

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

November 2012



## ***The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick***

At the last monthly general meeting, we discussed the issue of low turnout at our meetings. Discussion ranged from abandonment of the meetings to creating a 4 person board to deal with club issues. One thing that seemed clear was lack of interest in having our general meeting on a monthly basis. The discussions were then directed at cost and scheduling of the current facility should we want to make changes with this venue. Howard H negotiated the use of the Scripps Ranch Community Center, was not in attendance, so we couldn't get the information we needed. As such, I agreed to contact Howard and get the details. What I found out from Howard was the cost of the facility is \$25 per session. There is no set number of sessions we have to agree to rent. The days of the week are open to select. What is important is that we propose what we want at the beginning of the year. If the dates are available, we'll be placed on the scheduled. Therefore, we could create a board and have meetings quarterly, semi-annually or annually. We could change the day of the week and continue our monthly general meetings or select less frequent meetings. At this point, everything is open for discussion. What is very important is we make a decision. With this said, we'll have this issue as number 1 on the agenda at the November 9th monthly meeting. Should you have interest in the issue, I suggest you attend the meeting. Keep in mind that those who do attend our meetings continue to enjoy the hanger talk; show and tell; and the indoor flying.

The Southwest Regional are coming up in mid-January. This year they are including 3

FAC events. This contest is always fun and well attended. It's worth the time and expense. Look for the contest flyer somewhere in this issue.

This is a wrap for now. See you at the November meeting. Bring something for Show & Tell and an A-6 to fly.

*Remember; idle hands are the tools of the devil. So go build something to fly.*

## **HEADS UP, DON'T BE LEFT OUT – L.Miller**

Our monthly club contest for O.T. Rubber and Power originally **Scheduled for Nov.18<sup>th</sup> has been changed to Nov.25<sup>th</sup>.**

Orbiteers will be able to attend the Scale Staffel's 2 day contest in Perris on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and compete at our monthly on the 25<sup>th</sup> at Otoy Mesa field.

## **THIS & THAT - M.Chomyn**

For you Flying Models subscribers: Noticed that I hadn't seen the October issue of Flying Models in the mailbox and panicked thinking my subscription had lapsed.

Looked at my September issue and noticed that my subscription was good until April 2013. Checked the internet and found that other subscribers had questions about the whereabouts of the Oct issue of FM.

Rumor has it from folks that contacted FM that FM is making some format changes to

the magazine and the Oct issue is going to be late.

I hope that's really the case because I'd hate to see the best model airplane mag on the planet go the way of the dinosaur.

On other news, attached are two plans (Thermal Bug & Banana Fritter) that I think would make great P-30 or fun fly models. Maybe scale down for indoor?

## **SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS MONTHLY Meeting**

October 12, 2012

There were 7 in attendance tonight, including; President Don Bartick, Mike Pykelny, Mark Chomyn, Larry Miller, John Hutchison, John Merrill, and visitor Dr. Alan Elliot.

Meeting called to order by President Don Bartick at 7:14 p.m.

Welcome to visitor Alan Elliot. He came in looking for advice on how to mentor students at Rancho Bernardo High School during a Science Olympiad event to be held early next year. The event this year is catapult launched gliders, with a max. 12" span. Lots of advice flowed forth, and he was invited to our outdoor contest as well as our indoor fun fly on the first Sunday of every month at Grossmont College. Alan found us via the NFFS website.

The only other topic of the evening was about our monthly meetings. The questions given are: Do we continue to waste club funds on the meeting site if we continue to have such low participation? Do we need meetings at all? Can we go to quarterly meetings instead of the monthly? Is the meeting place wrong, or the time, or day of the week?

This set of questions led to a very spirited round-table discussion. We all agreed that we enjoy the camaraderie, the hangar-flying and other aspects of our meetings, but we can

"See the hand-writing on the wall" that says we are essentially done with meetings. Scale Staffel may have set the precedent with doing away with their meetings, and having a committee meet a few times a year over lunch to discuss pertinent issues that need to be addressed. We did not come to any definite terms, and decided to table the discussion until next month. We need to encourage our membership to come to the next meeting to weigh in on the issue if you have any input, or care one way or the other.

There was no show-and-tell, other than a coupe that Mike Pykelny brought in to give to Larry Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. for indoor flying to ensue, the report of which is as follows:

Four flyers tonight, each with a total of ten attempts at an official flight. Added the best two flight times to get the high total.

