

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

JANUARY 2010



The Prez's Corner - Don Bartick

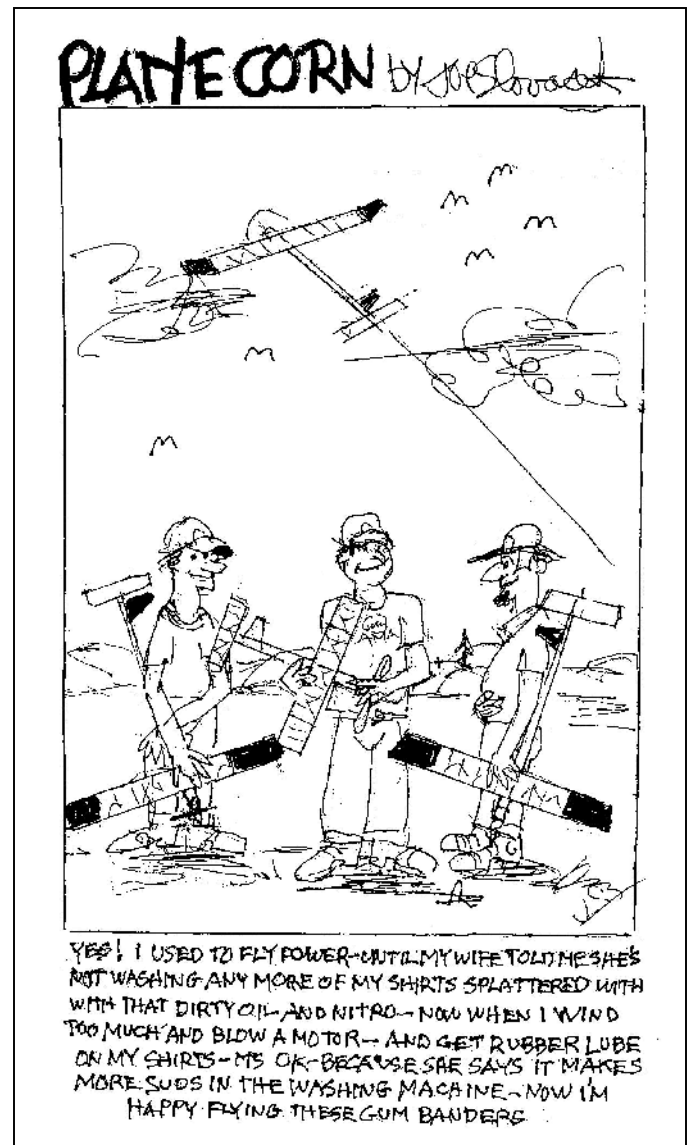
The baton has once again returned to yours truly. With no other member volunteering, it seemed to be in the best interest of our club for me to step up and provide some degree of leadership for the next year. Thank you Mike Pykelny for the last couple years of your leadership. I'm most thankful for those of you who will continue in your cabinet position. The El Torbellino remains in good hands of Howard Haupt. It is probably one of the best newsletters in the FF community. He also takes over the Treasury duties. Larry Miller has done a great job as our Contest Coordinator along with his duties as VP. He will continue to give us his best efforts in those positions. The toughest job of all is our scribe. John Merrill has somehow been able to sort out all the random discussions and confusing motions to create the Minutes of our monthly meetings. Hats off to you John. Thank you for continuing to be our Secretary. We will also be guided by John Oldenkamp to fly safe at our monthly contests as he continues his role as Safety Officer.

We had a great year of competition at our monthly contests. Each event is getting a lot of participation. Now we just have to move up our skills another notch to give John Oldenkamp competition. His run at being Club Champion in all events needs to be challenged. Go guys. Get-um. Could use some indoor competition at our monthly meetings. Lots of fun.

For those of you who didn't witness the Art Way Memorial fly away, you missed something neat if I do say so myself. The whole family was present to witness this event. With a shaky start, the flight finally got off. I created a box mounted to the fuselage of Art's 1/2A Astro Star to carry a couple ounces of his ashes. The box had a fuse actuated lid. The plan was to let the plane climb under power consuming a full load of fuel. A couple minutes worth. At about 45 seconds the fuse would release the lid and the ashes would scatter from the prop wash. By golly it all came together with the family and model friend yelling; Go Art, Dad, Grandpa. Those using binoculars, saw the ashes scatter.

When last seen, the plane was heading towards the ocean. A fitting good bye to our friend Art Way.

Arline and I are heading to the Southwest Regionals tomorrow morning 1/13. Need to wrap this up for now. I wish our Orbiteers a great year of flying. See you at the Awards Banquet.



