

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

DECEMBER 2010



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

Let me wish each and every member Happy Holidays (Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years).

The December meeting will wrap up the election of officers for the coming year. Like political elections, you have an opportunity to make your vote count. So if you don't like the way the organization is run, make your voice heard. Nominations have not been closed.

The AMA District X VP is now elected. Our guy, Larry Tougas, was elected by a large margin. His campaign efforts to make himself visible to all modeling venues definitely paid off. I know the FF community was very impressed by him and most likely contributed substantially to his successful bid for office. I received a call from Larry shortly after the results were known by him. He asked that I thank the Orbiteers membership for their support. He also said that he will be going to the SW Regionals at Eloy, AZ next month to show his colors. He is also looking forward to building a Free Flight and competing in the near future. We sure couldn't say this about any other District X VPs from the past.

Arline and I will be going to the SW Regionals. This is always a great contest. The weather can be cold in the morning, but by 10am it's very flyable. With AMA, FAI and OT contests going on at the same, there is plenty to do and see. Go to <http://aalmps.com/eleveninfo.htm> for everything you need to know.

This is a wrap. See you at the next meeting. Bring something for show & tell and something to fly.

## **Monthly Club Contest - Larry Miller**

On the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 brave soles made it to the field. It was not raining but the wind was already gusting. The field in general was soft and muddy and with a small turnout, we thought it prudent to cancel our November monthly.

### Slip sliding:

You may recall the heavy rain storm San Diego had a week earlier when we postponed our monthly for 1 week. Well, the roadways at Otay Mesa field had not dried out yet. The scary part was navigating the dirt entrance road which already has deep ruts and holes. The soft dirt and wet clay created a very slippery condition similar to driving on ice in winter. Forward traction was minimal because our 4 tires quickly became coated with about 2 inches of mud. It was difficult to control the car's path down the entrance road with little traction or braking while sliding sideways toward the deep rut in the center of the road.

Once at the field, collecting heavy mud on our shoes was heavy, unwanted and messy.

We were in need of a better road (less mud and ruts) to exit the field. John O. and I hiked to the Southwest corner of the field and located an exit route better suited for our departure. Four muddy and slow moving vehicles were seen heading toward dry pavement. Before going home, some stopped to wash the caked mud from their tires and wheel wells.



## 2010 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Dec 19 - 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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## November 2010 MEETING MINUTES - H.Haupt

With (5) members present, President Don Bartick called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Venice Pizza was available and consumed as the meeting got under way.

Treasurers Report: Was approved as published in the Nov issue of the El Torbellino.

Officers Reports: None

### Contest Reports:

Scale Staffel 3<sup>RD</sup> of three Scale Contests was successful with 21 contestants, and 75-80 event entries. ROW was included, with perfect weather, contestants from outside the county, and some profit for the club.

Grossmont Indoor flying has been bumped from the big gym in Nov & Dec, the big gym will be scheduled in CY 2011 when available. Big gym hours will be 7:00 to 11:00.

SW FAI Champs had a blow out day on Saturday, and a full flying schedule on Sunday.

Flying Aces Westpac Mk III Contest, coming up on June 22-25, 2011 in Denver CO.

Old Business: None

### New Business:

Nomination of 2011 Officers was discussed with the current officers being nominated for potential continued service in 2011. Nominations will continue to be accepted up till the vote is taken at the Dec meeting.

Banquet discussion with a suggestion that the Orbiteers and Scale Staffel awards events be combined. This would be for the good of the order and the cross pollination of skill sets

between the two clubs. Motion was made and seconded with a pass vote. Larry Miller will check with Giovanni's for an available weekend date in Dec, but not on Dec 15,16 or 17.

Setting of monthly contest dates for 2011 rolled around the table and ended up in the Competition Directors lap (ie L.Miller) . Dates will be brought back to the Dec meeting for approval and submittal to the Southern California master calendar.

A miniature "Craftsmanship Museum" is a must see in Vista, CA. Hopefully a handout will be printed in the Dec issue of the El Torbellino.

