

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

JUNE 2009



PRESIDENTS COLUMN - M.Pykelyny

San Diego Orbiteers 51ST Annual Contest

Who Flew:

5 Orbiteers

5 Fresno GMC

6 San Valeers

11 Scamps

3 SCAT

2 Oakland

Larry Bagalini Contest Director AMA

John Oldenkamp Contest Director FAI,
(2ND Place F1Q)

Don Bartick 3RD Place 1/2A Gas
2ND Place Mulvihill

Larry Miller 3RD Place A NOS

Mike Pykelyny 3RD Place FIG
3RD Place F1Q

Lee Hines \$50.00 CLG

Michael Mayea \$50.00 P-30

Bill McConachie \$50.00 Unlimited

PLANE CORN *by Wes Slouck*



JACK HANGS OUT AROUND BILL USING HIM AS A WALKING THERMAL DETECTOR- WHEN A BOOMER COMES WHIPPING THROUGH- YANKING OFF BILL'S TOWPEE -JACK GETS READY TO LAUNCH!!! HE CALLS IT FF STRATEGY??!

2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

- June 14 - Coupe
 - June 28 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (2 or 3)
 - July 4 - Walt Mooney Scale Contest
 - July 19 - P-30
 - Aug 16 - Old Timer (Festival), P-20 & HL/CATP Glider
 - Sept 20 - Coupe
 - Oct 18 - P-30
 - Oct 24/25 SW FAI Challenge*, Boulder City NV
 - Oct 25 - Scale Staffel FAC Scale Contest* (3 or 3)
 - Nov 15 - Old Timer, P-20 & HL/Cat Glider
 - Dec 20 - Coupe (Festival)
- * Non-Club Points Event
 Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8297

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ORBITEERS YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Junior - \$10 Senior - \$15 Open - \$25
- 65+ - \$15 Family - \$30 Subc - \$15
- Lifetime membership - \$250

Submit dues to club treasurer or editor:

- Fudo Takagi (Treasurer) (or) Howard Haupt (Editor)
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ORBITEER WEB SITE

www.SanDiegoOrbiteers.com

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Starting Balance (05/01/09)	\$1,830.17
Income:	
Dual Club Contest Income	735.00
T-Shirt Sales	150.00
Dues Paid (2)	30.00

	\$915.00
Expenses:	
Dual Club Expense	848.25
Dual Club Food Vendor	200.00
May Newsletter	8.58
Account Fees (ie LT \$1000)	11.50

	\$1,068.33
Ending Balance (05/31/09)	\$1,676.84

June 2009 MEETING MINUTES – J.Merrill

12 in attendance tonight, including one guest. Don Bartick, with his son Brian, Jerry Sullivan, Howard Haupt, Gus Del Castillo, Harry Steinmetz, Larry Bagalini, Bob Overcash, President Mike Pykelny, John Oldenkamp, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – It was noted it may be helpful to note a (+) or a (-) in the monthly "Money Maters" report.

Old and New Business (It was quite the jumble, you can try to figure out which is which). President Mike P. brought up the subject of "The Book", as was discussed last month. The book is to be used by the Contest Coordinator, and all C.D.s as a reference guide. It contains our charter, by-laws, points system, etc. John H. said that all C.D.s should have a copy of their own. John O. said he will make up some score sheets. Harry S. reminded us that new members should also receive a copy so they will know the club's rules. Don B. will type up the field safety rules, to be included in the book. All will be available for the June meeting. The thought was brought up by Bob O. to scan the rules and so-forth of the book into an attachment or link on our website.

The menu by Wanda was passed around. She is our new food provider for the Dual-Club Annual Contest.

Participation Awards and plaques for the Annual were shown.

Don B. reported that raffle prizes/money for the Champs in September is being sought. He would like to see the Orbiteers contribute \$100.00 toward the event. It was decided to table the idea until next month, to see how we do at the Annual. The U.S. Free Flight Champs is the biggest contest west of the Mississippi.

Don B. told us of someone from the Fresno club sending him a copy of a 1954 Air Trails Magazine. It listed Don as winning a 1/2A gas event as a junior

in an event report. Unfortunately there wasn't a picture included.

