

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

JUNE 2009



## PRESIDENTS COLUMN - M.Pykelyny

### San Diego Orbiteers 51<sup>ST</sup> Annual Contest

Who Flew:

#### 5 Orbiteers

5 Fresno GMC

6 San Valeers

11 Scamps

3 SCAT

2 Oakland

Larry Bagalini Contest Director AMA

John Oldenkamp Contest Director FAI,  
(2<sup>ND</sup> Place F1Q)

Don Bartick 3<sup>RD</sup> Place 1/2A Gas  
2<sup>ND</sup> Place Mulvihill

Larry Miller 3<sup>RD</sup> Place A NOS

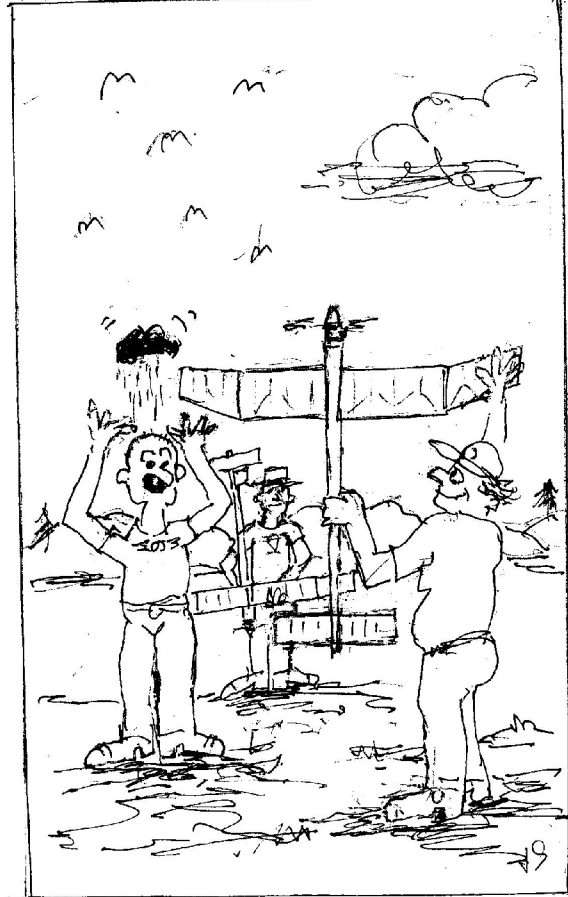
Mike Pykelyny 3<sup>RD</sup> Place F1G  
3<sup>RD</sup> Place F1Q

Lee Hines \$50.00 CLG

Michael Mayea \$50.00 P-30

Bill McConachie \$50.00 Unlimited

## PLANE CORN *by M.S. Jorvik*



JACK HANGS OUT AROUND BILL USING HIM AS A WALKING THERMAL DETECTOR - WHEN A BOOMER COMES WHIPPING THROUGH - YANKING OFF BILL'S TONGUE - JACK GETS READY TO LAUNCH!!! HE CALLS IT FF STRATEGY??!

2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

- 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 Glider
  - 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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**MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt**

**Starting Balance (05/01/09) ..... \$1,830.17**

**Income:**

Dual Club Contest Income	735.00
T'Shirt Sales	150.00
Dues Paid (2)	30.00
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	<b>\$915.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Dual Club Expense	848.25
Dual Club Food Vendor	200.00
May Newsletter	8.58
Account Fees (ie LT \$1000)	11.50
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	<b>\$1,068.33</b>

**Ending Balance (05/31/09) ..... \$1,676.84**

## June 2009 MEETING MINUTES – J.Merrill

12 in attendance tonight, including one guest. Don Bartick, with his son Brian, Jerry Sullivan, Howard Haupt, Gus Del Castillo, Harry Steinmetz, Larry Bagalini, Bob Overcash, President Mike Pykelny, John Oldenkamp, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – It was noted it may be helpful to note a (+) or a (-) in the monthly "Money Maters" report.

