

Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers



June Newsletter 2026

Prez Sez

Once again, another month goes by and there's a fair bit to report on... so here goes:

The south taxi way is all fixed up, freshly crowned to shed water better and new fabric. We used remaining base rock to fill low spots in the parking lot so hopefully that will be more noticeable when it rains next.

The field was cut by Chris Dellinger, Jim Dahl and Chuck Warren in shifts a few weeks ago. This is a very important task, maintaining a minimum of fuel on our site is critical to protecting against fire danger. We don't want damage to our own facilities and we don't want chance of fire spreading offsite. Thanks to these gentlemen for making this happen again.

The irrigation system is back in the canal, and about to be turned back on this week. If you are able to help with turning a zone on during the week (Usually in the evening so it runs into the night), please let me know. HUGE thanks to Miguel Halpern for diagnosing the pump one component at a time. Miguel is a force around the field, and what you enjoy out there is due in large part to his diligence and ingenuity.

Our now somewhat regular informal camp n fly Memorial Day weekend gathering was another success. Lots of club members and a few guest enjoyed the site, and beautiful weather and Ben's tasty burgers. A good time was had. The new outlets in the south shade area were being put to use charging batteries all weekend long which was a nice site to see.

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WDA Events remaining in 2026

Shade Project

WDA Meeting Minutes

Modeler's Corner

Event Flyers

Jeff Lovitt

Daniel Barton

Miguel Halpern

Rich Geertson

**The WDA General meeting is
scheduled for 10am SATURDAY June
13th AT THE FIELD.
Board Meeting 9am.
wdarc.org**

Wings of Victory is coming up in June along with the Pattern contest. Better get to practicing. Maybe my Zero can do double duty??

We have been investigating some new service providers for toilets at the field. Watch for a change. We will be switching to a new provider who will provide consistent washout service of the units. Our old ADA toilet is going to be retired, it has served well past its prime and a new rental unit will be brought in its place. We will have a second unit located at the control line area and we will see how this goes. We have received comments that the toilets are unhygienic, dirty, and had opportunity for critters to get in and feel that its time to make a change. It's important to recognize that this is an increase in cost, and we will be assessing how this and other ongoing operational costs increases effect our overall budget. We have been very careful to live within a budget for many, many years so as to grow our nest-egg. Ongoing fuel and material costs, as well as tractor rental to cut the field (for almost our entire history have gotten that job for free for the value of the bales until the farmer who did it retired) eat into our purchasing power, and have limited some of the 'nice to have' things that we would like to do.

The board will be reviewing membership structure in the new couple of months in preparation for the 2027 renewal season in the winter. If you have feelings about the membership amounts, membership categories, points, etc., please send me an email. In particular we are reviewing whether or not the point system still makes sense or if we should eliminate this for the sake of streamlining membership. The important thing is that there are still jobs that need to be done at the field and it is a concern that if points are removed we may not have people helping because there are no points to earn. I feel that members don't necessarily need points to pitch in and help the club. I welcome comment that I can share with the board. email: jlovitt@sbcglobal.net

That's about all for now. I hope you are having a good first half of the flying season. Thanks for helping to make WDA a great place to gather around model aviation.

So- Go Build and Fly Something!

Jeff

WDA 2026 Events

June 6-7	Pattern Contest
June 26-28	Wings of Victory
Sept 5-7	Labor Day Camp-Out
Oct 1-3	Float Fly (Minden)
Oct 9-11	NASA Scale Contest
Nov 7	Toy's 4 Tots

Eagle Project: Shade Structure



My name is Daniel Barton. I'm a Sophomore at Pioneer High School in Woodland and a Life Rank Boy Scout. I'm planning on doing my Eagle Project for the Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Club. Ideally, work will begin, and construction will finish over the course of Summer 2026.

