



# The Gold Country Flyer

## November 2023

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### Date: Nov. 2, 2023 Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 7:00 PM                      Members attending: 26
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes.    Approved
3. Guests/New Members: Bill Ryder from Pine Grove.
4. Vice President's (Brock Brown) report: None
5. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report:        Members 65
6. Reports from each of the Appointed Positions.
  - a. Safety Officer: (Dick Beldon) report: Stressed the vital importance of a pre-flight inspection of the aircraft and systems before EVERY flight, including a full control check prior to taxi.
  - b. Newsletter: (Dee Merrill): None
  - c. Website: (Tom Minger) Information: Some of the info we have on other clubs are based on their website and may not be updated in a timely manner.
  - d. Club Raffle: (Chuck Powell): Last call for a Raffle Manager. When Chuck moves, we will have no more raffles.

7. Committee Reports.
  - a. Swap Meet: Nothing to report.
  - b. Christmas Party: Dec 14<sup>th</sup> everything is on schedule. Potluck dinner requires each member to bring either a Main/Side/Salad/or Dessert. Notify Tom in advance of what you intend to provide. All ladies will get a free raffle ticket. Doors open at 5 pm, meeting starts at 7pm.
  - c. Promoting Flying: Dylan Finley reported that his school is forming an aviation club to stimulate interest in RC flying. Great news!
  - d. Field Maintenance: Chronic gopher problem ongoing. The emulsion spray seems to be effective, but needs reapplying frequently. Several members offered large spray tanks to help the job.
8. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence: None
9. Discussion of old or continuing business items.
  - a. Fun Fly was a success for participants and observers. Thanks to Lance, Phil, and Dick for putting the event together. Hopefully we will have two next year: Spring and Fall.
  - b. Bayside auction was a success, but getting smaller in attendance. Chet VanSyoc of RC Country Hobbies donated a bunch of World Models goods.
10. Discussion of new business items.
  - a. Elections for Officers concluded. John Stoney is the new President with Dick Belden taking the VP slot. All other positions remain the same. Thanks and congratulations.
  - b. Dick told of his visit to a club in Arvin, near Bakersfield, that was using petromat for their field. Discussion followed about the installation and maintenance of petromat and the cost comparison with blacktop.
11. Presentation of member's modeling projects (show and tell).
  - a. An old Pitts Special(??) was shown. It hadn't been flown for many years, but was in excellent condition. Sorry, I didn't write down the presenter's name.
  - b. Dylan Finley showed a custom Quad that he designed and built. Says it handles great and is very fast.

12. Dummy of the month.

- a. Dick Belden for leaving his transmitter tray at the field.
- b. Dylan Finley for inadvertently landing inverted.
- c. Jerry Davis for leaving parts at home .
- d. Jay "Sparky" Clifton for plugging several 3S batteries into 4S balance plugs on his charger and finding that causes smoke and fire.

Sorry, again I didn't mark the winner in my notes, but I believe the winner was Jay.

13. Raffle

## Adjournment

