

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

DECEMBER 2009



PRESIDENTS COLUMN - M.Pykelnny

Elections News- As per the San Diego Orbiteers Club Bylaws:

Officers are to be elected by a vote of the simple majority of those present at the regular meeting in the month of December. Come and join us Friday, December 11, 2009. Your vote counts.

AMA District 10 results: Jim Griffin (Incumbent) 1677, Larry Tougas 1643.

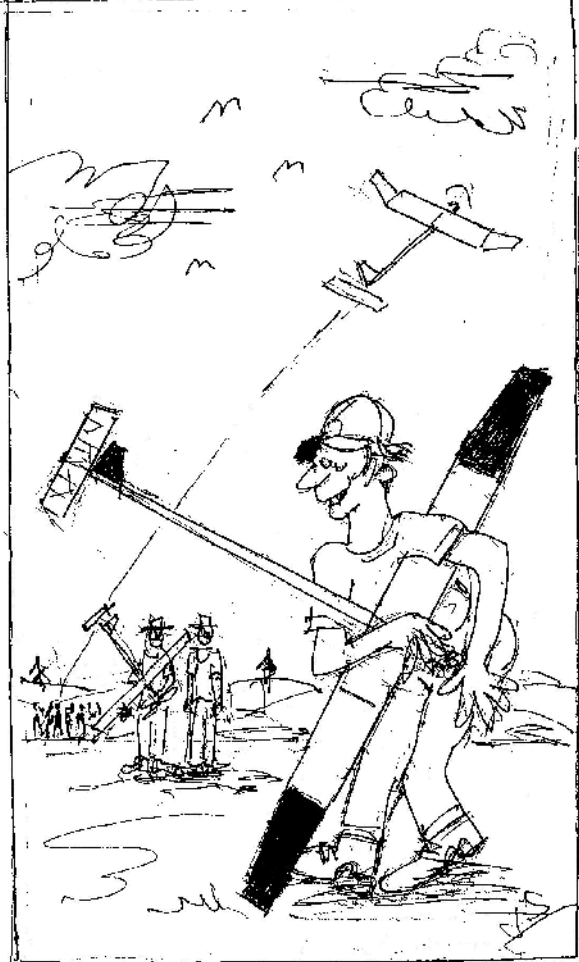
Orbiteers monthly power events currently include electric powered airplanes. E-36 fly@25 second motor run and F1Q @ 25 seconds. We no longer fly these electric events at 25 seconds due to the space limitations at Otay Mesa. Last contest John O and I flew with a 10 second motor run due to the wind conditions at the time. We both were able to put in 2 minute flights. Maybe we should reduce the motor run times to 15 seconds for all electric powered airplanes. Let us discuss at the next meeting.

Here is an interesting place to visit if you are in Florida or just on the internet. Kermit Weeks's Fantasy of Flight is the largest private collection of vintage aircraft in the world. He made his money the old fashioned way, he inherited it. His grandfather was a petroleum geologist with Exxon.

Upcoming Events- 60th Annual Southwest Regional Model Airplane Contest. Eloy, AZ. An Americas Cup event, NFFS National Cup points, and AMA Events. January 16th, 17, & 18th, 2010.

Scamps- Haggart/Bowden Contest- February 14th, 2010. Rubber And Power Events.

PLANE CORN *by Bob Struck*



MOW BOB LOVES UP HIS FAI F1C MODEL AFTER EVER SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT-BECAUSE LAST YEAR HIS MODELS CRAZY BUNT MADE HIM PLANT FOUR BALSA TREES AND BUY A NEW PORTABLE TOILET

2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Dec 13 - SW FAI Challenge Make-Up Date
Perris CA

Dec 20 - Coupe (Festival)

* Non-Club Points Event

Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8297

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Orbiteer monthly meetings held the 2ND Friday of each month,

@ Scripps' Ranch, 11885 Cypress Canyon Road,
with the meetings starting at 7:00 PM.

Orbiteer monthly outdoor contests are held on dates shown,

@ Otay Mesa flying field, starting at 8:00 A.M.

Grossmont College monthly indoor flying held the 1ST Sunday of each month, @ Grossmont College in the gymnastics gym, starting at 9:00 A.M.

