

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

DECEMBER 2013



## *The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick*

This ET was delayed so that the Board of Trustees could have their final meeting of the year. There were numerous agenda items that needed to be resolved that impacted the coming year. So by delaying this issue until after the Board meeting would allow the membership to be current on those items such as Award Banquet and Contest Schedule for 2014. The meeting was held 12/19 at the home of Mark Chomyn for an evening of intellectual discussions for the benefit of the Orbiteers. Thank you Mark for hosting the Board Meeting and to Nancy for great food. Look for the minutes in this issue.

The Board of Trustees is in need of 2 new Board Members. Anyone out there in Orbiteers land that would be interested, please contact me 858-774-2941 for more details.

I would like to see a good showing of the membership at our up in coming Awards Banquet. The venue is shared with the Scale Staffel Club and aside from the awards, there's delicious food and great drawing prizes. Makes for a nice afternoon. The price is right also. Look for the flyer in this issue.

I wish the membership a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years. Hope the new year allows you build your favorite project(s) and find many thermals at the flying field.

This is a wrap for now.

*Remember: "Things don't have to change the world to be important."*

*Steve Jobs*

## **San Diego Orbiteers Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Thursday, December 19, 2013 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mark and Nancy Chomyn

Thanks to Mark and Nancy Chomyn for hosting the meeting. Nancy provided a delicious lasagna, garlic bread, and salad, a fantastic feast! Also present were John Hutchison and Kathy, Don and Arline Bartick, Mike Pykelny, and John Merrill.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at approx. 7:15ish.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

No Treasurer's report, other than the last published report.

Membership Report: Greg Hutchison, son of John H., has reportedly joined the club.

Welcome Greg! There were rumors a few more may be joining shortly.

Old Business:

1. Membership Campaign. Mark has contacted Roger Willis to see if he can get the San Diego Air and Space Museum to agree to link the AMA website to theirs. He doesn't believe they will do so. We are hoping to get a link to local clubs on their site, but that doesn't "fit the mission" of the SDASM, so likely will not happen.
2. As per the last meeting, Mark has put together a log of all the motions that have passed, and is maintaining that log. Thanks, Mark, for a job well done, and for continuing to do so.

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## 2014 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Jan 26 - P-30, Power, & Glider  
Feb 23 - Nos. Rubber, Power, & Glider  
Mar 16 - Coupe, Power, & Glider  
Apr 27 - P-30, Power, & Glider  
May Dual Club FF Bonanza, Lost Hills CA  
May Rotation Skipped: (Nos. Rubber)  
June 22 - Coupe, Power, & Glider  
July 4 - Walt Mooney Annual Scale Contest  
July 20 - P-30, Power, & Glider  
Aug 17 - Nos. Rubber, Power, & Glider  
Sept 21 - Coupe, Power, & Glider  
Sept US FF Championships, Lost Hills  
Oct 12 - P-30, Power, & Glider  
Oct SW FAI Champs\*, Boulder City, NV  
Nov 16 - Nos. Rubber, Power, & Glider  
Dec 14 - Coupe, Power, & Glider

**\* Non-Club Points Event**  
**Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8297**

## 2014 INDOOR FLYING SCHEDULE

Jan 5 - A-6, Phantom Flash\*, No-Cal\*  
Feb 2 - Phantom Flash, No-Cal\*  
Mar 2 - Penny Plane, Phn. Flsh\*, No-Cal\*  
Apr 6 - A-6, Phantom Flash\*, No-Cal\*  
May 4 - Phantom Flash, No-Cal\*  
June 1 - Penny Plane, Phn. Flsh\*, No-Cal\*

**\*Non-ORBITEER Points Event**

## Board Meeting: From page 1

### New Business:

1. Outdoor and Indoor Competition Records. A few months of competition records from 2013 are missing. Howard has printed all that was turned in to him in the E.T., but a few months of outdoor, and several months of indoor are missing. The results shall be printed elsewhere on what we do have. John Hutchison made the motion to accept the points of the 7 out of 10 outdoor contests that we have records for as the final points accumulation for the year. The motion was seconded by Mike Pykelny, and passed unanimously.
2. We have recently heard from two of our board members that wish to resign. Howard is no longer available to attend our meetings, so wished to resign from the board. After much discussion, we decided it would be advisable to retain him as a "Board Member at Large", meaning he does not have to attend meetings, and will not have voting privileges, but will be able to maintain the position of not only newsletter editor, but also our Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. Mark Chomyn made the motion spelled out above, and John Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Larry Miller is resigning as well, due to health issues. Larry has had several duties over the past several years, including Competition Director, and being in charge of our annual banquet. Mark Chomyn was railroaded/volunteered to be the new Competition Director, and will start immediately by applying to the AMA for next year's sanctions for our outdoor contests (Record Trials). John Merrill made the motion to accept Mark for Comp. Dir. Seconded by Mike Pykelny, and passed unanimously.
3. The annual banquet is all set for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Kearny Mesa. It will be at the same restaurant

