

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

AUGUST 2011



The Prez's Corner - Don Bartick

July has been a month of recovery for me. Had a total left knee replacement and a revision to the right knee while they were at it. It now has been 3 weeks and the recovery is going well. In fact I'm recovering faster than most. It's not without it's moments. In fact the ability to seat at the computer for more than 5 minutes causes the legs to stiffen severely. Therefore, I've put this column off beyond the deadline. Hope Howard hasn't given up on me.

At our last meeting, I had a chance to conduct a how to session on printing tissue using your personal inkjet printer. Not many were in attendance, but those that were seemed to get something out of the presentation. In the past we've had several how to sessions that were very informative. I can only suggest that this is a very worthwhile activity and hope that other club members take an opportunity to share their techniques. It makes for a better meeting and we all come away with something to try.

I sure enjoyed the Mooney 4th of July contest and hotdog fest. Thank you John H. for conducting the contest with help from Kathy. Also, I want to thank Mike P. and Linda (especially Linda) for putting on the hotdog fest. Great job everyone.

As the summer starts to wind down, the continuation of contest season at Lost Hills starts to get in focus. The US FF Champs, 23-25 September comes to mind first. The event organizer is offering up \$4000 in prize money. Wow—something to think about.

Well the legs are telling me to get up, so this is a wrap. Hope to see many of you at the next meeting August 12th. Bring something for show & tell and something to fly.



July / 2011 MEETING MINUTES - H.Haupt

With (5) members present, President Don Bartick called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Venice Pizza was available and consumed as the meeting got under way.

June meeting minutes approved as published in the El Torbellino.

Treasurers' report provided via a handout, showing a balance of \$973.22.

Officers Reports: - None

Contest Reports:

WestFAC III held in Parker CO. was a success. Travel and field reports included an enjoyable drive on I-70 to the site, flying field smooth rolling terrain, wild life a plenty on the grass covered field, Dung Beetles were of particle interest (A whole story in its self, ask John H. about it), fox hunters and their hounds, continuing ordinance removal operations on the field (ie it is a old WW II practice bombing range), and not to be forgotten good weather for scale model flying.

- July 4TH Scale Contest well attended, score processing was streamlined using the Walt Mooney Judging System.

- Grossmont Indoor flying on June 3RD was lightly attended. Gymnastic gym may not be available in August. Back up plan is to use the Big Gym pending college approval.

Old Business:

- Flying field porta-poty was serviced, with the woman folk using the facility on July 4TH giving it a thumbs up seal of approval. Action item accepted by Mike P. to measure the floor pan for planned repairs.

New Business:

- Treasurer reported that the club checking account is in the process of being moved to Pacific

Trust Bank. The new account will be no minimum balance, no service charges.
- A motion was presented, 2ND, and passed to add the club President, Don Bartick, as the additional signer on the account.

Show n Tell:

- Tissue Ink Jet Printing presented by Don Bartick:
 - a. First develop or copy the art work desired for printing on tissue.
 - b. Test print the art work on white paper.
 - c. Use this test print sheet for the carrier for the tissue paper.
 - d. Spray adhesive on the carrier paper sheet where the tissue is to be adhered. Note, you should mask areas of the carrier sheet that will not have tissue. Recommended spray adhesive is: KRYLON Spray Adhesive "All Purpose" 7010
 - e. Let the adhesive dry for 10 minutes and then press the tissue to the sheet.
 - f. Place the carrier sheet with the attached tissue in the input tray of your printer and print you graphics.
 - g. Peel the tissue from the carrier sheet, and use as normal.
 - h. Keep in mind, Ink Jet Ink is water proof, but not dope proof.

- Don Bartick brought a Dakota model which displayed Ink Jet printed tissue graphics.
- Mike Pykelny brought a Electric Tom Boy built for the SAM Champs special event.

Meeting concluded at 9:10 pm, with no indoor flying.

