

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

MARCH 2009



## PRESIDENTS COLUMN - M.Pykelyny

The sphere of free flighters is small and getting smaller. We all know we need new members and the debate on how to accomplish this is huge. There is one thing we should be doing and that is support other free flight events in our region.

Orbiteers need to get out and attend these other *local* contest. For some of us Perris is an equal distance to Otay Mesa. We need to establish a better repertoire with this group since one day this might be our **local field**. When attending the events, please wear your Orbiteers gear.

Upcoming:

Scamps- March 8<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sal Taibi Contest see- [scamps.homestead.com](http://scamps.homestead.com)  
Grassy Knolls Squadron- April 5<sup>th</sup> FAC ,  
Jimmie Allen, Perris  
Scale Staffel- March 22- WWI, WWII, Combat, Otay Mesa  
San Valeers- Annual, April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Lost Hills  
**Orbiteers- Lost Hills Annual Contest May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Note this month's meeting date and location.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

Our March meeting will again be held at Venice Pizza House. The address is 3333 El Cajon Blvd. The meeting date is Thursday March 12<sup>TH</sup>. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out on oven fresh pizza.

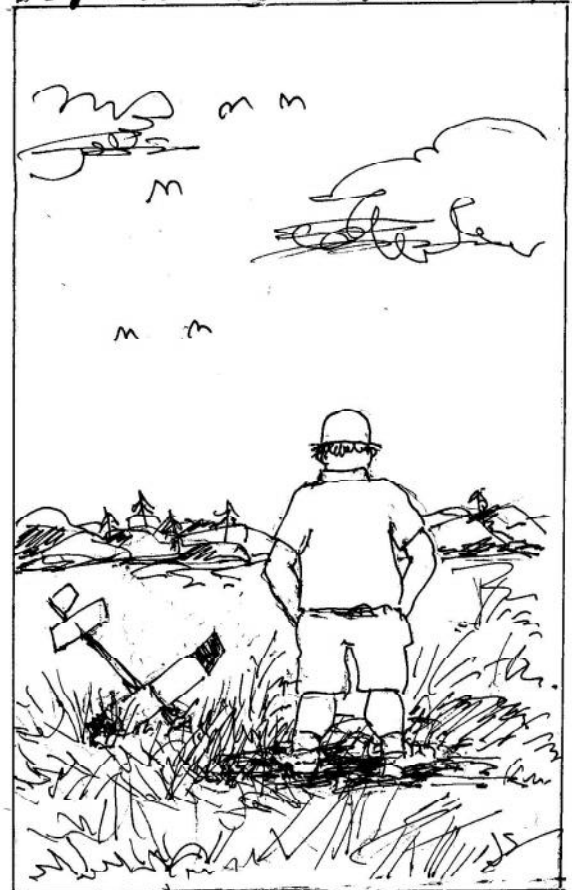
The latest word from Scripps Ranch is that the club can resume having meetings at the Scripps Service Center in April. For now the club will retain the

2<sup>ND</sup> Friday meeting date. The service center calendar has conflicts with Home Owners Associations HOA's meetings on the 2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday of each month.

Please read the "A Matter of Money" article and come to the meeting ready to discuss it.

- Scoop

## PLANE CORN by J. S. Slocum



AFTER WALKING FIVE MILES - PETE FINALLY FINDS HIS FF MODEL - SO - NOW HE REALLY FEELS RELIEVED !!

## 2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

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  
 Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8297

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### ORBITEERS YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Junior - \$10 Senior - \$15 Open - \$25  
 65+ - \$15 Family - \$30 Subc - \$15  
 Lifetime membership - \$250

### Submit dues to club treasurer or editor:

Fudo Takagi (Treasurer) (or) Howard Haupt (Editor)  
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## A MATTER OF MONEY - H.Haupt

My last email from the Scripps Ranch Civic (SRCA) Association reads as follows. Note the question asked at the end of the email that needs an answer from the club.

