



7. Appointed position reports:

- Safety Officer: **(Lance) No more rattlesnakes found since July, but keep an eye out for them.**
- Newsletter: **Nothing new to report.**
- Website: **After Todd gets some new drone pics/videos of the field, Jacob Dale will edit the footage and send it to Tom for publication on the GCF website.**
- Club Raffle: **8 more planes were added to the Christmas raffle inventory. Tonight's raffle includes some GCF coffee mugs and hats, a gift certificate and a few surprise items. The mugs, along with hats and t-shirts, were ordered from Vista Print with the GCF logo on them and they can be ordered from Jay (\$25 for t-shirts, \$16 for hats, \$10 for mugs). Get yours today!**

8. Committee reports:

- Events: **The annual Christmas party will be held on the Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Same place as always (NSGW Hall in Sutter Creek). SAM swap meet on 10/18. LFE swap meet on 10/25.**
- Promoting Flying: **Lee is looking into taking out an ad in the AMA newsletter regarding the 2026 Control-line Combat event at GCF (April 24, 25 & 26).**
- Field Maintenance: **Dick and Todd have patched several holes in the new runway where gophers chewed through and/or the asphalt collapsed into the tunnels underneath. Fred sprayed some fish emulsion, Todd will place some dryer sheets into the holes, and we will also try putting used kitty litter (after removing all solid waste) into the tunnels to deter the little buggers. Dick placed a caddy with Lysol and paper towels at the field to clean bird droppings off of the chairs. Thanks to all who are helping with field-related projects!**

9. Announcements / Pertinent correspondence:

- **Nothing new to report.**

10. Discussion of old or continuing business:

- **The contractor for the landowner to our west has still not responded to multiple requests for gate bids, so we are proceeding with the other 2 gates (south fence and east fence) along with replacing the safety fence separating our flying area from the pit area. Todd received a bid of \$6,800 from 'Beyond the Barn' (based in Valley Springs) and the club voted to accept this bid and move forward. Todd will seek county approval and then get a start date from the contractor. We will continue to maintain the wooden stairway over the west fence for the foreseeable future.**
- **The step-up platform for the car track still needs county approval. Todd to follow-up after the gate project is completed.**
- **The research on creating a 501(c)(3) corporation for the club is on hold until these other projects have been completed.**

11. Discussion of new business:

- **The Control-line Combat event at GCF was one of the best attended events that group had last year. The 2026 event has been planned for April 24, 25 & 26 (Fri, Sat and Sun). Lee will look into placing an ad in the AMA newsletter to get some national exposure for the event.**

12. Presentation of member's modeling projects:

- **Craig brought in a repaired GeeBee after it experienced an unfortunate flight last month, it looks great again.**
- **Jon T. brought in an 84" Cloud Hopper (1930's style aircraft) that he just finished with an O.S. 108 on the nose. We look forward to its maiden flight in the near future.**

13. Dummy of the Month: **Candidates were:**

**Todd - for running the battery dead in a 50mm EDF, resulting into a crash into the pits.**

**Jay - for losing orientation on a (previously) beautiful 1.2M T-28 and going in vertically out in the pasture.**

**Tom - for losing orientation on a U-Can-Do (3D airplane) and planting it in the pasture.**

**Jeff - for tearing the gear off a P-51, and other various acts of destruction to multiple planes.**

**Frank was nominated in absentia for an unknown reason, but we trust it was spectacular.**

**And the winner is... TODD! (How many times must we say it... NO FLYING IN THE PITS!)**

14. Club Raffle: **Jacob won 2 GCF mugs and the "best cookies in the world" (he later traded a mug for a GCF baseball cap, which is what he was really seeking in tonight's raffle). Dan and Craig both won some Fall-related items that Marsha brought in the "Surprise Box". Jon won a GCF hat and a \$20 universal gift certificate (i.e. cash). Doug and Lance each won GCF hats. Thanks Jay and Marsha for keeping the raffle fun!**

**Adjournment at 8:30pm**

**NOTE: The party room here at Round Table Pizza has been reserved for our next meeting on 11/5 (which is the last regular meeting of 2025, as December's meeting will be the Christmas party in Sutter Creek).**