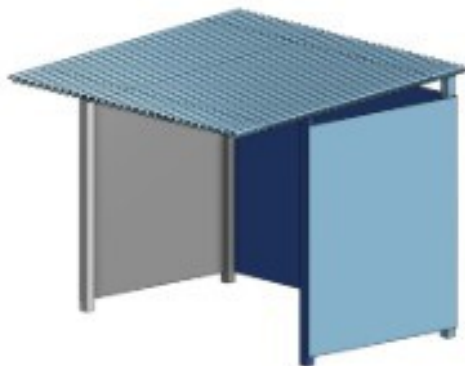
Problem:

The porta-potties often get too hot or too cold in the Summer and Winter. They are also exposed to the elements and occasionally need replacement due to sun rot.

Solution:

I plan to build a shade structure to trap heat in the Winter, keep off sunlight in the Summer, and protect the porta-potties from weathering.

My team and I will need funding to purchase construction materials. Monetary donations are always appreciated. If you would prefer to donate materials, please contact me to get a list of what we need.



Thank you.

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7576 Putman Rd. Vacaville, CA 95688

Make checks payable to Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers and note "Eagle Project."

May 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Keith, Jeff, Forrest, Chris, Miguel.

Not present Jim, Danny, Mike

Meeting called to order by Forrest at 9:15am

President: The field was cut, a few issues with the tractor

Work party for the south taxiway completed

Working the water system, pump in place trying to get system going and then will need a few volunteers to water each day

EAA event cancelled due to high winds forecast and will happen May 31st.

Vice president: Connected with Tim Heidrick about field purchase. We are still in agreement with the family that the field will go to the club first, if we reach an agreement when the time comes. Prices and properties are in flux in the area and currently the family is busy with their other fields for now. There is a possibility that we could also do a direct purchase verses a property exchange in the future, but there is currently no rush from Hedrick family.

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer: reviewed profit / loss for the month of April, no issues and all bills are up to date. Membership at 106. Fuel costs for mowers and the water pump continue to be the biggest variable.

Old Business: Nothing on the RC area

Club speaking with John' Eaton's wife about the big yellow equipment, they may have a new home somewhere else (sold?)

New Business:

Discussed in great detail the toilet situation, renting verses purchasing. There was a motion made by Keith and second by Miguel to proceed and cancel our current service provider and start with a new provider that will deliver a brand new ADA compliant toilet and the club will start with a by-weekly cleaning schedule. Jeff will make the contact. Looking for a club member to spearhead this in the future in case we would like a hand wash station added or brought in for events or increase cleaning intervals for specific events / time frames. The club in the future might move the single toilet near the snack Conex for ease of access to the Control Line folks.

The field was cut for \$1500.00 which was cheaper than last year, as we received a few discounts due to the drive belt issues with the tractor. A gentleman approach the club with an offer to mow and harvest the field next time for roughly \$1000. The club thinks this would be ideal, since it would remove the cuttings and seedlings and frees up club individuals time .

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Next meeting June 13th. Board meeting at 9:00 am General meeting 10:00 am

Last month I teased the next subject of my building board was a virtual 'rc antique'... For those of us who've been in this hobby long enough to be considered, ourselves, "antiques," the Midwest Tri Squire should be a familiar model from a bygone RC era.

Modeler's Corner



My motivation for building this model is a fond memory of my longtime friend of over 50 years who, for a brief moment in time, was able to muster enough interest in the hobby for him to build an RC plane.

Not sure of the exact year, but it had to be about 1974 ish??

When he made the decision to finally jump into building a plane, his father drove us all down (in the family station wagon) to the local hobby shop to pick the project.

Perusing the various kits, the Midwest Tri Squire was chosen, most likely for its docile flying characteristics. RC aircraft of this type all shared common characteristics: Flat bottom airfoil with lots of dihedral, tricycle landing gear, and various sub-assemblies secured to the fuselage with rubber bands such that in the event of a less-than-perfect touch down, parts could be shed and re-used rather than broken!

In 1974, multi-channel digital/proportional RC systems were in full use, but they were rather expensive.