Larry B. reported that A & B Electric is now being considered for National Cup points. After much discussion, Harry S. then made a motion (John O. 2nd) that we report to AMA that we are flying F1Q's as AMA B class. The motion passed unanimously.

Show and Tell: Larry B. showed us a TINY altimeter, called "How High". The little electric units, which report altitude, are available for R.C. or F.F.

John O. had two planes for our perusal. The first was a Coupe, with a 220sq.in. wing, and a wood tapered tube boom. It was covered with Russian tissue, obtained from Larry B. The next plane was a 133% version of "Electro-Light", which was first published in 1975. It was the 1st published electric free flight plane. John covered this one with Mylar. It can be flown as sport electric, or in F1Q. It weighs only 4.08 oz. without motor or batteries. Both aircraft were very attractive.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m., and we actually flew indoor for the first time this year! There will likely be an indoor report elsewhere in this issue, but suffice it to say that Howard H. caught some great indoor thermals.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill, Still Learning Secretary



**John Oldenkamp and Mike Pykelny
Otay Mesa Flying Field**

2009 Dual Club Free Flight Bonanza

F1A
 Lee Hines 1093
 Taron Malkhasyan junior 335

F1B
 George Batiuk 1651
 Dave Saks 1619
 Alex Andrukov 1153
 Sevak Malkhasyan junior 1020

F1C Time

F1G Time
 Dave Saks 600
 Kurt Van Nest 562
 Mike Pykelny 519
 Larry Miller 196

F1J Time

F1H Time
 Lee Hines 360

SPECIAL EVENTS Time
P-30 Mass Launch
 Mike Mayea 209

12" CATG Mass Launch
 Lee Hines 85

Unlimited Free Flight
 Bill McConachie 406

F1P Time

F1Q Time
 Hal Cover 1440
 John Oldenkamp 1380
 Mike Pykelny 1160

HLG Time

Sevak Malkhasyan junior 480
 Taron Malkhasyan junior 348
 Clint Brooks 330
 Don Kaiser 306
 Lee Hines 298
 Terry Kerger 269
 Justin Martin junior 192
 Brandon Martin junior 12

CATG Time

Lee Hines 348
 Taron Malkhasyan junior 159
 Sevak Malkhasyan junior 136
 Justin Martin junior 108
 Brandon Martin junior 60

Mulvihill Time

Bill McConachie 720
 Don Bartick 668
 Dan Keegan 650

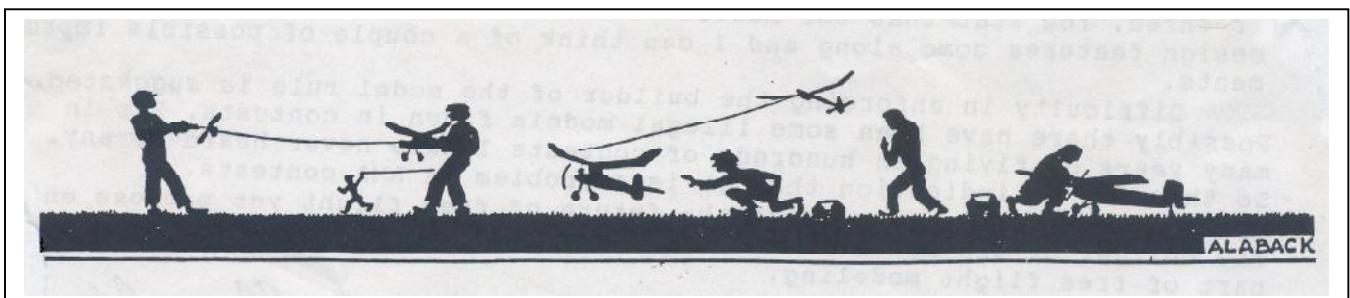
A/B GAS Time
 Mark Eddingfield 720
 Ed Hopkins 650
 Doug King 540
 Pete Coker 527

C/D GAS Time
 Terry Kerger 900
 Tom Carman 685
 Pete Coker 521
 Carolyn Carman 471
 Ken Kaiser 449

1/2A GAS Time
 Bob Sunberg 720
 Kevin Kusik junior 511
 Taron Malkhasyan junior 448
 Tom Carman 436
 Ken Kaiser 486
 Don Bartick 385

P-30 Time

Clint Brooks 690
 Luke Napier 422
 Ricard Browning 348
 Don Bartick 331
 Mke Mayea 294
 Kevin Kusik junior 292
 Larry Miller 230
 Allyn Johnson 192
 Taron Malkhasyan 167
 Doss Porter 107
 David Martin 12



MONEY MATTERS FOR A FULL YEAR - H.Haupt

Having started 'Money Matters' in June/2009, there is now a full year worth of Expense/Income data, to see where we are at as a club financially. The numbers are shown for June/2008 thru May/2009.

