



# The Gold Country Flyer

## May 2024

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### Date: 05/02/2024 Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 7:00 PM                      Members attending: 29
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes.    April meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.
3. Guests/New Members: Joe Green was accepted. He was a former member and has experience with multiple types of aircraft.
4. President's (John Stoney) report: John introduced Chet and Terry Van Scyoc, owners of RC Country and long time supporters of our club. Chet gave a short history of his father's founding and development of the store from 1979. They moved and expanded the operation a few times to the present location on Power Inn Rd. with 14 thousand square feet. He described the changes in the industry over the years, like having manufacturers setting up booths at swap meets. Before opening a Q & A session with the members, Chet generously donated some fine merch which the club will add to our raffle collection for future events. The club deeply values the relationship which has existed with the Van Syoc family.
5. Vice President's (Dick Belden) report: Dick reminded us of the proper use of the gate lock. The code must be in place to LOCK it, then the combo must be changed. He also reiterated the requirement to have a TRUST number. We should all be courteous at the field and ensure everyone has a chance to fly. Many members are not comfortable fly-

ing with multiple aircraft airborne. (See Safety Officer's report) Dick commended Alan Ross for his recent mowing.

6. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report: 62 paid members.
7. Newsletter: Please take photos of activity at the field, and of any projects or new aircraft in your hangar. Just email them to Dee: royald@volcano.net
8. Website: Nothing to report.
9. Safety Officer: Be aware of different types in the air. IE: Floaters and Fast Movers. It is every pilot's responsibility to avoid conflict with other aircraft. Be cautious and courteous. Call outs simplify this. FPV spotter is required.
10. Committee Reports.
  - A. Swap Meet: Pending
  - B. Christmas Party: Pending
  - C. Promoting Flying: Pending.
  - D. Field Maintenance: We need volunteers to occasionally bring a weed-whacker to clean up around posts/poles/fence where mower doesn't reach.
11. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence. None
12. Discussion of old or continuing business items.
  - A. Fred Carter created a Solo Certificate to be presented to new pilots reaching that milestone.
  - B. The Control Line Contest was a success. Lee Letchworth reported on the activities and numbers. Congratulations to all that participated.
  - C. Phil Thompson found a new Gopher Poison Applicator. Approval was given to try this.
  - D. The committee to update the Bylaws has made progress. Several proposals were discussed for inclusion. The final draft will be presented to members prior to voting.
13. Discussion of new business.
  - A. Our old frequency board is defunct. It was suggested that we install a Dry Erase Board (whiteboard). Anyone using 72mhz would simply have to post his channel on the board prior to turning on the transmitter.

- B. Maintaining all the required numbers in the roster (AMA, FAA, TRUST) is difficult. It is proposed that each member provide or update all their information, including address, phone and email, at the time of renewal each year.
14. Presentation of member's projects. [Show and Tell]. Dick Belden showed his newest project, a Bridi XLT from the early 80's. He detailed some of his construction techniques. Beautiful as always.
15. Dummy of the Month.

There were three candidates: 1. Fred Carter for launching a Multiplex powered glider. The motor quickly left the rest of the aircraft behind. 2. Jerry Davis for the very act of flying a V22 Osprey. 3. Dan Troxell for loss of receiver on his giant scale glider.

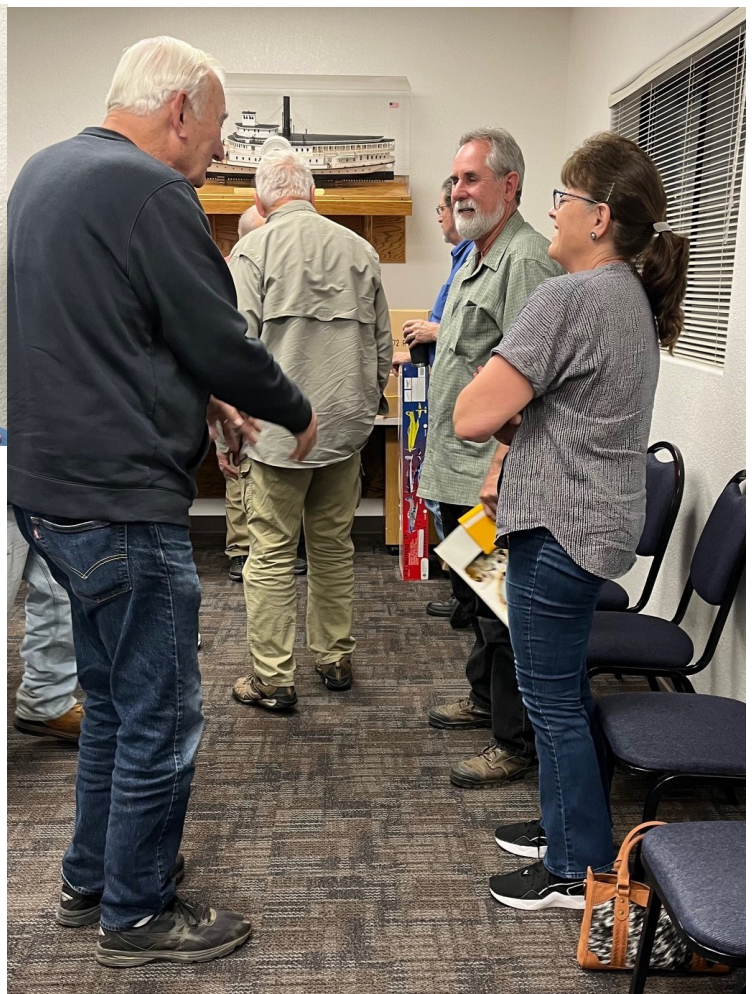
Fred won the coveted outhouse, but it was felt that Dan deserved a special award. He was unable to attend to receive it.

15. Raffle Time. Dylan was not able to attend.

#### ADJOURNMENT



Chet and Terry  
Van Scyoc







## SPECIAL GLIDER ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded to

# Dan Troxell

For Outstanding Airmanship without the use of radio assistance.

  
John Stoney, President

May 5, 2024

Date