

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB



MAY 2010

The Prez's Corner - Don Bartick

Seating down to write this column, I'm very troubled over the future of Free Flight as we know it today. It is centered on the term 'Free Flight'. You know—flight without control over where the plane is going to go or end up. We're at the mercy of Mother Nature. This wasn't much of an issue in times past when the fields we flew on went forever and we were athletic enough to chase on foot. . Not the case anymore.

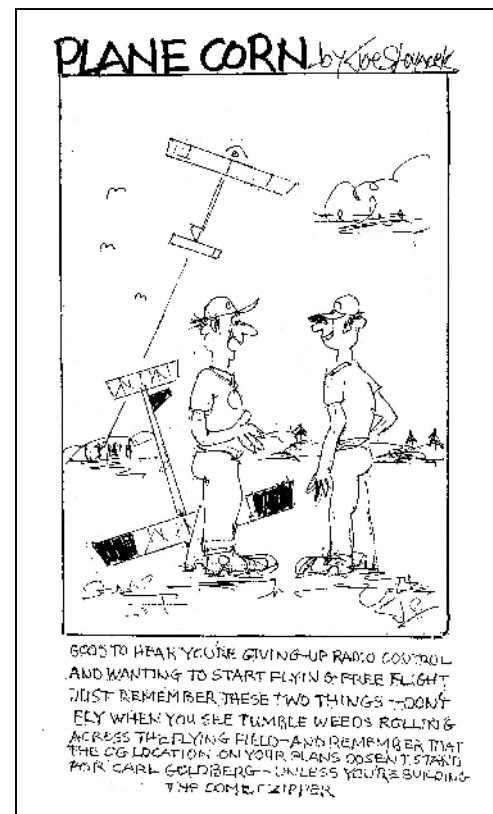
Our club has debated the subject of using chase vehicles to retrieve our planes on the field we use at Otay Mesa. We finally recognize after 50 years, we're old fliers needing assistance to enjoy Free Flight. Well, now there is a serious issue with being a proper steward of someone else's property. This really came to light yesterday, 5/4, when I received a call from the District X VP, Mike Brown. He was fielding a complaint from Blackwell Farms LLC that retrieval vehicles were damaging his farms irrigation system and crops. Now you're asking yourself, who in the hell is Blackwell Farms and why am I involved. Well, let me tell you. For those of us that fly at Lost Hills, our field is adjacent to Blackwell Farms that is to the south. This is also in the direction of the prevailing winds at this time of the year. Blackwell has been growing carrots on their property since 2005. Up until a week ago, they were tolerant of fliers retrieving planes on their property by foot by walking down the furrows. But last week at the BLT Annual, a couple fliers chose to ride their ATVs across the furrows, breaking an irrigation pipe and destroying crop. Blackwell didn't take to this lightly and called the sheriff and issued a formal trespassing complaint. The Blackwell organization was aware of the AMA and contacted them. This is where I come into the picture. As a Lost Hills FF Model Airport Association board member and listed as the AMA representative, I'm 4th on the list to call. When Mike Brown couldn't reach the Chairman, Director of Operations or Treasurer, he reach good ole me. Well to make a long story shorter, I contacted the name given me at Blackwell to get more information for the association. I ended up talking to the CFO who was very clear that at this moment in time, there will be

no trespassing on their land, even by foot. They will call the sheriff. That's the story for now. Not a good story. You certainly don't want to be a flier at a Lost Hill's contest and know you will be arrested for trespassing should your plane land on the Blackwell farm. I'm still trying to reach the big guys at the LHFFMAA. This has to be resolved favorably before our Dual-clubs contest in 10 days. Wish us good luck.

Most of us, who now fly FF, probably started out flying U-control. One of the biggest names in UC is Wild Bill Netzeband. With great sadness, I have to report that my very good friend Bill passed away 4/25 at 83. He was an icon in UC; an AMA Hall of Famer and Orbiteers member from 1983-86. I'll miss him.

Enough bad stuff. My wine grapes are doing great! I'll leave it at that.

This is a wrap for now. See you at the next club meeting. Bring something to show and tell and bring something to fly.



2010 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

May 15/16 Dual Clubs FF Bonanza, Lost Hills CA

Rotation skipped: (Old Timer Rubber Stick "Small")

June 20 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

June 27 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (2 or 3)

July 4 - Walt Mooney Memorial Scale Contest

July 18 - P-30
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Aug 22 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small)
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Sept 19 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Oct 17 - P-30
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Oct 30/31 SW FAI Champs*, Boulder City NV

Nov 7 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (3 or 3)

Nov 21 - Old Time Rubber Stick (Small)
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Dec 19 - Coupe (Festival)
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

* 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:

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www.SanDiegoOrbiteers.com



APRIL 2010 MEETING MINUTES - H.Haupt

Meeting called to order @ 7:19 pm, on April 9, 2010 with (12) members present. No guests present, but was noted that Norm Phillips and Bob Langdon were in attendance.