as last year, and will be the same price. There will be a flyer elsewhere in the E.T., or an email blast will follow soon. John H. made the motion to have the club put in \$100.00 for raffle prizes for the banquet. The motion was seconded by Mark Chomyn, and passed unanimously. If anyone wishes to donate kits/prizes for the banquet, they will certainly be welcomed.

4. There was much discussion pertaining to the terms of the Board members. When the Board was established last year, there was no mention of term limits or parameters. John H. made the motion that board members be in place for 2 years. The motion was seconded by Mike Pykelny, and passed unanimously.
5. The contest schedule for 2014 was discussed and set, with a few dates being tentative. Mark Chomyn will submit these dates to Howard, who will include them in this E.T., or the next one. The first contest will be the day after the banquet in January.
6. John Hutchison has the 2014 schedule for the Indoor contests at Grossmont College. The first contest will feature A-6, and will be on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. All indoor contests are on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise noted. John will submit the dates to Howard shortly for submission into the E.T.

Contest Reports: none.

Open Discussion: Don and Arline Bartick are planning their annual pilgrimage to the big contest in Eloy, AZ in January. He says it is always a fun contest, and well worth the time to attend.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Mike Pykelny's home in Poway. Meeting adjourned at 8:59p.m. Once again, thanks to Mark and Nancy for hosting.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill,  
Secretary Extraordinaire



## ORBITEERS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Membership - \$15  
Lifetime Membership - \$250  
Non-Member Newsletter Subscription - \$15  
Jr. Members 16 years old or younger - Free

### Submit Dues to Club Treasurer:

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## MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

11/20/13 thru 12/30/13

### Income:

Dues (3)	55.00
FAI SW Contest	773.20

### Expenses:

November Newsletter	4.32
FAI US Jr Team Donation	650.00
Spank's Portable Srvs.	65.10
Board Mntg 10/18/13 (food)	25.00
Board Mntg 12/19/13 (food)	25.00

**Current Balance .....** \$ 1,434.16

## NOV. 2013 MONTHLY - J.Oldenkamp CD

### Nostalgia Rubber

1 Don Bartick	Casano Stick	360
2 John Hutchison	Vargo Gollywock	333
3 Greg Hutchison	Gollywock	323
4 Mark Chomyn	Gollywock	286

### Power, Cobmined Gas/Electric

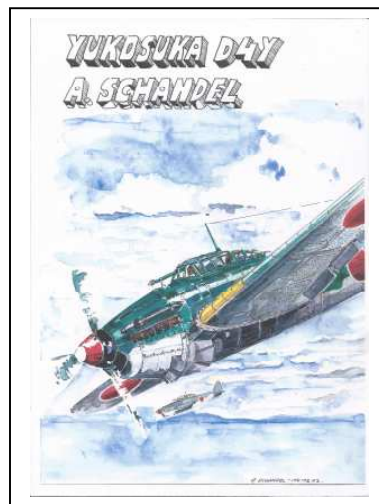
1 John Oldenkamp	JouleBox 450	331
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Early hours looked grim with chill, high drift to the Northwest and the car auction yards, plus the nasty uphill retrieves, but by 10:15, it became still, much warmer, with light wind to the East with ample thermals.

Recent drizzles had smoothed out the clods in the launch area. Weeds not yet in evidence.

Langdon got major mud stuck trying to enter from the San Ysidro gateway. J.O., hobbled with a twisted but undamaged knee, stuck to short hops with his BigRed electric.

C.D. - J.Oldenkamp



## YUKOSUKA D4Y – Catapult Glider

As a separate attachment is a construction article for the Yukouka D4Y profile catapult glider. This plan was provided by Andre' Schandel of Vol Libre fame. Give one a try and report to the ET on how it flies.

## DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup> 2013 MONTHLY - D.Bartick CD

### Coupe

1. Greg Hutchison 324 seconds
2. John Oldenkamp 321
3. John Hutchison 319
4. Mike Pykelny 300
5. Mark Chomyn 263
6. Don Bartick 232

### Power

1. John Oldenkamp 120 seconds
2. Mike Pykelny 120

The weather gods were very good to us this date. Almost dead calm at the start of the contest and gradually increased to light winds by the time we concluded the contest.

Six (6) contestants participated in Coupe, the main event. Two (2) in Power. The spread between 1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> in Coupe was only 5 seconds. Yours truly was the Beetle Bomb.

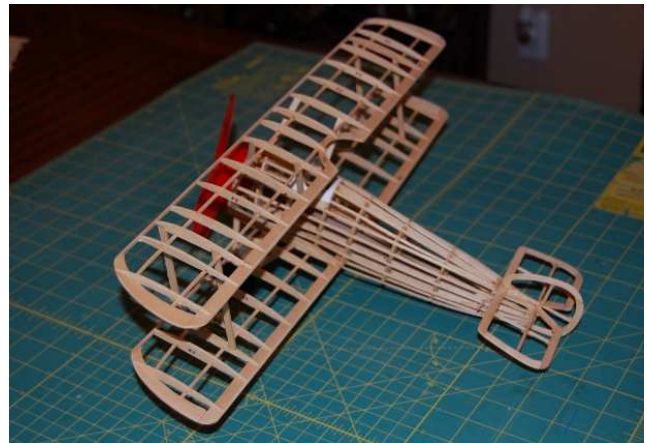
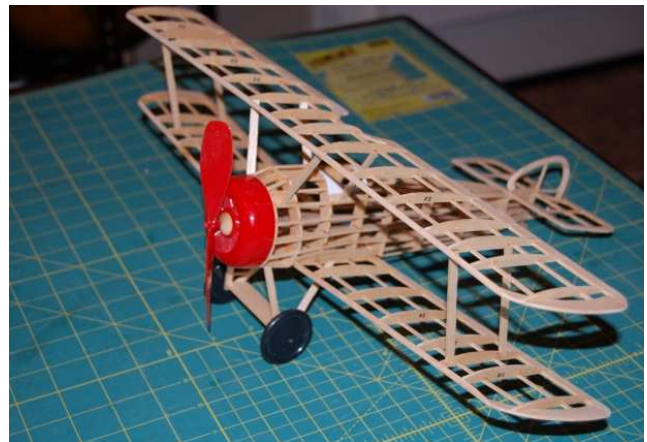
C.D. - D.Bartick

### FROM THE WORKSHOP

Frank Allen has report in on several build projects underway. The first is a new line of Guillows profile scale kits, as shown in the following photo. This one is a P-40.



Frank also reported that he is finishing up on a Guillows 18 inch Sopwith Camel that someone else had started. Pictures follow.

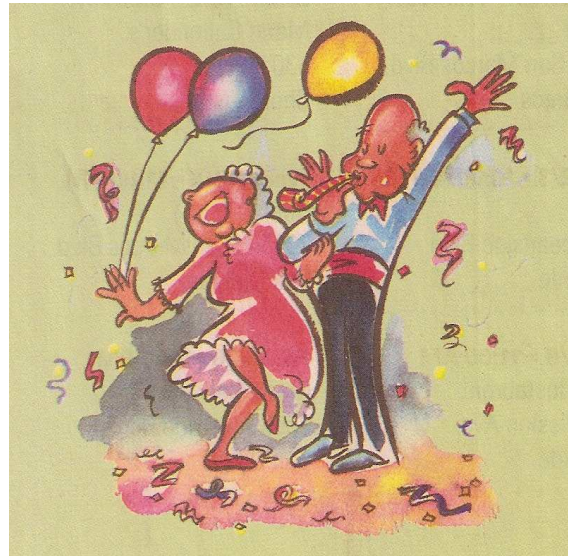


## FROM THE WORKSHOP (Continued)

To complete Franks build activity, the following photos show the finished DH 60 Moth that has been underway.



## ORBITEER & SCALE STAFFEL ANNUAL BANQUET - JAN 25<sup>TH</sup>



### WHEN & WHERE:

Saturday, January 25<sup>TH</sup> at 1:00 pm

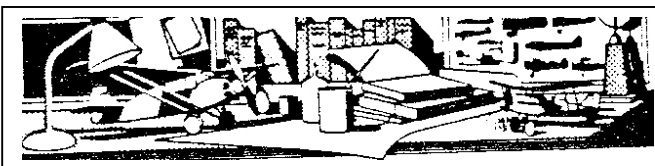
At GIOVANNTI'S Restaurant  
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

### WHAT & COST:

Italian Buffet, which includes:  
Salid, Spaghetti, Lasagna, Pizza,  
Garlic Bread, & Beverage.  
All you can eat for \$15, tax & tip included.