Scale Staffel events are the 1ST Thursday at 7:30 PM, and the 3RD Friday at 6:45 PM, of each month at the San Carlos Recreation Center, 6445 Lake Badin Ave.

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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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San Diego Orbiteers Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2009

Ten in attendance tonight, including; V.P. Larry Miller, Larry Bagalini, Don Bartick, Bob Overcash, Harry Steinmetz, Howard Haupt, John Alling, John Hutchison, John Oldenkamp, and John Merrill.

After consumption of our favorite pizza, courtesy of Howard Haupt, Larry Miller called the meeting to order at 7:13 on Friday the 13th.

The verdict for last month's minutes: "okey dokey".

Treasurer's Report - \$1782 currently in the account. See Howard's "Money Matters" column elsewhere in the E.T. for more information.

Contest Report - Larry Miller and John Oldenkamp expanded on Bill Booth's report in the last E.T. of the Boulder City contest. It was mentioned that we also need to support the Southwest FAI Challenge make-up date in Perris, CA on December 13, 2009.

Old Business – Much talk about next year's calendar. Pretty much the same as 2009, but with a few exceptions as noted below. The new calendar for 2010 should appear elsewhere in the E.T. Don Bartick has been in communications with various people recently to help nail down the calendar. John Oldenkamp made a motion to keep our May date for the annual. Harry Steinmetz seconded the motion, and it passed.

Another motion was made, this time by Harry Steinmetz, to designate small O.T. rubber (cabin and stick combination) as a sole event in the rotation of contests. The motion was 2nded by John Alling, and it passed as well.

Don Bartick made a motion to make P-20 an event, to be flown for points at any monthly contest, as a "non-featured event". Larry Bagalini seconded the motion, and it passed.

Don then made a second motion for the same to happen for catapult/hand-launched gliders. Larry B. seconded, and it passed as well. Both above motions will take effect as of the January, 2010 contest. Lots of motions tonight.

Nominations for Officers – Don Bartick accepted the nomination for President, as current President Mike Pykelny declined to continue. Larry Miller will continue as V.P., John Oldenkamp will be the new Safety Officer, Howard Haupt will continue to be the Newsletter Editor and Acting Treasurer, and John Merrill couldn't get out of being Secretary. Nominations were then closed, and elections are to be held in December.

Show and Tell – Larry Bagalini showed us 3 sizes of extremely light carbon spars from Russia. They

can be used as spars in coups, P-30, P-20, etc. Also used for the leading edge of stabs, rudders, and so on. Give Larry a shout if you are interested, they are said to be priced very reasonably.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 so indoor flying could ensue.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill, PAS
(Perpetual Acting Secretary)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

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.

The indoor flying that followed the November meeting proved to be spirited and lively. The flying results follow:

Howard Haupt	Butterfly	68 secs.
John Merrill	Butterfly	62
Don Bartick	A-6	13

The Art Way Silent Auction closes out with bids being accepted thru the end of the day on Dec 7TH. Get your last minute bids in before the auction closes. There has been good participation to date with spirited bidding on many of the items.

The current auction bid list is attached as a separate file on the email that delivered your newsletter.

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Income:

None

Expenses:

November Newsletter	20.48
Spanky's Porta Potty Fee	54.25
BofA Account Fees	12.95

	\$ 87.68

Current Balance \$1,694.38



We must take advantage of Roy Hanson's generous offer as outlined below to help the National Free Flight Society in particular and Free Flight in general. We will be proud to add your name to the growing list of dedicated Free Flighters who want to "Keep Our Dream Alive." I sent my donation yesterday. Please join me and send yours today to the address listed.



The main topic discussed at our August BoD Meeting was our dues structure. The costs of presenting our *Digest* has escalated greatly over the past few years. Sending *Digest* across the pond is especially costly. The last dues increase was in 2003. We have decided to adjust the dues for our non-U.S. residents as well as U.S.

folks to help offset this increased cost of postage, printing, etc. One-year memberships for non-U.S. residents will be 40 dollars for 1 year and 75 for 2 years. This will become effective December 1, 2009 and will be shown on the membership application in the September *Digest*. As of June 1, 2010, dues for U.S. members will be 30 dollars for one year and 58 for two years. The current structure will remain in effect until Dec. 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010 respectively.

