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NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

JANUARY 2013



The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick

Well -- the membership has spoken at the December membership meeting. Represented by a quorum, the membership voted to abandon the monthly meetings and established a Board of Trustees to handle the requisite club needs; such as, flying field; contest formats and schedule; Orbiteers annual contest support; safety and awards banquet. The board will be comprised of the members who attended our monthly meetings on a regular basis. All of which were in attendance at this meeting. A list should be found in the minutes posted further in this edition of the ET. We will still designate Board members to various offices to comply with AMA. The plan is to have a minimum of 4 Board meetings a year. They will be called by the Chairman (me). Time and place TBD'd.

I was very surprised and deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Bill Booth, Sr. on January 9th. He was one fine gentleman and a true sportsman within the Free Flight community. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family and especially Orbiteers Bill Booth, Jr. Look for a more in-depth write up on Bill Sr. in this or a future publication of the ET. Bill Sr. and I co-directed the Dual-club Free Flight Bonanza that comprised the Orbiteers and Fresno club annuals. Arline and I spent many long weekend hours with Bill at these contest over the many years. We will truly miss his camaraderie. Planning for this year's event to be held mid-May, now has an added wrinkle. I'll have to contact the Fresno club and find out who intends to step up into Bill's shoes. Most likely Doss Porter.

Arline and I will be heading to the SW Regionals in Eloy, AZ. for the 3 day contest 19th – 21st. Appears the weather will be super for this time of the year. I'll report more next month.

This is a wrap for now.

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

SDO & Scale Staffel Banquet - Jan 26th.

Our annual SDO / Scale Staffel banquet is Saturday Jan.26th at 1:00 at Giovannti's on Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Join us for this popular Italian buffet which includes salad, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, garlic bread, tax & tip for only for \$15.

Slides from the the past year will be on display. Awards will be presented for 2012. A show & tell, and our annual raffle will also take place.

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

- Larry



2013 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

- Jan 27 - P-30, Power, & Glider
- Feb 17 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small),
Power, & Glider
- Feb 24 - SCAMPS Contest*
- Mar 10 - Coupe, Power, & Glider
- Mar 17 - SCAMPS Contest*
- Apr 21 - P-30, Power, & Glider
- Apr 24-27 WESTFAC IV, FAC at Perris
- May 18/19 Dual Club FF Bonanza, Lost Hills CA
- May Rotation Skipped: (Old Timer Rubber Stick "Small")
- June 9 - Coupe, Power, & Glider
- June 16 - SCAMPS Contest
- July 4 - Walt Mooney Annual Scale Contest
- July 21 - P-30, Power, & Glider
- Aug 18 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small),
Power, & Glider
- Aug 5 - Scale Staffel FAC Contest* (1st of 2)
- Sept 15 - Coupe, Power, & Glider
- Sept 20-22 US FF Championships, Lost Hills
- Oct 20 - P-30, Power, & Glider
- Oct 26-27 SW FAI Champs*, Boulder City, NV
- Oct 27 - Scale Staffel FAC Contest* (2nd of 2)
- Nov 17 - Old Timer Rubber Stick (Small),
Power, P-20, Power, & Glider
- Dec 15 - Coupe, Power, & Glider

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



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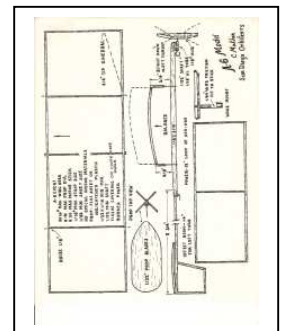
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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

The results are in, and we have new Indoor Champ for 2012. John Merrill thru consistent flying, at all the indoor sessions, topped the charts this past year.

2012 Indoor Points

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| 1) John Merrill | 18 pts |
| 2) Don Bartick | 16 |
| 3) Mark Chomyn | 9 |
| 4) Larry Miller | 8 |
| 5) Bob Overcash | 6 |
| 6) Howard Haupt | 3 |



San Diego Orbiters Monthly Meeting Minutes December 14, 2012

It was previously announced that this may be the last of the monthly meetings, so we had eight members show up tonight, including: President Don Bartick, Frank Allen, Mark Chomyn, Howard Haupt, Larry Miller, Mike Pykelny (with home-made cookies!), John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m. by President Don Bartick.