### THE PROGRAM:

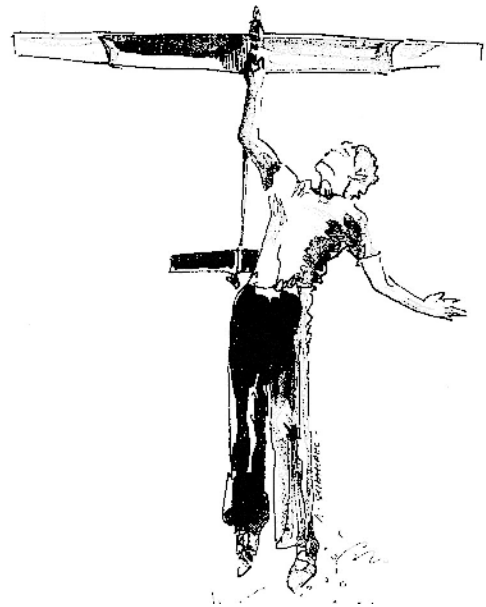
- Eat, Drink, and be Happy
- Annual flying awards presentation
- Show and tell
- Raffle, donations are welcome
- Sharing of tall tales from the year



# Orbiteers Monthly Contest Results

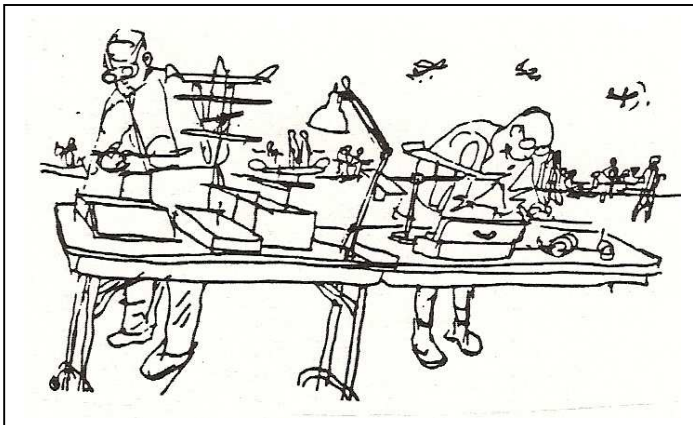
## Outdoor

Date	Event	Results	Time	Points		Results	Points
Jan	Nostalgia Rubber	John Hutchison	308	7	<b>Total Nostalgia Rubber</b>	John Hutchison	7
		Don Bartick	302	6		Don Bartick	6
		John Oldenkamp	289	5		John Oldenkamp	5
		Mark Chomyn	277	4		Mark Chomyn	4
		Mike Pykelny	221	3		Mike Pykelny	3
		John Ailing	43	2		John Ailing	2
			John Merrill	25	1	John Merrill	1
	Power	John Oldenkamp	306	3	<b>Total Coupe</b>	John Hutchison	15
		Mike Pykelny	280	2		Greg Hutchison	14
		Lary Miller	268	1		John Oldenkamp	14
Glider	Lary Miller	79	1		Mark Chomyn	9	
					Mike Pykelny	8	
June	Coupe	John Hutchison	270	5	<b>Total P-30</b>	John Hutchison	15
		John Oldenkamp	270	5		Greg Hutchison	15
		Greg Hutchison	260	4		John Oldenkamp	13
		Mark Chomyn	253	3		Lary Miller	13
		Mike Pykelny	59	2		Mike Jester	10
		John Merrill	25	1		Mark Chomyn	10
	Power	John Oldenkamp	360	2		Bob Langdon	9
		Lary Miller	360	2		Don Bartick	8
		Mike Pykelny	187	1		Mike Pykelny	5
						John Merrill	1
July	P-30	Mike Jester	307	10	<b>Total Glider</b>	Lary Miller	1
		Lary Miller	310	9			
		John Hutchison	293	8			
		Bob Langdon	291	7			
		Greg Hutchison	270	6			
		John Oldenkamp	234	5			
		Mark Chomyn	226	4			
		Don Bartick	202	3			
	Mike Pykelny	153	2				
			John Merrill	25	1	<b>Total Power</b>	John Oldenkamp
Power	John Oldenkamp	335	2		Mike Pykelny	8	
	Mike Pykelny	276	1		Lary Miller	3	
September	Coupe	John Hutchison	360	6	<b>Total Outdoor Pts</b>	John Oldenkamp	45
		Greg Hutchison	360	5		John Hutchison	37
		John Oldenkamp	356	4		Greg Hutchison	29
		Mike Pykelny	355	3		Mike Pykelny	24
		Mark Chomyn	231	2		Mark Chomyn	23
		Don Bartick	116	1		Lary Miller	17
	Power	John Oldenkamp	335	2		Don Bartick	16
		Mike Pykelny	276	1		Mike Jester	10
						Bob Langdon	9
						John Merrill	3
October	P-30	Greg Hutchison	360	9		John Ailing	2
		John Oldenkamp	311	8		Frank Allen	1
		John Hutchison	303	7			
		Mark Chomyn	269	6			
		Don Bartick	266	5			
		Lary Miller	260	4			
		Mike Pykelny	235	3			
		Bob Langdon	174	2			
	Frank Allen	28	1				
	Power	John Oldenkamp	268	2			
Mike Pykelny		262	1				
November	Nostalgia Rubber						
	Power						
December	Coupe	Greg Hutchison	324	6			
		John Oldenkamp	321	5			
		John Hutchison	319	4			
		Mike Pykelny	300	3			
		Mark Chomyn	263	2			
		Don Bartick	232	1			
	Power	John Oldenkamp	120	2			
		Mike Pykelny	120	2			