Old and New Business (It was quite the jumble, you can try to figure out which is which). President Mike P. brought up the subject of "The Book", as was discussed last month. The book is to be used by the Contest Coordinator, and all C.D.s as a reference guide. It contains our charter, by-laws, points system, etc. John H. said that all C.D.s should have a copy of their own. John O. said he will make up some score sheets. Harry S. reminded us that new members should also receive a copy so they will know the club's rules. Don B. will type up the field safety rules, to be included in the book. All will be available for the June meeting. The thought was brought up by Bob O. to scan the rules and so-forth of the book into an attachment or link on our website.

The menu by Wanda was passed around. She is our new food provider for the Dual-Club Annual Contest.

Participation Awards and plaques for the Annual were shown.

Don B. reported that raffle prizes/money for the Champs in September is being sought. He would like to see the Orbiteers contribute \$100.00 toward the event. It was decided to table the idea until next month, to see how we do at the Annual. The U.S. Free Flight Champs is the biggest contest west of the Mississippi.

Don B. told us of someone from the Fresno club sending him a copy of a 1954 Air Trails Magazine. It listed Don as winning a 1/2A gas event as a junior

in an event report. Unfortunately there wasn't a picture included.

Larry B. reported that A & B Electric is now being considered for National Cup points. After much discussion, Harry S. then made a motion (John O. 2<sup>nd</sup>) that we report to AMA that we are flying F1Q's as AMA B class. The motion passed unanimously.

Show and Tell: Larry B. showed us a TINY altimeter, called "How High". The little electric units, which report altitude, are available for R.C. or F.F.

John O. had two planes for our perusal. The first was a Coupe, with a 220sq.in. wing, and a wood tapered tube boom. It was covered with Russian tissue, obtained from Larry B. The next plane was a 133% version of "Electro-Light", which was first published in 1975. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> published electric free flight plane. John covered this one with Mylar. It can be flown as sport electric, or in F1Q. It weighs only 4.08 oz. without motor or batteries. Both aircraft were very attractive.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m., and we actually flew indoor for the first time this year! There will likely be an indoor report elsewhere in this issue, but suffice it to say that Howard H. caught some great indoor thermals.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill, Still Learning Secretary



**John Oldenkamp and Mike Pykelny  
Otay Mesa Flying Field**

2009 Dual Club Free Flight Bonanza

<b>F1A</b>	<b>Time</b>
Lee Hines	1093
Taron Malkhasyan	junior 335

<b>F1P</b>	<b>Time</b>
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<b>A/B GAS</b>	<b>Time</b>
Mark Eddingfield	720
Ed Hopkins	650
Doug King	540
Pete Coker	527

<b>F1B</b>	<b>Time</b>
George Batiuk	1651
Dave Saks	1619
Alex Andrukov	1153
Sevak Malkhasyan	junior1020

<b>F1Q</b>	<b>Time</b>
Hal Cover	1440
John Oldenkamp	1380
Mike Pykelny	1160

<b>C/D GAS</b>	<b>Time</b>
Terry Kerger	900
Tom Carman	685
Pete Coker	521
Carolyn Carman	471
Ken Kaiser	449

<b>F1C</b>	<b>Time</b>
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<b>HLG</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sevak Malkhasyan	junior 480
Taron Malkhasyan	junior 348
Clint Brooks	330
Don Kaiser	306
Lee Hines	298
Terry Kerger	269
Justin Martin	junior 192
Brandon Martin	junior 12

<b>1/2A GAS</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bob Sunberg	720
Kevin Kusik	junior 511
Taron Malkhasyan	junior 448
Tom Carman	436
Ken Kaiser	486
Don Bartick	385

<b>F1G</b>	<b>Time</b>
Dave Saks	600
Kurt Van Nest	562
Mike Pykelny	519
Larry Miller	196

