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NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

FEBRUARY 2009



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - M.Pykelyny

Orbiteers 51st Annual Contest May 16th & 17th
Plan now to attend our annual contest. All popular events return with three new Special Events. Saturday 5:00PM Evening P-30, Sunday 7:30AM Unlimited Free Flight, Sunday 4:00PM Catapult Launch Glider. Each pays \$50.00 to the winner. We also will have a new food purveyor.

Orbiteers were well represented at this years Southwest Regional held in Eloy, Arizona. The weather for two days was cool mornings with great blue Arizona sunny skies in the afternoon. Don Bartick, Larry Bagalini, Bernie Crowe, John Oldenkamp, and myself attended. Congratulations to Bernie for winning F1Q. Larry Bagalini made it into the F1G fly-offs which had to be postponed until the Maxmen due to windy conditions. Don Flew in nostalgia gas. Don always told us it was a great contest and it was.

Note- Change in monthly meeting place and date.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

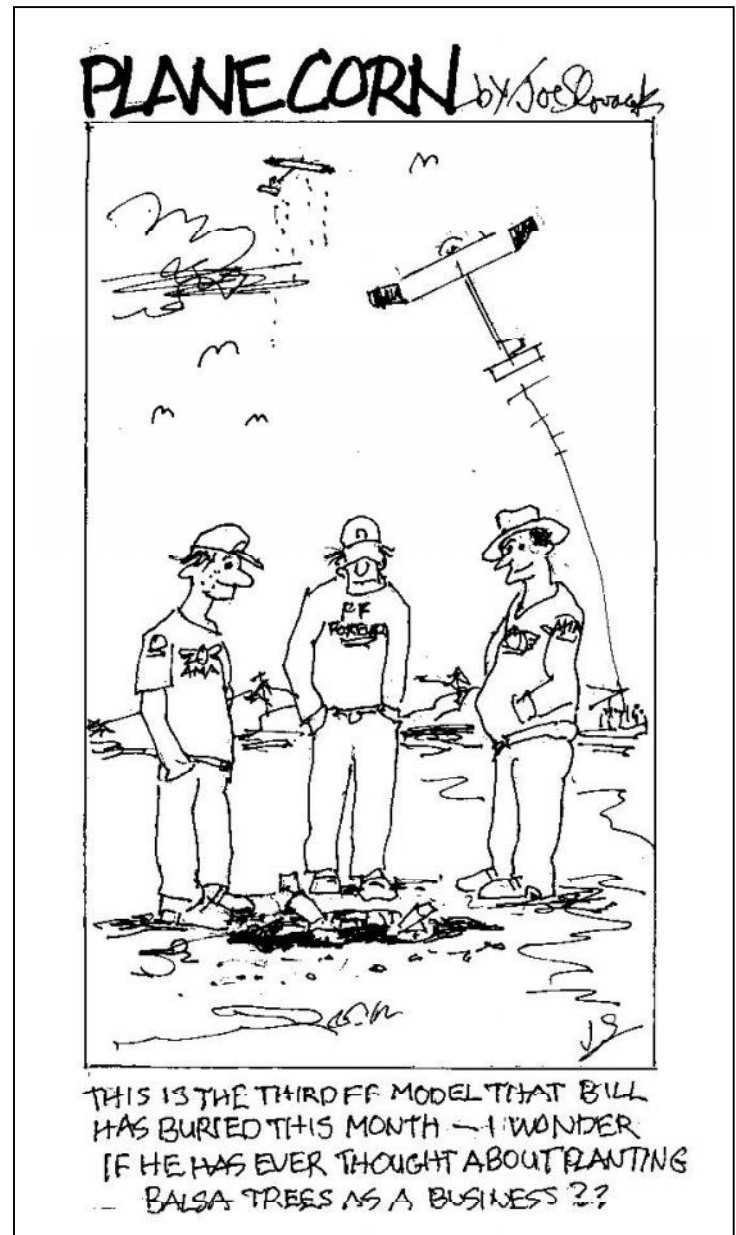
The most important snippet of news this month is the location and day of our February meeting. We will be meeting at Venice Pizza House on Thursday February 12TH. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out on oven fresh pizza.