The most common entry-level RC systems were single channel (rudder only) and while those too had become "proportional" - meaning - the control surface would move in proportion to movement of the stick on your transmitter, there were still a fair number of early "escapement" RC systems in use.

The Tri Squire plans do show what would have been considered a fairly 'advanced' early RC installation of a TWO channel escapement (rudder and elevator) control. However, these systems were not proportional.

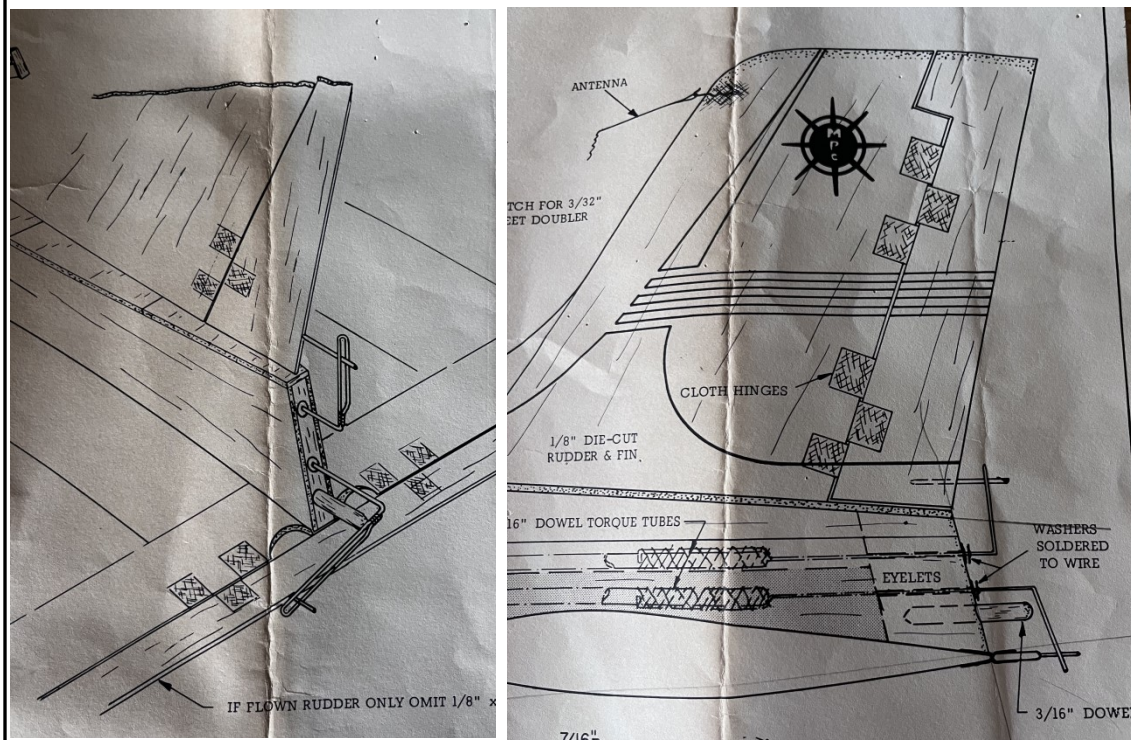
The flying surfaces were linked to escapements, driven by rubber bands (literally), and control inputs were

