

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

DECEMBER 2008



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - M.Pykelnj

2009 Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, January 10, 2009 @1:30 PM

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA.

It is on the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd and Ruffin Rd, Between 163 and I-15
\$10.00 will cover pizza, salad, and soft drinks.
Bring a friend or a loved one.

Flying field notes:

Our November contest was cancelled twice due to inclement weather.

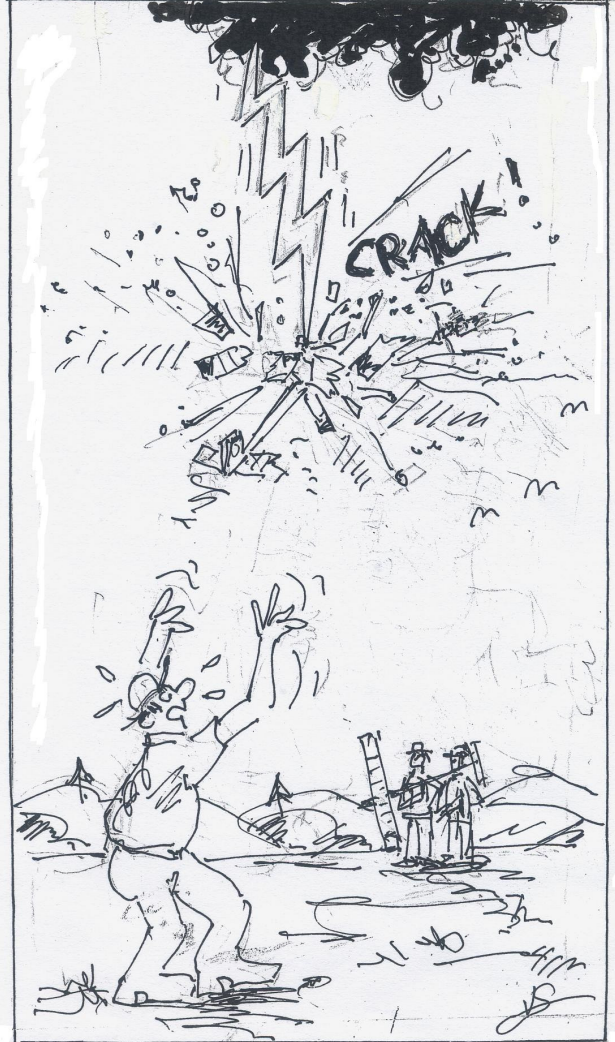
KUSI News reports the new border crossing will begin construction in 2012, time to start looking for a new venue.

San Diego Orbiteers Annual Spring Contest

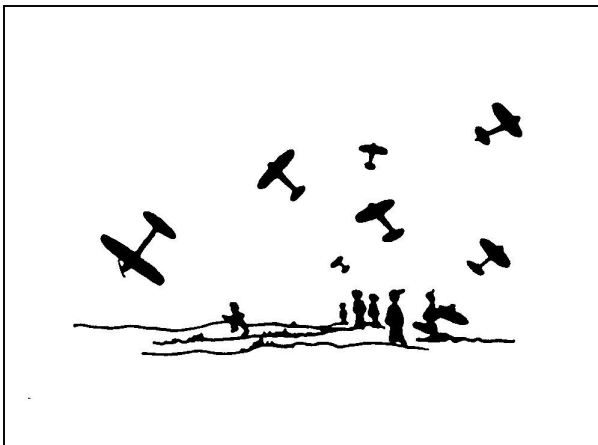
will be held at Lost Hills on May 16 and 17th. The Fresno Gas Model Club will not be a co-sponsor this year. Time to build that contest winning ship.

Next scheduled contest- This Sunday, December 14.

PLANE CORN by Joe Slowack



LOOKS AS IF THE GODS ARE TELLING ROGER THAT HE WOULD GET A LOT HIGHER - IF I'ED DUMP THOSE DIRTY GLOW PLUG MOTORS - AND SWITCH OVER - AND FLY ELECTRIC POWER!!