I have been in contact with the President of the Scripps Ranch Civic Association (SRCA) in regards to the use of Scripps Ranch Service Center. The center is currently closed, and will not reopen under the management of SRCA until a signed agreement is worked out with the City of San Diego. He

suggested that I check back with him in March 1ST for a current status on the proposed agreement.

This month you can expect to receive a copy of the club roster. With the use of email, the roster can be distributed to each member. Should arrive in you electronic mail box about the same time as this newsletter.

- Scoop



2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Feb 15 - Old Timer, P-20 & HL/Cat Glider
Mar 15 - Coupe
Mar 22 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (1of 3)
Apr 19 - P-30 (Festival)
May 16/17 Dual Clubs FF Bonanza, Lost Hills CA
Rotation skipped: (Old Timer, P-20 & HL/Cat Glider)
June 14 - Coupe
June 28 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (2 or 3)
July 4 - Walt Mooney Scale Contest
July 19 - P-30
Aug 16 - Old Timer (Festival), P-20 & HL/CATP Gli der
Sept 20 - Coupe
Oct 18 - P-30
Oct 24/25 SW FAI Challenge *, Boulder City NV
Oct 25 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (3 or 3)
Nov 15 - Old Timer, P-20 & HL/Cat Glider
Dec 20 - Coupe (Festival)

* Non-Club Points Event
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Junior - \$10 Senior - \$15 Open - \$25
65+ - \$15 Family - \$30 Subc - \$15
Lifetime membership - \$250

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San Diego Orbiteers Annual Banquet - J.Merrill

We met at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant on Clairemont Mesa Blvd, where a separate room was available to us. Those in attendance included: President Mike Pykelny, Vice President Larry Miller, Larry Bagalini, Don Riordan, Don and Arline Bartick, Bob Overcash and daughter Ashley, Harry and Amy Steinmetz, Howard Haupt, John Oldenkamp and Karin Howard, John Hutchison and Kathy McLaughlin, and John Merrill.

We all had a great time, sorry if you missed it! The pizza was pretty good, but the general consensus seemed to be that it wasn't "Venice Pizza" good. Around 2:40ish the awards ceremony commenced. If you read the last E.T. on-line, you know the awards ceremony became "The John Oldenkamp Show". John truly deserves the award, as he won overall Grand Champion and Orbiteer of the Year.

The first award handed out, for P-30, went to Larry Miller. Larry tied in the event with John Oldenkamp, but got the award plaque and perpetual trophy for the year. Indoor Orbiteer of the Year went to Howard Haupt, the award being a beautiful plaque. John Oldenkamp then stole the show, winning Coupe, Power, Non-Power, and Co P-30 events. For this he was awarded two plaques and 3 trophies. Hilarity ensued when he tried to hold all the hardware up for a photograph, truly a sight to behold!

Larry Bagalini, representing the famous Star Link-Flite Tech, brought along 3 awards to give out. Unfortunately two of the recipients were not in attendance. Larry said one of the awards was for all the support he has gotten from Bill Booth over the last several years. Another was for "all the great gizmos" that Gerald Sullivan has provided for the last several years as well. Neither of these gentlemen made it to the banquet, but Larry wanted to make it know that he very much appreciated their services. The third plaque was for John Oldenkamp, as John has done a lot of work for Larry in putting together planes, testing them, and reporting on them. He has been at this for about 5 years. Larry went on to thank John Hutchison and Kathy McLaughlin for their services as well, and

Don Bartick for his help putting plans and so-forth together.

We didn't have a traditional business meeting, other than the topic of a meeting site which still needs to be resolved. We think the Scripps Ranch meeting site will be closing as of the end of January, but don't know for sure just yet. Howard Haupt said they promised to e-mail him when it is officially closing down, and he will subsequently let us know. All of us are encouraged to help find a new meeting place, so if any of you Orbiteers out there in real-land know of a good spot, or can help us think of one, let us know ASAP.

