



# The Gold Country Flyer

## May, 2011

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**The Meeting :** Was called to order at 7:03 Thursday May the 5th and was adjourned at 8:05 so it was a short meeting . There were 21 flyers present.

**Treasurers Report :** The Treasurer reported that things stayed pretty much the same and that there was no activity with the bank. There are no T-34's left as I well know and there won't be any available until the latter part of July.

**T-34 Race** with the Tokay Flyers took place Sat. May 7th. There were only 7 flyers who took part . Four of them were Gold Country flyers . It was very exciting and I lost 2 airplanes and Fred Weaver lost 1 due to our mid-air collision. We really did have a good time and we all got a good welcome from the Tokay club members . The food was very good and I would definitely go again.

**Show and Tell :** Dave brought in an airplane that he bought and didn't know what it was. John Stoney brought in a new steerable para sailer that was designed to be dropped from a model and its steerable on its descent . Alan Ross brought in his new B-25 Mitchell from Nitro Planes . It has counter rotating electric motors and retracts which came with the package. It hasn't been flown yet but it will soon.

**D.O.M.** Was awarded to Harry Beck



**The flight line at the May T-34 Race** with Jerry Beeman piloting and Mike Martinelli as his counter. As you can see it was a bit windy and cold . 10 flyers took part in the race and we all had a good time. John and Sherri Stoney took care of the cooking and we all ate well !! Competing In **The Gold Race** were Bob Pynenburg, Mike Belmont , Luke Hoagland and Jerry Beeman . An entire new and welcome look for the T-34 race . Luke finished first followed by Mike , Bob and Jerry . **The Silver Race** was Made up of Fred Weaver, Mike Martinelli and Dick Belden. Dick finished first and Mike 2nd because Fred had cut 2 pylons !! **The Bronze Race** had Ed Whittenburg, Dennis Campbell and Murray . Bob Pynenburg finished with high points for the Day with 19 pts. And Luke was 2nd

Luke Hoagland getting ready to start his engine for the race with Jerry Beeman as helper.





John Stoney working on his new "Jenny" with Alan Ross and Tom Minger supervising . It was flown again this last weekend at Castle .



The "Jenny" in flight , It really does fly!!

**The Prez sez :** Well its been a much better month for flying but it is still raining every few days ! We had a great T-34 Race and the show at Castle was a real success in spite of wind every day. The Organizers of this event put on a fine show, thanks from the Gold Country Flyers . It rained on night and the weather did put a small damper on activities . Special thanks to Tom Minger , he really helped the wagon roundup (RV parking) for our club. Now we call him "The Wagon Master" !

There was a lot of good flying . Jerry and Tom put on some nice flights with their night flyers. Jerry felt it was not dark enough, but I think it was the stadium lights that were on our concrete ramp. A lot of club members were there and many friends stopped by. Harry Brandt drove Alan Ross down , and it was great seeing him. No crashes for our group with a couple of minor scratches . I flew my new WW I "Jenny" which was a lot of fun. At one point the engine died on landing and the wind started blowing it backwards . It rolled quite a ways gaining speed as it blew down the runway. The Line Marshal took off running after it. I didn't think "oh boy this is going to hurt" , but marveled how fast he was running . It would have crashed and burned before I could have gotten up to that speed ! Thanks to him , model saved !

Before I forget , meeting this Thursday night . For those of you who are keeping track, no I have not had any crashes this month, ie- no trophy this month. We have a club policy which is called the "Amnesty Policy" . If you confess that you did in fact have a crash , but normally would cover it up, now you can use the NASA form 132-90126appA , in triplicate, submitted with a written verification (witness , Pictures , etc..) , then you are entitled to a "get out of free jail free card " . Unfortunately , the deadline was last June , and what the hell I will still give you the D.O.M. award 'jus cus you deserve it ! See you at the field . John

**Next Meeting Thursday June 2nd at 7pm at the County offices at the Airport.**