

WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS



Apr Newsletter 2025

Prez Sez

A successful swap meet in March brought buyers and sellers out for some spirited haggling. A good time was had by all; we even dodged the rain before and after the event. Good to see familiar faces and some familiar stuff making the rounds and dollars being traded. This event helps reinforce the club treasury and helps to pay for improvements and repairs every year. Donated items are prepared and sold to help make it all happen. Thanks to Keith Young, Chris Dellinger, Bill McGaehey and Mike O'Kane, among others, who helped make it happen.

Our first work party of the year was also checked off and we were able to do some runway work, shade installs and work around the pits. We are in the midst of final planning for the pit repair project which will occur this summer after Wings of Victory is over. The plan is to replace matting, re-grade and add Aggregate base and improve the path of travels so that we get rid of the dreaded ankle benders hiding under the mats. Looking forward very much to this project.

The jet event is this weekend. Come on out and check out the action. We'll have food on Saturday with Ben on the grill. Hearing from folks from all around, and with help from Jack Diaz as Co-CD for the event this year we are looking for a strong turnout from Thursday thru Saturday. The field will be open for flying

Prez Sez

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Other upcoming RC events

Jeff Lovitt

Mike O'Kane

Mike O'Kane

Forrest Barton

Rich Geertson

The WDA General meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 12th at the RC field! 9am Board meeting, 10am General membership meeting.

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on Sunday. Come on out and check it out.

That's all for me right now. Trying to catch up from a week of vacation and getting ready for the upcoming event this weekend. Looking forward to some good flying weather.

All for now... **Jeff**

March Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025

Board meeting called to order by Jeff Lovitt

Board Members Present: Jeff Lovitt, Forrest Barton, Chris Dellinger, Mike O'Kane, Keith Young, Dan Winters, Jim Dahl, Miquel Alfred.

Officers Reports

President: Motion to approve minutes as listed in the February News Letter, 2nd made, Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Comments to be made regarding agenda items' as they are discussed.

Mike O'Kane is retiring from the Secretary position and submitted a letter this evening. He has offered to fill in as an acting Secretary for the next several months while the position is filled. If interested in this Board position contact Jeff Lovitt

Mowing: Dave Bingle and Doug Barton are mowing. Volunteers are asked to contact the Board to help with the cutting.

All mowers, pull mowers and golf cart are operating.

The cattle operation to the West of the field has ceased business and removed all their fencing. There will not be an annual cutting and baling this year as in the past so it is anticipated the club will have to mow the property twice.

Work Party March 22nd, watch for all members email updates for start time

Vice President: no comments

Treasurer: Chris Dellinger presented the P & L for Feb. 11 through March 10, 2025. Lease payment was made for the coming year. Total Expense for this period is \$5,166.00.

Secretary: Mike has submitted his resignation letter to the Board. He will be in an acting status pending the open position being filled. Interested parties please reach out to Jeff Lovitt. Contact information is contained in this Newsletter.

- Pit area measurement - pending: event schedule has been adjusted to allow for the construction. Open Item
- RC car area, no action, layout being drafted, Clean fill from a Club members has been deposited in the Car area and will be used to construct some of the features. Contact Jeff Lovitt for authorization to dump any type of clean fill on the Field.
- Secure WEB Site: Open item
- Bylaws/Club Operating rules. Open Item
- Float Fly: Randy has reached out to the Lake Minden group regarding 2025 fees and has not heard back at this time.
- Swap meet scheduled for 3-22-25 is still a go, weather forecast looks positive.
- Pattern contest moved to September 6-7 per CD's request.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Saturday 4-12-25 and will be held at the WDARC Club Flying Field. Board meeting starts at 9:00am. General Membership meeting to follow the Board meeting at 10:00am

March General Membership Meeting

March 10, 2025

Board Members Present: Jeff Lovitt, Forrest Barton, Chris Dillinger, Mike O'Kane, Jim Dahl, Miquel Alfred
Meeting called to order @ 7:00p

Motion to approve the minutes as posted in the January News Letter, 2nd made, unanimous vote to approve.