Model Boxes Available and FREE: John Hutchison has 36" model boxes for any and all you want to come and get them.

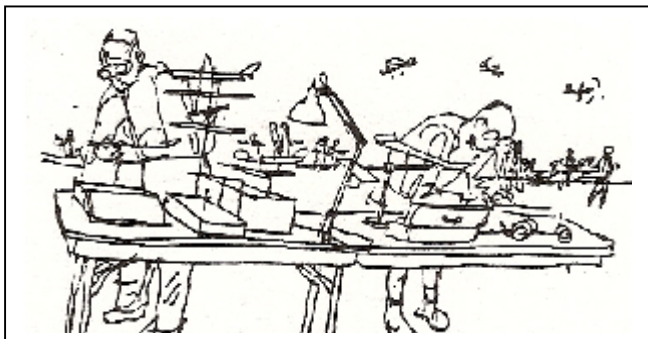
Indoor flying followed the meeting, with the gathered group leaving the building at 9:30 PM.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt**

At the conclusion of the meeting in November, indoor planes again took to the air. Larry Miller showed the way with several long flights with his "Wart" A-6.

L.Miller	A-6	102 secs
D.Bartick	A-6	76
H.Haupt	Butterfly	72

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, utensils, and trash receptacle will be provided.



**MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt**

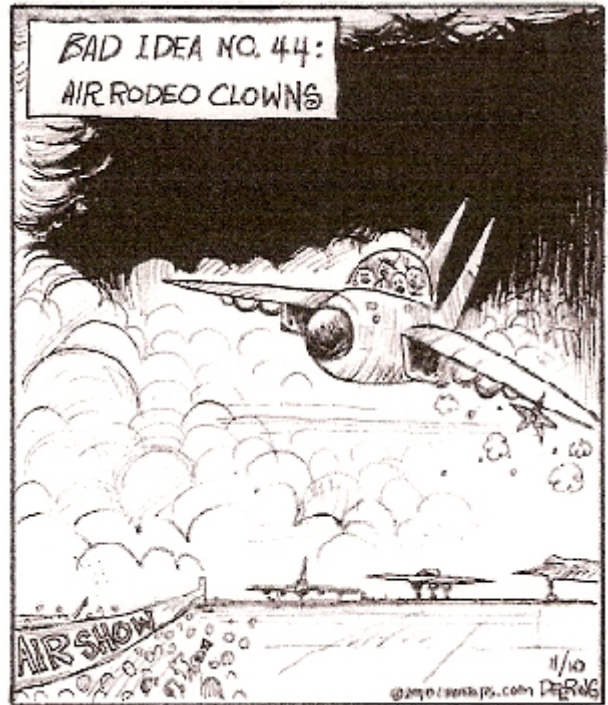
**Income:**

Dues (1)	\$	30.00
T-Shirt Sales		20.00
SW FAI Challenge		673.26

**Expenses:**

B of A Account Fees	\$	3.00
November Newsletter		12.96
St. of CA Non-Profit Reg.		20.00
2011 Scripps Rm Fees		275.00

Current Balance .....\$2,245.76



## 2010 Southwest FAI Challenge - B.Booth



Every year when I sit down to write a recap of this meet, the weather is a major topic. We have been fortunate to have some of the most beautiful flying days ever on one of the most amazing flying sites anywhere. Usually we have two or three absolutely beautiful days. Unfortunately, last year we lost the Sunday events to relentless wind. This year, wind was predicted for Saturday, we just were not sure when it would arrive or if it did, if it would be manageable. We were happy to be greeted by calm conditions first thing Saturday and as we held our breath and crossed our fingers, we started the first round. Thirty minutes in, it was pretty clear we were going to have a problem. At the forty minute mark the wind hit 20 mph plus and we suspended the round. Two hours later, the "lulls" were at 18 mph, with gusts pushing 30 mph and we folded our tent, literally and figuratively, for the day. We would try to fly both big and small events in five 1-1/2 hour rounds on Sunday and see if we could pull it all off in one day. Even though we had a sanctioned reserve day for Monday, nobody really wanted to go to that option. It would need to be a perfect day. We got one! Beautiful sunshine and gentle breezes. By the time the end of round 5 came around, we had flyoffs pending in four events involving (14) competitors, with Charlie Jones and John Clapp claiming spots in both F1B and F1G.

