



# The Gold Country Flyer

## May 2022

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### Date: May 7, 2022    Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 10:00 AM                      Members attending: 16
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes.    Approved
3. Guess/New Members: None
4. Vice President's (Brock Brown) report: **Nothing to report.**
5. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report: Members: 70
6. Reports from each of the Appointed Positions.
  - a. Safety Office's (Dick Belden) report: Be careful while turning into our field.
  - b. Newsletter (Dee Merrill): **Nothing to report.**
  - c. Website (Tom Minger) Information: **Nothing to report.**
  - d. Club Raffle (Chuck Powell): will have raffle in June.
7. Committee Reports.
  - a. Swap Meet: Aug 13th, only three more months start dusting off your treasures.
  - b. Christmas Party: Dec 8th

- c. Promoting Flying: our best promotion for flyers is word-of-mouth and people driving by the flying site. Currently I have a new student, Jackson, one of Thomas's friends are doing very nicely.
  - d. Field Maintenance: We still need somebody to step up and coordinate the field maintenance. Also, we need to start setting the Gopher traps again. I would be willing to coordinate tests with anybody that's willing to help. Unfortunately, I cannot kneel down and this is a requirement for setting a Gopher trap.
8. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence.
9. Discussion of old or continuing business items.
- a. Club meetings:
    - i. The conference room at the airport is still being used for a library and we have no idea when it will be available again.
    - ii. What is the club option of meeting at the field?
      - 1. The field offers open air group gatherings.
      - 2. We only have short meetings so the weather elements have not been an issue.
    - iii. Should we pursue another conference room for meetings? It was agreed to continue with the field.
  - b. AeroScout racing:
    - i. We had only four flyers in the race but it was a good day of flying. But it has sparked interesting actions.
      - 1. Jon Teeling has learned a lot about electric motors and batteries trying to figure out why he is always last.
      - 2. Everyone is now learning more about how to work together as a pilot and a caller to make flying in the race is much more fun.
      - 3. Safety concern has been raised about flying over the pits. Unfortunately, several people while turning around the pylons they have a tendency to go wide which puts them over the pits. It has been suggested that anyone crosses the runway after turning around pylon should be disqualified.
      - 4. Upcoming race days are May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and ending on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

c. Control Line Combat Contest:

- i. Great weekend of flying and I think everyone had a good time.
- ii. Lee reviewed on what contestants spent during the weekend they were here. The control line contest brought in an additional \$7000 worth of revenue to the County for things such as hotel, meals, gas and bar tabs.

10. Discussion of new business items.

- a. Zello operations: A new application for phones that allows you to use your phone as a walkie-talkie. This app can do much more than Friday walkie-talkie. Communications can be with one individual or with a group.
  - i. When somebody has to go to the high weeds to retrieve an airplane, they have instant communications with people in the pits that maybe spotting the location of the downed aircraft.
  - ii. Can be used during contests communicate with pylon judges are other people that are not in the pits are in the pilot's area.
  - iii. And it's a fun application that allows you to communicate with your friends.
- b. It has been pointed out that the driveway has holes that make entering our field tricky. Hole will be filled.

11. Presentation of member's modeling projects (show and tell).

Dick Belden has his recent built Kwik Fli that was designed in 1965. With two wings, one constant cord and one tapered cord wing, he has with one fuselage that can be Kwik Fli 3 or Kwik Fli 4.

12. Dummy of the month.

- a. Jim Dickow for his fly aways.
- b. John Stoney for his excellent flying skills.
- c. Brock Brown just because.

The winner is Jim Dickow !

## Adjournment