2011 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

- Sept 18 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG
- Oct 16 - P-30
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG
- Oct 29/30 SW FAI Champs*, Boulder City, NV
- Nov 13 - Scale Staffel FAC Contest* (3RD of 3)
- Nov 20 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small)

Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Dec 18 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

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

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ORBITEERS YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Junior - \$10
- Senior - \$15
- Open - \$25
- Family - \$30
- 65+ - \$15
- Lifetime - \$250
- Non-Member Newsletter Subscription - \$15

Submit Dues to Club Treasurer:

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MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Income:

Dues (1)	\$ 25.00

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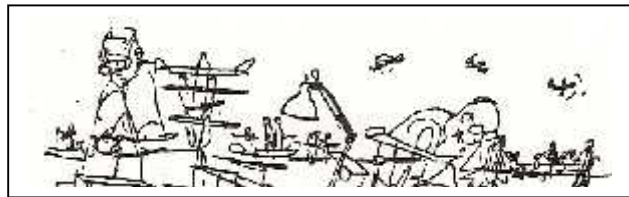
Expenses:

B of A Account Fees	\$ 17.00
July Newsletter	8.20

	\$25.20

Current Balance\$982.04

Club checking account has been moved from Bank of America to PacTrust Bank. From this point forward there will be not bank service charges on our account.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

No Scripps Ranch indoor flying to report on from the month of August.

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 cost for your favorite pizza. Plates, paper towels, utensils, and handy trash receptacle will be provided.

ANNUAL MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Fiscal Year July 2010 thru June 2011

Income:

Dues (23)	\$ 475
Monthly Contests	10
T'Shirt Sales	20
Decals	5
Auction Item	4
Donation	14
Dual Club Annual Income	805
SW FAI Challenge Income	673

\$2,006

Expenses:

Club Newsletter	\$ 136
B of A Account Fees	75
Web Site Domain Name	20
Scripps Ranch Meeting Room	275
AMA Contest Sanctions	55
St of CA Non-Profit Registration	20
Annual Awards	205
Annual Banquet Net Cost	54
Porta Potty Service (1)	54
July 4 TH Food Net Cost	6
Dual Club Annual Expenses	1428
Donation to FAI JR Team	500
(From: SW FAI Contest)	-----

\$2,828

Our status as a Non-Profit Club is secure. The fiscal year ended with a loss of **\$822**.



July 4TH, Mooney Judging Line Up

MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST - July 17, 2011 - CD: L.Miller

Event:	Plane	1	2	3	4	5	Total
J. Oldenkamp	Pilferred Pirate	90	90	80			260
John Hutchison	Priate	59	90	61			210
Larry Miller	Own Design	90	58	53			201
Mark Chomyn	HotBox	31	29	90			150
H Steinmetz	??	40	45	37			122
John Alling		18					18
M Pykelny	Boomer	No	Offical				0
Event:	Plane	1	2	3			Total
M Pykelny	EBox E36	92	120	120			332
J Oldenkamp	JouleBox200	74	120	120			314

The morning was cool and breezy with 10+ knots from the North. It was agreed upon to reduce P-30 max to 90 sec for weather and direction reasons. It remained breezy but the direction changed to a more favorable direction of NW or West at times. A few flights nearly made it over the border

"At day's end, J Oldenkamp was short an E36 Electric and Mike P was still missing a P30. Mike's model was found in a search later in the week. John's model remains missing.

JULY 4th SCALE CONTEST - Pictures by M.Pykelny



Etc. Business Class



LOT Polish Airlines
Flight 15, From
Warsaw to Newark

The Crying of LOT Flight 15

By Roger Bennett

Memorable seatmates, I've had a few. But the heavy man alongside me on this Polish flight was peerless. A chunk of flesh the size of a two-zloty coin had been freshly gouged out under his left eye. After I offered up my preflight warm towellette, he dismissed the gesture with a gruesome cackle, revealing that his front teeth had also been knocked out. Aware of my curiosity, the man curled his fingers into a talon, gestured toward the injury, and whispered "pusyvat" in the Balkan-soaked English favored by 007 villains.

