

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

MAY 2009



PRESIDENTS COLUMN - M.Pykelný

Dual Club Annual May 16th & 17

Orbiteers, it's once again time for our annual Dual Club contest. This will be our 51st and Fresno's 70th annual. Make it great by attending this year; you will have a extraordinary club experience.

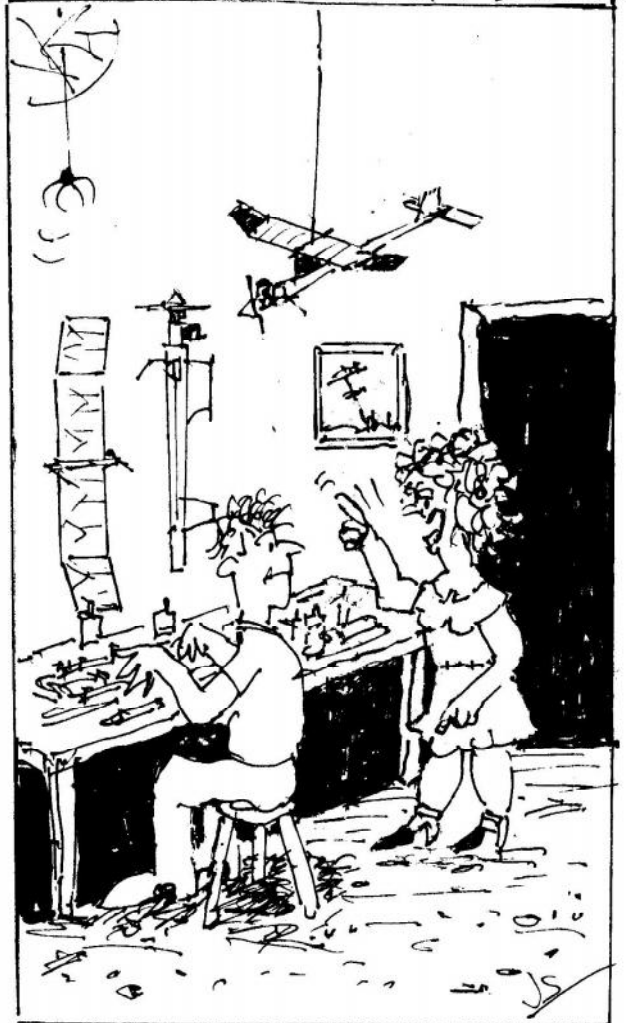
Those of us who have been to Lost Hills know what a wonderful place it is to fly. With all the wide-open space retrieving is relatively easy, but do bring your finder. If you are one of the few who have not been, you owe it to yourself to experience the best Free Flight field in the United States. Others come from across the world to fly at Lost Hills. You are but a short drive.

We have added three new special events.. P-30, CLG, and unlimited free flight. Airplanes must fly within parameters of its original class. FIRST PLACE awards \$50.00 to the winner.

Since the Sloan's had a scheduling conflict, we have a new caterer. Wanda from SQ's Place in Wasco has agreed to provide our eats at the event. I am sure you will be pleased with the food and prices. Please support our choice; we need to cultivate this relationship.

Like all contests we sure could use volunteers. We certainly need you to spend a little time manning the score table. Timers are always appreciated.

PLANE CORN *by J. Clouack*



FOR THE LAST TIME I'M TELLING YOU TO QUIT TAKING STRAIGHT PINS OUT OF MY PIN CUSHION TO DO THAT COUPE OF A THING - IF YOU TAKE ONE MORE PIN-YOUR VIAGRA WILL BE FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET !!

2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

May 3 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (1 aof 3)

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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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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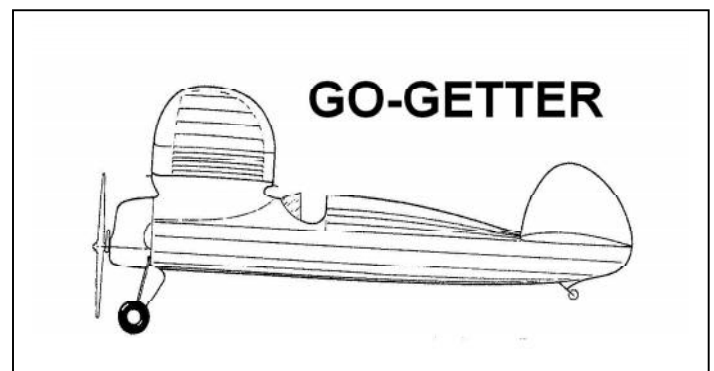
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San Diego Orbiters Monthly Meeting

Extravaganza - J.Merrill April 10, 2009

Four members in attendance tonight, including: President Mike Pykelny, Pizza Master Howard Haupt, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

After the customary consumption of our favorite pizza, the meeting was called to order at 1920 (7:20p.m.) by Pres. Mike.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Thanks to a very nice donation, as published last month, we are solvent. See this month's "Money Matters" column for the latest report.

