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NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

APRIL 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* contests. 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 8th- 5th Annual Sal Taibi Contest see- scamps.homestead.com
Grassy Knolls Squadron- April 5th FAC , Jimmie Allen, Perris
Scale Staffel- March 22- WWI, WWII, Combat, Otay Mesa
San Valeers- Annual, April 18th & 19th, Lost Hills
Orbiteers- Lost Hills Annual Contest May 16th & 17th.

Note this month's meeting date and location.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

Our April meeting will return to our normal meeting location at the S.D. City Service Center @ Scripps' Ranch. The meeting date is **Friday April 10TH**. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out on fresh pizza from Venice Pizza House.

Here is the last email from Gordan Boerner, President of the SRCA.

“Howard: Thanks to you and the Orbiteers for your feedback; this will be helpful in dealing with the smaller non-revenue-generating non-profits such as yourself. We'll get all this figured out over the next couple months. In the meantime, enjoy the room on Friday eves. **GB** “

Following the meeting will be an opportunity for some indoor fun flying. Bring your Butterfly, A6, Small Glider, or similar craft for flying time in the Atrium of the Scripps' Ranch Service Center.

PLANE CORN by Joe Slovack



A DUMB CROW IS WAITING AROUND JUST TO PIGGY-BACK ON A FF MODEL - BUT DUMBER YET - IS A BUNCH OF FF GUYS STANDING AROUND HOLDING THEIR MODELS WAITING FOR THE CROW TO FLY - SO THEY COULD PIGGY-BACK - NOTE: AT THE END OF THE PAY - ALL OF THE FF GUYS HAD TO EAT CROW!!

2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

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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www.SanDiegoOrbiteers.com

Letter to the Editor

To all you Free Flight contest flyers that are internet enabled, listen up. You should bookmark the Lost Hills Free Flight Model Airfield Association website: <lhffmaa.com>. This site provides Upcoming Events, Contact Information, Membership, General Information and Contest Results. This is where the Western States Regional FF Contest Schedule is posted and updated from year to year.

Don Bartick, Member - LHFFMAA board

San Diego Orbiters Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thurs. March 12, 2009

Recorded by H.Haupt Place: Venice Pizza

Attendance tonight was 8 and included: Mike Pykelny, Don Bartick, Gerald Sullivan, Bob Overcash, Howard Haupt, John Hutchison, John Oldenkamp, and Harry Steinmetz.

Meeting officially called to order by President Mike Pykelny at 7:25.

The February meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – Howard reported current bank balance of \$1,709.

Discussion of Don Bartick's "Letter to the Editor" in regards to the recording of local club procedures and rules. Content of the round table discussion was varied and wide-ranging. It was decided to warehouse the club procedures and rules in "The Three Binder". It was thought that it made sense for the Competition Director to maintain the binder because its content relates directly to competition issues.

Monthly meeting location was discussed. Howard Haupt reported that the Scripps Ranch Civic Association (SRCA) has scheduled us to use the Scripps Ranch Service Center on the 2ND Friday of each month. Cost of use of the facility will be free for the first several months while the SRCA gets a handle on the operation costs of the facility. Our next monthly meeting in April will be held there. Eventually some cost of use will be asked of us by the SRCA. They (i.e. SRCA) have asked what a reasonable fee would be for our use. A round table discussion ensued with ranging opinions as to how low we could go on our response. It was decided to respond to the SRCA with a cost figure of \$25 per night of use.

Don Bartick will contact Spankies to have our field porta-potty serviced in the coming week.

