



The Gold Country Flyer

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Date: 02/02/2023 Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 7:00 PM Members attending: 15
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes. Approved
3. Guests/New Members: Welcome back to returned member Bill Vasconcelles
4. Vice President's (Brock Brown) report: Nothing to report.
5. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report: Not present.
6. Reports from each of the Appointed Positions.
 - a. Safety Office's (Dick Belden) report: After way too many instances, we must be very aware of IDJITZ passing on the left as we make a left turn into the field. Also, Dick reminded us to be aware of the Emergency Notification Number and coordinates for the field on our Club Sign near the entrance, and I believe, on the pits fence.
 - b. Newsletter (Dee Merrill): Nothing to report.
 - c. Website (Tom Minger) Information: Some items and dates need updating.
 - d. Club Raffle (Chuck Powell): Chuck will be moving out of the area. New manager needed. Possible volunteer???

Committee Reports.

- a. Swap Meet: On schedule for second Saturday in Aug 2023
 - b. Christmas Party: Second Thursday of December 2023.
 - c. Promoting Flying: New youngsters are needed for lifeblood and future of the club. Work on strategies to attract them from the area and community.
 - d. Field Maintenance: Discussion about the effectiveness of a fish emulsion as a gopher deterrent. Leo will spearhead that approach. Also discussed using a heated rubber process to better fill the cracks and potholes in the runway.
8. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence. None
9. Discussion of old or continuing business items.
- a. Control line combat meet April 14-15 2023.
 - b. Auction in Fremont on Oct 29, 2023.
 - c. Field maintenance coordinator is still needed for the club.
 - d. Pylon Racing is still being discussed with the possibility of using various types; ie: cheap, fun and durable. As always it requires participants and helpers.
10. Discussion of new business items.
- a. More discussion about changing bylaws by making the Club Officers positions a 2 year limit. Fred will send out a survey to gauge members feelings.
 - b. In addition to Bill Boland, we have lost another long-time member, Dave Hand. Field memorial markers will be commissioned. Dick Belden will follow up.
 - c. It was noted that the gate padlock has not been secured on more than one occasion. It was suggested that whomever opens the gate should jumble the combination numbers, as, if left on the code it will not lock when pressed back together at the end of the day. If you are last soul out...check the padlock.
11. Presentation of member's modeling projects (show and tell).
- A. Dick Belden passed around some photos from 20 years ago. He also showed a really useful wooden stand that he made several copies of over the years. He has the plans and several members were eager to adapt it to various plane sizes. Steve Merrill was the recipient of the stand as a gift from Dick. Yours truly is also a grateful owner of this fine stand.
 - B. Brock Brown showed a 1/4 scale sized twin gas (100cc) he's offering for sale.

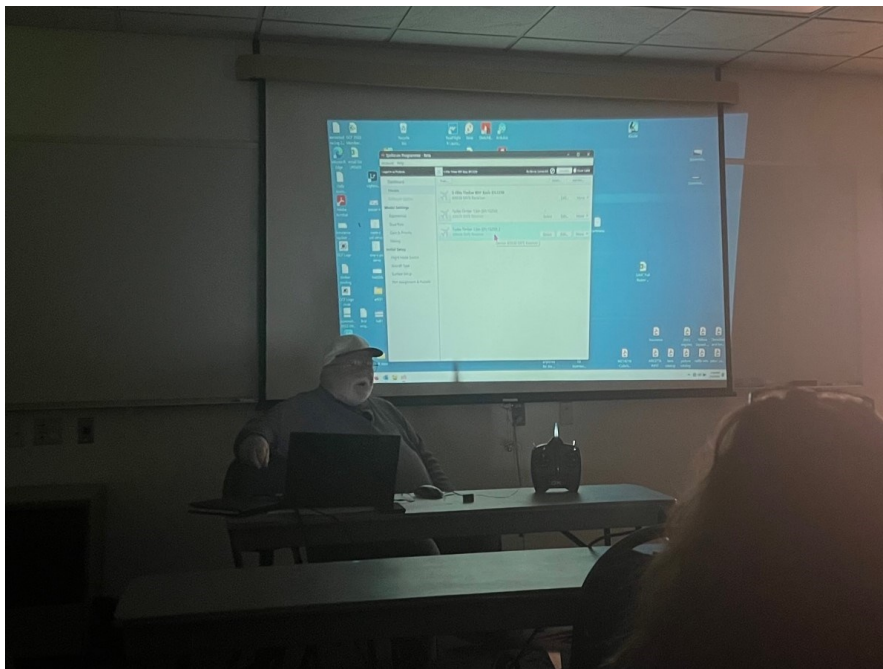
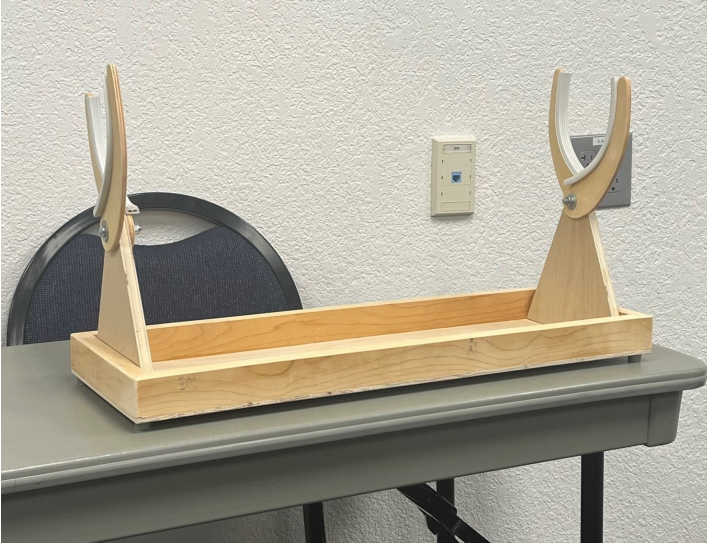
- C. Fred gave a screen presentation on programming a Spektrum A3X receiver using Spektrum software on a computer and a patch cord to the unit. A little daunting, but Fred assured us that it makes sense as you do it and gain experience.
12. Dummy of the month.
- A. John Stoney was nominated for smashing a flying wing under FPV. It seems the hatch came off in flight...and took the receiver with it. Oh, and he passed up a free lunch.
 - B. Lindsay Everson managed to land both an Aeroscout and a Timber in the top of a tree. Recovery involved climbing in the tree and using a frog gig. Apparently minor damage.
 - C. Tom Minger slipped on the ice on his driveway while attempting to take his wife to the hospital for surgery. He thought it only banged his tailbone and head, but a later trip to ER found broken cervical vertebrae. He will be wearing a horse collar for awhile.

We really couldn't add insult to injury for Tom, so the vote went for John. Congratulations!

No raffle this time.

Adjournment

Show and Tell



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