<b>F1J</b>	<b>Time</b>
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<b>P-30</b>	<b>Time</b>
Clint Brooks	690
Luke Napier	422
Ricard Browning	348
Don Bartick	331
Mke Mayea	294
Kevin Kusik	junior 292
Larry Miller	230
Allyn Johnson	192
Taron Malkhasyan	167
Doss Porter	107
David Martin	12

<b>F1H</b>	<b>Time</b>
Lee Hines	360

<b>CATG</b>	<b>Time</b>
Lee Hines	348
Taron Malkhasyan	junior 159
Sevak Malkhasyan	junior 136
Justin Martin	junior 108
Brandon Martin	junior 60

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>P-30 Mass Launch</b>	
Mike Mayea	209

<b>Mulvihill</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bill McConachie	720
Don Bartick	668
Dan Keegan	650

<b>12" CATG Mass Launch</b>	<b>Time</b>
Lee Hines	85

<b>Unlimited Free Flight</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bill McConachie	406



**MONEY MATTERS FOR A FULL YEAR - H.Haupt**

Having started 'Money Matters' in June/2009, there is now a full year worth of Expense/Income data, to see where we are at as a club financially. The numbers are shown for June/2008 thru May/2009.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ending May/2009</b>	<b>Projected Fiscal Year Ending May/2010</b>
<b>Fixed Income</b>		
Dues	\$535 *	\$730 **
<b>Variable Income</b>		
Donations	450	-
Monthly Contests	34	-
Net Annual Contest Gain (October 2008)	261	-
Net SW FAI Contest Gain	91	-
T'Shirt Sales	797	-
Decal Sales	12	-
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	\$2,180	\$730
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>		
Monthly Newsletter	575	160
Annual Awards	142	150
Meeting Space Fee	0	0 (Unknown)
AMA Registration	30	30
AMA Monthly Sanctions	55	55
Non Profit Registration	20	20
Web Site Fee	20	20
Check Printing Fee	21	0
Porta Potty Maintenance	108	110
<b>Variable Expenses</b>		
Net Annual Banquet Loss	60	-
T'Shirt Purchase	875	-
Net Dual Club Loss (May 2009)	313	-
Starlink P30 Purchase	85	-
Feb. Pizza Cost Recovery	5	-
Stamps	6	-
Checking Acct. Fees	12	-
Misl.	30	-
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	\$2,357	\$545
<b>NET FOR FISCAL YR.</b>	<b>( - \$177 )***</b>	<b>+ \$185</b>

\* Outstanding dues balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$195.

\*\* Reflects full dues collection with no outstanding balance from month to month.

\*\*\* Keep in mind that this figure would be ( - \$627 ) without the \$450 donation(s) during the FY.

**MONEY MATTERS A DISCUSSION -**  
**H. Haupt**

As a club, we are registered as a non-profit organization. The numbers I have prepared, that on the previous page, certainly bear that out. Using the detail information I have tracked each month in 'Money Matters', for a fiscal year running from June/2008 thru May 2009, the club currently stands at loss of (\$177) for the fiscal year.

Projecting for the new fiscal year, you can see the numbers show a projected gain of \$185 for the club treasury. This based on known fixed income and expenses.

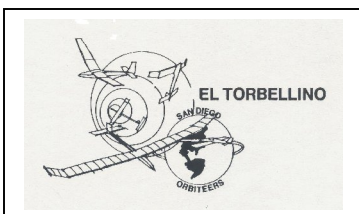
What does this tell us as we move forward? First, the income (i.e. Dues) we have coming in covers our known fixed expenses. Second, any variable expense the club would consider spending, would potentially lower the club balance, unless a funding source is identified to cover it.

Another area for consideration is the unknown expense we will be asked to pay for our meeting space at Scripp's. If and when it kicks in, will determine how much of our projected positive cash position, will be used in the future fiscal year.

**Discussion? Options?**

- Raise the dues?
- Deposit all 'Monthly' fees into treasury?
- Charge a higher dues rate to members who have a newsletter mailed to them?
- Identify and plan for revenue generating events?
- If a meeting space fee is charged at our Scripps' meeting location, how will the club pay for it?
- Stay the course, i.e. do nothing?

