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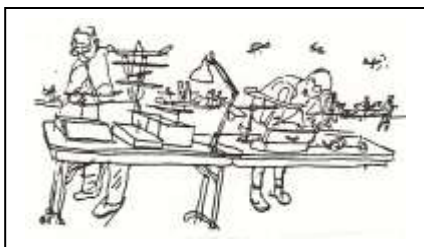


The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick

The first quarter of the year is now behind us. Looking back, we had better weather for our monthlies, had fun flying our A-6's after our monthly meetings and finally repaired our chemical toilet at the Otay field. The toilet was very successful project. We straighten the structure, added lag bolts through the skids and poured 6 bags of cement to make a new floor and tie the whole structure together. Thank you John H, Larry M and Mike P for joining me in getting the project done.

The contest season is well underway. The San Valeers annual is next up at Lost Hills on April 14-15. The Dual-club annual is the following month on May 19-20. Fliers were in the last ET. Talking about the Dual-club annual, I now have the sanction in hand. Also, the date placards and event award placards are in the queue. We have 45 plaques left over from last year's event. The date placards will be glued over the existing date on these plaques, allowing us to salvage the plaques and save \$607.50. Once again, I'm asking the Orbiteers to support our annual.

This is a wrap for now. See you at the meeting. Bring something for Show & Tell and an A-6 to fly. The entry fee for our monthly indoor contest session after the meeting is now \$2. There's big money to be had, so build an A-6 and come get your share of the bounty.



San Diego Orbiteers Monthly Meeting 3/9/12

Only four in attendance tonight; including John Hutchison, Bob Overcash, Howard Haupt, and John Merrill.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Scale Staffel President John Hutchison.

No Officer's Reports.

Treasurer's Report: No in, no out, no change. Balance remains the same as last month. There should be more dues to deposit in March. See full report elsewhere in E.T.

Minutes of the last meeting: Approved as published.

Contest Reports: Indoor fun-fly at the larger Grossmont College gym last Sunday had 17 in attendance. Lots of planes in the air, as there was a contest with four events: A-6, limited Penny-plane, no-cal, and Phantom Flash. Some other things were flying as well, including Bostonians, some scale models, and a few others. All had a good time, and thanks to John Hutchison for not only arranging for us to use the gym, but for being the C.D. as well.

We also talked about this coming Sunday, March 11th, as being the Coupe contest at the Otay field.

Old Business: the Otay field porta-potty is now officially fixed, and ready for business. Last Thursday Don Bartick, John Hutchison, Larry Miller, and Mike Pykelny gave up a great day of flying to fix it up. They installed a lot of cement for the floor, and put in large lag

bolts, which should withstand a Cat. 4 hurricane. Thanks to all for putting in such an effort to repair the fixture.

New Business: FAC contest April 29th in Perris is now a two-day event. If you are staying at the local hotel, ask for the "Jump Special" to save some money. See John Hutchison for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
Indoor flying ensued. Indoor report likely elsewhere in the E.T.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill,
Amateur Secretary

2012 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Apr 22 - P-30
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Apr 28/29 Scale Staffel FAC Contest* (1ST of 3)

May 19/20 Dual Club FF Bonanza, Lost Hills CA

Rotation Skipped: (Old Timer Rubber Stick
"Small")

June 10 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

July 4TH - Walt Mooney Memorial Scale Contest

July 15 - P-30
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Aug 19 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small)
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Aug 25/26 Scale Staffel FAC Contest* (2ND of 3)

Sept 16 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

Sept 21-23 US FF Championships, Lost Hills

Oct 14 - P-30
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

*** Non-Club Points Event**
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MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

March 2012

Income:

Dues (6)	110.00
Annual Banquet	76.43
Donation	5.00

\$191.43

Expenses:

Mar. Newsletter	8.85
Spanky's Service	54.25

\$ 63.10

Current Balance \$603.33

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

A small but energetic group of A-6 flyers are putting up flight times in the One-Design fun fly program using Mather & Takagi designs.

March 9, 2012 Results

1) Bob Overcash	56	67	-	123 sec.
2) John Merrill	73	67	-	140
3) Howard Haupt	26	27	-	53

OTAY FLYING FIELD REPORT - M.Pykelnny

Good News - the "field" in front of where we park has been mowed possibly by the military.

Then there is the road - be careful on entrance as there is a rut running down the center of the road. The left lane seems better.

There is a small creek bed forming just past the junk yard. It has been filled with gravel so should be OK for low clearance cars.

"and"

Wear your boots or gaiters, **FOXTAILS** are in season!!!

APRIL MONTHLY DATE CHANGED - L.Miller

Club members should note that the April Monthly contest date has been changed from what was previously published in the El Torbellino.

The contest date is now Sunday April 22ND.

The date was changed for better attendance reasons.

DUAL-CLUBS FREE FLIGHT BONANZA

Hold the dates of May 19TH & 20TH for attending the Orbiteer's annual at Lost Hills. Read all about it in the contest flyer attached to the same email where you found the newsletter you are currently reading.

MARCH MONTHLY via J.Hutchison

Coupe (Non-Power)

1) John Oldenkamp	335 seconds
2) John Hutchison	327
3) Larry Miller	321
4) Don Bartick	182
5) Mark Chomyn	172
6) Mike Pykelnny	141

Power

1) John Oldenkamp	332 seconds
2) Larry Miller	291
3) Mike Pykelnny	281

Weather: Excellent, Outstanding
CD: L.Miller

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WHAT'S HAPPENING - APRIL 2012

- Apr. 1 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 7:00 – 11:30 am.
- Apr. 13 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting at Scripps Ranch Community Center,
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor fun fly featuring A-6 one design.
- Apr. 22 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.
Non-Power: **P-30** Power: All Classes
- Apr. 28/29 **Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest**, Perris CA, 7:00 – 12:00 noon, both days
- May 6 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College
May 11 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting
May 19/20 **DUAL CLUBS ANNUAL**, San Diego Orbiteers & Fresno Gas Model Club, Lost Hills