



The Gold Country Flyer

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Field Report : The Field is in fair condition but there are always some rocks on the runway and lately there have been quite a few paper towels that have been littering the field . Please take care of them if they're yours. If you see that the runway needs to be swept or litter around the area feel free to help out.

Safety Report : There was a discussion at the meeting about taxiing back into the pit area after landing. As Safety officer I feel very uncomfortable with it , since I had a friend seriously hurt by this . I don't want to be a safety dictator but I want to make people aware of the danger . The other thing that I want to stress is letting other flyers know when you go out to the runway. Flying at many contests has made me much more aware of looking in both directions before going out there.

August Meeting : called to order at 7PM with 27 members present. **Dan Avilla** was introduced as a new member and our membership is up to 97 members.

Adopt a Highway: A special thank-you to these members for participating in the clean-up July 31st. Cathy Martinelli, Dale Contando, Dave Huggins with his wife, Dick Thomas, Don Hoagland Ed Whittenburg , Jim Moore , Jim Stepp , Luke Hoagland, Mike Martinelli , Phil Thompson , John Stoney and Jim Hoyle.

Events : The Club put on 2 events this month **The Free swap Meet Aug with** 14th with Tom Minger as event director and the **T-34 Race** with "**The Weav** " as event director . Both events were well attended and most enjoyed themselves. The T-34 race had 14 flyers show up with no mid-air .



Swap Meet Action SAT. August 14

T-34 Race 22 Aug . There was a good turnout for the race with 14 flyers attending . There were no mid-air or crashes to report . Fred Weaver was the C.D. and Alan Ross was the chief cook. The gold race winner was Fred Weaver because Jerry Davis cut one pylon and Ed Whittenburg was 2nd , Ken Houser 3rd and then Jerry. Silver winner was Dennis Campbell , Bronze winner was Bill Simunek and in the lead race Greg Hennifer was the winner due to 2 pylon cuts by Jim Womack.



Racers, Bob Pynenburg, Gregg Hennifer, Jim Womack and Dennis Campbell getting ready for the race.

D.O.M. Award : Lauren Bussard for crashing airplane, but this pales in comparison to Rich Martinez . Rich brought out 2 airplanes to fly ,one for himself and another for Bill Kosenski . When the flight was close to being finished, Rich forgot and started to fly the airplane he brought for Bill and ignored his own . Luckily no serious damage !! And not to be out done by Rich , our illustrious President John Stoney brought out a foamy to fly and it would not respond to the transmitter commands . When he checked to see what was wrong he discovered that the receiver wasn't installed. Last but not least Mike Belmont for crashing his nice P-47 . John won the award hands-up.



Jim Womack With WWI Albatross

Show and Tell : Jim Womack brought in a “Pogo” which was sort of a replica of the original Vertical Take –off airplane in the 50’s and also a WW I German fighter. Rich Martinez brought a “Tiger Moth “ primary RAF trainer that was a Japanese Kit that later turned out to be made by Pilot .



Harry Brandt launches his new carbon fiber glider with Jerry Davis at the controls on its maiden flight.



Rich Martinez with his Tiger Moth that he brought for show and tell.

The Prez Says : Well Folks , August has been a fantastic month for events . We had a swap meet that was well attended . Shari bought another model which I am dressing up now. We had a great T-34 race that Fred Weaver put on and there were no crashes this time ! We put Bill S. and Bob P. on buddy boxes to assist them. Jerry had a great race going when he cut a pylon and now he is wearing a white headband with a red dot on it , using Japanese ! By the way Don Hoagland and I were Pylon Judges. Shari sat down there with me and kept yelling “Oh was that close “ and a couple of wee-e close” . I was invited to an electric fly –in Carson City but it was a total washout due to wind and weather. I helped a friend work on his electrics until one O’clock in the morning both nights. We may have discussed modeling some , friends are important , mine are. I flew my B-17 (at our field) again and had the greatest crash I have ever seen . As I took off , one engine quit , then vibrated itself off its mount. The resident peanut gallery was yelling “get higher , get higher “, which leads me to believe , they were there for comic relief . I got it back in the pattern and the subsequent landing caused engines , nacelles and other fun parts to fly off . This looked like a WW2 bomber crash landing . It was all done right in front of the judges , much to their delight ! The last float fly was a lot of fun and we should bring up another at the meeting on Wed. Well , this is about it , sure hope you can get to the meeting on Thursday , The more friends the more fun . See you at the field , John

Next Meeting—Thursday @ Sept 2 at 7pm