There was some discussion of last month's contest (November monthly at Otay Mesa), and whether to include, and how to include gliders. Pretty simple, a format will be lower in the notes of the minutes.

The big topic of the night: do we continue with our monthly meetings? Currently we do not get a turnout to warrant the cost of the room. Here's the verdict:

1. The newsletter will stay a monthly publication. All agreed that Howard is doing a fantastic job getting the E.T. together every month, and all want to see that continue.
2. Motion made by Don B. to establish a board of trustees, have quarterly meetings with the trustees, and have the quarterly meeting replace the monthly general meetings. The motion was seconded by Mike Pykelny. No discussion – motion passed unanimously.
3. First Trustee action: establish the Board of Trustees. The Trustees shall consist of Don Bartick (Chairman), Mike Pykelny, Mark Chomyn, Larry Miller, John Hutchison, John Merrill, and Howard Haupt. Howard shall retain the honor of being Treasurer, Editor, and keep track of Membership. John M. shall remain Secretary. At the quarterly meetings, a quorum shall be a minimum of four of the above Board members.

The next item addressed was the 2013 contest schedule. It may appear elsewhere in the E.T., but overall it is very similar to the

2012 schedule. The quick reference is as follows:

Jan. 27th P-30, Feb. 17th Small OT Rubber Stick, Mar. 10th Coupe, Apr. 21st P-30, May 18-19th Lost Hills Dual Club Annual, Jun 9th Coupe, July 4th Mooney Annual, July 21st P-30, Aug. 18th OT Rub Sm. Stick, Sept. 15th Coupe, Oct. 20th P-30, Nov. 17th OT Rub Sm. Stick, Dec. 15th, Coupe.

There are other contests of note as well, including 3 for Scale Staffel. The first will be a biggie – WESTFAC IV April 24th-27th.

Others will be Aug. 5th and Oct. 27th.

Scamps are holding contests Feb. 24th, March 17th, and June 16th.

Lost Hills will have the U.S.F.F. Champs Sept. 20th-22nd.

S.W.FAI Champs are in Nevada/Boulder City October 26th-27th.

As mentioned earlier, we needed to set a true format for the monthly contests, to avoid further confusion. There will be 3 events at the monthly: the "Featured Event" as above such as P-30, Coupe, or OT Rubber Small Stick. The Power event will be the second event, and Glider will be the third. Glider shall consist of 3 different types: Hand Launch, Catapult, and Discuss Launch (or Wing Tip Launch). This format eliminated the P-20 seen on the contest announcements seen for the last several years. P-20 was not being flown enough to keep it on the schedule. A motion for the above was made by Mike P., and seconded by Mark C. The motion passed unanimously. The contests for 2013 shall be 8:00a.m. to Noon.

We decided to cancel the December 2012 contest. Heavy rain was expected throughout the weekend, and the following weekends are too close to the holidays.

Annual Banquet: Larry Miller working on January 26th, but had not been confirmed as of tonight.

Funds were received from the S.W. Challenge, and it was decided the club would donate 80% of those funds to the FAI Junior Program.

Show and Tell: Mark Chomyn showed us plans to a Berkeley Culver "V" with laser cut parts in a "short kit" from

JustKitingAround.com. It was only \$15.00 for the 30ish inch wing span plane. Next, he had an electric power unit made specifically for paper airplanes. It came with a charger for about \$18.00. Last but not least, he had a complete Berkeley kit of the Sky Ray he obtained via Ebay, as well as the Comet "Phantom Fury".

At some point we called an end to the meeting. Before we left, we all agreed that it seemed somewhat bitter-sweet, knowing this was the very last time we would be meeting at this nice facility on a monthly basis, the end of an era.

No indoor flying followed.

Secretary's Note: Thank you to all that responded to the email regarding the monthly meetings. You were asked if you wanted them to continue, be quarterly, or just dropped all-together. Several responses were obtained, and all very much appreciated...thanks again!

