



# *FLIGHT LINE*

***April 21, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.***

Regular Meeting Will be Held at  
Oroville Air Corps Field (Off Wilbur Rd.)

## **Attention All Pilots:**

- The Butte County Sheriff's Office Dive Team will be conducting training at the airfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April club meeting will be held at The Oroville Air Corps Airfield off Wilbur Road, Oroville, CA, on April 21, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

## **March Meeting Recap:**

The meeting was held at Oroville, Mountain Mike's Pizza on 03/17/2026 and was called to order by President, Ian Witherspoon at 6:02 P.M.

Forty-five(45) current members.

Thirteen(13) members were present.

Thank you Larry and Jeff for mowing and weed eating the area, it looks great again!!!!!!

## **Old Business:**

February Minutes had one correction after reading, then approved.

Treasurers Report was given.

Shade Structures: Heavy duty shade structures were approved by a unanimous vote, and have been ordered from Best National Carports, a local company out of Olivehurst, CA. Jeff provided a computer generated diagram showing what they will look like. The combined length is sixty-one(61') feet, and will have three(3), seventeen and a half (17.5') foot openings facing the runway, compared to the ten (10') foot openings in the current structures. Installation will be approximately the second or third week of April. These structures have been discussed at length with Daryl and Jeff putting a lot of time and effort into getting the setup that provides the most shade, accessibility, and safety for pilots and visitor's. Larry has been in contact with DWR to ensure any permit needed will be obtained prior to the structure installation. Installation should only take one(1) day.

Bird deterrent's were discussed again for the helicopter side. Three(3) plastic owls have been provided for placement on top of the structure, hopefully preventing birds from pecking holes in the fabric canopy. A post may need to be engineered which will allow the owls to have movement.

Oroville Air Corps Bylaws and Safety Rules continue to be updated and will be posted with all corrections shortly.

Crack repair will begin on the runways in the near future.

**Heli-Fun-Fly: May 15th, 16th, & 17th.** See the list of raffle prizes below that are available at this time. There may be more added by the weekend of the event. Float planes will be allowed to use the lake.

## **New Business:**

A representative from DWR came out and looked at the area and said they wanted to move the cement picnic tables and possibly the wood shade structure at the end of the field, which is mostly unusable due to fluctuating water levels in the lake. Billy talked to him at length about where the club may want to place the tables to make it the most usable, and provided a report at the meeting. Larry said he will talk to his DWR contact as well. This has been discussed for many years; however, if the club can provide some assistance to DWR with moving everything to a usable location at the field it would improve the areas usability significantly for all.

Jeff will try to repair the tarp on the helicopter side with a process of using Gorilla Tape and vulcanizing it.

Tentative activities: **Surf & Turf Fun-Fly** towards the end of June for one(1) day only, and another **Surf & Turf on September 18th, 19th, & 20th, 2026.**

## **Show and tell:**

No Show and Tell Items.

## **Raffle Prizes For The Heli-Fun-Fly, May 15, 16, & 17, 2026**

- **Absolute CNC** - One(1) Tuned Pipe for a 700 Size Helicopter
- **AMain Hobbies** - Various Helicopter Items
- **HeliDirect** - One(1) 30% Off Certificate for two(2) Pulse Batteries
- **HeliDirect** - One(1) 30% Off Certificate for up to Four(4) Torq Servos
- **HeliDirect** - One(1) 30% Off Certificate for One(1) Align Helicopter
- **HeliDirect** - One(1) 30% Off Certificate for One(1) Goosky Helicopter
- **Heli-X** - Two(2) Licenses for Helicopter Simulator
- **Minature Aircraft** - Various Helicopter Items
- **Next** - One(1) License for Helicopter Simulator
- **OMP Hobby** - Discount on OMP M6 Helicopter
- **Progressive RC** - Four(4) \$25 Gift Cards
- **Random Heli** - Four(4) Sets of Landing Gear Clamps for Storing or Transporting Heli's
- **RC Bearings.com** - Four(4) \$25 Gift Certificates
- **SMC Racing** - Two(2) Battery Packs

- **Grand Prize by Oroville Air Corps Club - One(1) OMP M6 Helicopter**

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

## **Woodland-Davis Aero-Modelers Club Events –**

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

## **Northern California Radio Control Unlimited Flyers (Anderson) -**

March 28th - NCRCUF Ash Creek Club Spring Float Fly @ Whiskeytown Lake, Brandy Creek Marina (9:00 - 12:00)  
April 19th - NCRCUF Swapmeet @ Ash Creek RC Park (8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.)  
June 5th, 6th, & 7th - Ash Creek RC Heli-Fun-Fly @ Ash Creek RC Park

## **Throwback News Article:**

Experiments with rotary winged aircraft can be traced back to Leonardo da Vinci; however, successful flights were not achieved until the 1930s. Model enthusiasts wanted to full-size aviation achievements, but were not as successful with rotary wing aircraft, and it was not until 1968 that the first fully controllable R/C model helicopter appeared, built by Dr. Dieter Schluter of West Germany.

Many modelers were convinced that the single rotor autogiro would be an easier subject to tackle than the helicopter and were conducting their experiments along these lines, but in fact the first really successful British R/C autogiro, a semi-scale model of the Wallace Autogiro, was first flown in 1978, ten years after the first appearance of the R/C helicopter. Designers and manufacturers the world over were quick to take advantage of Schluter's success and, in the early 1970s, model helicopter kits were on sale in the model shops.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE MANICURED PARKING AREA AND LAKE - THANK YOU LARRY AND JEFF!!



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