At this point, I would normally start to describe the details of the flyoffs, how they developed and who won what, but this year the story is a little different. All the flyoffs were great. None were concluded in the first round. F1A went three rounds and all were pretty closely contested. What made this meet particularly memorable for me is that we not only finished the five rounds we scheduled, but we completed nine flyoff rounds in 2 hours and 15 minutes, got the awards handed out and most people off the field before dark! This only happened because of the unbelievable cooperation of the modelers and volunteer timers who responded to my requests for help (demands?) over and over again, without a single complaint...at least not that I heard. Before we recognize the winners, thanks again so very much to Merry Smith, Sharron Emery, Bob Tymchek, Jon Ziesloft, Larry Bagalini, Mike Pykelny, Larry Miller, Lindy Morrell, Tony Robertson, Janna Van Nest, Geralyn Jones & Bernie Crowe who never once said "no" when I pointed them to a flyer's pole. If I forgot anyone by name, my apologies, because each and every one of you were the reason we were able to pull off what we did.

The largest margin of victory in any flyoff was 38 seconds by Bob Piserchio over Boulder City resident, Tom Ioerger in F1B. There was a 36 second difference with Rene Limberger topping Brian Van Nest in F1A. Lee Hines edged Dallas Parker by 11 seconds in F1H and Charlie Jones snuck by Jack Emery in F1G by 5 seconds. Henning Nyhegn, our Danish friend who always extends his fall visit to the States to include our meet, took top honors in F1C and Austin Gunder should have locked up the Americas Cup in F1J with his victory here. Tony Robertson once again took away the hardware for F1P and the local P-30 contingent was lead by Robert Hodes.

The Orbiteers have always been big promoters of the relatively new F1Q (electric) event. This year we had six entries, more than we have had in F1J for the last three years combined. As an example of the Orbiteers commitment to F1Q, we were honored to receive a very special contribution that will be added to the hardware for this meet. Former Senior National Champion and current Orbiteer Larry Miller presented us with a beautiful silver pitcher that he won for a High-Point Sweepstakes performance when he was part of the legendary United States Air Force Team back in the late sixties. This will be mounted on a base and become the perpetual award for our F1Q champion every year. This year's winner, Bernie Crowe will have his name added to the plaque along with all previous winners. A very special Thank You goes out to Larry.

It was nice to see Austin Gunder and Charlie Jones make the trip to Boulder City for the first time. The Farmer family and Mike Roseberry from Arizona, plus Henning Nyhegn and Cenny Breeman from "across the pond". It was great to see Blake Jensen (Oregon) back again, this time with Tiffany and our other

regulars, John & Sally Clapp from Pennsylvania. We missed Peter & Brigitte Brocks who were on the trip of a lifetime to India.

The Southwest FAI Challenge weekend may be returning to its roots next year. Ten years ago when I started coming to this meet, there was a parallel AMA event with a decent slate of events held along side the FAI meet. A rejuvenated group of “Las Vegas Dust Devils” led by Mike and Rick Keller are tentatively planning to bring back the AMA side of the gathering with a handful of AMA and Nostalgia events. Keep your eyes open for announcements next summer.

As always, there is no way this meet could be organized and run the way it is without Bob Beecroft’s help and patience at the head table every year.

Thanks again to everyone who came and we hope to see you all back next year.

Bill Booth Jr.