Larry Miller stole the show with two 98 second flights, for a total of 196.

- 1.) Larry Miller 196 seconds
- 2.) John Merrill 163
- 3.) Don Bartick 162
- 4.) Mark Chomyn 107

John Hutchison didn't bring an airplane, but was gracious to do the timing duties. All had a good time, and some great competition.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill,  
Secretary



## 2012 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

- Oct 27/28 Scale Staffel FAC Contest\* (3<sup>RD</sup> of 3)
- Nov 18 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small)  
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG
- Dec 16 - 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

October 2012

<b>Income:</b>	
Dues (1)	20.00
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	\$ 20.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Oct. Newsletter	3.40
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	\$ 3.40
<b>Current Balance .....</b>	<b>\$1,125.29</b>

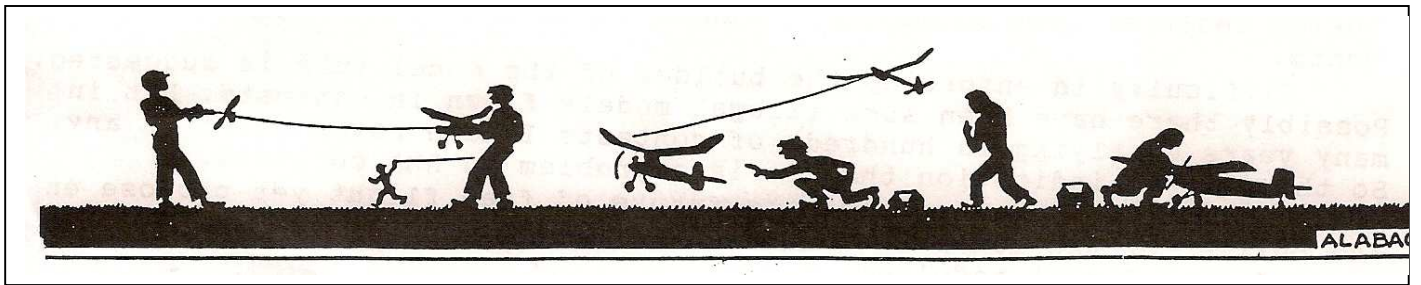


<b>Club Monthly</b>		<b>Oct 14 2012</b>					
<b>CD: John Hutchison</b>							
<b>Event: P-30</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>extra</b>	<b>extra</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bob Langdon	Own Design	120	113	120	0	0	353
John Merrill	40-One nite 28	92	91	120	0	0	303
John Alling	Teacher's pet	90	120	82	0	0	292
John Oldenkamp	Pilferred Pirate	120	62	99	0	0	281
Don Bartick	Tail High 30	80	74	104	0	0	258
Mike Pykelny		80	73	104	0	0	257
John Hutchison	Pirate	56	73	120	0	0	249
Mark Chomyn	Hotbox	78	86	74	0	0	238
Larry Miller	E Pearl	66	86	60	0	0	212
<b>Event: Power</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>Total</b>
J Oldenkamp	A Electric	115	92	120	0	0	327
Larry Miller	E Box	72	120	120	0	0	312
Mike Pykelny	E-Pearl	120	73	89	0	0	282
Report by Larry Miller							
<b>SDO Monthly_Oct 14_2012</b>							
<b>Flying Conditions were great! Warm to hot with little drift.</b>							
<b>We had 9 entrants and the club made \$9.</b>							
<b>We all enjoyed grilled hot dogs, soda, and munchies prepared by Linda and Mike. Thank You.</b>							

2012 F P - 30					OT RUB					AA
	29-Jan	22-Apr	15-Jul	16-Oct	P-30	26-Feb	19-20 May	12-Aug	25-Nov	OT
	Rain Out				Cat Tot.		SDO Annual			Cat Tot
Alling				5	5	Alling				0
					0					0
Bartick		5	3	3	11	Bartick	5			5
Castillo					0	Castillo				0
Chomyn		6	5	1	12	Chomyn		2		2
					0					0
Hutchison		7		1	8	Hutchison	6	4		10
Langdon				7	7	Langdon		3		3
Merril		4	6	6	16	Merril				0
Miller		1	1	1	3	Miller	3			3
Oldenkamp		3	4	4	11	Oldenkamp	4	1		5
					0					0
Overcash					0	Overcash	2			2
Pykelny		1	2	2	5	Pykelny	2			2
					0					0
CD:		LM	LM	JH		CD: JH		JO		
SDO Monthly Club Pts 2012_accumT										
Power					Power					
TOT 1/3					TOT 1/3					
Bartick	1	3		4	Bartick					0
Miller	2		2	4	Miller	3				3
Oldenkamp	4	2	3	9	Oldenkamp	2		2		4
Pykelny	3	1	1	5	Pykelny	1		1		2
BB										
SDO						After Printing,align A's at top.				

