



FLIGHT LINE

March 17, 2026

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mountain Mike's Pizza

Notice to Airmen:

- Per the Faa, Recreational Flyer Fixed Site: Oroville Air Corps – OAC Airfield, the ceiling of flight is now 700' compared to the previous 400' as of 6-3-2025. However, there are low-flying aircraft arriving and departing from the Oroville Municipal Airport and it is your responsibility to stay clear of all full-sized aircraft.
- The Butte County Sheriff's Office dive team will be conducting training at the airfield on the 1st Sunday of each month tentatively. This should only affect floatplanes as usual, nonetheless all pilots need to be aware of their presence. Should you be missing, any aircraft or part of an aircraft they will be available to locate any items.

General News:

The March club meeting will be held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1901 Oro Dam Blvd in Oroville on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

February Meeting Recap:

The meeting was held at Oroville, Mountain Mike's Pizza on 02/17/2026 and was called to order by President, Ian Witherspoon at 6:01 pm. Nine members were present.

Old Business:

January Minutes were read and approved.

Shade Structures: There are 60' of existing shade structures to the east side of the Connex, which are primarily used by the airplane pilots. There have been several suggestions and a few estimates to replace the existing, non-permanent structure with a new, heavy duty, anchored, non-permanent structure that will use heavy galvanized square tubing and metal roofing instead of the existing thin gauge metal tubes and plastic tarps. There has been an estimate from VersaTube Building Kits and two estimates along with lengthy talks for alterations that could be made to the structures from Best National Carports. Daryl and other club members have been in contact with them several times regarding change requests. Best National Carports is the least expensive of the two companies and provides the same quality structure, plus a 10% discount with the third structure added, making it 60' in length as well. This is a local company which delivers, installs, has a 20-year warranty, and the structure is engineered to withstand 90mph winds. At the present time new tarps must be purchased when the wind destroys them occasionally and last year there was an issue with birds pecking holes in the brand-new soft cover structure on the helicopter side. The estimates, after going through several ideas are \$8,790.12 for the standard roof which curves around the top like the metal roofed structure next to the Connex, and \$9,181.88 for the lean-to style for a difference of \$391.76. Both will have three, approximately 17' openings facing the runway, compared to the 10' openings in the current structure. This will make it easier for pilots to get their planes from the set-up tables to the runways. The 10% discount is for a limited time only, so it is necessary for the club to decide to go forward with the project, or not at the March meeting. With improvements to the airfield such as this, the club should expect to add additional members as various amenities such as this are added.

Need to research, purchase, and install bird deterrents such as Owls, spinning devices, reflective strips, etc., on the helicopter side shade structure to deter birds from pecking holes in the tarp.

Discussed runway crack repair again and that Gene would be able to get the materials needed.

Jeff supplemented the club website with information regarding club dues being paid by check. A person is always welcome to pay by check or cash at meetings or to Larry, Ian, or Dale at the airfield. The OAC Club Charter and Safety Rules were sent to the Club Officers and will be reviewed, corrected where needed, and published to the website.

It was also brought up that no Turbines would be allowed at the field due to the high fire danger in the area.

New Business:

Ian purchased and put some small gliders in the Connex for kids to play with at the field.

Larry will produce an updated membership list and send it to the Club Officers, which will include the 2025 and updated 2026 list.

Jeff said the Heli-Fun-Fly has a sponsorship from AMain Hobbies.

Larry will handle all the DWR permits for the flying events.

Billy had the idea of posting some of the other club's events, so they are listed below.

Show and tell:

Larry brought his Pfalz D12 scale airplane to the meeting tonight. He has well over 200 hours into the building of this aircraft and it was amazing to see all the special intricate details that went into the construction of it. Larry will compete with this plane in the air, as well as in the scale precision build judging. In scale model RC aircraft painting, a lozenge refers to the complex, multi-colored geometric camouflage pattern. As you can see in the picture there are hundreds of lozenges which required several painstaking steps prior to the actual airbrushing, plus 3 coats of hand brushed polyurethane. There are certain materials needed and specific procedures for folding the fabric around the wingtips for one example; however, there are many items to be judged and that is why he has hundreds of hours in this build. This was a very impressive plane, and one of the many unique features of it was how from the top the lozenges in the original full-scale Warbirds are to appear darker; however, they appear lighter in color on the underside by design. That is exactly how this plane looks. Larry modeled it after the Pfalz D12 in the Australia War Memorial as pictured below. This is no foam airplane that goes together in 1 hour, you need a lot of patience and skill to assemble a scale model like this to compete in a detailed scale competition where judges inspect every little detail of the building process. Great job Larry, thanks for sharing!!!!!! (See Pictures Below)



The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Club Stuff of Interest: Events are listed through June 2026; more will be added as the year progresses.

Woodland-Davis Aero-Modelers Club Events –

March 14th – Swap Meet (9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.) RSVP if you want to set up a table.

April 3rd, 4th, 5th – Jet Fly (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

May 2nd – Open House (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

June 6th & 7th – Pattern Flying Competition (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

June 26th, 27th, 28th – Wing of Victory

Sacramento Area Modelers Club Events –

April 11th & 12th - Big Kahunas Memorial Warbird-Pylon Race

May 9th – Open House (9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.)

May 15th – The Good, The Bad, The Ugly RC STOL Competition

June 13th & 14th – Turn and Burn Warbird Pylon Race

Throwback News Article:

Nikola Tesla received a patent in 1898 for a radio-controlled invention that is regarded as the first demonstration of this technology. During the 1930's, some inventors began dabbling with the possibility of controlling aircraft with radios. An annual radio-control event was instituted in 1936 in Detroit, and in 1937, it attracted the entries of six different inventors and their aircraft. Flight was not a requirement for contestants in this event, so runners-up could win an award just by demonstrating their components on the ground. The Big Guff airplane, created by Walt and Bill Good in 1938, is considered to have been the first successful radio-controlled airplane. If you look the plane up on the internet it looks like a Cub kind of with a 96" wingspan and a lot of dihedral in the wing.