2010 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Jan 10 - P-30
Feb 21 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small)
Mar 14 - Coupe
Apr 11 - P-30 (Festival)
Apr 25 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (1 aof 3)
May 15/16 Dual Clubs FF Bonanza, Lost Hills CA
Rotation skipped: (Old Timer Rubber Stick "Small")
June 20 - Coupe
June 27 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (2 or 3)
July 4 - Walt Mooney Memorial Scale Contest
July 18 - P-30
Aug 22 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small)
Sept 19 - Coupe
Oct 17 - P-30
Oct 30/31 SW FAI Champs*, Boulder City NV
Nov 7 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (3 or 3)
Nov 21 - Old Timer, P-20 & HL/Cat Glider
Dec 19 - Coupe (Festival)

Power, P-20 and HLG & CLG are flown each month

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

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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

12/11/09

Eight in attendance tonight, including: President Mike Pykelny, Vice President Larry Miller, Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Treasurer Howard Haupt, Gus Del Castillo, Don Bartick, Bob Overcash, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

After consumption of our favorite pizza, once again graciously provided by Howard Haupt, President Mike Pykelny called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Last month's minutes were approved as published. Yeah!

Treasurer's Report - \$1694.00 currently in the account. That should change considerable with the addition of funds from the Art Way auction, much of which was received during and after the meeting. See elsewhere in this issue for Howard's "Money Matters" column. Howard is going to look for a different bank, so we don't have to pay so many fees every month.

Contest Report – President Mike Pykelny talked about the recent Eloy, AZ meet, where he came in 1st in F1Q. Very cold temps (37 degrees) and a steady 8mph breeze, but everyone managed to fly. Overall a good turn-out and fun contest.

Old Business – First off, a big round of applause to Howard Haupt for his organization and management of the Art Way auction. He put in a lot of work, and it is very much appreciated.

Through his efforts, the club managed to raise a considerable amount of funds.

Next Don Bartick talked about next year's schedule. He currently has the preliminary schedule, which he will review, then it will be finalized and published. It should be out very soon, possibly elsewhere in this newsletter.

Elections – These went very quickly, as only one person had volunteered for each position. Our new President will be Don Bartick, V.P. Larry Miller, John Oldenkamp is the Safety Officer, Howard Haupt will remain Editor and Asst. Treasurer, and John Merrill shall remain your stumbling Secretary. All were voted on with no objections.

Show and Tell – Don Bartick showed us a very unique airplane. A nicely done ½ A Astrostar designed by Terry Thorkildsen and built by Art Way. It is a composite airplane, in that the stab and

wing were from different aircraft, but were chosen by Don after looking through many of Art's airplanes to put together one good one. It has an .051 engine, and should be flown out of sight, as a final "send-off" gesture which Art's family will witness on the 20th of December. Plain box fuselage, and opaque red iron-on covering on the wing and stab. It has been test flown by Don, and is said to be a fast climber and a good glider. He's hoping for good wind that day, to send it over the hills.

It was decided that there will be no meeting in January, as we will have a short meeting at the banquet. Details of which should be elsewhere or forth-coming.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 after much "hangar flying" and talk of trimming gas powered airplanes. No indoor flying tonight, as many of us went out to Howard's car to retrieve our goodies purchased during the auction.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill,
Secretary in Training

ORBITEER AWARDS BANQUET

When: Saturday, January 23RD, 1:00 pm

Where: Giovanni's Resturant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

Food: Pizza Buffet, Salid & Soda

Price: \$11.50 for all you can eat.

SEE YOU THERE!



2010 Monthly Contests - L.Miller

The New Year will bring 2 changes to our monthly format. Combined HLG and CLG will be a separate monthly event. P-20 will also be a separate event.

In summary, each monthly will have 4 events and points for each.

They are:

- 1) Our rotating feature event (P-30, OT Rubber stick (Sm), and Coupe)
- 2) Power
- 3) (HLG & CLG)
- 4) P-20



DECEMBER 2009 MONTHLY - D. Bartick

Coupe:	Sec.
Larry Bagalini	545
Larry Miller	541
John Oldenkamp	540
Andy McFarland	489
Bob Langdon	412
Mike Pykelny	374
Gus del Castukki	211
Mark Chomyn	79
Power:	Sec.
John Oldenkamp	360
Don Bartick	356
Mike Pykelny	347
John Hutchison	DNF

CD: Don Bartick

JANUARY 2010 MONTHLY - J.Oldenkamp

The year opener featured generous turnout, the inaugural of the recently added P-20 and HLG/CLG events, plus truly outstanding ambient conditions on the soft Otay turf. No safety problems, but all are forewarned that AMA numbers and ORV helmets will be required for the February contest.

