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NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

JUNE 2012



The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick

The Dual-clubs FF Bonanza is now history. It turned out to be an exceptionally good experience by all. Look further in this issue for the contest report and photos. The report and photos have been sent to the NFFS Digest and the LHFFMAA website. I also need to forward a copy to AMA District X.

It sure is unfortunate that only 1 Orbiteer member with the exception of me participated. It is our annual contest and from what I hear on the field and by email, it is one to look forward to each year. Participation is down with the FF community. Could say age, cost to attend, too many contests or other excuses are the reason. I know those that have the competitive spirit are looking for events like ours to attend. Without attendance, one thing is for sure we won't have contests to go to any longer.

This is a wrap for now. See you at the July meeting (June is dark). 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.

Remember; Idle Hands are the Tools of the Devil.



2012 Dual Club Annual Flight Line

San Diego Orbiteers Monthly Meeting 5/11/12

Seven in attendance tonight, including; Don Bartick, Howard Haupt, Mike Pykelny, Mark Chomyn, Bob Overcash, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

The meeting was brought to order by President Don Bartick at 7:11p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report was approved as published.

Officer's Report: Howard reported on our membership numbers: 6 are Life Members, 17 are Seniors, and 12 are in the Open category, for a total of 35 members. The more detailed treasury report will be elsewhere in the E.T.

Old Business: The Dual Club Annual is all set to go. The ice cream (6 gallons) is reserved and ready to be picked up for the Ice Cream Social. The pot-luck is set as well. Don said we are still just hoping for a good turn-out and good weather.

John Hutchison reported that we still have the use of the larger gym at Grossmont College for indoor flying on the first Sunday of every month. There has been good attendance, and a lot of fun at this great facility.

New Business: A reminder that there is no meeting in June. Next meeting will be in July, then dark again in August.

Contest Report: John Hutchison reported on the recent Scale Staffel FAC contest in Perris, CA on the 29th and 30th of April. Good attendance, with 19 people flying, 27 aircraft judged, 11 events, and 64 official flights.

This was the first of 3 contests to be held this year by Scale Staffel, the next being in August. It was originally planned to have just the first contest in Perris, but the others may

be held there as well, but this has yet to be determined. John also mentioned that the WESTFAC IV contest is next year in Perris as well, and the date has not yet been nailed down. He did share a preview of the official artwork, which was a beautiful pencil-sketch of a seaplane called the Kingfisher.

Show-and-Tell: Bob Overcash started with showing us a very clever jig he has made to help him create wire-spoked wheels. The rims are a rolled tube with four laminations of paper, an aluminum tube in the center with very thin plywood discs to anchor the 2 pound-test fishing line, then finished with blue insulating foam for the tires. The rims and spokes were painted silver, with the tire being black. These are beautifully crafted pieces of art!

Mark Chomyn brought in a Hornet, made from an old Scientific kit. The plans were copyrighted in 1944, making it eligible for Old Time Cabin, Two-Bit Rubber, and maybe a few other events. Finished with red and white tissue with thin black trim, it turned out to be very handsome. The plane should fly as good as it looks.

Mike Pykelny showed us a Jimmy Allen Bluebird which he purchased at a swap meet. The plane was originally built by Larry Oliver, who was a real leader in rejuvenating interest in the Jimmy Allen event. There is still an annual postal contest for this event. The plane was a little worn, but still attractive. Meeting was officially adjourned at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill



2012 Dual Club Annual Ice Cream Social

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2012 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

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

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

ORBITEERS YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Junior - \$10
Senior - \$15
Open - \$25
Family - \$30
65+ - \$15
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Submit Dues to Club Treasurer:

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MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

June 2012

Income:

Dues (1)	15.00
Dual Club Net Income	658.12

	\$673.12

Expenses:

May Newsletter	9.96
Celtic Tides (Dual Awds.)	171.20

	\$181.16

Current Balance \$1,171.54

Status of our Club Contests as of the end of May - L.Miller

3 monthly contests completed and in the books

1 P-30 contest cancelled due to wind and moisture.

Don & Arline Bartick and others completed our Dual Annual at Lost Hills.

Remaining Club events: P-30 (2), OT Rub. (1), Coupe (3).

Focusing on our 5 remaining contests means there is still

plenty of flying and competition still to be completed.

You can begin with Coupe this weekend (6/10).

Join us for fun, sun and competition..

Larry M.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

With five members flying this month, John Merrill took home all the bacon, with double his entry fee.