Contest Reports:

Five Orbiteers were present at the SCAMPS contest, Charlie Primbs placed. Dual Club Annual preparations are largely complete. Ice cream has been ordered for the noontime break.

Scale Staffel scale contest on April 25TH.

Old Business:

On a sad note, it was announced that George Peace has passed away.

Question was asked if a service bill had been received for the porta-potta, which it has not, and the observation that the service does not appear to of been performed. Don Bartick will follow up on. Use of chase vehicles on the flying field was re-visited. Round table discussion of the subject, and its many facets by the members present. Everyone present had something to contribute to the subject. At the conclusion of the discussion, Larry Bagalini put forward the proposal that "All chase vehicles be allowed to be used on the flying field, in any manner deemed safe by the operator". It was 2ND by H.Steinmetz, and passed by the members present.

New Business:

What started as a commentary on the monthly events at the club monthlies, which reshaped its nature to a critical look at the flying of four events at each monthly, and lead to a focused debate on the recent inclusion of P-20 and HLG/CLG as separate monthly events that earn points towards the Orbiteer of the Year award. Because the problems discussed and solutions pondered would change the method of earning points for the Orbiteer of the Year award, it was decided to enact an emergency motion proposed by John Hutchison, 2ND by M.Pykelyny and approved by the members present. The approved proposal is this: "The club will return to the format of having only two events at each club monthly that earn points towards the Orbiteer of the Year. The first point's event each month will be the current rotation of (P-30, Old

Timer Rubber Stick (small), Coupe). The second point's event each month will be the members' choice of flying one of the following (Power, P-20, HLG / CLG). Points earned here will be based on number of contestants in the flyers category of choice."

Show and Tell:

Don Bartick showed a scale like quality small field Mulvi-Hill, the "High Tail 166", with 166 sq. in. of wing area, 30 grams of rubber, and 80 grams air frame weight.

Norm Phillips showed three old-timer engines.

John Oldenkamp showed a new example, with refinements, of the \$55 Electric Power plane. Stats include 6 OZ airframe weight, and 238 sq. in. of wing area. Plans and source parts lists are forth coming in a future issue of the El Torbellino.

BORDERLINE - J.Odenkamp

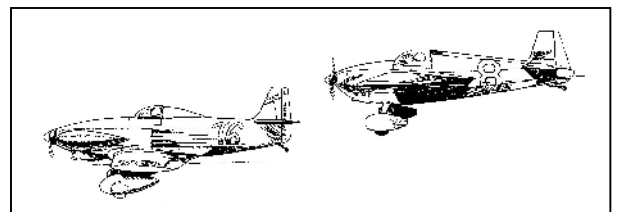
My plan to publish a 3-vw and source info for the two "smaller" electrics shown recently at the meetings has been delayed. Both airplanes have tested well, but a simpler; 250 sq. in. third version is almost done and might be a better choice to work with. Also, there have been some shipping delays from the Hong Kong vendor, so a full list of components cannot be presented now. But there WILL be a 3-view and parts accounting soon.

In the interim, anyone wishing to try the E-experience is welcome to fly either of the prototypes at Otay to see how these new (relatively) animals behave can do so just by asking.

Finally: Lost and Found. I am missing my 15:1 yellow plastic winder. It has my initials marked in black ink and 15:1 lettering as well. Am looking still.

Good luck to all at the Dual Club!

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

Three flyers took on the challenge of flying small indoor rubber stick planes in the confined spaces of the Scripps's Ranch Community Center atrium. The results of this challenge are listed below.

Pizza will be available from Venice Pizza House at our meeting this month. Bring your favorite drink, as well as some money to cover your \$2.00 per slice charge for your favorite pizza. Plates, paper towels, plastic utensils, and trash receptacle will be provided.

Mar 12TH Indoor Flying

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|----------------|-----------|------|
| 1.) L.Miller | A-6 | 1:34 |
| 2.) H.Haupt | Butterfly | 1:31 |
| 3.) B.Overcash | A-6 | 1:10 |

INDOOR OF THE YEAR - H.Haupt

This is an article to generate discussion on the topic of adding points earned flying indoor events to the Orbiteer of the Year award. Also, it will serve as a basis for expanding the indoor events that are flown for determining the annual Indoor of the Year award.

