



# The Gold Country Flyer

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### Date: 01/04/2024 Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 7:00 PM                      Members attending: 29
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes.    Approved
3. Guests/New Members: Bill Rider. Welcome aboard!
4. Vice President's (Dick Belden) report: Nothing to report
5. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report: Reminder that non-renewed members will be dropped from the roster. Dues paid in full will be reinstated.
6. President Stoney spoke that since this is a new year and new officers, it would be good to determine what the members priorities are for the club moving forward.

Several members voiced concern over the length/width of the runway, which has been the longest standing "old business" item and discussed at many meetings in past years. Several members gave their arguments pro and con.

The main criticism of our runway is the difficulty of taking off and especially landing with our prevailing crosswind. Everyone, beginners and experienced alike have taken a "trip through the tulips" (should I say, gopher minefield) on numerous occasions.

Veterans Tom Minger and Dick Belden suggested a solution: "Practice makes Perfect." It is a skill that takes time to develop. Make it a priority to practice diligently.

Tom also gave a thoughtful analysis of how good our field is overall, and the arrangements we have with the county should not be jeopardized.

The consensus of those present was about split. Further cost/analysis and coordination with contractors and the county will be continued.

7. Committee Reports.
  - a. Swap Meet: Pending
  - b. Christmas Party: Pending.
  - c. Promoting Flying: Pending.
  - d. Field Maintenance: A large crack has developed in the runway. Options on how to fill it are being considered.
8. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence. None
9. Discussion of old or continuing business items. None
10. Discussion of new business items.
  - a. New Safety Officer needed. Lance Cook "volunteered."
  - b. New Raffle Manager needed. Dylan Finley "volunteered" with many promises of assistance from other members.
11. Presentation of member's modeling projects (show and tell).

Phil Thompson showed a new fire extinguisher: Fire Sense-Fire Ox that claims to put out LiPo fires. Small and compact, if it works as advertised it should be something that everyone flying electric has in their kit.
12. Dummy of the month.

The prestigious award went to Alan Ross for leaving a pile of bad LiPos on a bench at the field. No other nominees came forward. Also, I want to correct the record from the December Newsletter...I mistakenly identified Buzz Bussard as the winner. The trophy should have gone to Jon Teeling as the real culprit.

## Adjournment