

Ms Gold:

April 17, '17

THIS NOTE IS TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE, AND TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR SUGGESTION OF BOLING PARK. I LOOKED AT BOLING THIS AFTERNOON --- RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF SCHOOL DISMISSAL! --- BUT NONE OF THE AREA THERE IS SUITABLE FOR OUR PROPOSED USE, ONLY THE LARGE AREA CIRCLED BY THE WALKING TRAIL IS LARGE ENOUGH, BUT THE GROUND/GROSS IS VERY ROUGH, IT IS SURROUNDED BY TREES, AND THERE IS NO REAL ACCESS TO GET EQUIPMENT TO THE AREA FOR FLYING. THEREFORE, I'M ASSUMING WE CAN'T GO FORWARD IN CANTON.

ENCLOSED HERE IS SOME MATERIAL ON OPTIONS TO SET UP ETOWAH RIVER PARK, DEPENDING ON ACTUAL MEASUREMENT OF THE SPACE, HAD WE GONE AHEAD. THERE ARE ALSO A COUPLE PAGES, OF A 13 PAGE ARTICLE, ON THE GEORGE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- THIS MEET IS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'D LIKE TO BUILD HERE. FINALLY THERE IS A "COVER SHOT" OF ME -- SINCE WE DID NOT GET TO MEET FACE TO FACE. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF. ONCE AGAIN, THANKS

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Golden State Stunt Championships

by Brian Massey

On October 13, 2016, the sleepy burg of Madera, California, woke up to the sounds of the busy PC Flyers setting up for the Golden State Stunt Championships. This was the 38th annual GSSC, and the fifth year for it to be held on the great tarmac of the Madera Airport.

Since the PC Flyers took over the duties of hosting and running the GSSC, it has changed from a weekend contest to a great four-day event. Our contract with the city begins on the Thursday prior to the weekend. The first circle is ready for open practice by noon-ish, with the others ready for use by early afternoon.

"Build it and they will come." I'm not sure who said that, but by Thursday afternoon we had folks flying on all the circles. My brother Mike and I took in a couple of practice flights ourselves, but then headed on home to make sure our wives were happy.

On Friday morning, all of the circles filled quickly, and there were waiting lists on them all. It sure makes me, and our entire club, feel good to see so many fliers show up well ahead of the contest—not just to fly, but to rekindle friendships and swap stories. By 11 a.m., our in-house barbecue expert, Chuck Milsap, had the hot dogs grilling and a line forming for our now-famous "Free Lunch Friday."

Somewhere back in the years before we took the contest over, we began hosting a Friday practice at our regular flying site—the grounds of People's Church—while the then-hosts of the GSSC spent their Friday setting up the contest field. At that time it seemed like a good idea to grill some hot dogs and hand them out free to those who took the time to come to our field and practice. Well, it caught on, and we're very happy to keep the tradition alive.

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As the Friday flying began to wind down, everyone started looking forward to a great dinner, served on the grounds of the airport. This was courtesy of Warren Walker. Seems he has a reputation for cooking up a great paella, and he likes to share. He wound up cooking his signature dish for around 40 hungry fliers.

A donation jar was put out, and Warren very generously donated the profits from the evening to the GSSC general fund! Wow, how thoughtful can one person get? Sadly, I still had some prep work to get done on the computer to make sure I was at least somewhat prepared come Saturday morning, so I had to head home. But I was told that everyone had a great time socializing and eating ... and then eating and socializing. Thanks again, Warren!

Finally, Saturday morning rolled around, and the contest was on! Saturday features the Old Time Stunt and Classic Stunt events. These remain extremely popular at the GSSC. After the pilots' meeting, the flying began close to our 9 a.m. target time.

Old Time was judged by Dave Fitzgerald and Alan Resinger, and a fine job they did for the 11 Old Time pilots. As the official flights began, the wind was coming up. Enough so that four pilots chose to "fly another day," and opted out. But the "Brave Seven" partied on.

Lou Wolgast bested the field with a great 308.75 flying his DS .60-powered Humongous. Coming in second was Bob Whitely chomping on Lou's heels with a great 305, also flying a DS .60-powered Humongous. In third place was John Wright flying his Big Job with an ST .56 spinnin' the prop. John turned in a great 299.