I hope to see everyone at the big banquet later this month.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill, Secretary

JANUARY MONTHLY CONTEST – L.Miller

Our 1st club contest will be Sunday Jan 27TH, At Brown Field, 8:00 to 12:00.

The feature event is P-30

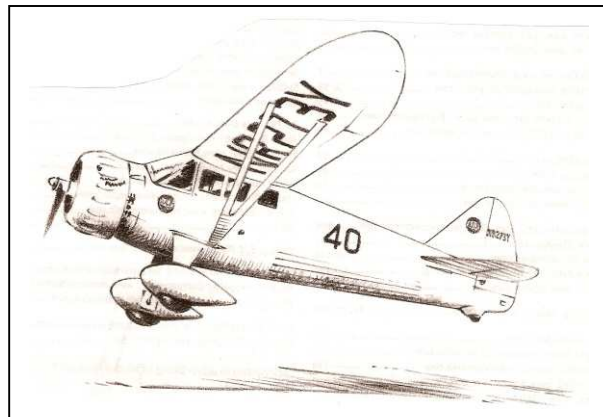
Power is a non feature event.

We have added HL as a monthly combined non feature event.

Choose one: (std- HL, Catapult HL, Tip Launch.) Catapult Flight rules apply to all 3 "HL".

Feature event entry is \$5
Non feature entry is \$2.

See ya at the field! - Larry



MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

12/10/12 thru 1/12/13

Income:	
Dues (4)	80.00

	\$ 80.00

Expenses:	
Dec. Newsletter	5.90
Donation to FAI JR. Free Flight Team	400.00

	\$405.90

Current Balance \$1,368.26

FOR SALE or TRADE SECTION

A new feature of the EI Torbellino.

Submit your ads to the Editor for items you have in your shop that need a new home, or items you think are worth trading for something you need.

All members of the model airplane community can submit ads for running in this space.

The column is ready for you submittals.



BILL BOOTH Senior - B.Booth Jr.

(The following was submitted to SEN and is reprinted here – Editor)

Hi Roger,

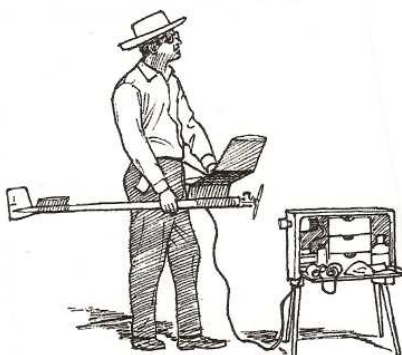
Please pass the word to the Old Timer & Nostalgia groups, that my Dad, Bill Booth Sr. passed away quietly with family at his side yesterday morning January 9, 2013. He was 82.

Dad was very active in the California AMA & FAI Free Flight arena for many, many years and even though his interest had shifted to the SAM events for the last several years, many in our corner of the hobby still crossed paths with him at meets where both types of events were held. Dad was SAM President in the late 1990's, CD for the Fresno Annual for many years, Co-CD for the Dual Club Annual in recent years and 40 year Editor of the Fresno Model News. My passion for the hobby came directly from him.

All his friends are welcome at a Celebration of Life, 2:30 Friday, January 18, at Pardini's Restaurant, 2257 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno CA.

Between Sal Taibi, Larry Clark, Stafford Screen, Jon Davis & now my Dad, it has been a tough month for the Free Flight Community & our family would like to share our condolences with all the families.

Thanks - Bill Booth Jr.



From the Flying Aces, Originally from Air Wars by A.C. Anson

Carve Yourself a Balsa Pilot

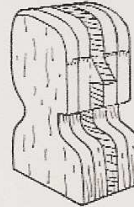
You don't have to be a sculptor to use this simple six-step formula to achieve realistic-looking pilots. And you'll get brownie points from some of the scale judges.

(Enlarge or reduce these drawings for different scale pilots. You can substitute blue foam for balsa.)



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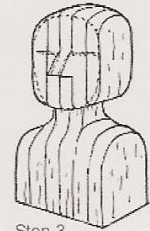
Step 1: Cut this center template out of 1/4-inch or 1/8-inch balsa or scrap. Note: Only this center section has the nose.