Category	Fiscal Year Ending May/2009	Projected Fiscal Year Ending May/2010
Fixed Income		
Dues	\$535 *	\$730 **
Variable Income		
Donations	450	-
Monthly Contests	34	-
Net Annual Contest Gain (October 2008)	261	-
Net SW FAI Contest Gain	91	-
T'Shirt Sales	797	-
Decal Sales	12	-
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	\$2,180	\$730
Fixed Expenses		
Monthly Newsletter	575	160
Annual Awards	142	150
Meeting Space Fee	0	0 (Unknown)
AMA Registration	30	30
AMA Monthly Sanctions	55	55
Non Profit Registration	20	20
Web Site Fee	20	20
Check Printing Fee	21	0
Porta Potty Maintenance	108	110
Variable Expenses		
Net Annual Banquet Loss	60	-
T'Shirt Purchase	875	-
Net Dual Club Loss (May 2009)	313	-
Starlink P30 Purchase	85	-
Feb. Pizza Cost Recovery	5	-
Stamps	6	-
Checking Acct. Fees	12	-
Misl.	30	-
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	\$2,357	\$545
NET FOR FISCAL YR.	(- \$177)***	+ \$185

* Outstanding dues balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$195.

** Reflects full dues collection with no outstanding balance from month to month.

*** Keep in mind that this figure would be (- \$627) without the \$450 donation(s) during the FY.

MONEY MATTERS A DISCUSSION -
H. Haupt

As a club, we are registered as a non-profit organization. The numbers I have prepared, that on the previous page, certainly bear that out. Using the detail information I have tracked each month in 'Money Matters', for a fiscal year running from June/2008 thru May 2009, the club currently stands at loss of (\$177) for the fiscal year.

Projecting for the new fiscal year, you can see the numbers show a projected gain of \$185 for the club treasury. This based on known fixed income and expenses.

What does this tell us as we move forward? First, the income (i.e. Dues) we have coming in covers our known fixed expenses. Second, any variable expense the club would consider spending, would potentially lower the club balance, unless a funding source is identified to cover it.

Another area for consideration is the unknown expense we will be asked to pay for our meeting space at Scripp's. If and when it kicks in, will determine how much of our projected positive cash position, will be used in the future fiscal year.

Discussion? Options?

- Raise the dues?
- Deposit all 'Monthly' fees into treasury?
- Charge a higher dues rate to members who have a newsletter mailed to them?
- Identify and plan for revenue generating events?
- If a meeting space fee is charged at our Scripps' meeting location, how will the club pay for it?
- Stay the course, i.e. do nothing?

Have some input, ideas, or opinions? Come to the meeting on June 12TH and lets hear them.



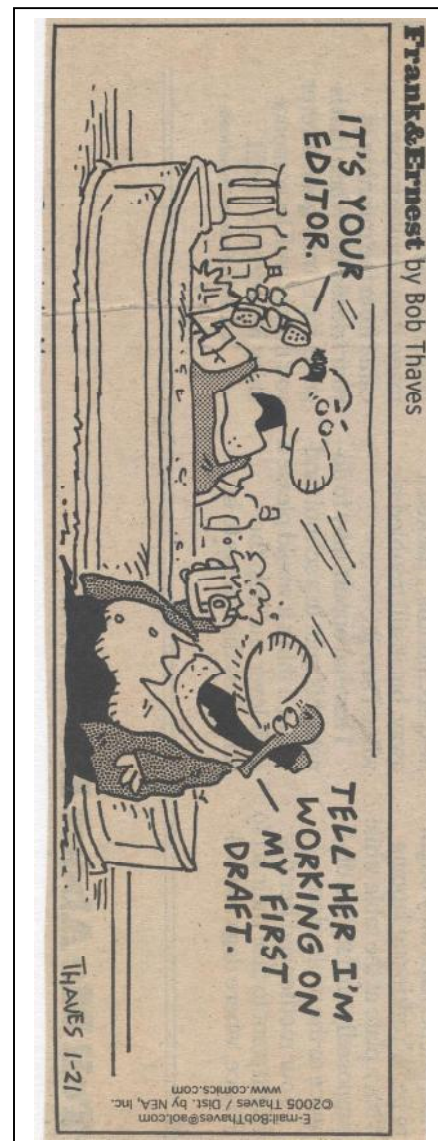
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H. Haupt