Contest Reports:

- Sal Tabi Tribute contest at Perris on Mar 8TH
- Science Decathlon contest at Cuyamaca College on Mar 7TH

- Planning continues on Orbiters Dual Club contest on May 16/17

Show and Tell:

- Jerry Sullivan showed a fine looking Embryo that was a scaled down version of Mercury Old Timer model. It featured a homemade Gizmo Gizzer front end and a silly putty variable down thrust nose block.
- John Oldenkamp showed a newly built 1954 Wakefield design that featured construction from vintage materials found on the shelf in his model work area. Impressive for its size, both wing span and length. Flight test upcoming at Otay Mesa.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Starting Balance (03/01/09) 1,830.17

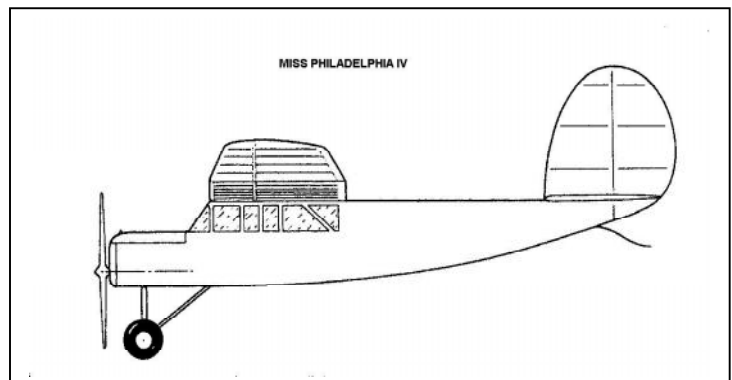
Income:

Dues Paid (2)	30.00
Donation (D.Weissenberger)	<u>100.00</u>
	\$130.00

Expenses:

Check Printing Charges	20.57
Annual AMA Charter Fee	30.00
March Newsletter	<u>17.91</u>
	\$68.48

Ending Balance (03/31/09) \$1,891.69



**SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS 51st
FRESNO GAS MODEL CLUB 70th
ANNUAL CLUB CONTEST**

MAY 16TH & 17TH, 2009 LOST HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Saturday Events	Fly Saturday or Sunday Must finish same day	Sunday Events
F1A	Small Stick A Pylon	F1G (Coupe)
F1B	Large Stick B/C Pylon	F1H (Towline)
F1C	Small Cabin A Fuselage	A/B Gas
F1Q (Electric)	Large Cabin B/C Fuselage	Texaco
Catapult Glider(1)	1/2A NOS A NOS	Mulvihill
P-30 (1)	B NOS C NOS	HandLauchGlider(1)
1/2A Texaco	FAI NOS 1/2A Gas (1)	Texaco
C/D Gas	.020 Replica	(1) Also a Junior Event
	Special Events	
Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 4:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM
Evening P30	12" Catapult Launch Glider	Unlimited Free Flight*
\$50.00 First Place	\$50.00 First Place	\$50.00 First Place

Everyone gets a Participation Plaque
Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Entry Fee- \$20.00 Includes One Event
Additional Events \$5.00
Juniors \$5.00/\$1.00
\$40.00- Unlimited Events

AMA and Lost Hills Association Membership Required
AMA Sanctioned Category II
A National Cup Event

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Fly Saturday 7:00AM-5:00 PM
Sunday 7:00 AM -3:00PM
Ice Cream Sundaes 3:00PM Saturday
Award Ceremony 3:00 PM Sunday

Competition Schedule

FAI EVENTS- Saturday

F1A, F1B, & F1C- Seven one hour rounds . Round 1 starts at 8:00AM.
Round 1- F1A- 210 seconds, F1B- 240 seconds, F1C- 240 seconds,
Rounds 2-7- 180 seconds. Fly-Off starts at 4:00PM 1st- 300 seconds
2nd- 420 seconds, 3rd- 540 seconds.

F1Q- Seven one hour rounds. Round 1 starts at 8:00AM.
20 Seconds Motor Run. All rounds 180 second MAX. .
Fly-Off Starts at 4:00PM. 1st-15 sec motor run
2nd- 10 sec. motor run, 3rd- 10 sec. motor run

FAI EVENTS- Sunday

F1H, & F1J- Round 1 8:00-9:00AM. 180 seconds.
F1G- Champagne round. 8:00-8:15AM
Bob White style finish, five flights by 1:00PM.

Nostalgia Events- 2008 NFFS Rulebook applies.