2008 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Dec 14 - Coupe (Festival)

* Non-Club Points Event

Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8297

Orbiteer Web Site:

www.SanDiegoOrbiteers.com

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Starting Balance (11/01/08) \$1,730.42

Income:

SW FAI Regional Profit	91.33
40 TH T'Shirt Sales	30.00
Old Style T'Shirts Sales	10.00
Dues Paid (2)	<u>50.00</u>
	\$181.33

Expenses:

November Newsletter	<u>76.48</u>
	\$76.48

Ending Balance (11/31/08) \$1,835.27

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ORBITEERS YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

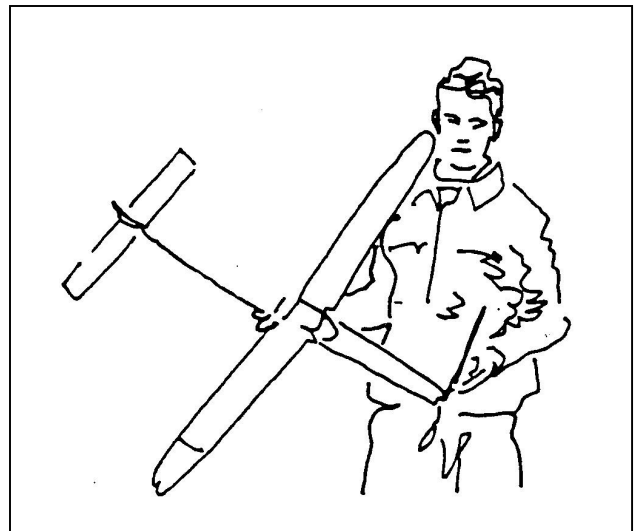
Junior - \$10	Senior - \$15	Open - \$25
65+ - \$15	Family - \$30	Subc - \$15
Lifetime membership - \$250		

Submit dues to club treasurer or editor:

Fudo Takagi (Treasurer) (or) Howard Haupt (Editor)
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THE FINE PRINT

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Nov/2008 Meeting Minutes – J.Merrill

Ten in attendance tonight, including: Larry Miller, Larry Bagalini, Bob Beecroft, Bob Overcash, Gerald Sullivan, Howard Haupt, Don Bartick, Mike Pykelny, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

After the consumption of our favorite pizza, brought in by Howard (Thanks, as always!), the meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were corrected, in the following way: the Lost Hills Assn. meeting on 11/8/08 shall determine the '09 U.S.F.F. Champs date, not that of the South West Regionals. Otherwise, the minutes are okay.

Treasurer's Report – dollar amount given from last newsletter, for update, see "Money Maters" column elsewhere in the E.T. Starting next month (December), the club should save about \$50.00 or so per month by sending out the newsletter via e-mail instead of by U.S. mail. If you are not on the e-mail list, and wish to be, please help us save even more funds by sending your e-mail to Howard Haupt. His info is inside the E.T.

Old Business – Don Bartick said we need to set next year's calendar. The Lost Hills Assn. requests our date, last weekend in September, to hold the Champs. It is every other year, so we would have to give up our annual date every other year. Larry Bagalini proposed we give up our Sept. date and reschedule our annual, so the Champs can have that date. The motion passed. John Hutchison made a motion to remove the Semi-Annual from the calendar, discontinue the contest. That motion passed. Next year's Annual to be held April 25th & 26th, same date as our Semi-Annual had been. Motion passed. Our monthly contests will be the 3rd weekend of each month, unless it conflicts with the 4 holidays previously posted.

New Business – There was a misprint in the last E.T.: gas motor run time for AMA/Classic should read 7 seconds, not 6 seconds as published last month. The only other change; start time of 8:00, not 8:30 as printed. Larry Miller said it would be great if we could add to our line-up of contests a towline glider event. There ensued much discussion, and it will be continued at the Dec. meeting.

Mike Pykelny pointed out, via a poster on the front of the building we meet in, that the city council will vote on whether to close the Community Center buildings, which would mean we would have to meet elsewhere. Tune in next month to see those results.

Our annual awards banquet shall be on Saturday, Jan. 10th, '09. It will be at the Venice Pizza Restaurant, 3333 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego. Start time will be 1:30p.m. Be there or be hungry!

John Hutchison reported that he spent some time at the Lakeside Middle School doing a "dog and pony show" for upwards of 100 kids. John also talked about our indoor flying sites at Grossmont College gym on the 1st Sunday of the month, and the San Carlos Rec. Center on the 3rd Friday every month. John also passed around several photos taken at the Scale Staffel contest held Oct. 26th, and talked about the mass launch of the FAC Sportster, being won by George Mansfield.

Gerald Sullivan said Chuck Wenlock, designer of the Sportster, has donated the plans for 6 different planes, all of which he designed. Next year, Scale Staffel's contests will feature a mass launch in which any of the planes can be flown.

