Flight Line Newsletter

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

Christmas 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 December, Christmas, Club Meeting will be held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, on December 15th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

November Meeting Recap:

The November 17th, 2026, meeting was held at Mountain Mike's Pizza, and was called to order by President, Ian Witherspoon at 6:01 P.M.

October Meeting Minutes were read and approved.

Ten (10) members were present.

Treasure's Report was given.

Old Business:

Larry is in the process of getting signs made that would be placed at the main gate, as well as the walk-through access above the airfield that will state, you run the risk of having the gate locked after the last authorized person leaves the field and locks the main gate on Wilbur Road. Club members, law enforcement and Butte County are the only ones with 24/7 access to the area.

Ian is working on the AMA Grant for the shade structure.

The runway cracks are a very difficult issue to deal with, as the runways are only a two (2) inch layer of pavement and there is a significant amount of expansion and contraction as the temperature changes. Gene has tried a couple methods of repair, and it looks like he may have found the best solution; however, with winter here we may need to wait until summer to continue the process. The main East/West runway is in good condition with no cracks that effect flying though.

New Business:

The **CHRISTMAS MEETING** will be on the regularly scheduled meeting day of December 15th, 2026, @ 6:00 P.M. (see the attached flyer) Please RSVP which members and spouses/significant others plan to attend to dale9175@gmail.com, text or call me 530-933-4599. Pizza will be provided for by the club and there will be a raffle of mainly tools for RC airplanes and helicopters. If anyone wishes to donate anything, that would be great as well!

Discussed the shade structure for the helicopter side, in which Daryl acquired a bid from Best National Carports to give us an estimate of what it would cost.

Anyone using the field must be able to provide their current AMA Membership information, whether using an aircraft of any type, boats or cars/trucks, etc.

During the time of bird migration especially, all types of RC modes must not interfere with wildlife that are flying through or on the lake.

Ian and Jarrod talked about the Red Baron's RC Flying Club event on October 25th, in which Rio won the spot landing contest. Sounds like it was a lot of fun.

Ed Flowerdew told me AMain Hobbies will stock 10% Nitro Cool Power and 15% Glow Fuel at a very reasonable price compared to ordering it online. Help support Amain Hobbies by purchasing from them. The more they sell, the less expensive it may be. Ed also mentioned Batteries Plus has RC batteries and will put any connection you need on it. If you need batteries it may be worthwhile checking their prices.

The temporary shade structure frame by the lake will be removed within the next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

Oroville Air Corps RC Club: Heli-FunFly will be held on May 14th through the 16th, 2027. 5409 Wilbur Rd., Oroville, CA, 95965

As new events are listed for RC clubs I will add them.

Throwback News Article:

The magical journey through time of vintage airplanes. It is exciting to see these slow flying planes that are either an authentic original model with a gas engine, or even a newer model with electronics installed and made of balsa. "Vintage" refers to not only the aesthetic and technology of newer models but mainly refers to the 1960's to 1990's models made mostly from balsa/plywood. They were equipped with 2-stroke gas engines and the unmistakable sound of the 4cc round-head, Supertigre motor was heard on many RC airfields around the world. Many of the vintage planes did not have ailerons and posed a challenge to fly in a precise manner. There is a used market for purchase of actual vintage aircraft as well as companies that still produce new balsa kits but provide the experience of the modeler building it themselves. Many clubs and forums have original modeler's that are happy to share their experiences and knowledge from era's gone by.

Electrical & Fuel Powered Tips:

After the meeting Jarrod told us about the **Speedy Bee Smoke Stopper for FPV Drones;** however, it works on any model**.** The short circuit protector helps prevent solder bridges during soldering and works on any electric powered RC by plugging the battery to one side of the device and the RC equipment into the other side. Press the button on the left to power it on, if a short circuit occurs the device will cut off the power automatically. The button on the right is used to switch the protection surge; you can set it to 1 amp or 2 amps. In most cases 1 amp is enough. There are YouTube videos to watch on this device. It is approximately $10 on Amazon and can save damaging valuable electronics and models.

Another interesting fact: I just installed a new front retract on a T-28 and it would go down when the mains came up and go up when the mains came down. I drew a total blank on how to fix it, then I texted Doug and he immediately said to put a servo reverser on the front retract. Such a simple fix that I should've thought of, but I didn't. Sometimes just reaching out to a club member that has more years of experience is an extremely valuable and time saving tool we all have.

If anyone has any interesting information for this section of the newsletter, I would appreciate you sending it to me.

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