



The Gold Country Flyer

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The Meeting : Was called to order on March 3rd with 22 members present. The meeting room had been changed to another room in the same building due to our normal meeting being used for training. A new clubmember , Ken Knowles , who is renewing his membership after a break , was introduced to the club. Welcome ! **Treasurer's report :** So Far there are only 65 members renewing their Membership. It takes about 10 more members to support the budget for the year with the activities that are planned. No panic however , the treasury is still okay and we will not be increasing dues. **Vice-President's :** In keeping with tradition, the Vice-President had nothing to report !! **Safety Officer's Report :** Brock reports that everything appears to be going well so that's good. **Field Status :** The shredded wind sock has been replaced. All of the aircraft holders on the benches and the hold-downs in the concrete have been redone. The person who will fill the cracks has been notified and when his schedule permits , he will fix the major cracks on the runway. This should occur in the next two months. **Adopt-a-Highway** was postponed due to the wet ground and rain and will occur on Saturday April 2nd. There is still a question on the dates of the **Fun-Fly** and should be resolved soon.

Show and Tell :



Brock Brown with his AeroBez 20cc Yak 54 profile . Brock said there were some problems with the position of the horizontal stab but are being corrected.

Adopt-a-Highway clean-up : Was accomplished on Saturday April 2nd. We could have used a little more help but Thank you to Jesse Dorris, Murray Shubaly, Ed Whittenburg, Frank Demcak, Steve Merrill, Bill Simunek, Dee Merrill, Jim Moore and Phil Thompson for being there to help.

D.O.M. Award : Nominees were Harry Brandt when his glider crashed when his wing came apart . Tom Minger more or less nominated himself when he confessed to crashing his helicopter between cars and also destroying 3 expensive props when landing his Extra 260.

Tom was the proud winner !



T-34 Race : Was held on Sunday April 3rd. There were 7 racers signed up . Despite the low turn out ,several flyers couldn't make it, the event went very well. The weather couldn't have been better. Seven flyer's started the race but only 6 finished . Yours truly managed to take out the west end pylon in spectacular fashion and managed to take 3 feet off the top of the pylon and the force severely bent the pylon near its base. So I was finished before the first lap was completed.



This is the west pylon after the collision.



T-34 Race Results :

- 1st—Jerry Davis
- 2nd – Ed Whittenburg
- 3rd - Steve Merrill
- 4th— Jerry Beeman
- 5th– Mike Martinelli
- 6th– Matt Martinelli
- 7th– Dick Belden DNF

This is what a 100 mph aircraft does . The left wing is the only part of the aircraft that hit it.

A Great Event : Saturday April 23 is the date of the Calaveras County Airport days at the San Andreas County Airport Open House . This is truly a very enjoyable experience as you can get up close to real airplanes and interact with the owners. There are also flight demonstrations and airplane rides . Last year was my first year at the event and it was so good I want to go back again. There is food there and it's a very relaxed and family atmosphere. If you get there early , you can possibly escape the parking fee which is \$10. Even though there is a parking fee there is no admission fee. The parking fee goes to the scouts. The scenery is just beautiful !! The airport is south of the town of San Andreas on highway 49 . D.B.



Next Meeting Thursday April 7th. @ 7pm.

The Prez Sez : The best weather for flying is upon us. I encourage everyone to help recruit new RC club members. Friends, neighbors and family people you know who used to be in the hobby and so on. I have one neighbor who is interested, and trying to find some time to get involved. The club will have two Fun Fly events this year , dates to be determined. These are great events for prospective members and a perfect way to introduce them to our hobby. Jim