“Howard: I’ll schedule you for continued 2<sup>ND</sup> Friday from 7-10pm. Please advise on how many folks you typically have in attendance?”

As to fees, SRCA is going to eat the loss for at least the next 90-120 days while we work out a break-even budget based on cost of utilities, liability insurance, supplies, janitorial, pest control, building maintenance, etc... After that, I would expect that there will likely be some charge, albeit minimal for once/month users. The monthly HOA users and some of the non-profits are currently paying \$40-\$60 for their 2-3 hour meetings, and some of non-profits have been paying nothing. We need to talk to some of the non-profits that might have a revenue source and could possibly subsidize the others, and price HOA alternatives that may allow us to slightly increase their cost to help subsidize groups such as yourself.

**What would you think would be a fair and reasonable charge for a group such as yours to use the facility for 3 hours on a Friday eve?**

**\*\*GB\*\***

## MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

**Starting Balance (01/01/09) ..... \$1,830.17**

### Income:

Dues Paid (6)	<u>120.00</u>
	\$120.00

### Expenses:

Annual Awards	141.69
Banquet Expense	60.00
January Newsletter	<u>11.48</u>
	\$213.17

**Ending Balance (01/31/09) ..... \$1,737.00**

**Starting Balance (02/01/09) ..... \$1,737.00**

**Income: None**

### Expenses:

Feb. Mntg. Pizza Subsidy.	4.95
Stamps	9.00
February Newsletter	<u>14.36</u>
	\$ 28.31

**Ending Balance (02/28/09) ..... \$1,708.69**

### Letter to the Editor

I for one was recently reminded of a “club rule” created and voted on by the membership present at a club meeting some time back that I didn’t recall. In this case the rule had to do with paying out award money at our club monthlies. The rule apparently cites that unless you are present to collect the award money at the end of the contest, you forfeit it. At our last meeting in February, this rule was overturned.

With all that said, it came very clear to me that I’m not knowledgeable of the ‘club rules’ in effect. Don’t think I’m alone on this issue. Most likely the various rules are buried in past meeting minutes. Some minutes published in the ET and others gathering dust with past Secretaries. Regardless of the fate, the rules are not maintained in a “Rules” book.

Therefore, how can we as a club impose rules on our membership without such a publication? Certainly relying on our memories is not a good thing. I would imagine that many of the rules and other approved motions were right for the moment, but may no longer be valid.

It makes sense to me, that until there is a collection of rules published in a rules book, that we shouldn’t be held accountable for breaking them. Let the debate begin.

Don Bartick, Past President



## CAPTIONS FOR PICTURE PAGE - L.Miller

(See next page for pictures)

Pictures from February's club contest:  
(Starting from the lower right corner and going clockwise.)

CD Harry Steinmetz was relaxed and in control.  
The beautiful weather made for  
great flying.

John Oldenkamp prepares his E-Pearl ("E" for  
electric as in FAI "F1Q" category) for a fly off  
flight in our club power event.