The NATS Planning Meeting was held at AMA HQ on Saturday, Sept. 26th. I announced that our Contest Directors would be Carl Bakay, Indoor; and Charles Jones, Outdoor. Due to the availability of the site in Johnson City, the dates will be either the last of May or June 2-6, 2010. Carl will know the exact dates by January and will get it published as soon as possible.

The outdoor NATS will be August 2-6 in Muncie. The complete schedule of events will be posted in the next issue. We had a nice increase in contestants this year, to 236 (up from 215 in 2007). I think we can again make an increase by offering more FAC Scale events. Lee Campbell of Campbell Custom Kits has agreed to sponsor the FAC Events for the 2010 NATS. A complete FAC event listing will be in an upcoming issue of *Digest*.

It is time for the NFFS VP election for the North region. Thus far the nominating committee has no names for a person to run as a candidate versus Vic Nippert. Vic has done a fine job and has agreed to run again. If you or someone else you know would like to be a VP, please contact me immediately so that we can put an election ballot in the *Digest*.

Always Forward, Never Backward

Phil Sullivan
Anderson, IN

Keep Our Dream Alive

Roy Hanson Jr. (Chatsworth, CA) is a giant among men. He agreed to match all charitable donations to the National Free Flight Society dollar for dollar, up to \$14,000. The offer expires Jan 1, 2010, so get out your checkbooks and do something good for Free Flight! All donations are tax-deductible and **100% of the money** goes directly toward NFFS programs such as the scholarship fund, annual Symposia, Free Flight *Digest*, and NATS.

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Percent to Goal as of 10/17/09: **18%**

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NOVEMBER MONTHLY - H.Steinmetz

OT Rubber & Catapult Glider

B.Langdon	Casomo OT	353 Sec
J.Oldenkamp	Vargo Gollywock	355
J.Hutchison	Vargo Gollywock	224
M.Chomyn	Whippet	219
B.Overcash	Comet Youth	185
	Fuselage Model	
P.Love	Mat Cat /	149
	Long Cat Catp.	

Power

J.Oldenkamp	Joule Box 320	386
M.Pykelyny	Marval	307

CD – Harry Steinmetz

"Life is tough; it's tougher if you're stupid"

Educated kids at work

Recently, when I went to McDonald's, I saw on menu that you could order six, nine, or twelve Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

"We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter.

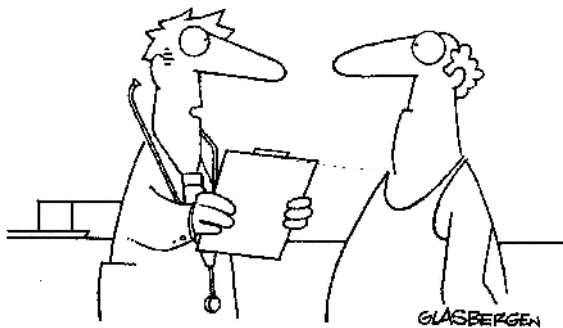
"You don't?" I replied.

"We only have six, nine, or twelve" was the rep

"So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" I asked.

"That's right." I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

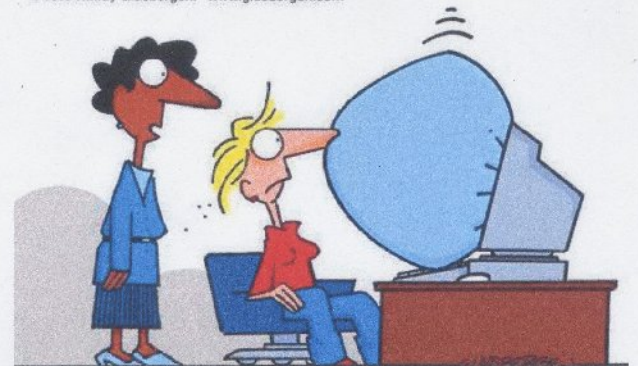
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11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor Fun Fly featuring A-6 & Gliders up to 8" follows the meeting.

Dec 18 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.

Dec 20 - **Orbiteers Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**
Non-power: **Coupe** Power: **All Classes**

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
