



Flight Line Newsletter

November 17, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting Will be Held at the
Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1901 Oro Dam Blvd, Oroville, CA

General News:

Oroville Air Corps, Club Member Dues of \$60 can now be paid on the OAC Website, or in person to Larry Shepard or Ian Witherspoon.

The November Club Meeting will be held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, on November 17th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

October Meeting Recap:

The October 20th, 2026, meeting was held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, and was called to order by President, Ian Witherspoon at 5:58 P.M.

September Meeting Minutes were read and approved.

Nine (9) members were present

Treasure's Report was given

Old Business:

Gene reported on the runway crack repairs.

Paul installed the new controller, and it works great! Now several 6S Lipo batteries can be charged simultaneously. Thank you, Paul, for researching which controller was required and installing it. There is an **app** by the name of **Victron Connect** you can install on your phone to access all data regarding the charging and battery condition; however, you need to be within a very close proximity of the Connex + have the code to get historical and live data.

Ian reported on the AMA Grant the club can apply for to offset a partial cost of the new shade structure. Jeff said he would provide Before & After pictures which is required as part of the application.

We will discuss in subsequent meetings the purchase of two (2) Pop-Up Tents that could be used for floatplane pilots and the purchase of forty (40) feet of metal shade structure for the helicopter side.

New Business:

The artificial turf in front of the pilot stations is coming loose at the seam, which needs to be repaired or replaced. The suggestions were to check Surplus City in Oroville for any used artificial turf or possibly gluing it back down.

Jeff put up a list of paid members inside the Connex.

Billy brought up the issue of a pilot meeting at the beginning of an event and having spotters to avoid close calls or incidents in the air.

The Christmas meeting was mentioned, and it will be discussed at the November meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Red Baron's Flying Club –

This Sunday, October 25th - Don Sager Memorial Event (9:00 A.M.) Please RSVP so you can get the gate code, as the gate must be locked whenever anyone goes in or out. Those are the rules their club must abide by. Hamburgers, chips, and a drink is available for \$10.00. Call Steve O. to RSVP and get the gate code (530) 682-1084

There will be three (3) contests

- 1. Ugliest Flyable Plane**
- 2. Bomb Drop**
- 3. Spot Landing – Planes with wheels, reverse thrust, and brakes are eligible**

Woodland-Davis Aero-Modelers Club Events -

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

Sacramento Area Modelers Club Events -

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Throwback News Article:

The early days of R/C Airplanes would not be complete without recognizing Joseph Raspante's involvement. Joe designed and built many of the early gas models and was a highly trained electronics technician. He used a telephone dial to select various control functions while flying and placed second (2nd) in the 1939 R/C Nationals. In 1940 he placed third (3rd) in the same event. Joe was a very generous R/C enthusiast and was always willing to share his knowledge with younger enthusiasts in the following years. The day before the same R/C Nationals were to begin in 1940, the transmitter was stolen from his competitor's car, and Joe offered the Good brothers the use of his transmitter. Considering the Good brothers took first (1st) place in the 1939 competition, that gesture showed how committed he was to the progression of the R/C hobby and willing to help even his competitors in a time of need. Joe finally earned first (1st) place in the 1946 New York Daily competition at Gruman Field. With the invention of the transistor and integrated microcircuits, people did not have the frustrations of the early pioneers. When looking back on the early days of R/C, many of the pioneers were largely hindered with overly complex electrical designs; however, without their perseverance R/C flying would not be where it is today.

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