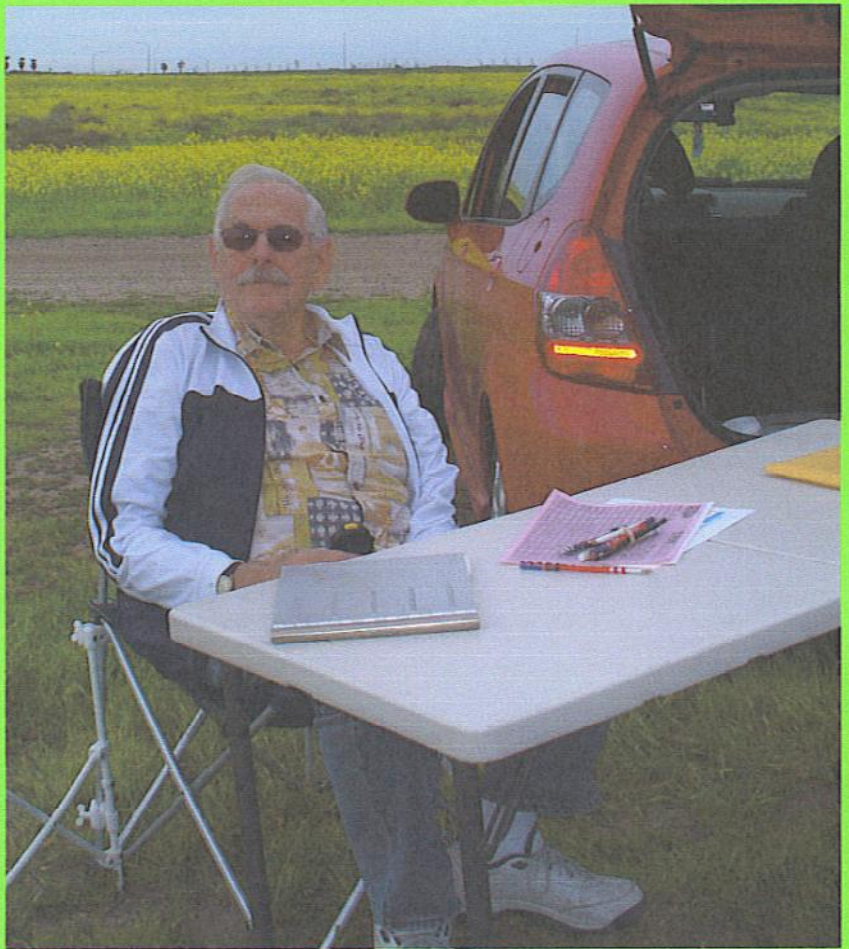
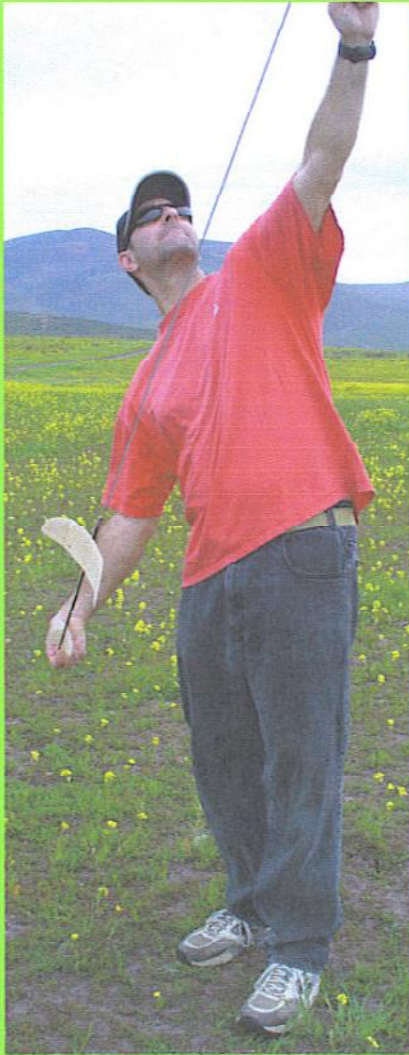
Paul Love is new to our club and enjoys hand  
launch and catapult gliders. In a short time he has  
improved his skills and flying techniques. He made  
consistent flights and would have given the OT  
Stick guys a real chase had the day been a bit  
warmer with more buoyant air. Paul has his game  
face and glasses on and is about to catapult his  
glider.

Mark Chomyn and his well crafted Jabrwok cabin  
OT Rubber decorated in red and yellow.  
Note the field with its short yellow mustard seed  
weeds. It might be pretty to look at now, but the  
weeds can get tall and thick in time and tends to  
make routine retrieving more difficult.



Larry Bagalini launching with timer at the ready.





San Diego Orbiteers Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Recorded by Larry Miller

Thurs. February 12, 2009  
Place: Venice Pizza

Attendance tonight was 11 and included: Mike Pykelny, Don and Arline Bartick, Gerald Sullivan, Bob Overcash, Howard Haupt, John Hutchison, Larry Bagalini, Larry Miller, John Oldenkamp, and Harry Steinmetz.