May 11, 2012 Results

1) John Merrill	80	78	-	158
Seconds				
2) Don Bartick	78	75	-	153
3) Bob Overcash	41	37	-	78
*) Mark Chomyn	60	63	-	123
5) Howard Haupt	**			

- * Non Conforming A-6 design
- ** No official flights taken

WORDS ABOUT - L.Miller

The following YTD point spreadsheet reflects contest activity thru May 31st and is printed in 2 parts for size and grouping reasons. I plan to have a printed spreadsheet available at our contests and meetings.

Results of the Dual Clubs Free Flight Bonanza
A National Cup Event
May 19-20, 2012
LOST HILLS, CA

Don A. Bartick, San Diego Orbiteers, Event Coordinator
Don Bartick, San Diego Orbiteers, Contest Director
Bill Booth, Sr., Fresno GMC, Contest Director

The annual Dual Club Free Flight Bonanza was again held in the middle of May. This time of the year is working out rather well. We hope last year was an exception. The weather proceeding the contest had some misgivings. Thursday was fine in the morning, then about 1pm the winds came up and that was that for the day. The same was true for Friday as the anticipated front rolled through. The weather forecast for the weekend was for calm to 7mph gust. As it turned out, Saturday and Sunday started out in the low 60's and reached the low 80's around 2pm. Wind conditions were calm to 5-7 mph throughout both days. Perfect for free flight.

The scheduled Saturday noontime 1-hour break from flying for lunch and the now famous Ice Cream Social worked out especially well as in the past. Left over ice cream and condiments are giving to the local Lost Hills Fire Department. We have now initiated the Saturday night potluck feast. Started last years by Dan Heinrich, because the Sloan's have retired and there is no longer an on-field dining hall available. It went over so well, that we have decided to make it a tradition. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or desert. Dan, with member donations, provides the main course, setups and preparation. This year it was outstanding. Lots of folks were filling their tummies. This is now a tradition for the event.

This year the attendance was fair. Not like the good ole days. We are older and many on fixed incomes. The economy and fuel prices had its' toll also. There are fewer new comers to the hobby. But we did have one newcomer, Doug Mayer, coming over from a long career of UC racing. He brought his 2 sons that are AMA juniors to take a look and have the boys participate in the Junior Catapult Glider event.

The Fresno GMC again brought an incredible amount of merchandise for their drawing. Every event entry that the Fresno club sponsored was given a raffle ticket (up to 3). Don't know of anyone that went away empty handed.

Special thanks to wife Arline, who spent a lot of time and effort in preparation and support of the contest. She also handled the camera duty. Along with her pictures and those by Don Kaiser, we got some great ones to share.

Forty two (42) senior/open and 2 junior flyers registered for the meet. These flyers participated in 105 events. We had 4 separate events for the juniors. This year, we provided 7 X 9 oval plaques made of alder with laser etched artwork for participation awards. They were given out to each registered contestant. We then awarded laser etched gold, silver and bronze placards for event placement. The placards could then be mounted on the participation award.

Highlight of the contest: The most contested event this year was AMA C/D Gas combined. We had 7 flyers slugging it out in the event with Terry Kerger taking the gold. Hand Launch Glider was next in popularity with 6 entrees. Also, to be noticed is the rise in participation in Vintage FAI. The second annual Tom Carman Memorial drew 5 entries to battle for the big bucks made possible by

Jim Hurst. The weather stayed very flyable throughout the evening allowing for the very popular Night Flying event. Four brave souls battled it out with Doss Porter conquering.

Tim Batiuk made it look easy in Hand Launch and Catapult Glider events. Rocco Ferrario's group of students ,that he's mentoring in the glider events are making great progress. They were awesome as juniors.

Great to see Bruce Augustus from Idaho at this event. He needed to be in Chico and selected our venue for a weekend of competition. Also the return of Del Adams after several years. Who says you can keep an old free flighter away from his passion.

Several events had 0-1 entrees. They were: Mini FAI, E36/A/B combined, 1/2A Classic Power, Mulvihill, B/C Pylon, Small Rubber Stick, Large Rubber Cabin & Nostalgia Wakefield Rubber. These events will receive future scrutiny from next years' Contest Directors and Event Organizer.