**Indoor**

Date	Event	Results	Time	Points			
April	A-6	John Hutchison		3	<b>Total A-6</b>	John Hutchison	6
		Larry Miller		2		Larry Miller	2
		Don Bartick		1		Don Bartick	2
May	Phantom Flash	Don Bartick	211	7	<b>Total Phantom Flash</b>	Greg Hutchison	2
		Mike Jester	175	6		Don Bartick	10
		John Hutchison	148	5		Mike Jester	6
		William Scott	148	4		John Hutchison	5
		Mark Chomyn	139	3		Mark Chomyn	4
		John Merrill	85	2		Greg Hutchison	2
June	Penny Plane	Larry Miller	38	1	<b>Total Penny Plane</b>	John Merrill	2
		John Hutchison	526	4		Larry Miller	1
		Larry Miller	438	3		John Hutchison	8
		Don Bartick	437	2		Larry Miller	4
September	A-6	Mark Chomyn	388	1	<b>Total No-Cal</b>	Mark Chomyn	3
		John Hutchison	432	3		Greg Hutchison	3
		Greg Hutchison	413	2		Don Bartick	2
October	Phantom Flash	Don Bartick	78	1	<b>Total Indoor Points</b>	John Hutchison	4
		Greg Hutchison	163	3		Larry Miller	3
		Mark Chomyn	104	2		Mike Jester	2
	Penny Plane	Mark Chomyn	66	1	<b>Total Points O&amp;I</b>	Mark Chomyn	1
		John Hutchison	502	4		John Hutchison	23
		Greg Hutchison	359	3		Don Bartick	14
		Mark Chomyn	358	2		Larry Miller	10
December	No-Cal	Larry Miller	243	1	<b>Total Points O&amp;I</b>	Mark Chomyn	8
		John Hutchison	226	4		Mike Jester	8
		Larry Miller	205	3		Greg Hutchison	7
		Mike Jester	169	2		John Merrill	2
		Mark Chomyn	101	1			



**OUTDOOR & INDOOR FLYING RESULTS - M.Chomyn**

Above you will find the outdoor and indoor monthly contest points results.

We still need the results from the November outdoor (Nostalgia) contest to make it official. (Editors note: December outdoor results are printed in this issue of the El Torbellino.)

If anyone has access to, or knowledge of, the results from any of the other missing months please let me know.

Please review the above printed results and let me know if you see any math errors or have questions.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING -

JANUARY 2014

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- Jan. 5 - **Indoor Flying**, Grossmont College (Upper Gym), 7:30 am to 11:30 am.  
Feature events: A-6    Other Events: Phantom Flash & No-Cal.
- Jan. 25 - **Annual Orbiteer & Scale Staffel Banquet**, at Giovannti's, 1:00 pm.  
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., (See enclosed announcement for more details)
- Jan. 26 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am,  
Feature Event: P-30    Other Events: Power & Glider

You will find a current copy of the Orbiteers roster  
attached to the email that brought you this newsletter.