Have some input, ideas, or opinions? Come to the meeting on June 12<sup>TH</sup> and lets hear them.



**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt**

Our May meeting was well attended with several flyers in attendance prepared for the fun fly that follows the business meeting. Here are the May Fun Fly Results:

H. Haupt	Butterfly	68.7 seconds
J.Merrill	Butterfly	68.2 "
D.Bartick	Butterfly	58.7 "

Note that "only" ½ second separates the first two flyers.

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.



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



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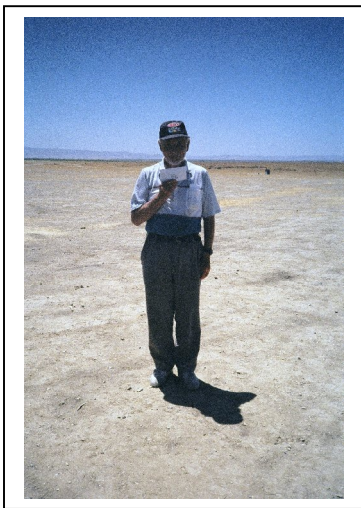
Don & Arline Bartick (In shaded background)



Doss Porter & Wife



Juniors



Bill McConacie



Lee Hines

Photos provided by Mike Pykelny

**SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS 51<sup>st</sup> & FRESNO GAS MODEL CLUB 70<sup>th</sup> DUAL ANNUAL CONTEST**



Bill McConachie



Clint Brooks



Don Bartick



John Oldenkamp



Larry Miller



Linda Piazza



Power Action

Photos provided by Larry Bagalini





# 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UNITED STATES FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 25 - 27, 2009 at Lost Hills - Category II - AMA Sanction - National Cup

Friday September 25 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Saturday September 26 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Sunday September 27 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
<b>Qualifying</b>	<b>Modern Events</b>	<b>Modern Events</b>
ROW Power and Rubber Electric CO <sub>2</sub> Jetex/Rapier P-30 (Jr and Open) - First three flights only Super D Gas	ROW Power and Rubber Electric CO <sub>2</sub> Jetex/Rapier Hand Launch Glider Pen (Jr and Open) Mulvihill ½ A Gas (Jr and Open) B Gas	Electric CO <sub>2</sub> Jetex/Rapier Catapult Glider Pen (Jr and Open) P-30 (Jr and Open) Moffett A Gas C/D Gas
<b>NOSTALGIA EVENTS</b>	<b>NOSTALGIA EVENTS</b>	<b>NOSTALGIA EVENTS</b>
Early ½ A Nostalgia  You may fly your first three flights of any event.	Early ½ A Nostalgia ¼ A Gas A Gas C Gas Nostalgia Wakefield	Early ½ A Nostalgia ½ A Gas B Gas Nostalgia Rubber
<b>CLASSIC</b>	<b>CLASSIC</b>	<b>CLASSIC</b>
Classic Towline  You may fly your first three flights of any event.	Classic Towline Classic ½ A Gas	Classic Towline Classic A/B Gas
<b>OLD TIMER EVENTS</b>	<b>OLD TIMER EVENTS</b>	<b>OLD TIMER EVENTS</b>
All Old Timer Events can be flown at any time during the Contest. You do not have to start and finish on the same day.  All <b>Texaco Events</b> <u>MUST</u> be completed by 11:30 a.m.	Pee Wee Antique (1/4 A Texaco) ½ A Texaco Texaco A/B Pylon C Pylon A Fuselage B/C Fuselage .020 Replica	Small Rubber Stick Small Rubber Cabin Large Rubber Stick Large Rubber Cabin 8 oz. Wakefield Rubber Scale Gas Scale 2 Bit Rubber
<b>UNOFFICIAL EVENTS</b>	<b>UNOFFICIAL EVENTS</b>	<b>Note:</b>
7:30 a.m. Gollywock Mass Launch 9:30 a.m. “The Mikkelson Memorial” Twin Pusher Mass Launch Night Gas	7 a.m. Dawn Mulvihill  Bill Vanderbeek One Design Event ½ A Spacer (\$45, \$30, \$15)	Any Open Place from Saturday’s Schedule may fly on Sunday.