This meeting has a quorum. 9 members attended this meeting.

President: See Board minutes for details.

Review of comments received on the Draft Bylaw has been completed. When completed the Board will receive the final document for their review and approval. Open item

RC Pit area mat and landscape leveling to be worked in 2025. Open item

VP and Treasurer: See Board minutes for the Treasury report.

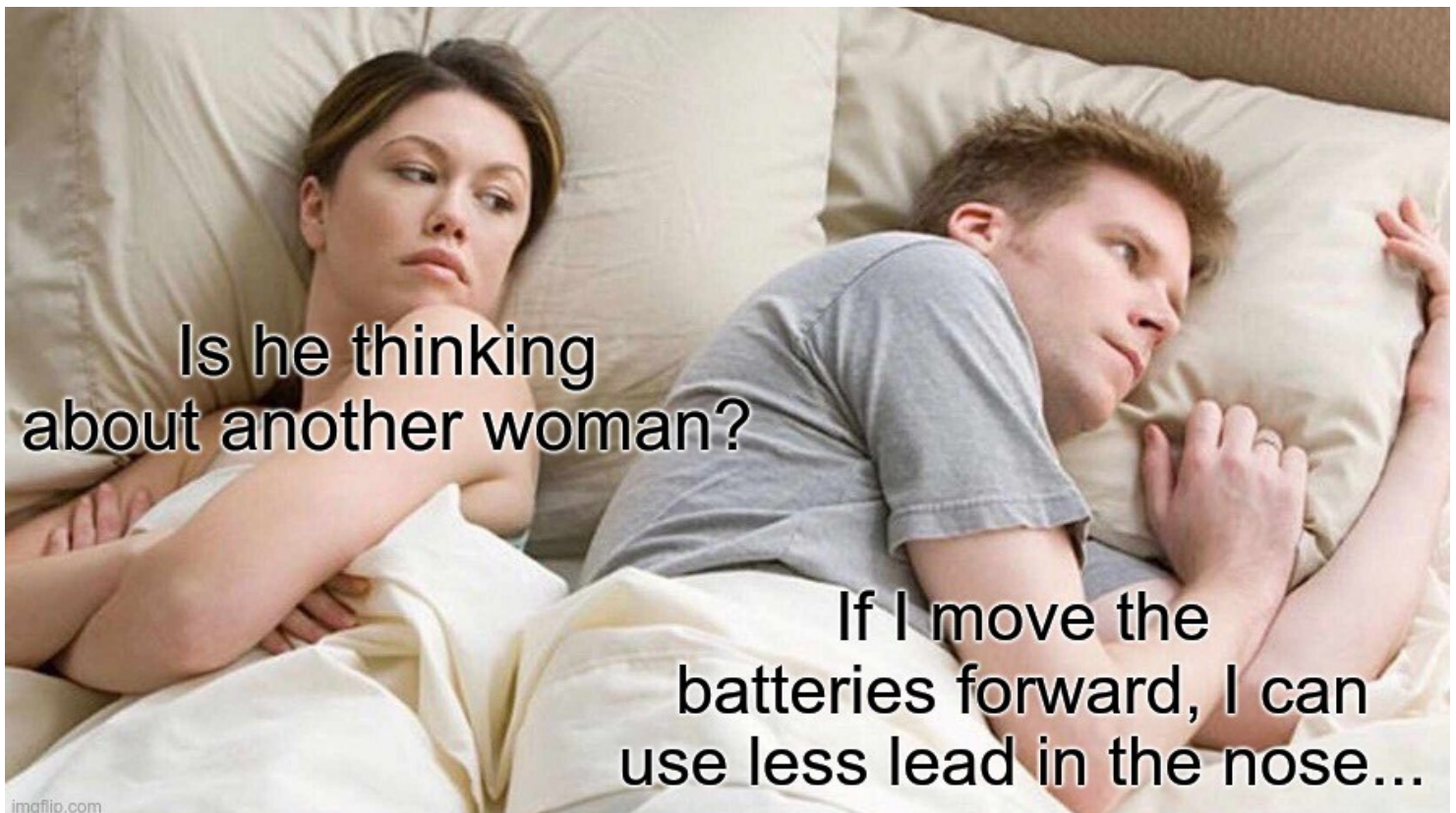
Secretary: I have decided to step down from the position, I will act in this position for the next several months while a candidate is determined and elected.