Texaco- Saturday-1/2A Texaco, 7:00AM-10:00AM launch window, 8cc fuel.
Sunday- Full size Texaco- 7:00am-10:00AM launch win dow, 1.75OZ fuel.

Hand Launch & Catapult Glider- Launch only from the glider pen.
Max's are 120 seconds and all flights count.

Special Events

Saturday 5:00PM. **Evening P-30.** Mass Launch. Provide your own timer.
\$50.00 awarded to high time winner. Model will be p rocessed.
Event director- John Oldenkamp

Sunday 7:30PM **Unlimited Free Flight***. Launch window 7:30AM-7:45 AM
Provide your own timer. \$50.00 awarded to high time winner. Airplane must fly within parameters of
it's original class. * *Texaco and Mulvihill excluded.*
Event director- Larry Bagalini

Sunday 4:00PM. **Catapult Launch Glider.** Mass launch.
Provide your own timer. 12" Max wing span. 10 gm. M in. weight
\$50.00 awarded to high time winner.
Event director- Larry Miller



Monthly Club Contests

By Larry Miller

One fourth of our monthly club competition is in the books and is summarized and displayed below in a spreadsheet for your review. The horizontal bars represent our 5 categories of annual club awards for which flyers are competing besides monthly honors and token prize money. There are 8 more monthly club contests to show your competitive spirit or just come out and enjoy flying, sharing ideas, or soaking up some sun with fellow modelers'.

SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS YEAR TO DATE 2009 CLUB CONTEST RESULTS					
Results through		03/31/09			
Hi Point		Non - Power		Power	
		P 30	Coupe		
Total				OT, HLG	
Points		P 30	Coupe	CLG, P-20	Power
Alling	5	0	0	5	0
Bagalini	16	3	3	0	10
Bartick	11	6	1	0	4
Beecroft	0	0	0	0	0
Love	3	0	0	3	0
Castillo	0	0	0	0	0
Chomyn	4	0	0	4	0
Hobbs	0	0	0	0	0
Hutchison	10	4	5	1	0
Ives	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	6	2	0	0	4
Oldenkamp	29	7	4	7	11
Overcash	10	1	7	0	2
Primb	2	0	0	2	0
Pykelny	21	5	6	6	4
Ray	0	0	0	0	0
Slovacek	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0	0
Steinmetz	3	1	2	0	0
Willis	0	0	0	0	0
Zackman	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	120	29	28	28	35

Who is this month's Contest Director (CD)?

Listed below are our CD licensed members who volunteered to run our Monthly club contests. They always do a great job! We thank them and appreciate their time, service and work to run the contest and complete the paperwork.

2009 Club Contests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Name</u>
Jan 11th	A	<u>Larry Bagalini</u>
Feb 22nd	B	<u>Harry Steinmetz</u>
Mar 15 th	C	<u>John Oldenkamp</u>
Apr 19 th	A	<u>Don Bartick</u>
May	No Monthly Club Contest	<u>May 16th & 17th SDO Annual at Lost Hills</u>
Jun 14 th <small>Jun 21st is Father' Day</small>	C	<u>Larry Bagalini</u>
Jul 19 th	A	<u>John Hutchison</u>
Aug 16 th	B	<u>Larry Bagalini</u>
Sep 20 th	C	<u>John Oldenkamp</u>
Oct 18 th	A	<u>John Hutchison</u>
Nov 15 th	B	<u>Harry Steinmetz</u>
Dec 20 th	C	<u>Don Bartick</u>

A = (P-30, Power)

B = (OT Rubber, P-20, HLG, Cat G, Power)

C = (Coupe, Power)



BAKERSFIELD FLYING TEAM

34TH ANNUAL MAY 2ND & 3RD 2009

LOST HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AA SANCTION, CATEGORY 2

