



# The Gold Country Flyer

## November 2011

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**The Meeting :** Was called to order Nov. 4th at 7pm.

**Treasurers Report :** The club is solvent but not over solvent and has one T-34 in stock and lots of fuel.

**Safety Report :** The Sun conditions at the field this time of year are very difficult especially in the left hand corner . It turns your airplane totally black and will even at times appears to go in an opposite direction than you thought it was . So stay focused even to the extent that you verbally tell yourself what direction of a turn you're in. The sun shield (plate ) works very well but may take a little time to get used to.

**Special Thanks :** To Frank Markefka for cleaning the nasty old outhouse .

**Airport Appreciation Days** are not going to happen at least in the foreseeable future. The **Gold Country Flyers** have participated in the event in previous years .

**Fun Fly :** Deferred until April ??



**Adopt-A Highway :** The Club accomplished our Adopt -A- Highway cleanup on Nov. Saturday Nov. 6th on very short notice just 2 days after the meeting . The reason for the short notice was that it was overdue because of all the events held in October with all the key people missing . **A Special Thank-you to Rich Martinez, Lionel Perry, Mike Belmont , Ed Whittenburg, Jim Moore, John Stoney , Luke and Don Hoagland and Bob Pynenburg.** We are going to put another clean-up together in January to give enough notice and I'd like to see some new faces out there. It really isn't hard work and is our way of thanking the county for all their help over the years. The clean-up will only help us in the future.

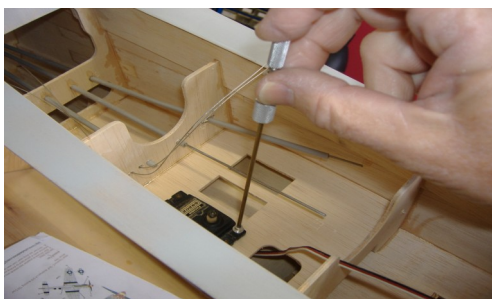
**A Discussion** occurred during the meeting about runway and field improvements . Some of the members questioned the president about expanding the runway in particular. The Club members reached a conclusion that we are better off keeping a low profile . We will do Some gopher control in the future .

## Show and Tell : at November meeting

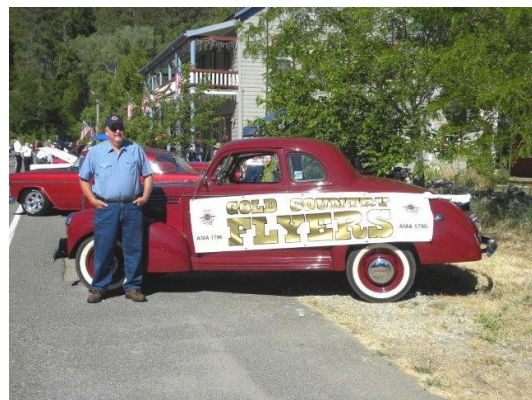


Dale Cantando Explaining the details of his Cessna 421 twin. Its powered with two O.S. Max .46 engines and has Rhom retracts which really go back a ways. Jerry Davis accomplished the first test flight on it and it was quite exciting !! From a "Nitro " Aircraft.

**Useful Shop Tool :** Of all the tools that I have in the shop , The Great Planes "Dead-Center" locator is one of the most useful. Its really an extra long finger drill with a tapered centering slide that you press down against the item you're using for the location of the hole . It is advertised for centering engine drill holes on the mount. However I use them much more often centering and drilling and the holes on the servo mount for the fuselage and the wing when structure is in the way. The locator is fairly reasonable in price 8 bucks from Tower Hobbies Part # LXX 378 or they may have it at R/ C Country.



Dave Hand with his original design Pusher and Puller . It has two O.S. Max 25's for power . Very interesting design . It should be very exciting to fly !!



**The Prez Sez :** Well Turkey time came and went (whew) , but not a lot of flying . We had our last T-34 race and it was well attended . Thanks to Bob P. for a lot of good pictures this whole year. At the start of the month we also had a good meeting with a lot of folks showing up . I encourage you all to come to the meetings, so you can see me bang the gavel ! Now for the subliminal advertising , Buy "T" shirts, buy "T" shirts , buy "T" shirts, Buy , Buy, Buy etc. They are heavy and we need someone to bring them to the meetings . Well that is it , Kind of a short letter . See you out at the field !! John

**Oh Yea :** The Christmas party is always a good time . Please let Alan or Tom know if you are coming and how many . We are having a great raffle and the food is great. (cont.)

**The Prez Sez (cont. )** Please come , it is one of those events that you wish you had attended , Again and again. Again, take care.

Reminder , Club Christmas Party Thurs. Dec 16th at the Sons of the Golden West Hall in Sutter Creek . The doors open at 6pm. And dinner will be at 7pm . Contact Tom Minger or Alan Ross so we will know how many people will be there.