The current Orbiteer of the Year award is based on the accumulation of points during the course of the year from a spectrum of outdoor free flight disciplines. To include the indoor points in this accumulation, I believe that the indoor points should also represent a spectrum of indoor activities.

With two venues currently available on a regular basis for indoor flying, the club can use each in establishing indoor of the year flight activities. It would make sense to continue to fly small rubber powered planes at the Scripps Ranch Community Center atrium. Both the Butterfly and A-6 seem to be a good fit for flying at that site. Flying activities for club points at the Grossmont College gym could be more varied than is possible at the Scripps site.

The Grossmont College site would allow a rotation of events. I see three categories of events being flown at Grossmont. The first would be indoor rubber powered stick class plane. Examples of

which would be EZB, Penny Plane, Peck ROG, Gymbox and Phantom Flash. The second category of indoor could be semi-scale fuselage type plane. Examples of which would be Profile Scale, Bostonian, and Pussy Cat. The third category of indoor could be rubber-powered scale. Examples would be Pistachio, Peanut, and AMA Scale.

The indoor program for 2011 could have monthly points accumulation from flying (A-6 / Butterfly) @ Scripps, and a rotation of flying the above category's @ Grossmont. During the course of the year a indoor flyer would have the opportunity to earn points flying (A-6 / Butterfly) eleven times at Scripps, and to fly each of the rotating category's four times a year at Grossmont.

There it is, ideas to chew on, for what an indoor points program could look like in 2011. Don't be shy, let your voice be heard if you think other indoor events would work as well or better than the ones mentioned above.

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Income:

Dues (4)	80.00

	\$ 80.00

Expenses:

April Newsletter	8.46
Bank Account Fees	3.00
Duel Club Plaque Deposit	300.00
Porta-Potty Service Fee	54.25

	\$ 365.71

Current Balance \$1,360.15



APRIL OUTDOOR MONTHLY - J.Hutchison



Monthly Club
Contest April 10
,2010
CD: John
Hutchison

Event: P-30	Plane	1	2	3	Total
Don Bartick	High Tail30	120	84	94	298
John Hutchison	Pirate	120	94	63	277
J. Oldenkamp	Pilferred Pirate	120	51	80	251
M Pykelny	BuddonBox	48	39	51	138
Mark ChomyN	FunBird	31	39	61	131
L Miller	Own	61			61

Event: Power	Plane	1	2	3	Total
L Miller	E-Pearl 330	120	120	120	360
J Oldenkamp	JuleBox235	109	120	69	298
M Pykelny	EBox	120	73	60	253

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CLUB CONTEST ACTIVITY

By Larry Miller

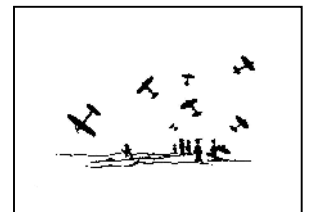
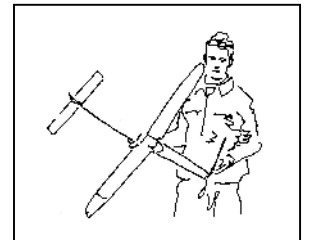
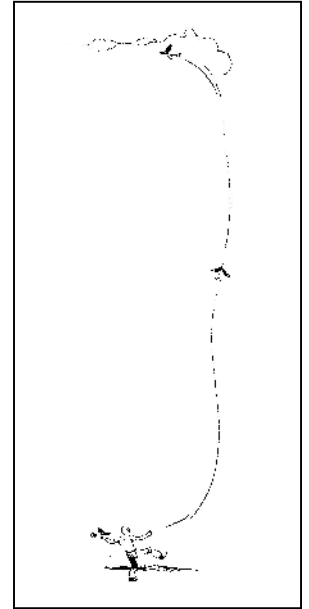
With 4 months into our calendar year, participation was largest in January, followed by a February rain out. We had a small turnout in March probably due to marginal weather while in April we had a fairly good turnout and is a positive sign for the rest of the year. And it's no surprise and a given that family and outside commitments etc may have reduced our numbers in a few months.

In May our monthly will be replaced by our Dual Clubs FF Bonanza held at Lost on the 15th & 16th.

A summary spreadsheet is provided for your review. The bottom line is that there is plenty of flying ahead. Fly your event, give your friends some competition and enjoy our great hobby and have *fun*. I hope to see you at our meetings and definitely at the field.