### F1A

Rene Limberger	180	180	180	180	180	300	420	228	1848
Brian Van Nest	180	180	180	180	180	300	420	192	1812
Jim Parker	180	180	180	180	180	300	342		1542
Mike McKeever	180	180	180	180	180	300	310		1510
Cenny Breeman	180	173	180	180	180				893
Norm Smith	180	169	180	180	180				889
Dallas Parker	180	180	165	180	180				885
Lee Hines	180	180	133	131	180				804
Jim Farmer	180	180	180	0	0				540
Joey Farmer (Jr)	149	180	180	0	0				509
Jimmy Farmer (Jr)	0	124	180	0	0				304

### F1B

Bob Piserchio	180	180	180	180	180	300	367		1567
Tom Ioerger	180	180	180	180	180	300	329		1529
Charlie Jones	180	180	180	180	180	271			1171
John Clapp	180	180	180	180	180	184			1084
Roger Morrell	180	180	180	180	180	84			984
Rich Rohrke	180	180	180	178	180				898
Blake Jensen	180	180	180	173	180				893
Dick Wood	55	180	180	180	179				774
Al Ulm	128	137	144	180	180				769
Bob Tymchek	180	180	180	149	22				711
Jack Emery	180	132	180	113	0				605
Alex Andriukov	129	0	0	0	0				129

### F1C

Henning Nyhegn	180	180	150	180	180				870
Austin Gunder	132	180	180	180					852

F1G

Charlie Jones	120	120	120	120	120	180	217	997
Jack Emery	120	120	120	120	120	180	212	992
Tiffany O'Dell	120	120	120	120	120	180	178	958
Blake Jensen	120	120	120	120	120	160		760
John Clapp	120	120	120	120	120	0		600
Larry Bagalini	120	120	102	120	78			540
Mike Pykelny	120	120	114	35	0			389
Dick Wood	46	0	0	0	0			46

F1H

Lee Hines	120	120	120	120	120	180	249	1029
Dallas Parker	120	120	120	120	120	180	238	1018
Brian Van Nest	120	120	102	120	120			582
Mike McKeever	110	104	120	120	120			574
Norm Smith	120	120	0	67	120			427
Jim Parker	3	120	0	0	0			123

F1Q

Bernie Crowe	180	180	180	176	180			896
Mike Pykelny	180	180	180	151	180			871
Larry Miller	180	149	180	180	180			869
John Oldenkamp	180	180	180	173	151			864
Larry Bagalini	180	180	180	99	180			819
Mike Roseberry	180	180	180	0	0			540

F1J

Austin Gunder 120	120	120	120	120				600
Tony Robertson	120	120	0	0	0			240

F1P

Tony Robertson	65	180	180	0	0			425
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P-30

Robert Hodes	120	120	120	114				474
Bill Holt	120	120	120	94				454
Gerald Antonucci	90	120	120					330
Mike Keller	91	118	120					329



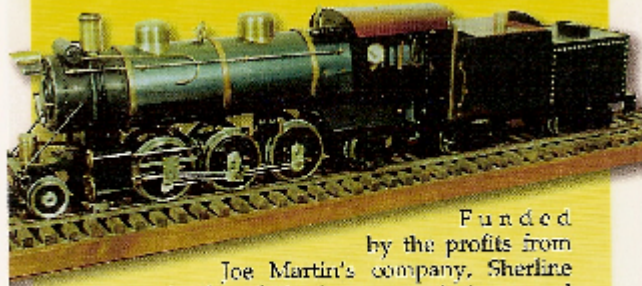
# The Joe Martin Foundation Museum of Craftsmanship



Vista, California

1/16 scale aluminum P-51-D Mustang by Young C. Park. Also on display are his two F4U-D Corsairs.

The Joe Martin Foundation for Exceptional Craftsmanship hosts an online museum at [www.CraftsmanshipMuseum.com](http://www.CraftsmanshipMuseum.com). Now there is also a physical museum where you can come and see the work of some of these fabulous craftsmen in person.



Funded by the profits from Joe Martin's company, Sherline Products, the foundation's purpose is to reward metalworking craftsmen who build superb projects at the small end of the size scale. The items you see here—Young Park's 1/16 scale P-51 Mustang, Rudy Kanhaupt's G-gage live steam engine and William R. Smith's gold medal winning Strutt Epicyclic clock are among the many exhibits on display in the museum.



