

# Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers



## April Newsletter 2026

Prez Sez

Spring has definitely arrived and the field is in full bloom. Green everywhere. The mow crew has been keeping up and doing a great job. Remember, they own Tuesday mornings to keep it looking like this, so please remember to defer to them when they are working the flying areas.

Our jet event is this weekend, probably some early arrivals getting in Thursday, and the event going on Friday and Saturday. Come check it out, there will be lots of good flying and great looking jets.

Next up we have a work part for April 11, the goal is to work the south taxiway. The fabric will be peeled up, new baserock added to crown this area and then new fabric stapled down. It might take a follow up session the week later. We also have pit area projects, parking lot work, etc so don't be shy. come on out.

The next meeting is planned to be at the field, and will also be on April 11, starting at 1 pm. There will be some food as well TBD, so come on out. The meetings for May, June, July, August, Sept and October will be at the field, so plan on coming out to show off your newest project or learn about what's going on with the club and the field. The indoor meetings at Round Table are good, but we honestly don't get much participation beyond the board meeting, as one can tell from the meeting minutes. Any questions you might have about how the club is working, can be discussed at the meeting.

That's all for now, time to get ready for the jet event. See you all there.

Jeff

Prez Sez

WDA Meeting Minutes

LA Control Combat competition

WDA 2026 Events Calendar

Modeler's Corner (JET FLY)

Event Flyers

Jeff Lovitt

Miguel Halpern

Nat Seavy

Forrest Barton

Rich Geertson

**The WDA General meeting is  
scheduled for SATURDAY April 11th  
AT THE FIELD after the Work Party.**

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## March 9th 2026 Board Meeting

Members present: Mike, Chris, Jeff, Miguel, Danny, Keith  
Not present, Jim

Meeting called to order by Forrest at 6:08

February minutes accepted motion made by Mike, second by Jeff. All in favor.

President: The Club has been invited to attend the EAA show at Sacramento Executive March 31st. Forrest and Jeff will attend, but open to others interested  
The Jet event is coming April 3-4.

**April 11th will be a work party to complete the south taxiway, we are planning on providing lunch and then have our first board/general meeting at the field.**

Vice president: Forrest getting ready for the annual swap meet. This year we will be selling some of the things John Eaton gave to the club and the family will be there selling other items of his. Forrest is looking thru John computer files to retrieve old records of the field etc..

Treasurer: No big items. Membership is doing better than in the past at 95.  
Savings is earning some but not as good as a CD, but we are keeping the funds fluid incase the opportunity to purchase the field comes quickly

Secretary: No Report

### Old Business

No movement on the RC car area, although the old telephone poles have been dragged there, waiting to see if they are useful to the RC area construction

All 3 mowers are now fully working. The Mowing crew is keeping the field at bay. We will still need to rent a large tractor near May to cut down the whole field

Mike O'kane sealed the east conex box, but it still leaked after the last rain, will be looking at other options

Parking bumper rejuvenation continues, fresh yellow and some blue one will be placed in the control line parking area soon.

### New Business

The swap meet is coming and Mike is getting the cash boxes in order. Forrest and Doug are organizing John and Ute's models at their hanger and will bring things to the field on Friday for set up.

Field purchase updates, Forrest has reach out to Tim Heidrick on the subject but has not received a response

Mike O'kane uncovered documents that make the club a public charity, and Chris acknowledged that is how we file our taxes. Mike has spoken to the Yolo county Assessor's office and they provided some helpful information. Mike will talk to them for more details going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

Next meeting Aril 11 at the field after the work party

No General meeting minutes - no members present that were not at board meeting

## **WDA Members Compete at LA Control Line Combat Event**

### **Nat Seavy and Patrick O'Halloran**

Some of you may have noticed, there is a new set of control line flyers who have joined Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers (WDA) this year. Many of us fly control line combat, an aeromodeling activity with a strong competitive spirit. Each year there are about ten combat competitions on the West Coast, including one that was held in early March in Los Angeles.

For those of us in the Bay Area, a competition in LA begins with an early Thursday morning departure, with the goal of leaving the Bay Area before the morning commute, and arriving in LA before evening commute. If you're on the road by 4:00 am, you can squeeze in a stop at Smith Brothers Hobby Center or Pegasus Hobbies and still make it to the field in time to have a couple of practice flights before the sun sets.

Combat Competitions in LA are held at the Knights of the Round Circle flying field in Whittier Narrows Recreation area. It's an incredible park, that is home to the Knights of the Round Circle, the San Gabriel Valley RC League, and a world-famous tether car track of the Valley Miniature Race Car Association.

The Knights of the Round Circle have two paved circles for control line stunt, a fenced in paved circle for control line speed, and two grass circles with concrete centers for combat. The concrete circles and irrigated grass make the Knights of the Round Circle and WDA flying sites some of the best places in California to fly control line combat matches.