ORBITEER YTD OUTDOOR MONTHLY POINTS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1												
2	San Diego Orbiteer Club Contest Results as of April 30, 2010											
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6		P 30	+	Goupe	+	OT, HLG	=	NON-Power		Power		Overall
7						CLG, P-20						Total Pts
8	Member Name:											
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10	Alling	2		0		0		2		0		2
11	Bagalini	1		0		3		4		3		7
12	Bartick	11		0		0		11		2		13
13	Beecroft	0		0		0		0		0		0
14	Love	0		0		5		5		0		5
15	Castillo	0		0		0		0		0		0
16	Chomyn	3		0		0		3		0		3
17	Hobbs	0		0		0		0		0		0
18	Hutchison	8		0		0		8		0		8
19	Ives	0		0		0		0		0		0
20	Langdon	0		0		0		0		0		0
21	Miller	5		1		7		13		7		20
22	Oldenkamp	11		3		6		20		7		27
23	Overcash	0		0		0		0		0		0
24	Primbs	6		0		3		9		0		9
25	Pykelny	3		2		0		5		3		8
26	Ray	0		0		0		0		0		0
27	Slovacek	0		0		0		0		0		0
28	Mansfield	0		0		0		0		0		0
29	Steinmetz	0		0		0		0		0		0
30	Willis	0		0		0		0		0		0
31	Zackman	0		0		0		0		0		0
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SAN DIEGO

ALERT !

LOST HILLS FREE FLIGHT MODEL AIRFIELD ASSOCIATION

During contests on two recent weekends flyers caused damage to the Blackwell Farms carrot crop. The report is that someone(s), on both weekends, drove an ATV across rows of carrots. Last weekend, judging from the tire tracks, a 4-wheel ATV drove across many rows of carrots. In addition, a 10" irrigation pipe was broken which cost over \$250 to repair. The LHFFMAA will send a check for \$250 to Blackwell Farms to cover that cost, but, more importantly, the loss of goodwill caused by a few will impact how we all fly. Blackwell Farms is very upset with this lack of respect for their property and justifiably so. The result of these events is the following rules which become effective immediately.

1. No one shall set foot in the carrot field for any reason what so ever. This a zero tolerance rule; there will be no warnings! Violators will be removed from the LHFFMAA membership roster and must leave the field immediately.
2. To get your airplane out of the carrot field:
 - a. Locate a Blackwell Farms employee working in and around the field and ask him to get your model for you.
 - b. If there is no employee call Fermin at 661-303-0687. He lives close-by and will come and get your model.
 - c. If, and only if, the above fail, then call Mr. Leon Elwell at 661-331-1789, CFO of Blackwell Farms and he will come and retrieve your model.

Obviously, it is necessary to bring and carry your cell phone. It is also important to make sure any friend or family member chasing for you understands the rules.

George Walter

Sec./Treasurer

LHFFMAA 5/5/10

DUAL CLUBS FREE FLIGHT BONANZA

A National Cup Event

**SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS 52nd ANNUAL - CLASS AA, CATEGORY 2
SPONSOR OF AMA, CLASSIC & MINI FAI EVENTS**

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**FRESNO GAS MODEL CLUB 71st ANNUAL - CLASS AA, CATEGORY 2
SPONSOR OF NOSTALGIA, TEXACO & OLD TIME EVENTS**

*** MAY 15th & 16th 2010 ***

*** LOST HILLS, CA ***

<i>SATURDAY ONLY</i> 7 AM – NOON, 1 - 5 PM LUNCH BREAK W/ICE CREAM SOCIAL	<i>EITHER DAY</i> MUST FINISH EVENT THE SAME DAY	<i>SUNDAY ONLY</i> 7 AM – 3 PM
½ A GAS (1) C/D GAS P-30 (1) F1Q (ELECTRIC) VINTAGE FAI POWER CATAPULT GLIDER (1) ½ A TEXACO DAWN P-30 NIGHT GAS (COMBINED)	SMALL OT RUBBER STICK SMALL OT RUBBER CABIN LARGE OT RUBBER STICK LARGE OT RUBBER CABIN ¼ A NOSTALGIA ½ A NOSTALGIA A NOSTALGIA B NOSTALGIA C NOSTALGIA ½ A COUNTRY BOY	EARLY ½ A NOS. .020 REPLICA A PYLON B-C PYLON A FUSELAGE B-C FUSELAGE RUB/WAKEFIELD NOS CLASSIC TOWLINE ½ A CLASSIC POWER DAKOTO
FIJ (POWER) FIG (COUPE) F1H (TOWLINE) A GAS B GAS HAND LAUNCH GLIDER (1) FULL SIZE TEXACO MULVIHILL DAWN MULVIHILL		