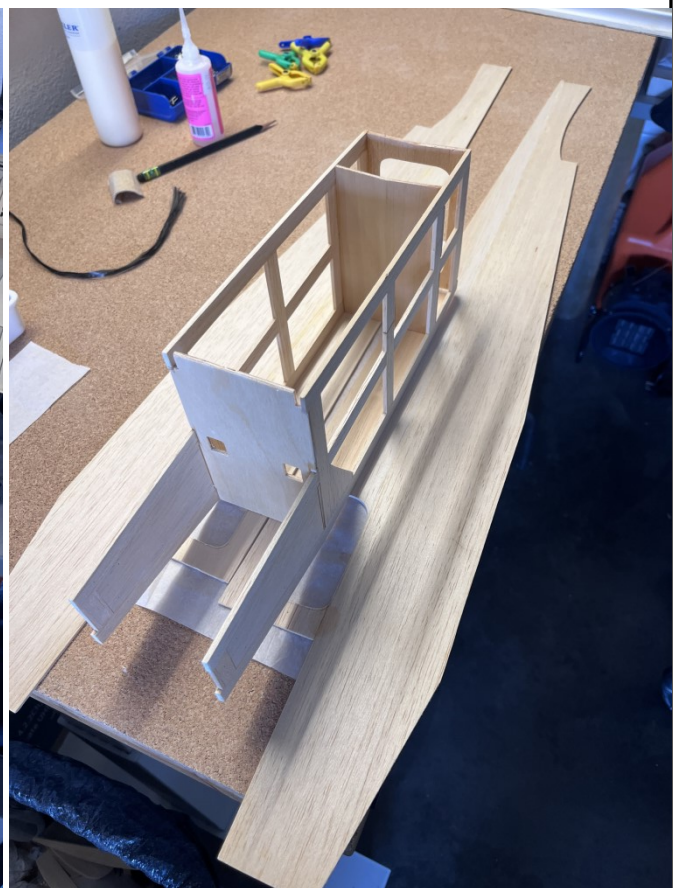
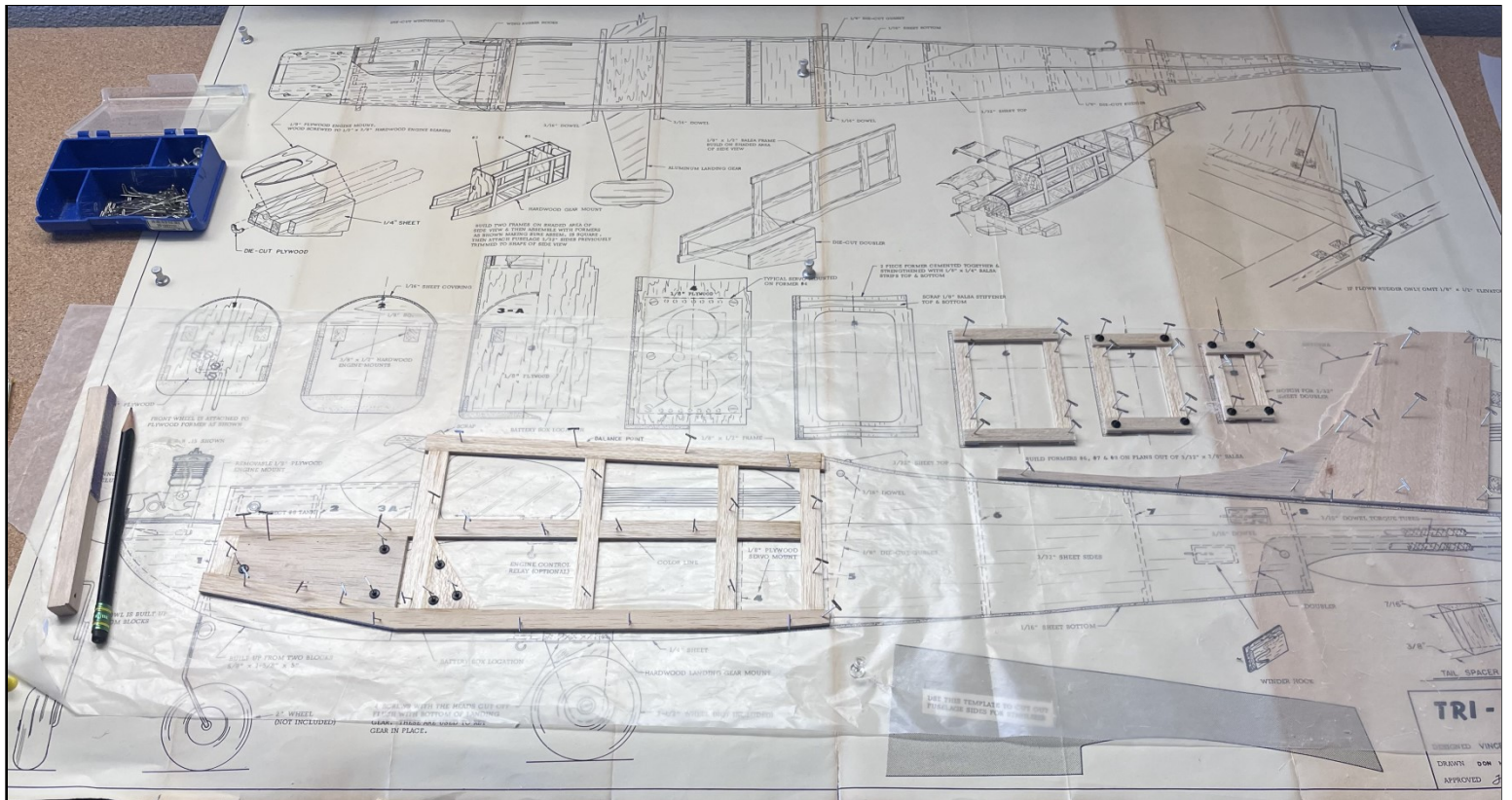
all-or-nothing (full left, full right, neutral).