Until next year, have many delightful FF moments. *Don Bartick*

For the record

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Seconds</u>
DAWN P-30 (2)			P-30 (5)			DAWN MULVIHILL (3)		
1	Don Bartick	104	1	Ted Firster	358	1	Bud Romack	N/R
2	Ted Firster	71	2	Sam Smetzer	304	2	Carl Redlin	N/R
			3	Mike Pykelny	272	3	Don Bartick	N/R
½ A Gas (5)			A Gas (3)			B Gas (3)		
1	Don Bartick	540	1	Jeff Carman	900	1	Jeff Ellington	802
2	Terry Ellington	451	2	Terry Kerger	455	2	Jeff Carmen	459
3	Glenn Schneider	432	3	Bob Scully	445	3	Glenn Schneider	8
C/D Gas (7)			Mulvihill (1)			Hand Launch Glider (6)		
1	Terry Kerger	713	1	Dan Keegan	706	1	Tim Batiuk	960
2	Don Kaiser	705				2	Ricardo Samano	468
3	Jeff Ellington	540				3	Sam Smetzer	396
Catapult Glider, (5)			Catapult Glider , Jr (2)			Classic Towline (2)		
1	Tim Batiuk	480	1	Mason Mayer	19	1	Jerry Kraineck	460
2	Rocco Ferrano	471	2	Tristan Mayer	9	2	Richard Cline	112
3	Lee Hines	212						
Tom Carman Memorial (5)			Early ½ A Nostalgia (2)			½ A Nostalgia (6)		
1	Ken Kaiser	720	1	Al Heinrich	302	1	Dick Neugebauer	985
2	Jeff Carman	632	2	Doss Porter	180	2	Jeff Carmen	900
3	Phil Ronney	374				3	Bob Scully	463
A Nostalgia (5)			B Nostalgia (5)			C Nostalgia (3)		
1	Ken Kaiser	632	1	Ken Kaiser	900	1	Don Kaiser	900
2	Dick Neugebauer	524	1	Jeff Ellington	540	2	Jim Hurst	685
3	Glenn Schneider	469	3	Don Kaiser	530	3	Don Macnamee	419
.020 Replica (2)			½ A Texaco (4)			Texaco (2)		
1	Jeff Carman	341	1	Bud Romak	18:58	1	Bud Romak	18:29
2	Ted Firster	233	2	Al Heinrich	13:58	2	Brad Levine	10:43
3			3	Doss Porter	7:37			

SM. OT Rubber Stick (1)

1	Don Bartick	428
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SM. OT Rubber Cabin (3)

1	Dan Keegan	305
2	Carl Redlin	477
3	James Elliot	44

LG. OT Rubber Stick (5)

1	Dan Keegan	512
2	Ted Firster	510
3	Tom Keppler	496

LG. OT Rubber Cabin (1)

1	Dan Keegan	102
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A Fuselage (2)

1	Eric Strengell	319
2	Bud Romak	227

B/C FUSELAGE (2)

1	Carl Redlin	398
2	Al Heinrich	58

A Pylon (3)

1	Eric Strengell	532
2	Carl Redlin	506
3	Bud Romak	461

B/C Pylon (1)

1	Bud Romak	468
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NOS Wakefield (1)

1	Bud Romak	212
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Night Gas (4)

1	Doss Porter	517
2	Phil Ronney	404
3	Dan Heinrich	372

FAI Vintage Power (4)

1	Glenn Schneider	900
2	Dick Neugebauer	750
3	Dan Heinrich	691

E-36/AB comb (1)

1	Michael Pykelny	160
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F1G Coupe (1)

1	Michael Pykelny	556
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F1H Towline (1)

1	Lee Hines	120
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2012 DUAL CLUB ANNUAL PICTURES By Arline Bartick & Don Kaiser

Al Heinrich, VTO



Bob Scully



Tom Carman Memorial Awards



Don Kaiser VTO →

2012 DUAL CLUB ANNUAL PICTURES By Arline Bartick & Don Kaiser



Fresno CD, Bill Booth Sr.



Jeff Carman, Up & Away



Orbiter CD, Don Bartick, Winding Up



Raffel Drawing Prizes



Hulan Matthies



Rocco Ferrario & Tim Batuik
With Seniors:
Sam Smetzer, Tyler Moore,
Anthony Guzman & Ricardo Samario

2012 DUAL ANNUAL PICTURES By Arline Bartick & Don Kaiser



Dan Heinrich hosting the Saturday night Pot Luck



Mason & Tristan Mayer starting their Free Flight Careers



Del Adam, Back in the Saddle Again



Doss Porter, Sittin' down on the job



← Thermal Hunters, Bud Romack & Carl Redlin



2012 DUAL CLUB ANNUAL PICTURES By Arline Bartick & Don Kaiser



Jeff Ellinton



Terry Kerger, Tunin' up to launch



Event Organizer: Don Bartick



Lee Hines & Tim Batiuk



Bruce Augustus



Phil Ronney



Just Fling It



Night Flying



A New Plane

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WHAT'S HAPPENING - JUNE 2012

June 3 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 7:00 – 11:30 am.

June 10 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.

Non-Power: Coupe Power: All Classes

Other Classes: P-20, HLG & CLG

July 1 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 7:00 am.

July 4 - **Walt Mooney Memorial Scale Contest**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.

July 13 - Orbiteer Monthly meeting, Scripps' Ranch Comm. Cntr., 7:00 pm.

July 15 - Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.

