



# The Gold Country

## Castle Photos

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**Treasurers Report :** We still have 93 members ,

1 T-34 and fuel and we are still solvent.

**Field report:** The club recently had the whole area around the field mowed and this time we hired the job out. It is certainly too much for most of us to be out there bouncing around for hours. The cost was not much higher than a tractor rental with our guys doing it. It took 7 hours to mow it. I don't know if most clubmembers are aware of it but **Alan Ross** has been mowing around the runway and taxi area and pit area for a long time and I'd like to thank him for the club and myself.

**Safety Report :** Nothing new to report , everybody seems to be behaving and haven't scared any of us or taken off from the Taxi-way .

**Castle:** Quite a few of our members went to the **IMAA fly-in** at Castle air field in Atwater , Memorial day weekend . Mostly everybody had a good time although **Jerry Davis** lost his P-51 Mustang he thinks due to poor radio reception due to possible carbon-fiber interference of the antenna. There could have been 300 airplanes there. The event lasted 4 days.

**Show and tell :** Only 1 person this month and John Stoney showed off his 5 cylinder radial that he purchased from Tom Minger and no he didn't get a price on it !!



**D.O.M.** There was just 1 nomination for the honor and the winner was Tom Minger for running into the fence stile with his helicopter .



**Bob Pynenburg with new "Big Stick"**  
That he plans to install floats on



**T-34 Race:** June 13th and we had 10 racers competing. **Ed Whittenburg** was the C.D. **Pylon Judges** were **Don Hoagland** and **John Stoney**. **The Gold race** consisted of Dick Belden (15 pts) Jerry Davis (15pts ) and Dennis Campbell (13pts) . Dick finished first followed by Jerry and then Dennis but Jerry cut a pylon so Dennis took 2nd..



**The Silver :** Consisted of Jerry Beman ,(9pts) Luke Hoagland ( 12pts) and Ed Whittenburg (10 pts ) . Ed finished 1st followed by Luke and Jerry B.

**The Bronze ;** The race consisted of Bob Pynenburg (5pts) Bill Simunek (5pts) and Fred Weaver (3pts) . Fred finished first . Bob 2nd and Bill 3rd with 5 cuts in the race.



Bill Simunek cut 11 pylons for the day and took over the cut leader with 13 for the year.

**John Stoney** Checks out Jerry Davis's color scheme for pylon judge identification purposes.



**Gary Hicks special ed. Class :** Earlier This month the **GCF** hosted **Gary Hicks** class with the help of **Rich Martinez , Bill-Simunek , Bob Pynenburg and Dick Belden** . One of the young men did very well and really surprised us but I think the teacher and aide enjoyed the "Buddy Box " flying more than the students !!

**The "Prez" Says :** Well folks it is an action packed month. We had **Castle** , which was a blast with lots of good flying. We were well represented by a number of **Gold Country** Members present. Dave had his beautiful birds there and Dale had his outstanding "Bonanza" . Tom and Jerry flew a number of times and at night. Tom's was well very bright and Jerry tossed a glow stick which was a show. Later in the month we had a good T-34 race with no crashes, Bill S and Bob P didn't even get close ! Bob posted several good pictures of most events. There was a published Warbird event in Kingdon Field , Lodi . The prevailing opinion was , that it was kind of weak. Maybe next time we can help improve the event with more members and more flying. Several members are off to Elko Nevada on a weeklong ATV Safari. How do you spell eating dirt,sweltering in the daylight and freezing at night ?? Oh Yum! Oakdale is having a Giant Scale event on the Fourth and I will be representing our club in Volcano at a parade on the Third. Lots of things in the near future and don't forget our **Club Meeting , Thursday night July 1st at 7PM.** See you at the field. **John**

**Club Meeting 7PM This Thursday the 1st . Bring you projects for "Show and Tell" and your good stories for D.O.M. Award**