Even a cursory understanding of these early RC systems really drives home just how far today's RC systems have come!

For its day, this kit was of good quality. The die cutting was fairly crisp and parts fit and match to plans was good.

Construction of the fuselage did require the cutting and fitting of various balsa stock.





The fuselage framework is built mostly from balsa stock, with a mixture of some die cut parts. Even the fuselage sides must be cut from balsa sheeting and shaped to match the plans. This was no ARF!

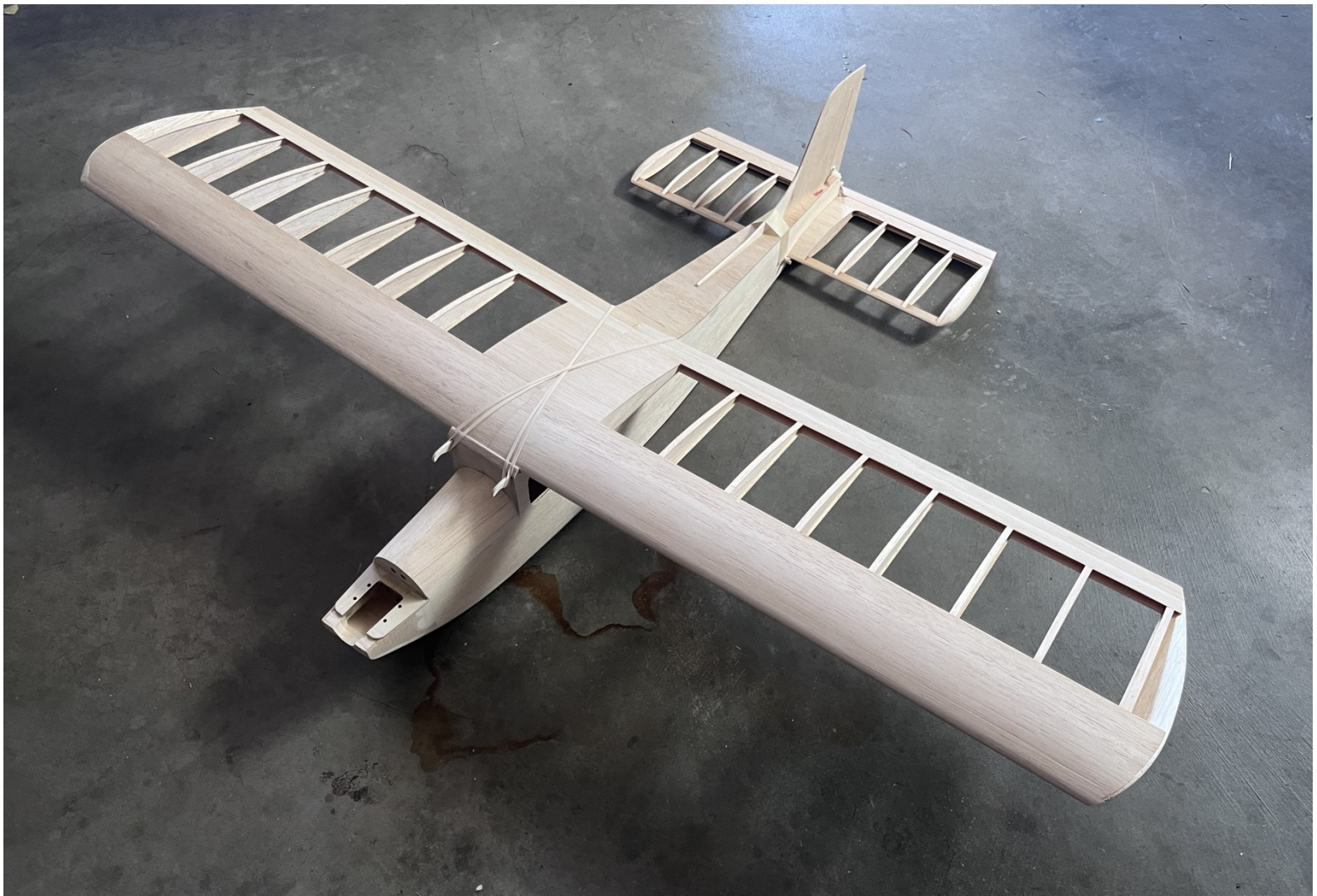


The horizontal stab and wing were built over the plans (protected by wax paper) using included die cut ribs and various balsa stock and sheeting.

This 2026 Tri Squire will be sporting the very same engine as its pre-historic predecessor, a Testor's McCoy Series 21 .29RC. And while I am building this model in every way to be fully flyable, I doubt it ever will fly. More likely, it will hang in perpetuity in my buddy's man-cave as a tribute to an era of simpler and (in some cases) better times. Remember when a 51" wingspan seemed ENORMOUS?

Well, until next month, BUILD SOMETHING.

Richard Geertson



WARBIRD FLY-IN

Presented by the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark
SCCMAS "Tomcats" Field - Morgan Hill, CA



Saturday June 6th, 2026

Registration @ 9am