We did have a good Show and Tell:

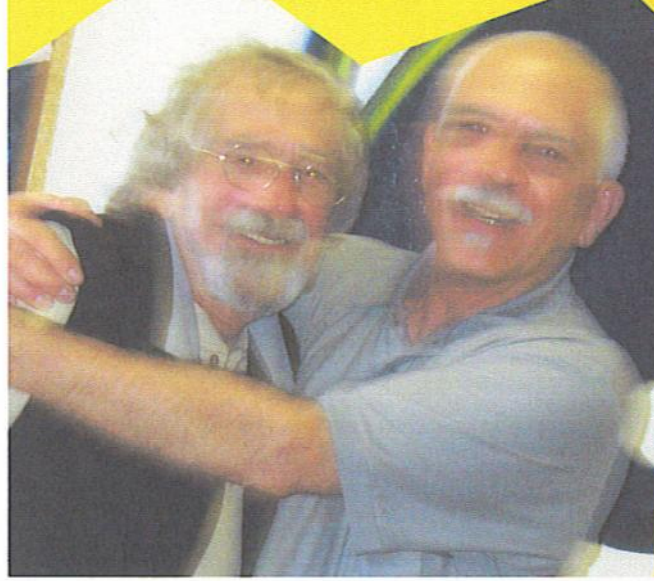
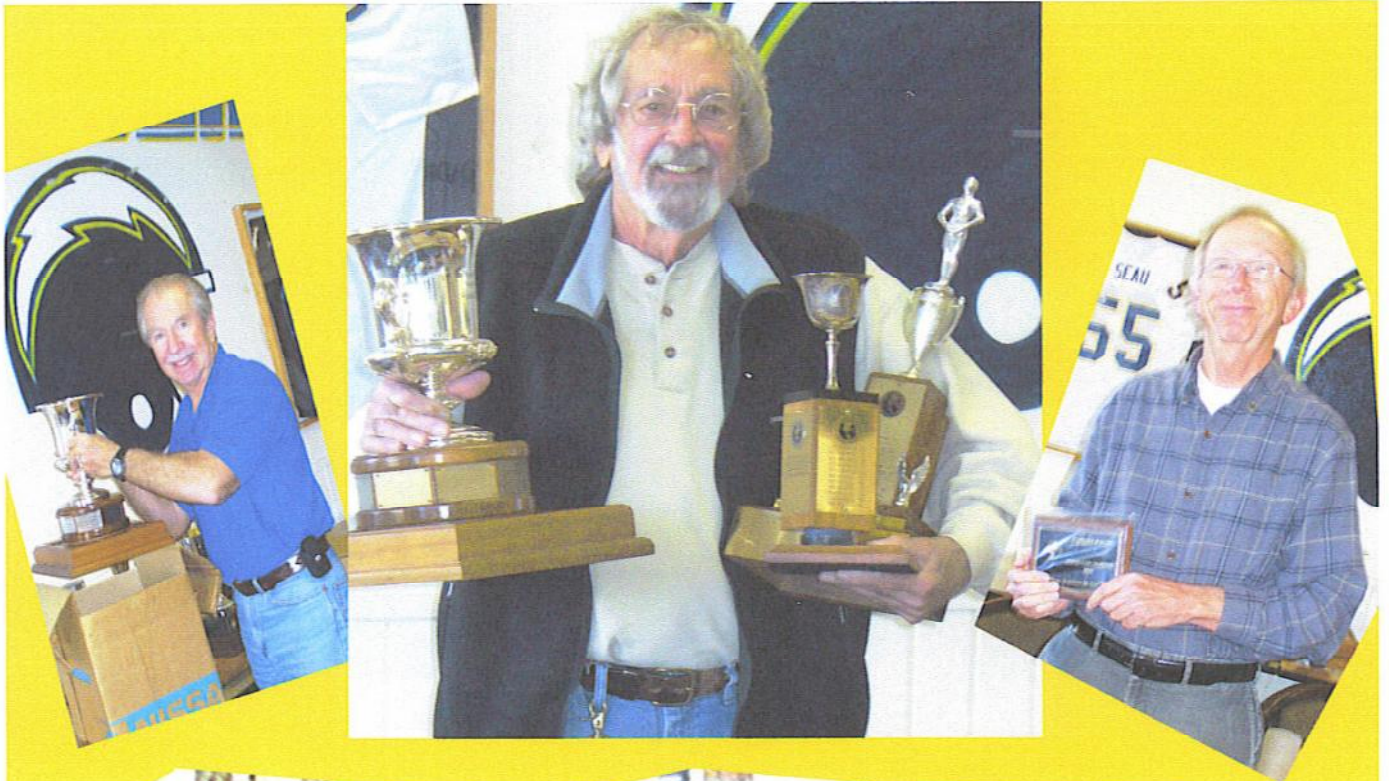
Larry Bagalini started it off with a Bob White designed Coupe, available for a mere \$297.00. It was very nicely done, with a dihedral in the horizontal stab and twin outboard fins. The plane featured blue and yellow finish, very attractive. The next plane was another coupe, but more high-tech. Had a standard tail, but with some special features. The "D-Box" style comes fully finished and ready to fly for only \$560.00. The third plane Larry brought was a bare-bones "Miss World's Fair", which Larry said was built in only 12 hours. It was too pretty to cover! Be sure to check out all the goods at www.starlink-flitetech.com, or e-mail him at info@starlink-flitetech.com. You can also link to the site via the Orbiteers web-site.