John Hutchison then donated 3 large 40th Anniversary T-shirts, to be sold for \$10.00 each. These are now "collector's items", and one of them was snatched up in a hurry. The other two are still up for grabs, so get your order in soon! Don Bartick said we still have some of the 50th Anniversary shirts available as well.

Show and Tell – Jerry Sullivan showed us a new circuit board/timer for a D.T. All together it is very tiny, with a 3 gram servo, and a total weight of 8 grams. It was said to be perfect for F1E, or almost anything else for that matter.

Bob Overcash brought in a Dremel-type tool, bought at Harbor Freight, with a winder attached to one end. Should make winding easy!

Back to **New Business** – Nomination of next year's officers, we almost forgot they were due this month. Larry Bagalini proposed the current slate of officers stay in office another year. Larry Miller will be V.P. and Contest Director. Don Bartick seconded

the motion, and it passed. If anyone is interested in running for any of the positions (especially Secretary), there is still time, as the officers need to be voted on at the December meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m., with no indoor flying tonight

Respectfully submitted, with only a few errors,
by John R. Merrill, Amateur Student Secretary.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

No indoor flying in November.

The December issue of the El Torbellino arrived at your doorstep this month via Email. Some continue to receive the hard copy of the issue via the US Mail because they do not have email at their home base.

The closing of the City of San Diego Service centers has been back and forth this past month. As of the council meeting on Friday, December 5TH, the centers will close in January 2009. What that means to the Orbiteers is that the club needs to locate a new location to have our monthly meetings.

Time to beat the bushes to come up with a site. One possibility is to meet at Venice Pizza each month. Another location might be the Salvation Army Activity Center @ Balboa Ave and Clairemont Drive, but they charge a fee we may not want to pay. Other thoughts, ideas, bring them to the December meeting for discussion.

This may be a good moment in time to discuss the idea of combining the efforts of the Scale Staffel and the Orbiteers as one club. A good number of flyers are members of both clubs at this time, and fly in activities sponsored by each of the clubs. Give it some thought and bring your input to the next meeting.

Pizza will be available from Venice Pizza House at our meeting this month. Bring your favorite drink, as well as a \$2.00 for each slice of your favorite pizza. Plates, paper towels, plastic utensils, extra ground pepper, and a trash receptacle will be provided.

- Scoop

ANNUAL CLUB POINTS (Cont.from Nov/08.)

By Larry Miller

I assembled lists of past recipients in date order for each of our 5 annual club awards. Each listing includes a small picture of the trophy award. I am able to recognize many of the winners by name, known achievements, individual stories or references from current club members. Enjoy the reading and past memories. It does appear that club winners are competitive and tend to repeat.

After reviewing the lists of winners, it is easy to see that the Orbiteers have a rich heritage of modelers. As in the past, our current members continue to keep the competition active and are a valuable source of fresh ideas and experiences. And over the years we have had many club members compete successfully at regional, national, and international levels.

Club Points: A club contest point chart is provided. Club contest points are tracked for you. This point chart has been used by our club for a number of years. It is easy to use when you want to verify your own contest points. CDs from monthly club contests send the contest results to the Club Contest Coordinator (that CCC or 3C would be me). The 3C determines points earned and enters them into monthly and cumulative spreadsheets, which will be posted in the E.T.



San Diego Orbiteers Coupe d'Hiver

Perpetual Trophy

Donated in 1992 by Jud Saba & Fudo Takagi

		2000	John Oldenkamp
1992	Jud Saba	2001	John Hutchison
1993	*John Davis	2002	John Hutchison
1993	*Jud Saba	2003	John Hutchison
1994	-----	2004	John Hutchison
1995	Bob Langdon	2005	John Oldenkamp
1996	Bob Langdon	2006	John Oldenkamp
1997	John Alling	2007	Larry Miller
1998	Gilbert Arroyo	2008	
1999	----	2009	





**John Oldenkamp and Harry Steinmetz
Perpetual Award
for P-30**

2002	Don Bartick
2003	David B. Ives
2004	John Oldenkamp
2005	John Oldenkamp
2006	John Oldenkamp
2007	John Oldenkamp
2008	
2009	
2010	
2011	
2012	