CD: J.Oldenkamp

P-30: 3 x 120

J.Oldenkamp	Pilferred Pirate	337s
C. Primbs	30 Something	334
D.Bartick	TailHigh 30	326
L.Miller	Original 30	314
J.Hutchison	Burdov Pirate	278
J.Alling	Teachers Pet	255
M.Chomyn	FunBird	244
L.Bagalini	AirShark II	215

P-20: # x 90s

L.Bagalini	Pygmy	216s
J.Oldenkamp	AirSharky Proto	172

HLG/CLG: 3 x 120

P.Love	Original	310s
L.Miller	Sweepette	137
C.Primbs	Original	130
J.Oldenkamp	T.Smith Spec.	58
L.Bagalini	Various	12

POWER: 3 x 120

L.Bagalini	Ext Maverick	360s
J.Oldenkamp	JouirBox 325	360*
M.Pykelny	E Marval 270	217

*Had FlyOff Overrun.



MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Income:

Dues (2)	40.00
Monthly Contest	2.00
Shirt Sales	70.00
Decals	5.00
Art Way Auction	651.68

	\$768.68

Expenses:

December Newsletter	13.60
Auction Disbursement to Ronnie Way	370.00
BofA Account Fees	3.00
Web Site Capacity Upgrade	104.73
Charge for use of Scripp's for Calendar year 2010	275.00

	\$766.33

Current Balance \$1,696.73

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

The Orbiteer Annual Awards Banquet takes the place of our normal meeting this month. Pizza will still be available via Giovanni's, the location of our banquet.

No indoor flying followed the December meeting.

The Art Way Silent Auction finished up in December with a nice cash infusion to the club treasury, and a disbursement to Ronnie Way. The remaining out of town items will be shipped in the next week or so.

John Merrill has reported that he has cataloged the 2 boxes of Art Way plans and formed a list of folded and flat plans. Email him and get the excel spread sheet showing what plans are available.

Ronnie Way has asked that I forward the following message to you in regards to Art Way Fly-A-Way in December:

Sunday's event couldn't have been more perfect! I wanted to let you know how much my family and I appreciated the Orbiteers' participation in it and allowing us to interrupt your contest. We couldn't have done Art's wishes without you. It brought back so many memories for all our kids and grandkids and was very emotional for all of us. Don did a spectacular job, and we can't thank him enough!

I also wanted to apologize for leaving so quickly without saying thanks or goodbye to everyone. It was difficult for me to get any words out, but I hope you can get this message out to all. Wish you all the best of everything in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Ronnie (and in chronological order:) Monica, Geoffrey, Matthew, Dean, and Corey; and five of seven grandchildren who were present: Cameron, Grant, Julia, Kelsey, and Halle.

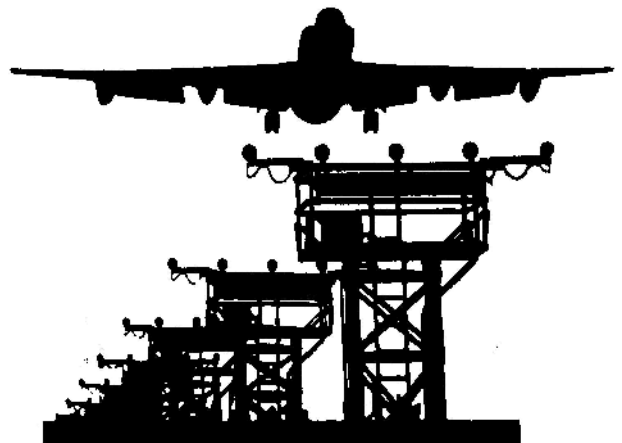
OTHER INFORMATION - H.Haupt

In addition to the newsletter that has been sent to you via Email, there are three other attachments you might want to take a look at. They are:

