



The Gold Country Flyer

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The Meeting : Was called to order on Thursday Feb. 5th at 7 pm . There were 29 members and guest present. New Prospective members Mike Puthuff and Erik Winter were introduced. In keeping with tradition , there was no Vice President's report. **Treasurer's Report :** As of the Feb. meeting we have 67 paid members. The Treasury is approximately the same as last year . The budget for 2015 was discussed . 630 dollars was spent on field maintenance last year including a full field mowing in late spring , \$ 450 on the port-a-potty cleaning , \$ 90 on AMA club renewal , \$ 300 on the Christmas party and \$1000 on raffle prizes throughout the year. Coming **Club Event** were discussed . There is a **Fun Fly** scheduled for April 18th , a **Float fly** at New Hogan Reservoir June 3rd (water level permitting) , The annual **Swap Meet** Aug 15th, Sept 26th **Scale Fly In** , A **Fun Fly and Night Fly-In** on Oct. 17th and the **Annual Christmas Party** on Dec. 10th.

Safety Item : Although our Safety Officer was not present , an issue of great importance was brought up by one of our members. That would be cleaning up your crash debris to the greatest degree possible when it is located out in the pasture area. It seems that cattle will eat anything including our crash remains and it would cause them great harm and the rancher great expense . The Club will be purchasing plastic trash bags which will be located near the barbecue and lost and found bin so you can gather all your stuff . Another **safety item** came up and that is electric safety . I know that I mention this a lot but people continue to get seriously hurt. In January one of our members was cut and had to go to the hospital to get sewed up .

So, I think there is a lesson here , please be careful !

Show and Tell :



Rich Allred showing off his latest project , a Slow Poke , built from a kit.



Jon Wilson with his 3D Yak powered by a Turnegy electric motor .

D.O.M. Nominations :

Rich Allred for crashing his **4 Star 1.20** when it hit the ground a little harder than he thought upon landing and the fuselage split into 2 pieces . The fuselage was constructed from lite plywood .

Ed Whittenburg for quickly destroying the control line aircraft that he bought into 3 pieces . It was Ed's first try at control line flying.

Jerry Davis crashed his AT6 when the ailerons became erratic.

John Stoney who crashed 2 airplanes in 20 minutes .

Brock Brown had an elevator servo fail on his Ultra Stick

Josh Blewett crashed into the pits with his foamy and the glider that he built crashed during a test flight.

Dave Hand Who crashed his foamy .

The proud winner was **Ed Whittenburg**



This is my latest project , a modified **Sweet Stick** that was originally kitted by Midwest . I decided to build this airplane so that I could use it for training new flyers in the club. I added dihedral to make the airplane more stable and changed the shape of the vertical stabilizer and rudder. I learned more about flying with this airplane which was my second RC model than any other aircraft I owned . That was in the 70's . I have a soft spot for it . The plans are still available from the AMA Plan Service. At full throttle it's a joy to fly and still is docile at low speed for training. There are many of the Classic older design aircraft from the AMA plan service if you have a favorite model you want to build . Visit their web site . There is a vast selection and the quality and service is excellent. D.B.



The Prez Sez : I have been informed by Amador County Administration that our normal meeting room at the Agricultural Building on Airport Road **is not available for our**

March 5th Meeting. I had all of our Thursday meetings scheduled for 2015. Someone has more clout , priority, and /or power. As far as I know at this time , our meeting dates for April through November 2015 are still scheduled at the normal location . Only the March meeting had to be relocated .

I have reserved the Native Sons of the Golden West Hall at 56 Main street , in Sutter Creek for The Gold Country Flyers March 5th meeting. Meeting will start at 7 pm . Come early to find parking. **This is the same location as our Annual Christmas Party.**

Next Meeting , this Thursday at The Sons of the Golden West Meeting Hall, Sutter Creek .