Step 2

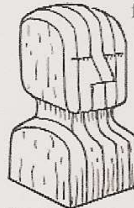
Step 2: All other laminates must conform to the center shape. Start sanding to match.

Step 3: Cut underside of pilot head to begin to approximate neck width.



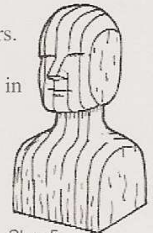
Step 3

Step 4: Using finished pilot in Step 6 as a guide, draw outline of face and head on flat face in



Step 4

Step 5: Continue sanding to finish head, neck, and shoulders. Add laminates to achieve full should width. Match drawing in Step 6. Thin nose slightly if using 1/4-inch sheet.

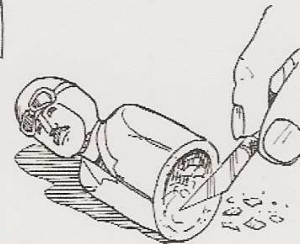


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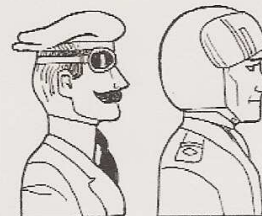
Step 6: Paint finished pilot. Paint on goggles or cut out of bond paper and glue on. Flesh tone comes ready mixed in watercolor tubes at your local art store. Detail lines in dark brown. Hollow-out base of pilot for lightness.



Step 6



Use same formula for Jet Pilot or antique flier. →

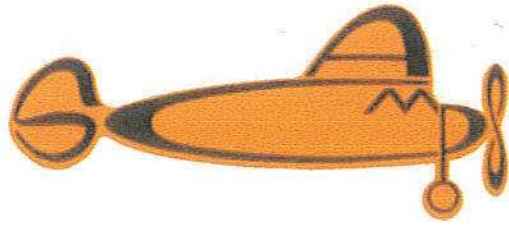


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ATTACHMENTS - H.Haupt

You should note that two other attachments arrived with this NL. These are:

- Orbiteer Club Roster
- Flying the 787 article



SCAMPS Haggart/Bowden

Sunday, February 10, 2013– Perris, CA
AMA Sanctioned Contest

******Flying Starts at 7:00 AM and contest closes at 2:00PM!***

EVENTS:

Haggart-Bowden 2-minute precision

- ***ABC Pylon** – Combined (20 Second engine run)
- ***ABC Fuselage** – Combined (20 Second engine run)
- ***Small O.T. Rubber** - Combined - (Stick & Fuselage)
- ***Large O.T. Rubber** - Combined - (Stick & Fuselage)
- ***Perris Special** (15 Second engine run - Glow & Ignition)
- * **1/2A Nostalgia** (10 Second Hand Launch, 13 Second VTO or ROG, then 7&9 seconds)
- * **ABC Nostalgia** (10 Second Hand Launch, 13 Second VTO or ROG, then 7&9 seconds)
- * **Nostalgia Rubber**
 - *3 minute Max
 - *SAM rules for standard SAM events
 - *Entry fee is \$5 per event

CD Larry Bagalini
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Haggart-Bowden 2-minute Precision RULES: Aircraft must be a NON-Pylon type, conforming to the 8 oz./sq. ft, 80 oz./cu. Inch and L2/100 rules. The power shall be spark ignition engine(s). All flights shall be rise off ground. The time target for each flight is 120 seconds (2 minutes). Each flight will be scored as the difference between actual flight time and the target time. Each contestant will make 3 flights. On any flight, a D/T action at less than 4 minutes will result in a ZERO flight time (120 score for that flight). The winner will be the flyer that accumulates the total nearest 3 perfect 2-minute flights.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING - JANUARY 2013

- Jan. 2 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 7:00 – 11:30 am.
- Jan. 26 - **San Diego Orbiteer & Scale Staffel Banquet**, Giovannti's, 1:00 pm.
Giovanntie's is located on Clairemont Blvd @ Ruffin Rd.
\$15 Italian buffet of Salad, Spaghetti, Lasagna, Pizza, Garlic Bread, & Soda.
- Jan. 27 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.
Feature Event: Coupe Other Events: Power & Glider