See other side for Contest Information.

# 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UNITED STATES FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

## September 25 - 27, 2009, Lost Hills, CA

Category II - AMA Sanction - National Cup



### **US FF CHAMPS REGISTRATION:**

\$20 includes *first* Event, Entry Gift and a \$5.00 Sloan Voucher. Additional events \$10 each.

Gold card \$50 includes Championship Events, Sweepstakes, Sloan Voucher and an two Entry Gifts and a Raffle ticket for each completed event, (a minimum of three flights per event).

\$5.00 Entry Fee for the Single Design Event.

Juniors *first* Event free, additional events \$2 each. AMA card required to fly.

### **SWEEPSTAKES:** \$100 prize plus award.

Included with Gold Card. Must fly in 2 of the 3 Divisions (AMA, OT, Nostalgia/Classic), must fly min. 5 events including one power and one non-power event. One point for each entrant bested and one point for each 60 sec. Flight time (fly off flights do not count). Intent rule applies.

### **Three EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS:** \$75 prize plus award. (AMA – Classic/Nostalgia – Old Timer)

Included with Gold Card. Must fly 3 events, including one power and one non-power. Points same as above. Intent rule applies.

Lost Hills Membership Required.

Member's Meeting, Saturday 9/26 at 6:30 p.m.

Sloan's Catering Thursday – Sunday

Note: Saturday ROW will depend on the availability of water.

Hand Launch and Catapult Glider will be flown from a pen - submit time cards every two flights.

Electric Event – AMA B Electric will fly a 10 second engine run, 3 minute max. E-36 will fly a 25 second engine run, 2 minute max and the flight time will be multiplied by 1.5. Also note a F1Q airplane will qualify for AMA B Electric.

Ted Firster, Contest Director, 951-776-4971, [Civiboy31@aol.com](mailto:Civiboy31@aol.com) Lost Hills Web Site: <http://www.lhffmaa.com>

See Schedule of Events on other side (05/2009)

**Scale Staffel  
Model Airplane Club  
Contest Schedule 2009  
WWI, II Combat Series 2009**

**Dates:**

~~Sunday, May 3, 2009, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am~~

Sunday, June 28, 2009, Otay Mesa, 7:00 am - noon

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, Otay Mesa, 7:00 am - noon

**Events**

**FAC Rubber Scale: Hand Launch**

**FAC Power Scale: Hand Launch**

**World War I Combat: Wind at 0910, Launch at 0915**

**World War II Combat: Wind at 1010, Launch at 1015**

**FAC Dime Scale: Hand Launch**

**FAC Embryo Endurance: ROG**

**FAC 2Bit(+1) Rubber: Hand Launch**

**Added Feature Event:**

**Chuck Wenlock Designs - Duration: Total time for 3 official flights, one of which must be ROG**

**Contest Director (Pilots meeting at 0800 on contest day)**

**George Mansfield**

5543 Barkla Street

San Diego, CA 92122

Phone: 858-453-3857

Email: [george\\_jr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:george_jr@sbcglobal.net)

**Refreshments: Free cold sodas and water at the field.**

**Lunch: At Brown Field, "Landing Strip Café" after contest.**

**Drive west on Route 905, turn right at Cactus Road into airport.**



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## JUNE 2009

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- June 4 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flying, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.
- June 7 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.
- June 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 A0-6 & Gliders up to 8" follows the meeting.
- June 14 - **Orbiteers Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**  
Non-power: **Coupe**      Power: **All Classes**
- June 19 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.
- June 28 - Scale Staffel Contest 2 or 3, Otay Mesa, 7:00 AM.  
(See enclosed contest flyer)

**Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297**

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