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Next Meeting Saturday, February 13th— 9 AM At The Flying Site



Fred Weaver

1950-2021

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of one of our RCFU club members in early January . Fred Weaver was only a RCFU member for 2020 but was a modeler from early childhood flying with his father until his passing at the age of 70 this year. Fred had been a friend of a few RCFU member for several years and a friend of mine since 1985. He and I competed in R/C soaring contests together for many years. Fred was a nationally known soaring competitor from the Bay Area since the early 70's. He was the third person in the world to achieve LSF (League of Silent Flight) Level V status in September 1976. To this day only 138 pilots worldwide have achieved this level. A few years ago Fred moved from San Jose to Sutter Creek and flew mainly with the Gold Country Flyers in Ione. Fred's enthusiasm for all things that fly will be missed.

God Speed my Friend!

President's Message-Shawn Lenci

I'm Behind (Story of my Life)—I apologized for being late on this newsletter. We have had some great Saturday's at the field lately and I should have been home working on the newsletter instead of out flying (talking). I am writing this newsletter for both January and February and will be back on track for March.

Swap Meet—We are planning on going ahead with the Swap Meet this year. We have obtained a sanction from the AMA to hold the event on Saturday March 25th. If anyone wants to step up and run the event it would be appreciated. I will be sending out a flyer soon. Running the event will involve collecting seller fees, tracking the number of sellers and picking up the donuts. Let me know if you would like to participate and take care of the administrative duties.

Membership—We currently have the membership count up to 109 as of the beginning of February 2021. I believe we were around 85 or so this at time last year. My goal is to see us at 125 by the end of the year.

BBQ's—We have had a few spur of the moment BBQ's at the field this year already on Saturday's. Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies, and Sodas. Come on out and fly on the weekends, you never know when there will be a lunch it for you!

Event Calendar—Further back in the newsletter you will see the tentative 2021 RCFU event calendar. I am quite optimistic on what we have planned for 2021. We have set aside some dates for a Jet Rally, Warbird Fly In, Electric Fest, and a Giant Scale weekend. As you will note there are many Float Flies on the schedule including the Thursday events run by our members from the foothills. I have also included a couple of Night Fly Events as well.

See you at the meeting on Saturday!

Shawn



There was no meeting held in January 2021

Treasurers' Report— November 1, 2020 thru January 30, 2021

Income:

Donation Field Maintenance	100.00
Event Fees	100.00
Initiation Fees	50.00
Membership	<u>7,450.00</u>
Total Income:	7,700.00

Credits:

Boat motor credit	<249.19>
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Expenses:

Trailer Repair	155.60
Office Supplies	148.98
Portable Toilet (4 MONTHS)	<u>600.00</u>
Total Expenses:	655.39

**New and Returning RCFU
Members for 2021**

Jack Anderson

Tiffany Barning

Tim Bekker

Steven Campbell II

Dan Carrie

Daryl Dunkelberger

Albert Hemphill

Theo Knox

“Duck Hunt” Balloon Bust—November 14, 2020

Check out the pics our club photographer, Dave Russell, shot at the Balloon Bust competition back in November. It was a cold and windy day but I think the competitors and spectators alike all had a good time. 10 brave souls risked their lives and their airplanes in a effort to win the big prize of a frozen Thanksgiving turkey. Steve Clasen bested us all nailing 11 of the 12 possible balloons over 2 rounds. His father, Brad Clasen, was second, followed by yours truly, Jack Cooke, and Mike Storm. We will be having another try at it after the March meeting, weather permitting, and then another again in the fall. Get your least favorite airplane ready and come join us on March 13th.



"Stormy's First Airplane"



"Stormy's Second Airplane"



"Smiling Jack" is happy he survived



"Steve Clasen making final tweaks to the winning aircraft. He busted 11 out of 12 possible balloons."



"Stewie getting some help setting up balloons!"



"Peanut Gallery trying to stay warm and awake!"



Stewie going for it!



Otto....PULL UP!!!!



Jack Riley finding out things don't always go as planned.



Al Hemphill getting balloons ready to meet their demise!



Grant K. and his flying wing... Fast and exciting!



"Stormy lining up for a kill!" Maybe????



"Jack using body English to help fly his airplane."

RCFU 2021 Event Calendar

February

13 Meeting 9 AM

March

13 Meeting 9AM

13 Balloon Bust Contest—Shawn Lenci

27 Swap Meet—Ben Lanford??

April

3 EF-1/T-34 Racing—Joe Delateur

10 Meeting 9 AM

17-18 Jets Over the Sierras—Shawn Lenci

24 Spring Night Fly—Shawn Lenci

May

1-2 IMAC Contest-Mark Huntley

8 Meeting 9AM

15-16 Warbird Round Up—Shawn Lenci

20 Float Fly

22 Float Fly—Shawn Lenci

27 Float Fly

June

3 Float Fly

10 Float Fly

12 Meeting 9AM—At the Water

12 Float Fly—Shawn Lenci

12-13 Pattern Contest-Dick Belden

17 Float Fly

24 Float Fly

26 Float Fly-Shawn Lenci

July

1 Float Fly

3-4 Field Closed July 4th

8 Float Fly

10 Meeting 9AM-Club BBQ

15 Float Fly

22 Float Fly

24 Float Fly-Shawn Lenci

29 Float Fly

August

5 Float Fly

12 Float Fly

14 Meeting 9AM-At the Water

14 Float Fly-Shawn Lenci

19 Float Fly

26 Float Fly

28 Float Fly-Shawn Lenci

September

2 Float Fly

11 Meeting 9 AM

18-19 Fall Electric Fest-Shawn Lenci

25 Fall Night Fly-Shawn Lenci

October

9 Meeting 9 AM

15-16-17 Giant Scale Fly-IN- Jack Cooke

November

13 Meeting 9 AM

13 Duck Hunt Balloon Bust-- Shawn Lenci

December

11 Meeting 9 AM

January Birthdays

- 2 Allen Cain
- 11 Bill Hamre
- 19 Steven Thomas
- 30 Joe Scheid
- 30 Philip Thompson

February Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooke
- 8 Robert Collins
- 9 Doug Hemingway
- 9 Art Thompson
- 12 Tim Bekker
- 18 Richard Elliott
- 24 Neil Beese

