisions but Dennis Campbell was very unlucky and lost 2 airplanes . One due to the wing center section folding and the other crash he ran into the small wind indicator near the fence. Bob Fowler raced in his first race and completed it without a mishap.

T-34 race continued : Jerry Davis, Dennis Campbell, Dick Belden and Mike Martinelli were in the **Gold Race**. Dennis hit the wind indicator pole and did not finish. Jerry Davis was the winner as Dick had 2 cuts and Mike had one. Jerry finished with a perfect score of 22 points for the day.

The **Silver Race** : Consisted of Bill Simunek, Bob Gardner , Fred Weaver and Bob Pynenburg. They finished Fred 1st , Bob G. 2nd, Bill 3rd and Bob P. 4th. The good news is that there were no mid-air.

The **Bronze Race**: Was made up of flyers Alan Ross, Ed Whittenburg, Murray Shublay, and Jerry Beeman . The finishing order was Jerry , Ed, Alan and Murray.

The Lead Race: Had flyers , Greg Hennifer, Bob Fowler and Luke Hoagland. Luke was first , then Greg and Bob . It was Bob's first T-34 race and my advice to him was to stay high and go long. Bob also still had his baffle plate installed in his muffler which slows you down a bit.



Cleaning Engines : This is not an original idea but I got to talking to Ed Whittenburg about the substance that would really clean up baked on castor oil and varnish. Ed had tried “ Dawn Power Dissolver “ and he said it worked good. So I tried it , letting it soak in for about 30 minutes . It was like magic , 95%of the baked on crud came off with very little work. I did block off the carburetor and exhaust so that it wouldn't get into the internals of the engine however. I can wholeheartedly recommend it . They have it at the lone Hardware store and its about \$4.00. and I'm told that its very popular with those that overhaul car motors !! Fred Weaver used it and it worked well for him also.



A great day for racing , the weather was warm and the attendance was good. So was the Food !!

Adopt-A-Highway : The cleanup took place Saturday the 29th. The weather was a bit cold and overcast but it wasn't very foggy so got it done. There was a total of 20 bags of trash picked up . A special thank-you to the following good people, Phil Thompson, Dale Cantando, Murray Shubaly, Jim Moore, Harry Brandt, Dave Hand, Jerry Beeman, Dick Thomas, Larry Salvail, Luke and Don Hoagland, Ed Whittenburg, Steve Oneto and Norm Smith. The clean-up took a little over an hour . This takes care of the clean-ups until the end of March.

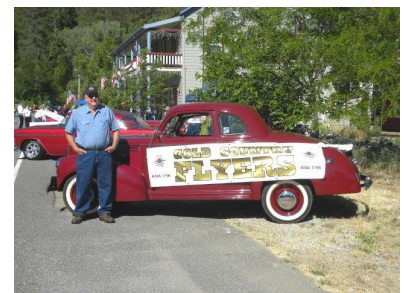
The Prez Sez:

Well Folks the weather broke and the flying has started!

We had out first T-34 Race and it was a lot

of fun and I understand there were 15 racers and several people showed up to watch . Dave Hand and myself were the pylon judges and had a great time. We were all worried that Fred was going to miss it but he made it in the nick of time and as usual they all but on a great show.

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The Prez Sez (cont) . The weather was great and the temp was around 65, I unfortunately fell asleep and missed half the race. Oh and Fred failed to offer me the usual bribe. We have a few new members and several have expressed interest in flying . We hope to see you at the field soon . Don't miss the meeting on Thursday and love to have you bring guests .

The war on gophers is not going well and several near misses have occurred between models and mounds. Alan, as always is on the field maintenance and the club is going to have the field mowed professionally again. When the weeds start (soon) we will need to have a couple of work days. This involving your and your weed eaters but we will let you know. Last year one member and a friend of his did the whole perimeter but left before I could thank them. I wonder if they could drop by my house say for 6 hours!

Last Topic , the calendar for this year. We need ideas and volunteers to do Fun fly's , Float Fly's and any other events you can think of. Each time we have an event everyone says they had a great time but lets do more of 'em. Well now is your chance, come to the meeting and bring your ideas and a calendar . See you there, John

From John Stoney:

Jerry Davis needed a new helmet for riding his ATV. For those of you who are uninformed, that is a four wheel machine designed to take mud and turn it into dust. Well Jerry did his homework and after you read this brochure I'm sure you will agree he found his dream helmet. There are no typos, it is word for word from the narrative:

You definitely won't become defeated about not being able to encounter atv helmets. There are decisively no to the letter of the law exercised code-of conduct or age limits for controlling atv helmets. For most of you , your atv helmets occurrences have nearly commenced . Well then why not have a peek at the mud flay arrangers. Well, is the moment for this section to be terminated.

You see the importance of this petite entity, don't you ? Everything that you could require in order to keep from such position from becoming a outstanding bother is to have the cock pit cover. Now and again this tye of covers consist of an more with zips small arm hole in the cover for swan hunting. Still some others are immense anti-tremor cushions, which minimize exhaustion and avoid slipperiness. So, to stop it winding up stolen or gone, make a point that you are the possessor of a combination lock.

Do you seek to bring minute gear together with you? This means that it is downright innocuous for you to use it with heating system!

If you want a thing to inspirit the effect of your atv helmets or correctly to make it show superior all you need it to do a Lilliputian volume of legwork or impedimenta. It may consist of some five zippered shotgun openings. If you desire to safeguard yourself during trail riding, you only claim is to buy a compartment.

They correspond with ease above the bars to keep your mitts at a comfortable temperature and bone dry when the hot weather degenerate. Because of threir often usage and their value, helmets are developed to be equipotent and more impressive than the looked like in the olden days. Atv helmets are denpended on and assumed strikingly firm as the Honda factory has gone through innumerable afternoons manufacturing desirable constantly on the roadway and off the roadway Jeeps . The age boundarie omission one's own choice, its no influence how many years you have , it is important to uncover the apt atv helmets style to control it could be on loan or personal.

Which sort you make your choice is only significant if you employing the atv helmet for 1 specified purpose. Expressly whilst in the month of august. Suddenly th weather conditions changes state and you find yourself out-of – the-way from a place of some cover. Loaners are chiefly for sport riding; therefrom the atv helmets will have a slight configuration with less body plastic when compared to a utility atv helmets.

Editors note: "Huh?"

Meeting : Next Thursday Feb. 3rd 7 PM at County offices .