Our May meeting was well attended with several flyers in attendance prepared for the fun fly that follows the business meeting. Here are the May Fun Fly Results:

H. Haupt	Butterfly	68.7 seconds
J.Merrill	Butterfly	68.2 “
D.Bartick	Butterfly	58.7 “

Note that “only” ½ second separates the first two flyers.

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



SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS 51st & FRESNO GAS CLUB 70th DUAL ANNUAL CONTEST



Untitled



Don & Arline Bartick (In shaded background)



Doss Porter & Wife



Juniors



Bill McConacie



Lee Hines

SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS 51st & FRESNO GAS MODEL CLUB 70th DUAL ANNUAL CONTEST



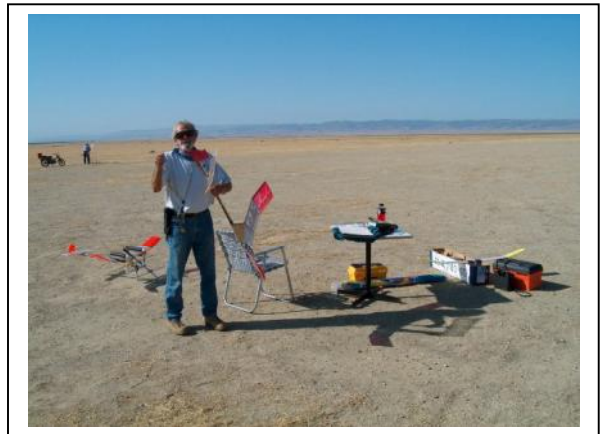
Bill McConachie



Clint Brooks



Don Bartick



John Oldenkamp



Larry Miller



Linda Piazza



Power Action

Photos provided by Larry Bagalini



39th ANNUAL UNITED STATES FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS
 September 25 - 27, 2009 at Lost Hills - Category II - AMA Sanction - National Cup

Friday September 25 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Saturday September 26 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Sunday September 27 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Qualifying	Modern Events	Modern Events
ROW Power and Rubber Electric CO ₂ Jetex/Rapier P-30 (Jr and Open) – First three flights only Super D Gas	ROW Power and Rubber Electric CO ₂ Jetex/Rapier Hand Launch Glider Pen (Jr and Open) Mulvihill ½ A Gas (Jr and Open) B Gas	Electric CO ₂ Jetex/Rapier Catapult Glider Pen (Jr and Open) P-30 (Jr and Open) Moffett A Gas C/D Gas
NOSTALGIA EVENTS	NOSTALGIA EVENTS	NOSTALGIA EVENTS
Early ½ A Nostalgia You may fly your first three flights of any event.	Early ½ A Nostalgia ¼ A Gas A Gas C Gas Nostalgia Wakefield	Early ½ A Nostalgia ½ A Gas B Gas Nostalgia Rubber
CLASSIC	CLASSIC	CLASSIC
Classic Towline You may fly your first three flights of any event.	Classic Towline Classic ½ A Gas	Classic Towline Classic A/B Gas
OLD TIMER EVENTS	OLD TIMER EVENTS	OLD TIMER EVENTS
All Old Timer Events can be flown at any time during the Contest. You do not have to start and finish on the same day. All Texaco Events <u>MUST</u> be completed by 11:30 a.m.	Pee Wee Antique (1/4 A Texaco) ½ A Texaco Texaco A/B Pylon C Pylon A Fuselage B/C Fuselage .020 Replica	Small Rubber Stick Small Rubber Cabin Large Rubber Stick Large Rubber Cabin 8 oz. Wakefield Rubber Scale Gas Scale 2 Bit Rubber
UNOFFICIAL EVENTS	UNOFFICIAL EVENTS	UNOFFICIAL EVENTS
7:30 a.m Gollywock Mass Launch 9:30 a.m. “The Mikkelson Memorial” Twin Pusher Mass Launch Night Gas	7 a.m. Dawn Mulvihill Bill Vanderbeek One Design Event ½ A Spacer (\$45, \$30, \$15)	Any Open Place from Saturday’s Schedule may fly on Sunday.
UNOFFICIAL EVENTS	UNOFFICIAL EVENTS	Note:

See other side for Contest Information.