Haruto "Pluto" Shimaz Memorial Award for Non Power

1969	Jud Saba		
1970	Jud Saba	1990	Bob Boyer
1971	George Howard	1991	Jim Maratin
1972	Ernie Wisley	1992	Bob Beecroft
1973	George Howard	1993	Jud Saba
1974	George Howard	1994	John Alling
1975	John Magnus	1995	John Hutchison
1976	John Oldenkamp	1996	John Hutchison
1977	Harry Steinmetz	1997	John Oldenkamp
1978	John Hutchison	1998	John Oldenkamp
1979	Jerry Guiles	1999	John Oldenkamp
1980	Clarence Mather	2000	John Oldenkamp
1981	Clarence Mather	2001	John Oldenkamp
1982	Clarence Mather	2002	John Hutchison
1983	Bob Langdon	2003	John Hutchison
1984	Bill Booth	2004	John Hutchison
1985	Bob Langdon	2005	John Oldenkamp
1986	Don McHugh	2006	John Oldenkamp
1987	Bob Langdon	2007	John Oldenkamp
1988	Carol Bartick	2008	
1989	Bill Booth	2009	



Club Contest Point Chart for SDO

Number of Entries

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
P L A C E	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	7	7	P O I N T S
	2nd		1	2	3	4	5	6	6	6	6	
	3rd			1	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	
	4th				1	2	3	4	4	4	4	
	5th					1	2	3	3	3	3	
	6th						1	2	2	2	2	
	7th							1	1	1	1	
	8th								1	1	1	
	9th									1	1	
	10th										1	

1. Find number of entries on top horizontal line in yellow.
2. Find place (contest finish) on left vertical line in blue.
3. At the intersection from steps 1 & 2 is the number of points earned.

The chart says:

Places are awarded points thru 7th place in descending order.

A max of 7 points can be earned when 8 or more entries.

Eighth place and lower are awarded 1 point.

November Club Contest - L.Miller

Our Orbiteers' monthly contests at Otay Mesa normally has decent weather with stronger breezes beginning before noon. On Nov 9th our contest was being threatened with cooler weather and unfavorable winds on an already wet field. As flyers began to show up, CD John Hutchison delayed making his decision about the contest until 9:00 AM. The winds remained strong and shifted to a more favorable direction but an intermittent light drizzle started and John made a wise decision to postpone the contest to the following Sunday.

Strong warm winds were already blowing on our makeup date. Attendance picked up and the strong winds got stronger. Most flyers had already made their decision about flying. After dodging numerous rolling and flying tumbleweeds, Larry Bagalini decided to test the wind before offering his opinion. Larry was going to perform a conclusive but less than scientific experiment. He was lucky just to hang on to his shirt. The picture below tells the whole story. Our November contest was not meant to be.



Larry Bagalini trying to make a decision about the wind conditions at Otay Mesa in November.