[www.CraftsmanshipMuseum.com](http://www.CraftsmanshipMuseum.com)

Barry Jordan of England built and donated the 1/14 scale working model of a Bridgeport milling machine shown at the right.

Below is a vertical launch engine model from the collection of well known modeler Rudy Kanhaupt. We are privileged to have over sixty of his projects on display.

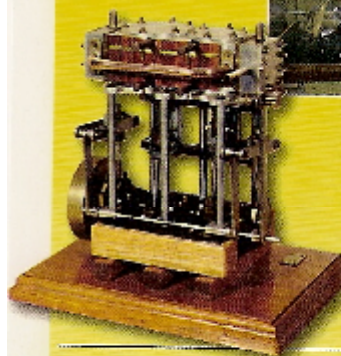


In addition to the display room shown above, there is also an operational machine shop and a collection of small machine tools from the past.

A not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of U.S. Tax Code. Donations are tax deductible.

### Hours:

Monday - Friday  
9 AM - 4 PM  
Closed holidays



760-727-9492

[info@craftsmanshipmuseum.com](mailto:info@craftsmanshipmuseum.com)  
3235 Executive Ridge, Vista, CA 92081



### Driving Directions:

**From I-5:** Take Palomar Airport Road Exit, go East about 7 miles to Business Park Drive, turn left. Turn right onto Poinsettia and right onto Executive Ridge. (Museum is located in the Sherline Products facility.)

**From Hwy 78:** Take Sycamore Exit, go South 1 mile, turn left on La Mirada. Turn right onto Poinsettia. Turn left onto Executive Ridge. 3235 is at end of short cul-de-sac. (Museum is in Sherline Products facility.)





Your Attendance is Requested !!

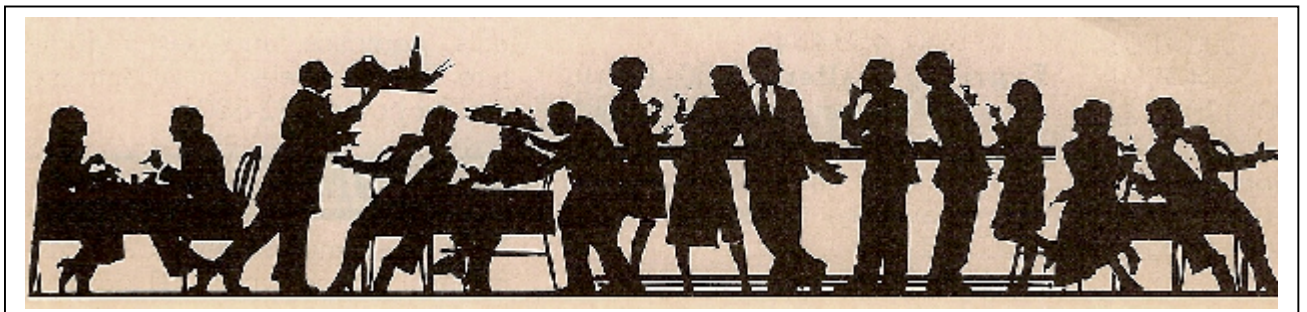
Clubs: Orbiteers and Scale Staffel (shared)

What: Year End Get Together/Awards

When: Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00

At: Giovanni's  
(ClairmontMesa Blvd & Ruffin Rd)

More details in next ET Newsletter



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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING - DECEMBER 2010 / JANUARY 2011**

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Dec 5 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 9:00 am.

Dec 10 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting at Scripps Ranch Community Center,  
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm,  
Indoor Fun Fly featuring A-6 & HL Gliders follows the meeting.

Dec 19 - Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am,  
Non-Power: Coupe, Power: All Classes,  
Other Classes: P-20, HLG & CLG

Jan 2 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 9:00 am.

Jan (16)- Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.

Jan 22 - Orbiteer & Scale Staffel joint Banquet, Giovanni's (Kearny Mesa), 1 pm.