



The Gold Country Flyer

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Date: 05/042023 Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 7:00 PM Members attending: 22
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes. Approved
3. Guests/New Members: Dan Calhoun introduced himself. He is an experienced and long time RC enthusiast. Promptly and unanimously voted in as new member.
4. Vice President's (Brock Brown) report: Nothing to report.
5. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report: Current membership 59
6. Reports from each of the Appointed Positions.
 - a. Safety Office's (Dick Belden) report: Dick used the opportunity praise Alan Ross for his many years of service as Club Treasurer...and relentless Mower of Fields.
 - b. Newsletter (Dee Merrill): Thanks to all who have forwarded photos of airfield and other flying activity. Phil Thompson has been a regular contributor and we can all appreciate his skill at capturing the action and beauty of our planes.
 - c. Website (Tom Minger) Information: Website is up to date.
 - d. Club Raffle (Chuck Powell): Chuck was unable to attend.

Committee Reports.

- a. Swap Meet: On schedule for second Saturday in Aug 2023
 - b. Christmas Party: Second Thursday of December 2023.
 - c. Promoting Flying: New youngsters are needed for lifeblood and future of the club. Work on strategies to attract them from the area and community.
 - d. Field Maintenance: The work party on Saturday, 4/12 took down a lot of grass/weeds thanks to three mowers, a big-wheel trimmer and a couple of drags.
8. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence. None
9. Discussion of old or continuing business items.
- a. Control line combat meet April 14-15 was a success. Lee Letchworth was not available to give a report, but those present experienced some loud, lively competition and a wee bit of destruction.
 - b. Auction in Fremont on Oct 29, 2023.
 - c. Leo Palaima brought up Field Maintenance and was promptly tagged as Coordinator.
 - d. Pylon Racing is being shelved for now due to lack of participation. Several suggestions were made to have something like a Fun Fly with a variety of aircraft and some challenging competition scenarios.
10. Discussion of new business items.
- a. More discussion about changing bylaws to make the monthly meeting on a different day in hopes of permitting additional members the opportunity to attend. Needs to go out to the general membership for response. Of those attending the meeting, the majority were not in favor of a change.
 - b. Field memorial markers for Bill Boland and Dave Hand were to be installed on 5/6.
 - c. We learned member Mike Belmont was injured by a falling tree. Best wishes and quick recover go to him.
11. Presentation of member's modeling projects (show and tell).
- A. Fred Carter discussed Forward Programming on Spektrum transmitters, in combination with the right Spektrum receiver. It has great utility and can be very helpful, but can be a little daunting to learn. Fred is building knowledge and experience and can assist.

12. Dummy of the month.

Jerry Davis was indicted on two counts of arial destruction involving an Osprey, his tow plane and some hearsay about a heli incident. Judgement was that he should receive the DOM for a period of one month.

Adjournment

Enjoy these pictures from various days and locations.

Thanks, Phil!