A MULTI-FUNCTION SCHEME

By GIL MORRIS

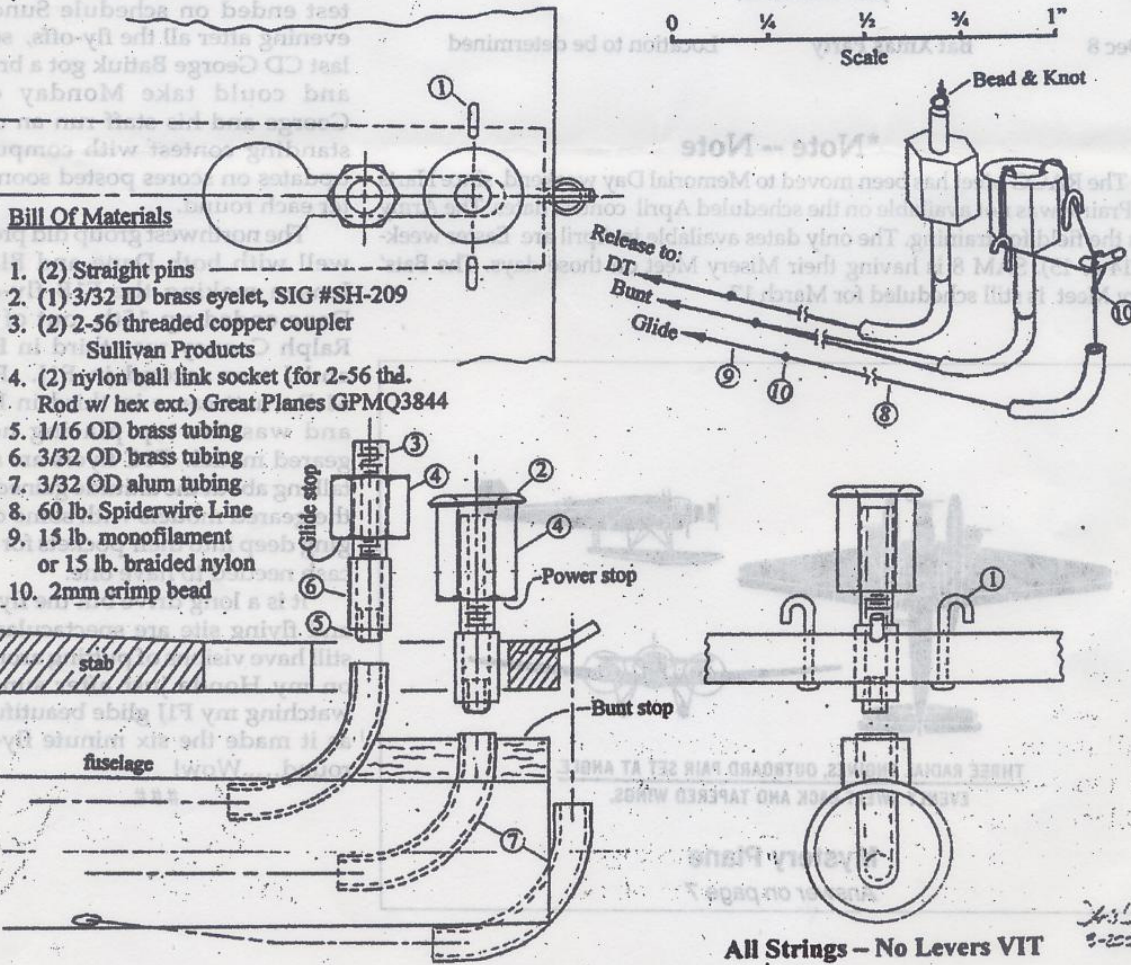
By Gil Morris

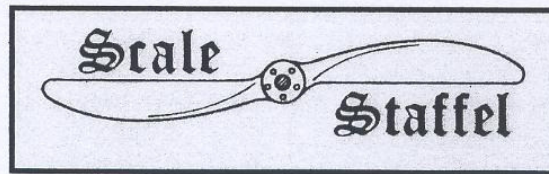
From the March/April 2000 Central Indiana Aeromodellers (CIA) Informer. Editor is Moe Whittemore

Use the All Strings - No Levers VIT once, and you will chuck your old locked-up models. It is easy to make, it is light, precise and it works great! I have used this system on four different 1/2A models dating back to 1990, simplifying and improving each step of the way. The drawing is pretty much self-explanatory after a little study.

Cut required lengths of hex nylon stock from parts of Item 4. The ball link socket was the only source of hex nylon I could find. Bore the end of the one Item 4 and press in Item 2. Items 3-5-6 are soldered together. The two threaded stems are identical. Anchor the Item 7 elbows securely to the fuselage with epoxy.

The Spiderwire fishing line is a Kevlar product, which is very limp, and it has no stretch. It moves through the elbows very smoothly. The loop through the eyelet is a continuous piece with ends terminating at the crimp bead. The Spiderwire lines splice to stretch monofilament or braided nylon, which acts like a rubber band, to facilitate hook-up to the timer and to actuate the VIT. A lighter Spiderwire, down to 30 lbs., can be used, but I do like the 60 lb. I ordered mine from Bass Pro Shops (800-227-7776). The crimp beads are available from some arts and crafts stores, or you can make your own out of 1/16 OD brass tubing.





Indoor Flying

First Sunday of each Month
@ *Grossmont College* Lower Gym
9 AM to 12 Noon

Third Friday of each Month
@ *San Carlos Recreation Center*
6445 Lake Badin, San Diego, CA 92119
6:45 PM to 8:45 PM

Come join the FUN!

For more information call John Hutchison 619-303-0785

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

DECEMBER 2008

- Dec. 4 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flying, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.
- Dec. 7 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.
- Dec. 12 - **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 A-6 & Gliders up to 8" follows the meeting.
- Dec. 14 - **Orbiteer Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**
Non-Power: **Coupe (Festival)** Power: **All Classes**
- Dec. 19 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.
& Annual Christmas Party
- Jan. 10 - **2009 Annual Orbiteer Banquet**, Giovanni's Italian Resturant, 1:30 pm.
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego CA.

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