



# The Gold Country Flyer

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**The Meeting :** Was called to order at approx. 7pm and there were 17 members present . There were 2 prospective new members , Mark Rotar and Tim Turner and both were voted into the membership.

**Treasurers Report :** The club remains solvent and certainly not rich. Figures are available at the club meeting . There were 6 cases of fuel and 2-T-34's available at the time of the meeting .

**Safety :** There was a discussion on getting sand buckets at the field to suppress an electrical or battery fire . John Stoney directed Joe Green to purchase buckets and sand and they are now at the field. There is also a water fire extinguisher at the field to extinguish a possible grass fire that could be started by electric airplane crash or failure .  
**Water is never to be used directly on an electric fire** but on the surrounding area to prevent the fire from taking off.  
**The sand is used only on the actual electrical portion of the fire to smother it .** I know I'm repeating myself but it is imperative that water never be applied to a lithium battery fire. If you feel that you would be in danger by the flames , get the hell out of there !! The sand buckets are presently located next to the openings in the fence in the pit area next to the taxi ways . The water extinguisher is presently next to the barbeque and must be hoisted to the table and then on to your back .

**D.O.M.** Dave Hand Proud winner of this months award celebrates with a "Mug Root beer" at the meeting



Dave lost his trusty "Sky Tiger " in the sun on the left side of the field as he was unable to get himself oriented because of seeing just a black silhouette of his airplane and couldn't determine what was right or left.





Portable sand buckets at the openings in the fence going to the runway.



Bob Pynenburg , busy arranging the flight order of the racers.

**Christmas Party** : is scheduled for Dec. 15 at The sons of the Golden West Meeting Hall in Sutter Creek . Hope that you can be there.

**T-34 Race** : Was held on Sept 10th . There was a lot of carnage and 5 airplanes went in although none to mid-air collisions . 2 airplanes hit pylons one lost to radio failure and 2 others due to thumb glitches. In all fairness there was a brisk crosswind at 90 deg's to the runway and it made it very difficult to take-off and land. Jerry Davis was the winner in the **Gold Race** and was high scorer for the day and he was followed by Alan Ross , Fred Weaver and Luke Hoagland. In the **Silver Race** Bob Gardner finished first followed by Dennis Campbell Jerry Beeman and Mike Martinelli . In the **Bronze Race** it was a yawner because Ed Whittenburg and Matt Martinelli could not make the start line and Dick Belden was the only one remaining. There were hamburgers cooked up by Alan Ross and lunch was good . So a special thank-you to Alan , John Stoney and Dave Hand for being pylon judges and Bob Pynenburg for filling in as C.D. for Don Hoagland.



One of the 5 Wrecked T-34's sits under the shade of our Ray-wood Ash tree.

**New Hogan Reservoir Float Fly** Was held Sunday the 26th of Sept. Ken Houser was the event organizer. There were not a lot of people there but we had a lot of fun . Bud Kanamoto , Jim Stepp , Dave Hand , Phil Thompson and Dick Belden represented the Gold Country Flyers . We had to give up the flying a bit early because of the Jet Skiers being in our flight area . Dennis Grady provided the retrieval boat. There is usually a gathering of flyers there most Thursday mornings at New Hogan .



Ken Houser with his "Sky Tiger " on floats at New Hogan reservoir .



**The Prez Sez :** Hi folks , Well this is going to be a short and sweet . I have been tied up with a medical problem and have only been to the field a couple of times (no crashes =no D.O.M. ) . The T-34 races were a real crash fest but still a lot of fun . We sure owe a vote of thanks to the CD's at these events . Alan as always , had good food , so everyone had a good time. As for the pylon judges , I think money instead of thanks would work well. We had some folks show up for the float fly , but more later . Well this is it for the month . Hope to see you at the next meeting and at the field. Take Care , John

The next Club Meeting will be this Thursday at 7 pm at the county offices .

RC Country Swap Meet will be Sat. Oct 22nd .

Also there will be another Model Aircraft Garage Estate Sale at Jerry Wolframs house in Castle Oaks in Lone at 921 Oak View Drive October 15 & 16th starting at 8 am.