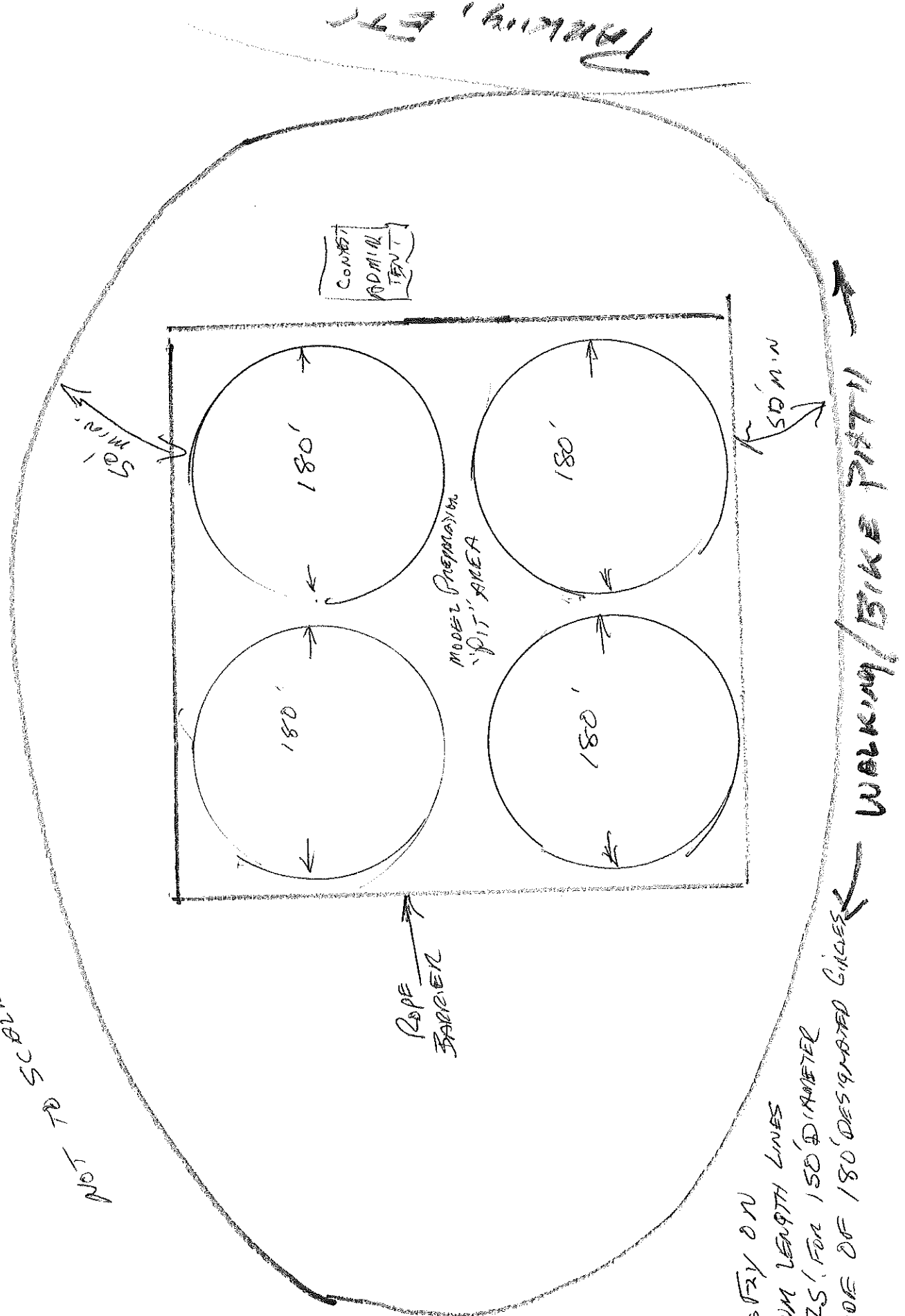
Over in the Classic circle, 21 pilots were at the ready by 9 a.m., all to be judged by Chris Cox and Jim Hoffman. But the



John Callentine's PA 61-powered Rabe Mustang has got some miles on it now, but it still looks showroom fresh!

ETNAH RIVER

NOT TO SCALE

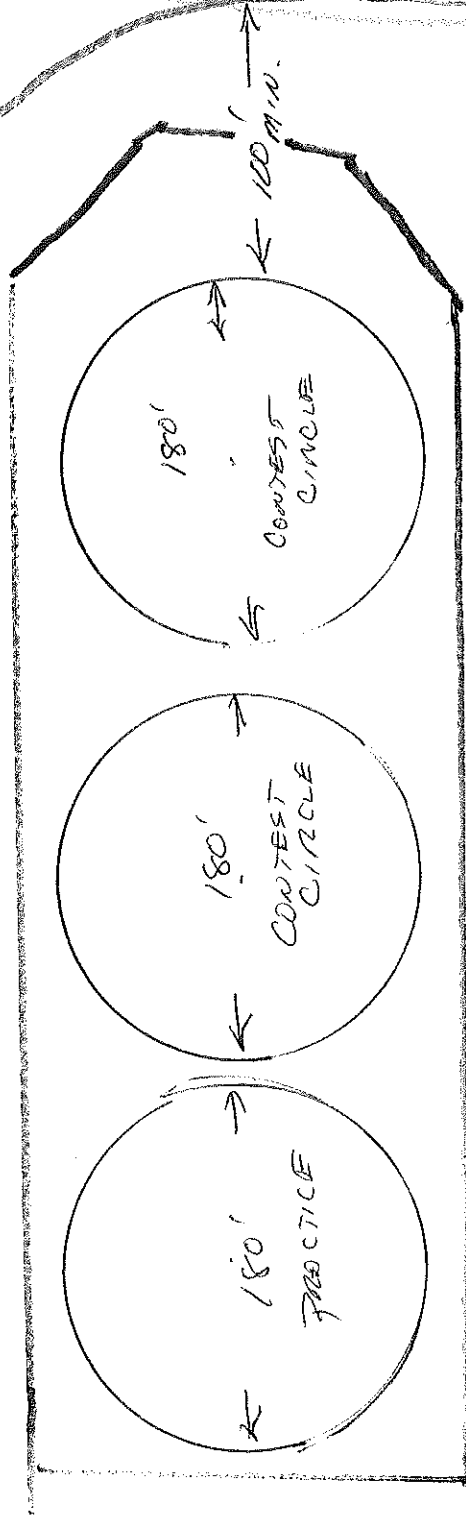


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ETOWAH RIVER / CANOE / PADDLE

NOT TO SCALE

COAST
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ROPE BARRIER

WALKING / BIKE PATH

MOLES FLY ON
MAXIMUM OF 75' LINES
(INCLUDING WINGSPAN AND PULLEY ARM)

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