Old Business: Bylaws. Review committee has completed their review of comments received. Contents of the draft are being reviewed for accuracy and will then go to the board for review and approval. Open Item

Field Entrance sign: Work has begun recently to renovate the old sign which is faded and darkening. Interim signs were made, one is on the entrance gate and another on the snack shack. Should a 911 call be needed use this information to direct 1st responders to our field. John E. has the sign at his work shop, Item open

New Business: Swap meet went off as scheduled, good turnout of buyers and sellers

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2025 @10:00am. Meeting place is the WDARC Club flying field. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm



2025 WDA Events Schedule

NorCal Afterburner	April 4-5	Jeff Lovitt/Jack Diaz
Burgdorf Pylon Race	May 17-18	Robert Holik
Wings of Victory	June 14-15	Monty Welch
Pattern Contest	September 6-7	Larence Tougas
Open House	September 27	Need Coordinator
NASA Scale Contest	October 10-12	Jeff Lovitt
Toys for Tots	November 8	Chuck Warren
Chilly n' Chili	January 1, 2026	Need Coordinator

Modeler's Corner

I want to begin this month by showcasing my latest "creation"... a 2.6M CARF Yak 55. Well, now that we have that out of the way, onto imminently more important news.

Do you ever wonder how useful things at our RC field just seem to be there when you need them? As we experienced at the recent work party, it is often a team effort. But some on our team tend to shoulder a bigger load than others, and unless someone were to point it out, you'd never know it because they do what they do without self-aggrandizement or complaint.

Keith Young should be a familiar face at the field. He is there, off and on, throughout the week.



Ya know those handy parking lot wheel bumpers that keep us from backing into the pits? Those are there, thanks to Keith.

Pits work tables and carts?

Also thanks to Keith.



Certainly, there are others in this club deserving of recognition for their selfless efforts to create and maintain our flying site, but Keith has set the bar.

So perhaps next time you see him quietly going about his activities at our field, you might say, **"Hey man, thank you for all you do!"**



Congratulations to Kyle "Bubba" Mobely for another successful maiden. This time, his Baja Hobby 1.7M Mini Shark. Powered by a Swiwin 80, he successfully flew his sleek new Mini Shark several times. Guidance is via FrSky X20S transmitter, TDR 18 receivers and Baja servos.

Back to the CARF Yak 55... I acquired this out-production-kit locally, having been (re) inspired by Jeff Lovitt's CARF Marchetti 260. I have owned several CARF aircraft over the years, including the 2.1M and 3M Yak 55s, and must emphasize how wonderful it is to never, ever deal with sagging or bubbled plastic coverings! CARFs are finished in the mold and the appearance is maintained using any readily available spray wax. Being of composite construction, the airframes are both rigid and extremely durable.

If you are inclined to check the prices on new CARFs these days, you may need to sit down first! All that time-saving technology comes with a hefty price tag. However, if assembled with precision then flown and maintained with a high level of care, a CARF should last as long as the pilot. And if the finish is maintained, the airframe never looks tired or worn even after years of use.

CARF stands for "Composite Almost Ready to Fly"... and having just finished all but the engine install, I would add that "Almost Ready to Fly" is a bit of a stretch... LOTS of work to meticulously prep one of these for flight (I had forgotten), but in the end, well-worth the effort.

