



# The Gold Country Flyer

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**The Meeting :** Was called to order at 7 pm on Thursday Jan 7th at 7 pm. There were 20 members present . The meeting opened up with a discussion led by Don Brown who is a full scale pilot. The FAA requires that all model airplanes greater than 1/2 pound register. As of right now all AMA members are required to register. We all know that we are not the problem but if it makes the public feel safer lets go ahead and register. The editor has registered and assigned an FAA number. It really is quite painless so there is no reason not to go along with the request. The Treasurer reported that only 48 **members** have renewed their membership for 2016 . If you haven't renewed , get your dues paid. The Safety Officer pointed out that it's a good idea to check all radio connectors for security going into the flying season. It was noted that the wind sock is really getting shredded and needs to be replaced . I believe Alan Ross is looking into getting a new sock. It was also brought up , by the editor that the hold downs and aircraft racks need to be refurbished and I'm looking into it . I really want to get exterior grade insulation that will hold up to the weather and so far haven't come up with it. Also will be using thin Velcro strips to hold the insulation in place. It was also brought up that there were major cracks in the runway and that it needs to be repaired.

I contacted Rob Andre who was the last person to seal the runway. Since it has been quite wet the repairs can't be made until it gets drier . I told Rob to look at the runway and give us an estimate when he gets a chance and not to make a special trip but I will get back to him to remind him.

**Events:** So far there are 4 T-34 races scheduled but no firm dates as yet. Ed Whittenburg will be in charge of the races. Sept 24th there will be a **Scale Fly-in** hosted by Mike Belmont .

**Show and Tell :** Brock Brown brought in his new O.S. 10cc gasoline motor . The workmanship was beautiful and these engines use very little gas . This engine has the power of a .60 glow motor.

**D.O.M. Award :** Due to the weather being rather wet there hasn't been much flying and also **John Stoney** wasn't at the meeting so there wasn't anybody to award it to.

**The Prez Sez :**

At our January meeting we discussed our regular annual events and put some dates on our calendar. We don't yet have dates for the Fun Fly events; the swap meet is set for **August 13th** , and we will have a Scale Fly-in on **September 24th**. The dates for the T-34 Races have not been scheduled, but there was a description of how this year's series will be held. The T-34 pilots are looking for some new competitors to join the fun and excitement . I encourage you to attend as many club events as you can . All the events are opportunities to get together with club members , their families and friends. Food is available at most of the events and helps make the day even better. We will complete the calendar at our next meeting this **Thursday, Feb 4th. (cont)**

The Prez Sez (cont)

It will be published as usual on our club website, so you will be able to make your plans to join in on the fun.

**Installing light weight fiberglass cloth before painting :**



**Warming epoxy finishing Resin in cold garage**



**Thinning resin slightly so it doesn't pull light weight cloth too much**



**Cloth laid on dry fuselage prior to applying epoxy resin**



**Brushing through lite weight cloth with resin removing wrinkles as you go.**



**epoxy curing , securing glass cloth**



**excess cloth is trimmed with #11 Exacto blade and fine sandpaper**



**The 2nd coat of resin After the initial glass cloth Application coat. The sanding Is minimal until the last coat Of resin and then you really Have to go to work.**



**This is after sanding , primer applied , and Initial top color.**

The hardest thin you have to do is sand , very tedious. Start out with 120 grit the 180 grit then 220 and 400 grit. And bring your patience.

**Next Meeting this Thursday 7pm.**