On Friday morning combat flyers assembled at the field as soon as the sun was up. While most were from California, there were also those that traveled from Washington State, Texas, and Mexico. This competition, organized by Carlos Aloise and Pete Athans, had two events: F2D single plane and 1/2a. For both events, there were cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers.

Texas was represented by Bob and Arlene Mears, who arrived in their motorhome. Bob has been competing in combat for many years and also has a personal museum of vintage control line combat models. Arlene has run combat matches across the country, and she ran this competition. She knows the rule book inside and out, and is steadfast in her commitment to keeping the matches moving along efficiently.

On Friday, contestants flew single plane F2D. F2D combat is flown across the world with a common set of rules that dictate the engine size (.15 cubic inches), line length, model design, and scoring system. In a combat match each plane tows a streamer. Points are awarded for each cut to your opponent's streamer and for your total time in the air. The air time points mean that if your engine doesn't start on the first finger flick and you are stuck on the ground trying to start your engine, your opponent is probably already pulling ahead. WDA members Patrick O'Halloran, Nat Seavy, Lane Puckett, Andrew Prior, and Bill Cave all competed in this event.

On Saturday and Sunday the event flown was 1/2a combat. These small models are powered by .049 engines, but these aren't Cox engines, they're ball bearing engines that can turn very fast powering high speed and maneuverable models. WDA members Patrick O'Halloran, Lane Puckett, Andrew Prior, and Bill Cave all competed in 1/2a, and Patrick had the best placing, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> after an exciting match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

If you have any interest in learning more about control line combat, or control line flying generally, please stop by the WDA circles on any day we're out there flying and we're happy to answer questions or help get you on the handle of a trainer airplane.

Photos:



**Arlene Mears and her megaphone kept the combat matches fair and running on time.**



**NorCal combat flyers (left to right): Bill Cave, Chris Menicou, Nat Seavy, Lee Letchworth, Patrick O'Halloran, and Andy Prior.**



**A colorful batch of 1/2a combat models and well-organized pit box ready for combat.**

# WDA 2026 Events

Apr 23-23

Float Fly (Minden)

May 2

Open House

May 23-25

Memorial Day Camp-Out

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

# Modeler's Corner

This month's newsletter is a bit late owing to several issues, one of which was a desire to feature some of the recent Jet fly photos. The event was held on Friday and Saturday, April 3rd and 4th. Although I did not attend on Friday, I heard that flying was curtailed due to some heavy winds. Thankfully, the weather situation

improved for Saturday and plenty of **turning and burning** ensued...

Unfortunately, I was not able to participate with a turbine powered aircraft owing to the untimely demise of my F-104. However, I did see a good photo opportunity for my Blue Angels Bearcat, since Chris Dellinger would be there with his new BVM F-18 and BVM Cougar jets, both in Blue Angels livery.



For comparison, my Bearcat is exact 1/5 scale. Chris's Cougar is closer to 1/6 at 1/5.8 while the F-18 is 1/5.5. I am hopeful that at some point in the not too distant future, Chris and I can fly our respective Blue Angels aircraft in a quasi "heritage flight" - that would be a great sight and sound!



There was a nice assortment of jets, from sport to scale, electrics and plenty of turbines, from as small as 1/9 scale to as large as 1/4 scale. Plenty more pictures and even flight videos can be found on the [Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Facebook page](#).

I wasn't quite able to have the Aeronca C-1 dolled up enough to feature this month, so it will have to wait... when I should also be able to report on its flying characteristics! Until next month, BUILD SOMETHING.

**Rich Geertson**

**MAVRIX**  
**Cinco De Flyo**  
& NorCal Swap Meet

**SATURDAY, May 2, 2026**  
10AM - 5PM

*Steve Price at the Grill!*  
**Breakfast @ 9AM! \$10. (FREE 4 Mavrix)**  
**Lunch @ 1PM \$15. (FREE 4 Mavrix)**

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**OUR BIGGEST EVENT YET!**  
**SPREAD THE WORD!**

**The Mavrix Cinco De Flyo & NorCal Swap Meet**

Get ready for a full day of flying, competition, food, and nonstop RC excitement. The Mavrix Cinco De Flyo & NorCal Swap Meet is shaping up to be the largest AMOS event we've ever hosted, and it's packed from morning to finish.

Whether you're coming to fly, shop, compete, or just enjoy the atmosphere, there will be something happening all day long.



# TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS

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The surrounding area is free of trees, buildings and other obstacles. Large shade structure.

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

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

RV DRY CAMPING: \$50.00 FOR ALL NIGHTS

(TUESDAY-SATURDAY, MUST LEAVE SUNDAY BY 5PM) OR \$20.00/NIGHT

**CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP AND FAA REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

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