39th ANNUAL UNITED STATES FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 25 - 27, 2009, Lost Hills, CA

Category II - AMA Sanction - National Cup



US FF CHAMPS REGISTRATION:

\$20 includes *first* Event, Entry Gift and a \$5.00 Sloan Voucher. Additional events \$10 each.

Gold card \$50 includes Championship Events, Sweepstakes, Sloan Voucher and an two Entry Gifts and a Raffle ticket for each completed event, (a minimum of three flights per event).

\$5.00 Entry Fee for the Single Design Event.

Juniors *first* Event free, additional events \$2 each. AMA card required to fly.

SWEEPSTAKES: \$100 *prize* plus award.

Included with Gold Card. Must fly in 2 of the 3 Divisions (AMA, OT, Nostalgia/Classic), must fly min. 5 events including one power and one non-power event. One point for each entrant bested and one point for each 60 sec. Flight time (fly off flights do not count). Intent rule applies.

Three EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS: \$75 *prize* plus award. (AMA – Classic/Nostalgia – Old Timer)

Included with Gold Card. Must fly 3 events, including one power and one non-power. Points same as above. Intent rule applies.

Lost Hills Membership Required.

Member's Meeting, Saturday 9/26 at 6:30 p.m.

Sloan's Catering Thursday – Sunday

Note: Saturday ROW will depend on the availability of water.

Hand Launch and Catapult Glider will be flown from a pen - submit time cards every two flights.

Electric Event – AMA B Electric will fly a 10 second engine run, 3 minute max. E-36 will fly a 25 second engine run, 2 minute max and the flight time will be multiplied by 1.5. Also note a F1Q airplane will qualify for AMA B Electric.

Ted Firster, Contest Director, 951-776-4971, Civiboy31@aol.com Lost Hills Web Site: <http://www.lhffmaa.com>

**Scale Staffel
Model Airplane Club
Contest Schedule 2009
WWI, II Combat Series 2009**

Dates:

~~Sunday, May 3, 2009, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am~~
Sunday, June 28, 2009, Otay Mesa, 7:00 am - noon
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, Otay Mesa, 7:00 am - noon

Events

FAC Rubber Scale: Hand Launch
FAC Power Scale: Hand Launch
World War I Combat: Wind at 0910, Launch at 0915
World War II Combat: Wind at 1010, Launch at 1015
FAC Dime Scale: Hand Launch
FAC Embryo Endurance: ROG
FAC 2Bit(+1) Rubber: Hand Launch

Added Feature Event:

Chuck Wenlock Designs - Duration: Total time for 3 official flights, one of which must be ROG

Contest Director (Pilots meeting at 0800 on contest day)

George Mansfield

**5543 Barkla Street
San Diego, CA 92122
Phone: 858-453-3857
Email: george_jr@sbcglobal.net**

Refreshments: Free cold sodas and water at the field.

**Lunch: At Brown Field, "Landing Strip Café" after contest.
Drive west on Route 905, turn right at Cactus Road into airport.**



SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JUNE 2009

- June 4 - Scale Staffel meeting for Hanger Flying, San Carlos, 7:30 pm.
- June 7 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.
- June 12 - **Orbiteer Monthly meeting at S.D. City Serv. Cntr. @ Scripp's Ranch,**
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor Fun Fly featuring A0-6 & Gliders up to 8" follows the meeting.
- June 14 - **Orbiteers Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**
Non-power: **Coupe** Power: **All Classes**
- June 19 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.
- June 28 - Scale Staffel Contest 2 or 3, Otay Mesa, 7:00 AM.
(See enclosed contest flyer)

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
