



Flight Line Newsletter

September 15, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting Will be Held at the
Oroville Air Corps Airfield (Off Wilbur Road)

General News:

The September Club Meeting will be held at The Oroville Air Corps Airfield, off Wilbur Road, Oroville, CA, on September 15, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

August Meeting Recap:

The August 18, 2026, meeting was held at the OAC Airfield, and was called to order by President, Ian Witherspoon at 6:00 P.M.

Fifty-One (51) current members.

Eleven (11) members were present.

Treasure's Report was given.

Old Business:

Larry continues working on getting signs with the DWR Security number to install at the gate for non-members that drive in to go fishing, hiking, etc., to call instead of cutting the fence to leave the secured property when the gate is locked.

Larry gave a report on the Dawn Patrol Fun Fly. It was very hot, but even with that a lot of pilots and spectators came out to watch these pre-1940's replica planes fly. He will change the month for this event next year to avoid the extreme heat.

New Business:

A small Work Party is scheduled for this Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. We will be installing a netting type of shade on the back of the new structure and preparing and painting the two (2) newly acquired pilot stations.

Jim will load test the solar batteries this week to ensure the batteries do not have any bad cells. With the addition of several large 6S batteries being charged now there is a limit to the amount of solar power available during the busy weekends especially. The suggestion of adding solar panels and/or additional batteries was suggested. During events Jeff always has a generator that is available for charging as well.

The Surf & Turf Fun Fly will be held on September 18th, 19th, & 20th, at the Oroville Air Corps Airfield off Wilbur Rd., Oroville, CA. This three (3) day event provides an area for camping next to the lake. There will be a work party to prepare the area, such as mowing, weed eating, and general clean up of rocks on the runway, etc. before the event.

Check on final day to apply for field improvement grants through AMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Oroville Air Corps RC Club -

September 18th, 19th, & 20th, Surf & Turf Fun Fly

Woodland-Davis Aero-Modelers Club Events -

October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd - Float Fly @ Lake Minden (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

October 9th, 10th, & 11th - 49er Scale Classic (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

November 7th - Toy's 4 Tots (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

Sacramento Area Modelers Club Events -

September 12th, & 13th - YS-Valley of Speed III Warbird Pylon Race

September 26th, & 27th -Bud Garric Pattern Contest

October 10th - **SAM Swap Meet** (6:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.) GET THERE EARLY!!

October 24th - Bigwood OctoberFast Memorial Warbird Pylon Race

November 21st - 2nd Annual Sweet Potato STOL Competition (10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.)

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Throwback News Article:

There is a very interesting **YouTube** video regarding Dave Herbert, one of the earliest pioneers in RC helicopter flight in the early 1970's. The video is called **(History of the Kyosho Hyperfly 2 channel, No tail rotor Helicopter and extreme flight@NightFlyer)**. He did a lot of inventing and had his inventions produced by Kyosho in Japan. He talked about his experiences during these early times, such as inventing his own Speed Controller which was very crude looking, and the first electric tail boom rotor motor. He invented an electric helicopter with a FRISBEE for the tail which created lift but did not make it turn. He did this to entice pilots to get used to flying these simple electric helicopters flying straight then graduate to gas helicopters. This was originally called the **Grasshopper Chopper then later changed to the Hyperfly 2**. He was friends with Chun Park, President of Hitech RCD in Santee, CA, eighteen (18) miles east of San Diego. Chun saw it fly and made a trip to Japan to meet with the engineer's and salespeople of Kyosho to introduce it to them. They liked it and it took 6 months of engineering to develop the final version of the Hyperfly 2. It was sold through all outlets and advertised in all RC magazines, thus becoming the best seller for eight (8) years, in which Dave received royalties. Dave wrote many articles for RCModeler and other magazines.

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