EVENT SCHEDULE

<p>SATURDAY ONLY 8:00AM – 7:00PM</p> <p>½ A NOSTALGIA SLOW GAS ½ A SLOW GAS A - B GAS D GAS FIC / FIP</p> <p>020 REPLICA (~ GRANDPA JOHN KELLER MEMORIAL ~)</p>	<p>SUNDAY ONLY 8:00AM – 2:00PM</p> <p>HAND LAUNCH GLIDER ABC NOSTALGIA ½ A GAS C GAS ½ A GAS FIJ</p> <p>DAWN ½ A SLOW GAS (~ BILL VALENTINE MEMORIAL ~) (6:30am to 8:00am)</p>	<p>SATURDAY & SUNDAY FLY EITHER DAY</p> <p>SM. OLD TIME RUBBER LG. OLD TIME RUBBER P-30 A1 STRAIGHT TOW SHOOTERS (MINI CATAPULT) CATAPULT GLIDER (~ BUTCH DUNCAN MEMORIAL ~) P-20 (~ BOB WHITE MEMORIAL ~)</p>
<p>CONTEST DIRECTOR MIKE KELLER 2314 E. RENEGADE TR. QUEEN CREEK, AZ 85243 (480) 710-0754 Cell kkelleraz@gmail.com Email</p>	<p>EVENT ENTRY FEE'S REGISTRATION \$5.00 EVENT ENTRY \$5.00 RE-ENTRY \$5.00 (SAME DAY ONLY) JUNIOR ENTRY \$2.00</p>	<p>AWARDS 3:00 PM ON SUNDAY ~ 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE AWARDS- JUNIOR TROPHIES</p>

