



- Safety Officer: Lance was not present. No safety issues were raised.
- Newsletter: Todd will provide the newsletter until a more suitable replacement for Dee is found.
- Website: Tom has updated the 2025 calendar on the GCF website with all known events for nearby clubs. He will also be updating the members list to reflect the current 2025 members (those who haven't renewed will be removed).
- Club Raffle: Craig graciously donated the plane he won last month (courtesy of Dick Belden) back into the club raffle, as he wants it to go to someone who is more apt to fly it in the near future. Phil Thompson won it this time (along with having multiple other winning tickets). Congratulations to Phil, and we're all anxious to see it fly! There were several other useful items raffled off, including a pair of 4S 5000mah LiPos, a loupe, and several small tools.

#### 8. Committee reports:

- Events:
  - The annual GCF Swap Meet will likely be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August (8/15/2025).
  - A 'Fun Fly' was discussed, possibly for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April (4/12/2025). Requests were made for Spot Landing and wingless Aero Scout races, other competitions TBD. A volunteer is needed to assist with preparations and execution for this event (Lance, are you reading this?).
  - We have a Control-Line Combat event scheduled for our field on April 25, 26 & 27 (Fri – Sun).
- Promoting Flying: Discussions were held regarding the usefulness of our club participating in the Jackson Airport Appreciation Day. It was determined that, while we have not gained any new club members as a direct result, it has generated interest for a group of young men in Calaveras County. And a new member was brought into the Livermore Flying Electrons when they participated in a similar event at the Livermore airport. Setting up a flight simulator seems to be a major attraction.
- Field Maintenance: The growing season will be here soon! Alan has requested that a few volunteers come out to rake the gopher mounds level just before he needs to mow the field for the first time. He will keep us posted when that is going to happen.

#### 9. Announcements / Pertinent correspondence:

- Tom informed us that the ¼-Scale Memorial Day event, which was held at Reedley last year and attended by many GCF members, was planned for Crows Landing this year. However, rather late in the process, the leadership at Crows Landing determined their field is not adequate for the event. This is surprising, as it was successfully held there in years past and the organizer has written a letter to the leadership indicating such. Thus far, no response has been received to that letter. So, the event may be back at Reedley this year. Tom will keep us posted as more info is made available.

#### 10. Discussion of old or continuing business:

- Club Meetings: We voted to move club meeting to Tuesday nights at last month's meeting, but Tuesdays are not possible for Alan (and we want our Treasurer to be able to attend). So, this month we discussed moving them to Wednesday nights and the motion passed. **BEGINNING IN MARCH, AND GOING FORWARD, CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH!** Tom will send out an email notification and Todd will post signs at the field as a reminder.

- Gates to replace the stiles (stairways over the barbed wire fences): We need permission from the county and the land-owner to the west, then we need estimates for the work. Todd will pursue getting those items.
- Runway improvements: John Stoney mentioned the idea of widening our runway to both Glenn Spitzer and Dan Epperson, and both are supportive of that plan. We need to obtain written permission from the county to confirm their approval, and we need an updated estimate for the work (the previous estimate for \$16K is from 2 years ago). Several club members indicated they are willing to donate to help with the cost of this project, and everyone present seemed to agree we should NOT impose a mandatory assessment. So, this project will depend on voluntary donations and potentially some money from the club treasury (if approved by a vote of the members). Stay tuned for any updates on progress.

11. Discussion of new business:

- Several people have stopped by the field in the last few months, expressing interest in our hobby. Todd proposed having business cards with some basic club information available to give them, and another proposal was made at the meeting to keep these cards (and membership application forms) in a weather-proof container at the field. Todd will pursue this item further.

12. Presentation of member's modeling projects:

- None

13. Dummy of the Month: The nominees were Daryl (for crashing his 90mm Viper into a tree, while inverted at full throttle); John Stoney (for multiple, unspecified offenses); and Tom (for forgetting to bring the award to the meeting, after forgetting to deliver it to John Stoney when he won it last month). According to club rules, he who forgets to bring it to the meeting owns it for the next month. Congratulations, Tom!

14. Club Raffle: Congratulations to Phil for winning the airplane, and those who picked up the other items!