Old Business: a binder, henceforth called "the book" will be kept by Larry Miller, as he is the Contest Director. Many useful items contained in said book, such as the club charter, schedules, rules, etc

New Business: A slick new set of brochures from AMA were delivered to Mike P. The brochures are announcing a new membership drive/contest.

Mike then talked about NFFS membership, with their average new membership age of 55+, and that new juniors (100%) disappear by the time they turn 18 years old. NFFS membership now stands at just 1200-1400.

Mike P. then mentioned that we need to consider condensing Lost Hills contests. As it stands now, there are too many groups with smaller and smaller contests, and too many contests throughout the year. Therefore, a bigger turn-out may result if there are fewer contests. Don Bartick, among others, will need to be consulted.

The U.S. Free Flight Champs is looking for cash and/or quality merchandise donations for the contest.

The first of 3 Scale Staffel contests for 2009 is now on for May 3rd. It had been postponed from an

earlier date due to rain delays. Amazing, as it only rains in San Diego 3 days per year.

There had been talk of an indoor contest, but it has been postponed indefinitely.

John H. talked about the loss of local fellow modeler extraordinaire, Jim Alaback. Jim was lost to cancer of the tongue. John said he spoke at Jim's funeral. There should be more about Jim elsewhere in the newsletter.

The meeting was officially adjourned around 8:20. No indoor flying ensued.

BIOGRAPHY: G. James ("Jim") Alaback

G. James ("Jim") Alaback was an executive in the home appliance industry prior to his retirement to San Diego in 1985. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 12, 1925, and attended public schools in Elmhurst, Illinois. He entered Purdue University in 1942, where he became president of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity prior to Naval service to Lieutenant (j.g.) in World War II, and then returned to Purdue to receive his Mechanical Engineering degree in January 1947. He was married to Jean Elliott at Elmhurst, Illinois, in September 1947.

After working two years in automotive design, Jim moved to the home appliance industry, where he managed engineering, quality service, and other functions in the production of such then-new products as automatic clothes washers and dryers (for which he held two patents), dishwashers, microwave ovens, and outdoor power equipment, for the General Electric, Whirlpool, Sunbeam, and Roper organizations. He progressed over time to positions of division general manager, corporate vice-president, and corporate director. Jim was listed in Who's Who in America and served on the boards of the Midwest College of Engineering, the American Standards Association, and the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

Jim's hobby interests led him to collecting and restoring antique automobiles and becoming a licensed pilot and aircraft owner. He was a consultant to the San Diego Aerospace Museum from 1986 to 1997 and was elected to the Hall of

Fame of the Academy of Model Aeronautics in 2001.

From 1955 onward Jim wrote frequently for professional journals and popular magazines, authoring over 300 published articles. Subjects ranged from engineering and industrial management to automotive and aviation technology and history.

The Alabacks have one son, Dr. Paul Alaback, a Professor in the College of Forestry of the University of Montana, and one grandson, Sean Muir Alaback.

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Starting Balance (04/01/09) \$1,830.17

Income:

Dues Paid (4) 60.00

Expenses:

Spankies Porta Potty Serv. 54.25
 April Newsletter 16.78
 \$70.73

Ending Balance (04/30/09) \$1,819.44

**April 25, 2009 Contest Report at Otay Mesa
 Contest Director: Don Bartick**

We had 8 participants who paid their money and took their best shots under pleasant skies with mild breezes up until 10:30 when the predicted Santa Ann winds came through. The temperature jumped from a pleasant ~80 F to the high 90's in a matter of minutes. A few brave soles put up more flights that caused long chases and hard to find planes. I could almost hear J Oldenkamp bless his Walston system for without it his F1Q would most likely remain lost.. When the dust settled, the following results were recorded and the award money paid out to the deserving ones.

Main Event (P-30)

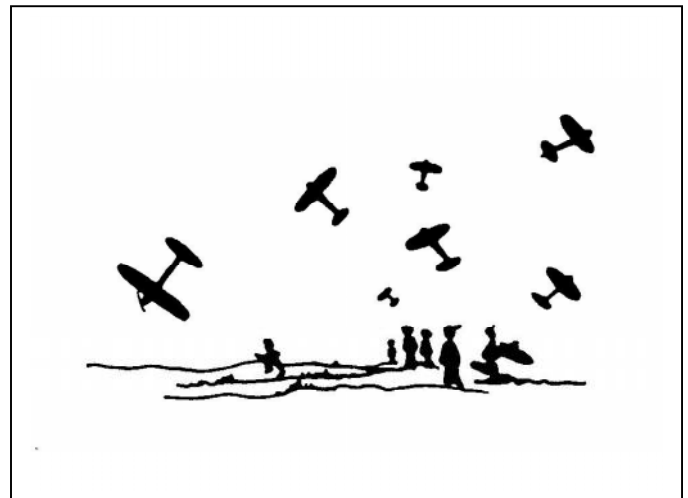
7 entries

1 st	Don Bartick	Tail High 30	340 sec.
2 nd	Mike Pykelny	Budden Box	324 sec.
3 rd	John Oldenkamp	Pilfered Pirate	244 sec.
4 th	John Hutchison	-	120 sec.
5 th	John Alling	Teacher's Pet	117 sec.
6 th	Bob Overcash	Baby Blue	22 sec.
7 th	Larry Bagalini	Pzaz	DNF