Meeting officially called to order by President Mike Pykelny at 7:10.

The January meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – Howard reported current bank balance of \$1,747.

Larry Miller reported the February monthly club R/T is for the 22nd rather than the published E.T. date of the 15<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to move our monthly contest from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22nd due to bad weather forecasted for the current weekend, given sanction date, and conflict with a large meet at Lost Hills on the 15th. The motion was seconded and passed by all. Howard Haupt agreed to send out an email to notify everyone of the date change.

Don Bartick reported the Eloy, Arizona contest was good and well attended. Several other entrants confirmed it was a fun contest with a great field. Don took a first in 1/2A Gas and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Mulvhill.

Several members reported the recent Isaacson Winter Classic at Lost Hills was well attended but the weather was tough (as in cold and windy most of the time) on everyone. In the F1Q event, J. Oldenkamp was 2<sup>nd</sup>, M. Pykelny placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and L. Bagalini came in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Don Bartick made a motion to drop the club contest rule requiring winners to be present at the end of the contest to collect prize awards. This motion was seconded by Mike Pykelny and received a passing vote of 8-2 in favor.

Our normal monthly meeting site at Scripps/Poway currently remains closed due to City budget reasons.

Howard Haupt talked with the site scheduler and has put our meeting dates on a waiting list. Currently, the non-availability of our meeting site is a month-to-month basis.

Meetings will continue at Venice Pizza until another meeting site is available.

Harry Steinmetz made a motion that our meetings be changed from Friday to Thursday until our meeting venue is resolved. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Don Bartick inquired if the porta-potty needed to be serviced. Some members said they would check the status and report next month.

John Hutchison reported the annual Western Regional Flying Aces Contest will be held in Gainesville, Texas on Sep 25-27.

It was reported by Larry Miller that Gerald Sullivan and his wife along with Roger Willis and Larry helped time and record times at the recent Science Olympiad event held at Rancho Bernardo High School. There was plenty of activity with over 50 teams competing with each team getting 2 officials. Top time was 3:05 with many flights in the mid to high 2 minute range.

Mike Pykelny reported the Dual Club Annual status as work in progress.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.



# SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS MONTHLY

Event: Old Time Rubber/Catapult Glider

Date: 02 -22-09

Place & Name    Plane    Time:

## Old Timer Rubber

1. John Oldenkamp	Vargowock	334
2. Mike Pykelny	Gollywock	304
3. John Alling	Earl Stall Hurricane	227
4. Mark Chomyn	Jabberwock	189
5. John Hutchison	Moth	52

## Power

1. John Oldenkamp	E-Pearl	587
2. Larry Miller	Ram Rod	480
3. Larry Bagalini	E-Maverick	435
4. Mike Pykelny	Marvel	294

## Catapult Glider

1. Paul Love	Original	161
2. Charles Primbs	Original	109

Sunday February 22<sup>ND</sup> was clear and sunny, but the air was soft and the breezes gentle. The weather stayed that way all morning. Sorry if you missed it. Larry Miller had to settle for second in power when he had an overrun on his second fly off flight. Old Time Rubber had five entries and a real mix of planes. John O's Vargowock bested Mike P's Gollywock. John Alling flew a low wing Earl Stall Hurricane to third. No two flyers in any event flew the same design. Who says integration is slow?

CD: H.Steinmetz



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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

## **MARCH 2009**

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Mar. 12 - **Orbiteer Monthly meeting at Venice Pizza House, 7: 00 pm.**

Note this is a Thursday meeting!

3333 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, CA

Mar. 15 - **Orbiteer Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**

Non-Power: **Coupe** Power: **All Classes**

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

Mar. 22 - Scale Staffel Scale Contest, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.

Apr. 2 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flying, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.

Apr. 5 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

**Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297**

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