2009 AMA Card & Lost Hills Field Dues Required - NO CHECKS PLEASE!

<p>POWER</p> <p>½ A GAS - 15 SEC V.T.O. OR R.O.D., 12 SEC. HAND LAUNCH, 4TH FLIGHT 10 SEC. HAND LAUNCH ONLY, 3 MIN MAX.</p> <p>½ A GAS, A GAS, B GAS, C GAS & D GAS - AMA CATEGORY 2</p> <p>½ A NOSTALGIA & ABC NOSTALGIA - BFT NOSTALGIA CATEGORY 2</p> <p>½ A SLOW GAS - NO AUTO SURFACES, SINGLE BYPASS ENGINE ONLY, EXCEPTION T.D. 049 STOCK ENGINE, 15% MAX NITRO. THREE 3 MIN MAXES ON SATURDAY, *1 FLY OFF TO THE GROUND AT 10:00AM SUNDAY.</p> <p>SLOW GAS - NO AUTO SURFACES, SINGLE BYPASS ENGINE ONLY, EXCEPTION T.D. 049 AND 051 STOCK ENGINE, 15% MAX NITRO. THREE 3 MIN MAXES ON SATURDAY, *1 FLY OFF TO THE GROUND AT 9:00AM SUNDAY.</p> <p>020 REPLICA (GRANDPA JOHN KELLER MEMORIAL) 1ST 3 FLIGHTS 20 SEC ROG, 15 SEC HAND LAUNCH, 3 MIN MAX, 4TH FLIGHT 12 SEC. HAND LAUNCH, 5TH FLIGHT ON - 10 SEC. HAND LAUNCH.</p> <p>BILL VALENTINE MEMORIAL - DAWN ½ A SLOW GAS - SPONSORED BY MIKE KELLER 2 FLIGHTS TO THE GROUND, 6:30AM - 8:00AM, 15 SEC V.T.O. OR 12 SEC HAND LAUNCH, 049 ENGINE ONLY, NO AUTO FUNCTIONS, ENGINE OVER RUN = ATTEMPT, BOTH TIMES ARE ADDED TOGETHER FOR HIGH SCORE.</p>	<p>AMA CATEGORY 2 - 3 MIN (180 SEC) MAX</p> <p>AMA ENGINE RUN CHART</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>1st 3 Flights</th> <th>4th Flight</th> <th>5th Flight</th> <th>Slow Gas 1st 3 Flights</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9 SEC</td> <td>7 SEC</td> <td>5 SEC</td> <td>9 SEC H.L. 11 SEC V.T.O</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1st 3 Flights	4th Flight	5th Flight	Slow Gas 1st 3 Flights	9 SEC	7 SEC	5 SEC	9 SEC H.L. 11 SEC V.T.O
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<p>NON - POWER</p> <p>P-30 - THREE 2 MIN MAXES, 20 SECOND ATTEMPT, ADD 30 SECONDS TO EACH ADDITIONAL FLIGHT, 100 MAX RUBBER, 30 INCH MAX WING AND FUSELAGE, P-COMMERCIAL PROP ONLY, MODEL MUST WEIGH AT LEAST 45 GRAMS WITHOUT RUBBER MOTOR.</p> <p>P-20 - THREE 90 SEC. MAXES, 20 SEC. ATTEMPT, 20 INCH BOX, RUBBER MAX (90), 7 OR 8 INCH COMMERCIAL PROP ONLY - ALL OTHER P-30 AMA RULES APPLY.</p> <p>SM. OLD TIME RUBBER - 3 Min Max First 3 Flights, 4th Flight On Add 1 Min Each Flight</p> <p>LG. OLD TIME RUBBER - 3 Min Max First 3 Flights, 4th Flight On Add 1 Min Each Flight</p> <p>A1 STRAIGHT TOW - 5 FLIGHTS BEST 3, 3 MIN MAX. ATTEMPT UNDER 40 SEC. OLD STYLE A1 HOOK ONLY. MINIMUM WEIGHT 50G., 278 SQ INCH MAXIMUM PROJECTED WING AREA. 184 FOOT LINE TIED TO A RING ONLY. (RULES BY MIKE KELLER)</p> <p>CATAPULT GLIDER - 6 FLIGHTS BEST 3, 2 MIN MAX, 6" DOWEL MAX, 9" LOOP (10" LENGTH) OF ½" RUBBER MAX.</p> <p>HAND LAUNCH - 6 FLIGHTS BEST 3, 2 MIN MAX.</p> <p>SHOOTERS - 5 Flights, 15 Sec. Attempt, 90 Sec. Max, All Flights Count. 6" Dowel MAX, 9" Loop (10" Length) of ½" Rubber MAX. Wing No Longer than 10", Wing No Wider than 2", Fuselage No Longer than 12". Complete Model must NOT weigh LESS than 6 Grams. All Models Weighed At Entry to maintain an even competitive field. This is a scaled down version of the Catapult Glider first designed by Mike Keller in 1983. The first contest was in Nov 1996.</p> <p>JR. EVENTS - 6 FLIGHTS, BEST 3 FLIGHTS COUNT, 90 SEC MAX</p>	<p>FIC (5 SEC ENG RUN) FIP (7 SEC ENG RUN) 8:00AM TO 1:00PM SAT (Five 1 Hour Rounds, 3MIN MAX) Flyoffs Start at 1:30PM SAT (5Min Max)</p> <p>FIJ (7 SEC ENG RUN) 8:00AM TO 12:00PM SUN - 5 FLIGHTS, 2 MIN MAX Flyoffs Start at 12:30PM (3Min Max)</p>								
	<p>BFT SPONSORED AWARD NOSTALGIA HIGH TIME (JACK MORELAND MEMORIAL) SINGLE EVENT HIGH TIME PERPETUAL PLAQUE</p>								
	<p>SPECIAL BFT RULES ALL EVENTS AT THE BFT ANNUAL DO NOT FOLLOW BY THE BUILDER OF THE MODEL RULE. ALL OTHER AMA RULES APPLY TO EVENTS WITH SPECIAL RULES. PLEASE NO COMPLAINTS!!!</p>								

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

APRIL 2009

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

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

Apr. 10 - **Orbiteer Monthly meeting at S.D. City Serv. Cntr. @ Scripp's Ranch,**
Note this is a return to our regular Friday night meeting location!
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor Fun Fly featuring A0-6 & Gliders up to 8" follows the meeting.

Apr. 17 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlo s Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.

Apr. 19 - **Orbiteer Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**
Non-Power: **P-30 (Festival)** Power: **All Classes**

May 3 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

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

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