Power Event

6 entries

1 st	Bob Overcash	F1Q - E-Pearl	401 sec.
2 nd	Larry Bagalini	F1Q - E Pearl 350	394 sec.
3 rd	John Oldenkamp	F1Q - E Box 330	240 sec.
4 th	Mike Pykelny	E36 – E36 Box	77 sec.
5 th	Charlie Primbs	Molecule	63 sec.
6 th	Don Bartick	1/2A Privy Boy	DNF



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
F1B
F1C
F1Q (Electric)
Catapult Glider(1)
P-30 (1)
1/2A Texaco
C/D Gas

Small Stick A Pylon
Large Stick B/C Pylon
Small Cabin A Fuselage
Large Cabin B/C Fuselage
1/2A NOS A NOS
B NOS C NOS
FAI NOS 1/2A Gas (1)
.020 Replica

F1G (Coupe) F1H
(Towline) A/B Gas
Texaco Mulvihill
HandLaunchGlider(1)
Texaco
(1) Also a Junior Event

Special Events

Saturday 5:00 PM
Evening P30
\$50.00 First Place

Sunday 12:00 PM
12" Catapult Launch Glider
\$50.00 First Place

Sunday 7:30 AM
Unlimited Free Flight*
\$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
On field food service provided by SQ's Place

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 window, 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 processed. Event director- John Oldenkamp

Sunday 7:30AM **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 excluded.*

Event director- Larry Bagalini

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

BORDERLINE: Cheap thrills and the Orbiteer 51ST Annual (Dual Club Free Flight Bonanza) at Lost Hills May 16-17, 2009.

Orbs loyalists will recall the first Annual with some fuzziness perhaps, and intervening ones with increased clarity. The venues have been several, beginning with Elsinore, then the Taft area, and lately the world-class Lost Hills turf, a place with the widest horizons, the least airplane grabbing dangers, and possibly the most agreeable retrieval parameters.

The real hills, unlike Taft, are a long way distant.

All of the above provide an attractive and compelling location for FREE FLYING, solid competition, and amenities unknown to those who survived the earlier Annuals. Then, we grubbily camped out, suffered stinky outhouses (maybe) and community happy when it was time to go home. Now we have the luxury of nearby, affordable motels, food-vending outlets, that while they are not Five Star by any means, they will very nicely sustain human life, as we know it. Back at the field, high-end vehicles are strewn about, offering many opportunities for personal networking. A private caterer is present with simple eats, ample shade and always lots of fresh water. They recycle. The porta poopers are clean, unintimidating, and well serviced.

That said, we need to horsewhip our local comrades onto making the 287-mile pilgrimage to the Lost Hills Mecca for the Five-One and quite possibly the last, Orbiteers Annual. All excuses or objections this time are ruled Out of Order! Here are a few simple suggestions for those not yet planning to attend:

1. Share a ride: With fuel costs more than we want to pay, ever extra body that piles into your rig reduces that cost beginning with 50% (+ 1 passenger), 33% (+ 2 passenger) on into CHP legal load capacities. Gas-guzzlers become sippers with this method.
2. Share rooms: The same logic as getting there applies to staying there. The higher the body count, the lower the cost. Be sure that your 'mates understand basic hygiene and have their own well stacked dirty bags. Or sleep on the field as in the hallowed days of old Elsinore and Taft. No Biggie, A cot, a bag, a cooler. Great light show after midnight and during what should be the best weather of the year.
3. Consider winning secondary to enjoying where you are and what's happening. Fewer airplanes and airplanes that work well equal Fun in all its faces. A lot is to be learned by being present. Consider also the notion of attending just to time/chase/mechanic for others, even needy strangers.
4. If you have any of your US Government Incentive Package left over, load up with snacks for enroute and the very decent low entry fee. Plan to go.
5. Be an Orbiteer. There is no veiled meaning here; plain and clearly things work a whole lot better if everyone throws in.

Ask not what your club can do for you but... J.O.

EDITOR: This article by J.Oldenkamp was published prior to our 50TH Annual, it has been modified to reflect our upcoming 51ST Dual Club Annual.



SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MAY 2009

- May 3 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.
- May 3 - Scale Staffel Contest 1 or 3, Otay Mesa, 8:00 AM.
- May 7 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flying, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.
- May 8 - **Orbiteer Monthly meeting at S.D. City Serv. Cntr. @ Scripp's Ranch,**
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor Fun Fly featuring A0-6 & Gliders up to 8" follows the meeting.
- May 15 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.
- May 16/17 **Dual Clubs FF Bonanza Annual Contest, Lost Hills C A.**
See enclosed contest flyer for details.

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
