



The Gold Country Flyer

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Special Thank-you : To Stan Kromfols for mowing around the runway and pit area while Alan Ross takes it easy due to surgery.

The Meeting : 18 members present but there was very little business to take up and we went quickly to show and tell and Dummy of the Month !

T-34 Race : was held June 11th and Bill Simunek was the C.D.

Adopt-a High-way : was put off until July due to a very busy schedule that I have for the month of June.

Show and tell : Jon Wilson brought in a really nice A-10 Warthog with twin fan electric motors.



Proud **D.O.M.** Winner !! Dave Hand for crashing his T-34 after losing orientation and crashing near the runway. Jon Wilson lost 3 airplanes at a float fly at Camp Far West and Joe Greene had to force land his Avistar but Dave was the winner.

Show ant tell (cont.) This is my Typhoon 2000 that was built from plans for my winter project . Its flight characteristics are excellent and better than I expected. D. Belden



T-34 Race : Was held Sat. June 11th with 13 flyers competing . The race was marred with 2 mid air collisions and 3 airplanes totaled . Jerry Davis and Mike Martinelli collided in the first heat and Ken Houser and Fred Weaver had a spectacular collision in the third heat. I think that everybody had a good time though. In the **Gold Race** , Bob Pynenburg was the winner with Ed Whittenburg 2nd. Luke Hoagland 3rd. and Alan Ross 4th. In The **Silver race** The winner was Jerry Davis followed by Murray Shubaly , who had 1 cut and Jerry Beeman had 4 cuts and Dennis Campbell had an engine failure and didn't finish. The **Bronze race** had Fred Weaver and Dan Avilla racing . Fred had 1 cut and Dan had 2 cuts so there weren't many points awarded in this one. The **Lead Race** had Mike Martinelli and Dick Belden competing . Mike finished 1st but had 6 cuts and Dick took first with no cuts .

A word of note : Fred Weaver is now the cut leader with 21 cuts for the year..

Safety alert : I had a conversation with one of our club members this last week and I want to pass this on because its very important. It seems that our club members got very ill and went to the hospital with pneumonia . Chest X-rays showed significant damage to the lungs as if this person was a life long smoker . He has never smoked and was very shocked . It turns out that it was Ca glue (super glue) fumes breathed in when he was building. The building took place in an enclosed room with apparently poor ventilation . So the Doctor recommended that he and all of us always use these glues with adequate ventilation and a fan blowing fumes away or outside . It may turn out that he will have to use a permanent inhaler as a result of this , so please keep this in mind.

The other thing I want to address is aircraft control and structural integrity . Losing an airplane because of sloppy control installation is not very smart . There are no rules against it in the club but the sliding retainers that keep the push rods attached to the servos should never be used on a primary flight controls such as elevator , rudder or ailerons. If you are using a 4-40 or 6-32 screw for a control horn secure it with a lock nut and hopefully it will be anchored to a plywood insert. If not permeate the area with thin Ca glue to strengthen the area around the horn. In general , if you feel uncomfortable with any thing you do , go back and do it over the right way. D.Belden



Fred Weaver 's friend Ritchie getting ready to retrieve Freds T-34 that mid-aired at the west pylon. Notice the plastic bags around his legs to protect against all those stickers.



Ed Whittenburg and Dan Avilla just prior to starting the T-34 race .



Dan Placido with his electric Nexstar electric trainer that flies very well.



The Prez Sez : Where did June go ? We finally have better weather and I have far too many projects to get out to the field. I did build a Bat Plane just for fun. It is a foam model taken from a computer sketch . I am going to test it on Tuesday if it does not rain . I used a trash can lid to draw a circle and guessed at the C.G. ! I don't have any idea how it will fly but it should be an adventure .

I heard the T-34 races were fun but gory . If you have any good stories or modeling tips please pass them on to Dick B. or myself and we can include them in the Newsletter.

I have always enjoyed telling my crash stories so feel free to tell us about your crash stories. I have to admit that this club never seems to have crashes , or at least ones folks will admit to on meeting night ! "There I was , my B-17 electric had one engine out (no it was hanging down) , another had quit. The Peanut Gallery was screaming 'get it higher ' and I am thinking 'on two remaining little motors ?' but then it crashed right in front of them." Glory Hallelujah what a crash , just like in the old war movies . This did not happen this month . I just recalled it for illustrative effect . We would love to hear your stories. The Club has set up a 24 hour Hot Line to record the events . Now this is an anonymous hot line, so please slowly give us your name , date phone no. and breakdown the events as you screwed them up. We will laugh some , then somberly relay them on you face page (whatever the hell that is, I guess we write in on you face with felt markers) anyhow tell us the facts . We will edit them , magnify some and let the world know what you have done . All this will be totally confidential ! See You at the field , John

Next Meeting Thurs. July 7th at 7p.m. at the county offices