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AA 2012 Coupe						As of OCT.31st		
						2012 Year to Date CATEGORY TOTALS		
	11-Mar	10-Jun	16-Sep	16-Dec	Coupe			
					Cat Tot	Total Non-Power	Overall Points	
Alling					0	Alling	5	5
					0		0	0
Bartick	3		2		5	Bartick	21	26
Castillo		1			1	Castillo	1	1
Chomyn	2	3	1		6	Chomyn	20	20
					0		0	0
Hutchison	5	5			10	Hutchison	28	28
Langdon			5		5	Langdon	15	15
Merril					0	Merril	16	16
Miller	4		4		8	Miller	14	23
Oldenkamp	6	2	3		11	Oldenkamp	27	47
					0		0	
Overcash					0	Overcash	2	2
Pykelny	1	4	6		11	Pykelny	18	29
					0			
<b>CD: LM JO JO DB</b>								
<b>Power</b>						<b>Total Power</b>		
						<b>TOT 1/3</b>		
Bartick			1		1	Bartick	5	
Miller	2				2	Miller	9	
Oldenkamp	3	1	3		7	Oldenkamp	20	
Pykelny		2	2		4	Pykelny	11	
<b>BB</b>								
<b>Align B's at the Bottom..</b>								



# **3rd Annual** **Southwest Regionals Model Airplane** **Championships**

will be held on 19, 20, 21 January, 2013 at Eloy, Arizona

AMA officials have told us that the SW Regionals is among the longest running contests in the US! We're proud of our history and we're going to try to keep doing our best for as long as we can.

UPDATE:21 OCT 12

Changed effective dates for Half-A-Wake to 1937-1950

**3 contests at the same field, same weekend:**

**AMA/NFFS/SAM/FAC Free Flight - The Randy Archer Invitational FAI Free Flight - SAM RC Old Timers**

There will be a Swap Meet at the field at the AMA officials area on Saturday afternoon at 2pm. There are no charges for sellers or buyers. Vendors are welcome. Sellers will need to provide their own tables.

Contest entrants must be 2013 AMA members (i.e. display license, cancelled check, or a CD's receipt). Licenses may be purchased at the field. There are no admission charges for spectators.

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**AMA - NFFS - SAM Free Flight: Running all 3 Days!**

**This is a National Cup 'Exempt' contest !**

**Plus, we also have a Grand Champion Award! [see note below event table]**

**NOTE these special event schedules:**

**-Three FAC Mass Launch Events: One Each Day**

**-Tomboy Saturday and Sunday  
[One best flight determines the Tomboy winner]**

**-Half-A-Wake has been combined with Jimmie Allen [FAC rules] on Saturday**

**-E36 Electric on Sunday / Combined A & B Electric on Monday**

**-Jetex/Rapier on Sunday**

**-Twin Pusher Mass Launch at 11 am on Sunday**

**-Awards Each Day**

Contest Director: Al Lidberg  
1127 W. Dunbar Dr  
Tempe, AZ 85282  
480-309-6564

Email: [aalmps@aol.com](mailto:aalmps@aol.com)

Due to concerns over liability and abuses in the past, we must require:

1. That you have a 2013 AMA license or a receipt from the AMA or a contest director showing you have paid for current membership. You can pay for your license at the site, and we will give you a receipt.
2. That ALL fuse dethermalizers employ a positive extinguishing device (snuffer)
3. That all models entered display the modeler's AMA license number

If you do not comply with items #1, 2 and 3, you will not be allowed to fly on the venue of SWR.