Well, until next month, BUILD SOMETHING.

Rich Geertson

LAKE MINDEN

April 24-27
Oct 2-5

FLOAT FLY 2025

SPONSORED BY WOODLAND DAVIS AEROMODELERS



Toilet and showers nearby..NO RV Hook-ups
Located off Hwy 99.. on the way to Yuba City

**Lake Minden has imposed a Lake fee use of \$150 per day
Fees to help cover the cost of this increase are as follows;**

Lake use & Landing fee (RVers)\$50 per pilot for the weekend
Landing & lake day use fee \$25 per pilot for weekend

Above payable at Registration desk

RV camping \$55 per night and day use is still \$12 per day

Payable at office entrance to resort

For more info contact Randy Sizemore (CD for this event) at

916-804-4250

Lake Minden is near Nicolaus, CA

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For all Turbine and Electric Jets

AMA required

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April 30 - May 3, 2025
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Scott Lampkin
Mobile: (559) 977-7115

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Fred Burgdorf Memorial Pylon Race May 17-18, 2025

We are pleased to announce the Woodland spring pylon race this May. Like in past years, the race will be hosted by the Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Club.

We will offer three classes this year:

Q40 (AMA422)

Q500 (AMA 426)

Electric Formula-1 (AMA 421)

The Q40 class will be flown on the 608' course, the other classes will be on the short course (475'). This will be a 3 pole race, with pilots flying around themselves. The competition starts at 9am and finishes around 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Each day will be a separate event. Friday will be a practice day.

The racing is fast-paced and exciting. If you have never attended a 3-pole pylon race, this will be a great opportunity to see airplanes going head-to-head at over 190 mph. Please join us as a pilot, spectator, or volunteer.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the event. If you are interested in getting a front row seat and helping with the judging, please contact Robert Holik at the number or email below. There are positions for timing and pylon judging.

For more information, please check out the race flyer on the WDARC.org website or on the NMPRA.org website.

Hope to see you at the race!

Robert Holik
530-661-0399
info@apcprop.com





West Coast Festival of Giants at Peg Field

(The Legacy of Castle Continues)

Hosted by the Legacy Castle Festival Group & The Clovis Area Modelers (clovisrc.com)

> **LOCATION** — Peg Field (42CN— 3,200' Private Air-strip), Reedley, Fresno County, California - Off of Highway 180 @ Alta Av. — the road to Kings Canyon National Park.

> **REQUISITES TO FLY** - AMA, FAA, and TRUST (Note, FAA# must also be on aircraft as well.)

> **AIRCRAFT SIZE**— 60" biplane wingspan; 80" mono

wingspan; 140" Jet Length plus Wingspan

> **TIME TO FLY**— Gates Open at 9am, flying starts at SunUp.

> **NOTE**, After 5PM; flightline is open to all model aircraft sizes and types (Foamies, EDF's, Small Heli's, etc.) After dark, nightflying is encouraged.

> **FEES** — \$60 for Pilot Reg and \$40 for Parking Spot—note, spaces are limited to first come-first serve—Dry Camping Only.

> **Food Vendors On Site**

> **On-Site Restrooms and Hand Wash Stations**



Contest/Event and Registration (Rick Maida—mrcorsair@usa.net (408) 460-1526

Secondary Contact—Dan Carlson (ClovisRC—President) (busadan1@gmail.com) (559) 269-4542