His menace was the least of my concerns on this LOT Polish Airlines adventure. In my imagination, Eastern European airlines excel in flying from airport of origin directly into the ground. A sweeping generalization, perhaps, but one scarred in memory by Aeroflot 593, which plunged into a Siberian mountain after the pilot let his 15-year-old son take the stick. On this particular voyage from Warsaw to Newark, my anxiety had been stoked by a four-hour delay owing to an unspecified "mechanical" failure. All efforts to procure information only fueled my fear: airline employees were cryptic, a desk clerk cited a broken wing. The true predicament remained unknown, but by consensus it seemed fundamental. Travelers in the U.S. would have morphed into an apocalyptic fugue state, but my fellow Polish voyagers hardly shrugged. Rushing a mechanic at an Eastern European airport rarely ends well.

Once onboard, I discovered that LOT keeps business class intimate. The section, which ran two rows deep, was an entirely American and Russian affair, with any hints of the Polish tongue banished to coach. When the overloaded, loosely jointed drinks trolley materialized, my wounded companion pawed a wheat bun and demanded vodka, then a second, then a third, washing it down with a flute of "champanzky." Sipping with dignity, he became entranced by a Polish



kids' cartoon beamed against the cabin's main screen. I excused myself to seek refuge in the bathroom, but getting there was no easy task. A food trolley rolled over an array of scattered hand luggage. Clothing spewed out of an open bag. A pair of broken spectacles was twisted into the carpet. The breadbasket from which we had been served lay half full against the stall. I tiptoed over it and locked the door.

Returning to my seat, I was confronted by a stewardess who looked unnervingly like a pre-rehab Diego Maradona. Efficiently hard of hearing, she communicated by lowering her lips into the vicinity of my ear and barking random bursts of airplane English: "Drink! Food! Nuts!" Response was futile as she proudly offered a second round from the breadbasket. I politely declined, but Maradona was not to be deterred. She scurried away, quickly returning with an official LOT Polish Airlines portable movie system. The bulky box, clearly developed in the heyday of the Sputnik program, came with headphones she claimed to be noise-canceling, if only because the words "noise-canceling" were etched on them. I plugged in to watch Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston yank it up in *Just Go With It*. Watching in English, I barely cracked a smile, but after flipping soundtracks, the movie killed. Late-career Sandler is funnier, and Aniston almost tolerable, when dubbed in Polish.

Then I glanced at my seatmate, sleeping, mouth agape. Blood from his cheek had trickled down, speckling my cuff. I was suddenly overwhelmed by a sense of well-being. LOT conjured memories of my freshman dorm, a shambolic swampland of festering laundry, unwashed plates, cigarette stubs, compact discs, and biodegrading newspapers—a joyous lull that represented a sense of discovery. Calmly ripping open a moist towellette, I began to dab happily at the bloodstain and decided that LOT was now my carrier of choice. **B**

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D OTHER GREAT POLISH INVENTIONS (Bialy, Non-Nuke-Cooking, Noise-Canceling Headphones)



Esperanto (1887): The idealized international language was dreamed up by the dentist L.L. Zamenhof.



The Bulletproof Vest (1893): Invented and first tested by Casimir Żelecki, a Polish-born priest with a love for protective garb.



Q-Tip (1923): Leo Gerstenzang got sick of watching his wife probe her ear with a toothpick.



Electronic Mine Detector (1942): Józef Stanisław Kosacki's invention was used until the Gulf War.

ILLUSTRATION BY ANDREW ROBERTS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING - AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2011

- Aug 7 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 9:00 am.
- Aug 12 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting at Scripps Ranch Community Center,
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor fun fly featuring A-6 & HL gliders follows the meeting.
- Aug 14 - FAC Scale Contest, Otay Mesa, 7 am to Noon, 2ND of 3 contests.
- Aug 21 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.
Non-Power: Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small) Power: All Classes
Other Classes: P-20, HLG & CLG
- Sept 4 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 9:00 am.
- Sept 9 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting, Scripps' Ranch, 7:00 pm.
- Sept 18 - Outdoor Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.