### Contest is Cat II

Saturday 8am~4pm		Sunday 8am~4pm		Monday 8am~2pm	
A Gas	Junior Classic Tow	C Gas	Catapult Glider	1/2A Gas	Junior P-30
D Gas	Junior H. L. Glider	Classic 1/2A Gas	Nostalgia Wakefield	B Gas	A1 Towline Glider
Classic AB Gas	Small Rub. Fuselage	C Nostalgia	Moffett Rubber	Classic CD Gas	Elec. A&B



						Comb.
1/2A Nostalgia	Large Rub. Stick		OT Gas Fuselage	Junior Cat. Glider	1/4A Nostalgia	Classic Open Tow
B Nostalgia	Nostalgia Rubber		Large Rub. Fuselage	E36 Electric	Early 1/2A Nos.	Mulvihill Rubber
OT Gas Pylon	P-30		Small Rub. Stick	Juniors: Delta Dart	A Nostalgia	
Hand Launched Glider	Half-A- Wake/Jimmie Allen FAC			Jetex/Rapier	.020 Replica	
			Twin Pusher <b>Mass Launch 11AM</b>			
<b>FAC WW II Mass Launch 10AM</b>			<b>FAC Greve/Thompson Mass Launch 10AM</b>		<b>FAC High Wing Scale Mass Launch 10AM</b>	
Tomboy - Saturday & Sunday						

### ***SWR Grand Champion***

For SWR 2013 we will be awarding a SWR AMA Grand Champion trophy. This award is open to contestants whose events are administered by the "AMA" scoring table. (Greg's table)

## **FAI Free Flight**

### ***The Randy Archer Invitational***

**Contest Director:**  
**Peter Brocks, 9031 E. Paradise Dr. , Scottsdale, AZ 85260**  
**480-614-6183**

Email: [brocksarizona@cox.net](mailto:brocksarizona@cox.net)

Saturday Jan. 19 Events	Sunday Jan. 20 Events
F1A	F1G
F1B	F1H
F1C /F1P	F1J
F1Q	

Awards through 3rd place, plus perpetual awards for winners of F1A, F1B, F1C/F1P, F1G, F1H, F1J & F1Q.

- F1A, F1B, F1C, F1G, F1H, F1J, F1Q & F1P are America's Cup events.
- F1A, F1B, F1C/P & F1Q will be flown in 7 one-hour rounds beginning at 8:30AM. Fly-offs in 10 minute rounds after the 7th round for 5, 7, 9 min max flights. If necessary, a 10 min fly-off will be held Sunday morning. Sunday's Mini events will start at 8:30 and have 5 one-hour rounds with 2 min maxes, followed by 3, 4, 5 min max fly-offs.
- \* F1P will be combined with F1C. There will be special certificate awards for Juniors.

**Important Notes:** Timekeepers will not be provided. Please find someone to fly and time with you. **Please note that in case of inclement weather events and fly-offs may be flown on Monday, Jan. 16.** Motorcycle flapping or circling with a motorcycle under a model will not be tolerated. Also, glider towing through the flight lines of other events and through the parking area is not ok. Both are unsafe practices.

**To avoid the early Saturday crush to enter the contest, please pre-enter by mail before January 1, 2013. Send check or m.o. payable to 'Southwest Regionals', plus copies of your 2013 AMA license and the filled-out entry page so we'll know what you're entering. Late entries after Jan. 1 will be charged an additional \$5.00.**

**Mail Entry Form to: Peter Brocks, 9031 E Paradise Dr , Scottsdale , AZ 85260-6888**

**SAM RC Old Timers**  
Contest Director: Bob Angus  
6640 N. Columbus  
Tucson, AZ 85718  
520-299-9034

Saturday Jan. 19 Events	Sunday Jan. 20 Events	Monday Jan. 21 Events
Pure Antique	Antique	Electric LMR
B Glow	Ohlsson Sideport	1/2A Tex. Scale
Electric Texaco	C Glow LER	Brown Jr. LER
C Ignition LER	Texaco	A Glow
1/2A Texaco	Speed 400 LMR Special Event**	A Ign LER
B Ignition LER	Electric Replica***	Spirit of SAM
Wakefield Class LMR Electric*		

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING - NOVEMBER 2012

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- Nov. 4 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 7:00 – 11:30 am.
- Nov. 9 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting at Scripps Ranch Community Center,  
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm,  
Indoor Fun Fly follows meeting, featuring A-6 One-Design (Mather/Takagi plans)
- Nov. 17/18 Scale Staffel FAC Contest, (3<sup>RD</sup> of Three), Perris CA.
- Nov. 25 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.  
Non-Power: OT Rubber Stick (Small) Power: All Classes  
Other Classes: P-20, HLG & CLG
- Dec. 2 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 7:00 am.
- Dec 14 - Orbiteer Monthly meeting, Scripps' Ranch Comm. Cntr., 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 16 - Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.