See website at "Clovisrc.com" for more information

Woodland - Davis Aeromodelers

is celebrating the

31st WINGS OF VICTORY

June 12-14 2025



Aircraft must be in appropriate warbird colors

Open flying after all day Sunday

60 x 600' petro-mat runway with 25 x 600' grass runway alongside

Camping & RV's allowed... No Hook-ups
Porta potties & Snack Shack on site

Registration for the 3 day event is \$25
Includes free hamburger for Pilots

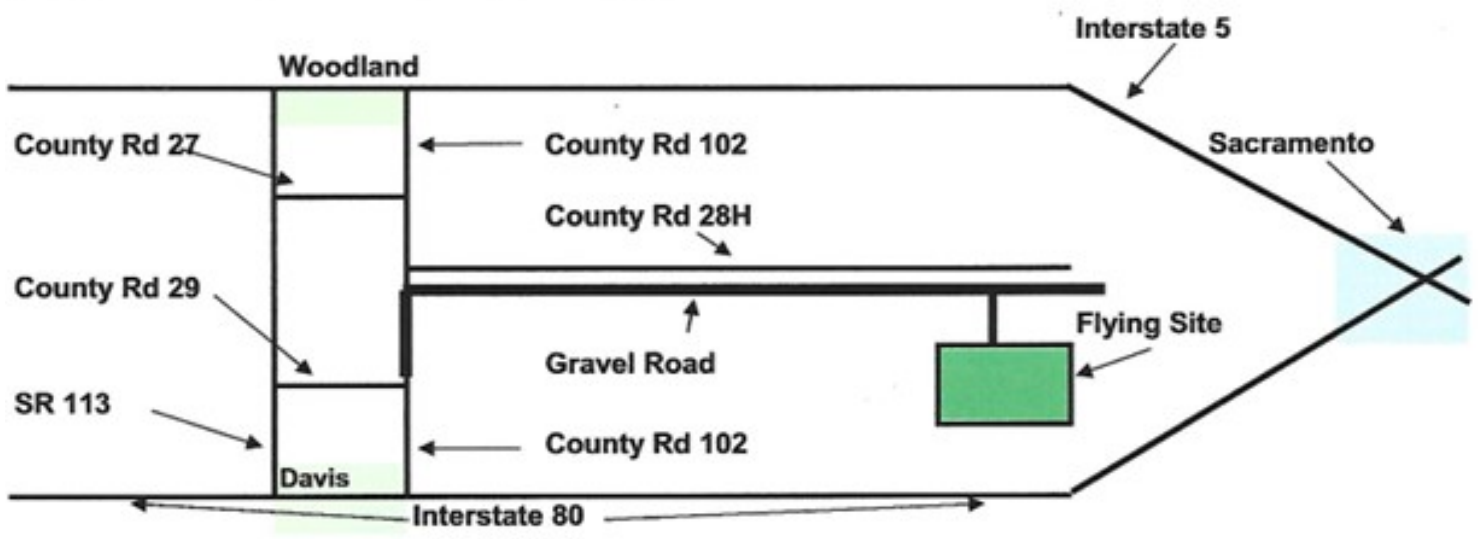
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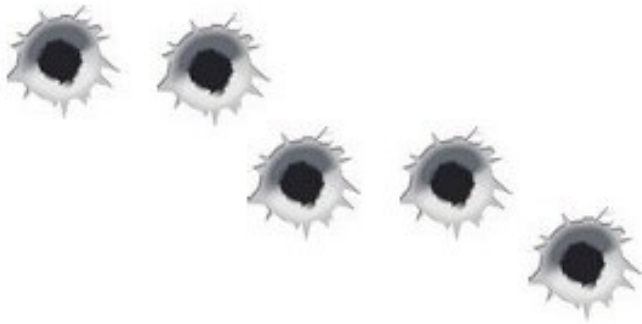
Warbird jets welcome
Turbines and EDF's

No raffle- no trophies.. Just come & fly

For more Info:
Email Monty Welch at Loon12@aol.com

WDA Website: www.wdarc.org







WARBIRDS OVER LIVERMORE

WARBIRD FLY-IN & NIGHT FLY EVENT

 **Friday and Saturday, August 15th & 16th, plus
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 All types and sizes of military models welcome (fixed wing, helicopters,
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way

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welcome!

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