Jan2010 Isaacson WC Flyer

Jan2010 Western States Regional FF Schedule PDF

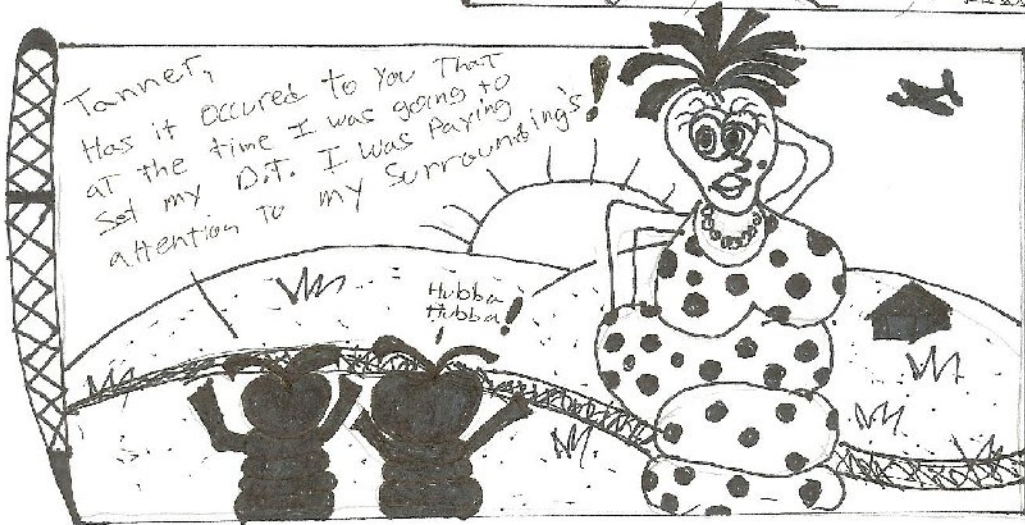
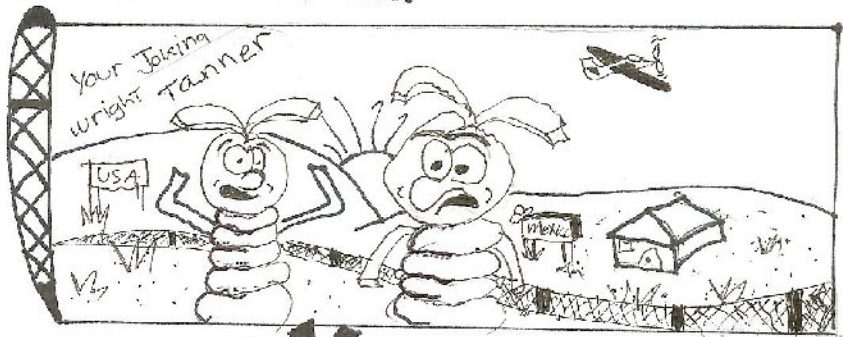
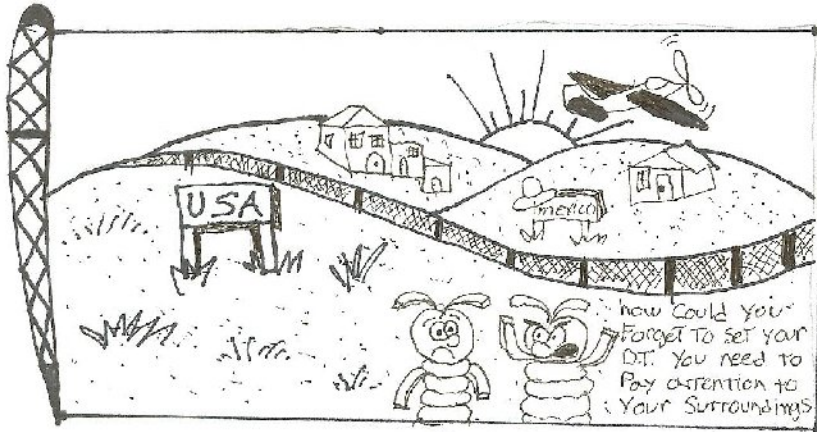
2010 San Diego Orbiteers' Roster



Knot Heads

With Tanner and Sport-O-

By Bob Overcash



Next Time
Meet Grandpa
Perellie



2010 San Diego Orbiteer Club Contest Calendar

Friday Meeting Date	CONTEST Date	ORBITEER CLUB CONTEST SCHEDULE Events
	Jan 10	R/T P-30, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Sat. 23rd		Annual Club Banquet & Awards 1:00 Giovanni's Restaurant 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd Pizza Buffet, Salad and soda \$11.50. Hope to see you!
Feb 12	Feb 21	R/T OT Rub Sm Stk, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Mar 12	Mar 14	R/T Coupe, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Apr 9	Apr 11	R/T P-30, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
May 14	May 15 & 16	Lost Hills- Dual Clubs FF Bonanza
June 11	June 20	R/T Coupe, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
	July 4	Walt Mooney Memorial * Non Club Points Scale Contest, Otay
July 9	July 18	R/T P-30, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Aug 13	Aug 22	R/T OT Rub Sm Stk, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Sep 09	Sept 19	R/T Coupe, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Oct 08	Oct 17	R/T P-30, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
	Oct 30-31	Nevada - Boulder City / SW FAI Champs .
Nov 12	Nov 21	R/T OT Rub Sm Stk, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
Dec 10	Dec 19	R/T Coupe, Power, P-20, (HLG, CLG)
		Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8292
Note- Club Contests are not always the third Sunday due to scheduling conflicts.		

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Source: Yellow42.com

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JANUARY 2010

Jan 3 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flying, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.

Jan 7 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

Jan 8 - Business meeting moved to Banquet on Saturday, Jan 23RD.

Jan 10 - **Orbiteers Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**

Non-power: **P-30** Power: **All Classes** Other: **P-20, HLG & CLG**

Jan 15 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.

Jan 23 - **Orbiteer Annual Banquet, @ Giovanni's Resturant, 1:00 PM**

9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Pizza Buffet, Salad & Soda \$11.50

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