\$20 Landing fee
includes lunch!

Warbirds of all types, sizes & eras!
Prop, EDF, turbine, gas, glow, or electric
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Contest Directors:

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1200 FOOT ALTITUDE WAIVER, REMOTE ID WAIVER, & NIGHT FLYING! OPEN FLYING AFTER 5 PM!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CALL OR TEXT CHUCK BARNES
(805) 886-7921 OR EMAIL TO CDBARNES10@COMCAST.NET

LANDING FEE: \$50.00 FOR FULL EVENT or \$20.00/DAY;

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CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP AND FAA REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



FREE SWAP MEET

8 August 2026

FREE to Sellers

FREE to Buyers

WHERE? - Gold Country Flyers flying field, Ione, CA. The field is on Michigan Bar Road about half way between Highway 16 (Jackson Highway) and the city of Ione.

MAP? - On our website - www.GoldCountryFlyers.com

WHAT TIME? - Starts at 7:00AM until ???

FOOD? - Yes, there will be FREE food (donations accepted).

QUESTIONS? - Call Lance at 209-609-7411

We will allow open flying to any SWAP MEET attendee as soon as it seems safe to do so. Any person wishing to fly **MUST BE AN AMA MEMBER** (**you MUST have your AMA card WITH YOU**). See the web site for flying field rules.

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