Larry Miller then showed us his Ramrod, which was nicely done in red and yellow. It can flown with either an .049 or an .051 engine. It has a 250 sq. in. wing, and clean, classic lines to the whole plane.

John Oldenkamp finished off the show and tell segment with his latest F1E magnet steering plane. He said it should weigh 20 oz., but only weighs about 16 oz. It is his "windy weather" version. Attractively done with orange center wing section and horizontal stab, and bright red outer wing panels and vertical stab.

We then took a group photo and adjourned shortly thereafter.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill



SD Orbiteer 2008 Awards Banquet Picture Page Description - L.Miller

Photo captions from left to right.

Don Bartick is taking care of trophy business and is packing a trophy for safe traveling. He keeps our club perpetual trophies in great shape and arranges for all of our engraving to be done as well ordering replacement plaques. I don't know if Don is a Chargers fan or just trying a helmet on for size.

Our club "Orbiteer of the Year" award was again won by John Oldenkamp and other honors leading up to this high point award. The caption should read smiles and trophies.

Howard Haupt was again recognized for his indoor flying. He and others usually fly after each club meeting. Howard is also active in our monthly flying sessions at Grossmont College every 1st Sunday of month as arranged by John Hutchison.

If you are not in this group picture, then you missed pizza, salad and soda, and short show-n-tell sessions from John Oldenkamp, Larry Bagalini, and Larry Miller. It appears everyone is smiling and had a good time.

When these 2 guys get together, there is always plenty of joking as well as serious planning.

Larry B. talked about 2 Coupe models and an Old Time rubber model. All three were impressive and full of high tech stuff.

San Diego Orbiteers January Monthly - L.Bagalini

Event: P-30 and Power

Date: 01-25-09

Place & Name Plane Time:

P-30

1. John Oldenkamp	Pilfered Pirate	315
2. Don Bartick	HighTail 30	313
3. Mike Pykelny	BuddenBox	304
4. John Hutchison	Pirate	294
5. Larry Bagalini	Pzaz	269
6. Larry Miller	HiCoope	223
7. Harry Steinmetz	STUFF	167
8. Bob Overcash	Bob Special	101

Power

1. John Oldenkamp	E-Pearl 350	459
2. Larry Bagalini	E-Maverick	421
3. Bob Overcash	E-Pearl	319
4. Mike Pykelny	E-36 Box	207

CD L. Bagalini

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FEBRUARY 2009

Feb. 12 - **Orbiteer Monthly meeting at Venice Pizza House** , a Thursday meeting!
3333 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego , CA

Feb. 15 - **Orbiteer Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**
Non-Power: **Old Timer, P-20 & HL/Captl. Glider** Power: **All Classes**

Feb. 20 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.

Mar. 1 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

Mar. 5 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flyin g, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.

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