(1) Junior & Senior/Open Event

See Special Instructions on backside

**** AN ORBITEER TRADITION LIVES ON ****

JOIN US FOR SATURDAY ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL ON US (NOON – 1 PM)

AWARDS FOR FIRST 3 PLACES (except as noted)

**Ceremonies at: 5:15 PM Saturday
3:15 PM Sunday**

\$20 REGISTRATION Sr. & Open / \$2 Jr

**\$5 per Event Sr. & Open / \$1 Junior -
Optional: \$40 for Registration & Unlimited
Events**

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LOST HILLS MODEL AIRFIELD ASSOCIATION CARD REQUIRED (\$20 AT FIELD TO JOIN)

******* BE THERE *******

Also on the field . . .

◆ JAY SLOAN'S FINE DINING HALL ALL WEEKEND ◆

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY NOON to 1 PM LUNCH BREAK & SUNDAE SOCIAL

The contest will be suspended for 1 hour for lunch and the San Diego Orbiters famous ice cream social. This is a great time to relax, cool off, have lunch and enjoy the ice cream sundaes. We will provide ice cream, & sundaes fixings, napkins, plates and plastic ware.

PRIZE DRAWING

The Fresno GMC once again has collected an enormous amount of model stuff for their drawing. For each event entered that is sponsored by them, the contestant will receive a drawing ticket. The more events entered, the better your chances. Drawing to be held right after Sunday's award ceremony.

HAND LAUNCH GLIDER & CATAPULT GLIDER

Hand Launch Glider & Catapult Glider will to be launched from an established glider pen on the field. Max's are 120 seconds and all flights count.

NIGHT GAS FLYING

All engine classes combined. Event window between Dark – 10pm. Engine runs in accordance with aircraft classification; i.e., AMA or Nostalgia for Cat II.

DAKOTA

Target time 45 seconds. Score based on differential of actual flight time to target time. Least score of 3 flights combined.

½ A COUNTRY BOY

Nostalgia qualified ½ A engines or .049/.051 Cox TD. Nostalgia engine runs apply.

FAI EVENTS

F1Q – Five rounds. Round 1 starts at 8:00 AM. 15sec motor run, 180sec max. Fly-off in ½ hour rounds starting at 1:00 PM. 15min rounds in sequence. 15 min between end of round and beginning of next one. 180sec max for all fly-off rounds. Motor run reduces by 5sec each fly-off round starting with fly-off round 1 with a 10sec motor run. Fly-off rounds may be compressed by consensus of the participants and the CD.

F1G, F1H & F1J: First five (5) flights must be flown between 7:00 – 12:00 AM. 120sec max. Fly-off in ½ hour rounds starting at 1:00 PM. 15min rounds in sequence. 15min between end of round and beginning of next one. Fly-off round max: 1st 150sec, 2nd 180sec, 3rd 210sec, 4th 240sec, 5th 300sec, 6th 360sec and so on. Fly off rounds may be compressed by consensus of the participants and the CD.

VINTAGE FAI POWER

For rules, please go to this website: <http://faipower.com/vintage-fai-power.htm>. A copy of the rules will be available at the CD's table.

DAWN P-30

Saturday morning 7:15 AM exactly, mass launch from glider pen, one flight, no max, winner's plane may be processed.

DAWN MULVIHILL (Timer can ride with contestant)

Sunday morning 7:00 – 7:20 AM launch window, one flight, no max.

TEXACO (Timer can ride with contestant)

1/2A Texaco: Saturday 7:00-10:00 AM launch window, 8cc fuel; Full Size Texaco: Sunday 6:00-10:00 AM launch window, 1/4oz per pound – max 1.75oz fuel.

NOSTALGIA EVENTS

CATEGORY 2	1 st 3 Flights	Flyoffs	Max. Duration
Hand Launch	12 seconds	8 seconds	180 seconds
VTO	15 seconds	11 seconds	180 seconds

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

May/June 2010

May 14 - **Orbiteer Monthly meeting at Scripps's Ranch Community Center**

11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Indoor Fun Fly featuring A-6 & Gliders follows the meeting.

May 15/16 Dual Clubs FF Bananza, Lost Hills CA

San Diego Orbiteers 52nd Annual, See enclosed contest announcement.

June 6 - Indoor flying @ Grossmont College, 9:00 am.

June 11 - Orbiteer Monthly meeting @ Scripps Ranch Community Center, 7:00 pm.

June 20 - Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly @ Otay, 8:00 am, Feature event is Coupe.

June 27 - Scale Staffel Scale Contest @ Otay, 7:00 am, 2ND or 3 contests.

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
