

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB



JANUARY 2009

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - M.Pykelnj

2009 Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, January 10, 2009 @1:30 PM

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA.

It is on the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd and Ruffin Rd, between 163 and I-15
\$10.00 will cover pizza, salad, and soft drinks.
Bring a friend or a loved one.

Flying field notes:

Our December contest was delayed one week due to the inclement weather. A smaller than usual group braved the slightly muddy field, however the flying conditions were excellent.

DUAL CLUBS will be held at Lost Hills on May 16 and 17th.

The Fresno Gas Model Club **will be** a co-sponsor again this year.
Time to build that contest winning ship.

Southwest Regionals Model Airplane Championships will be held @ Eloy, AZ, January 17, 18, and 19, 2009. See www.aalmps.com

Happy Holidays

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

With this issue, the El Torbellino continues with email delivery. Three members, and three exchange editors receive the newsletter via U.S. Mail

The Scripp's Ranch City of San Diego Service center will be closing at the end of January 2009. There is a whisper of hope that the Scripp's Ranch Community Association will make arrangements

with the city to continue to use the building on the same basis we do now. It is a long shot, and time will tell. Meanwhile, club members need to check out our options for a meeting location in Feb/09.

Pizza is on the menu for our January Annual Banquet. Plan on coming by and sharing some stories at Giovanni's. - Scoop

PLANE CORN *by JS*



HE SAYS IT MAY BE A LITTLE UNUSUAL BUT-JACK USES HIS NAVEL AS A THERMAL DEIVISE -HE TAKES OFF HIS SHIRT-AND STUFFS A MARBLE IN HIS NAVEL-WHEN THEAIR WARMS UP AND THE MARBLE POPS OUT-HELAVNCHES!

2009 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Jan 11 - P-30

* Non-Club Points Event

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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

DEC/08 MEETING MINUTES - J.MERRILL

12/12/08

Twelve in attendance tonight on 12/12, including: Mike Pykelny, Bob Beecroft, Harry Steinmetz, Don Bartick, Don Riordan, Howard Haupt, Larry Miller, Larry Bagalini, John Hutchison, John Oldenkamp, John Alling, and John Merrill.

After our customary consumption of our favorite pizza (thanks again, Howard!), President Mike Pykelny called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report - \$1,835.00 as published in last month's E.T. See "Money Maters" column for latest update.

A round of applause went to Howard Haupt for his two major contributions to the newsletter this year: the "Money Maters" column, and for putting the newsletter out via e-mail. Using e-mail will save the club a considerable amount of money every month.

Contest Report - November's monthly was cancelled due to inclement weather, and it was decided December's monthly isn't looking good either, as more weather is due to move in. It was decided to postpone until December 21st.

The next big contest is in Eloy, Arizona, on January 17th and 18th 2009. It is the same date of our monthly contest, so it was decided to move ours to January 11th, and the featured event will be P-30. Don Bartick talked about the Eloy contest. He reports it is pretty easy to get to, just take Interstate

8 until it meets I-10, and its about 3 miles past t hat intersection. He went on to report that it is normally **cold** until about 10:00a.m., then it warms up to be okay. Don also reported that it is always a relaxed, friendly, fun contest, and well attended. You can camp on the field if you wish. The contest is the Southwest Regionals, and they have a web-site for more information.

Don then reported that the Fresno club will join us for the Dual-Clubs Annual, now moved to May 16th and 17th 2009.

We then “nailed down” next year’s competition schedule, which should be published shortly.

New Business – it was previously reported that our Scripps Ranch meeting site may be closing, which was to be voted on by city council in November. We learned that they did include the site, among others, in the list of those to be closed. It may close as early as January, but we don’t have their schedule yet, so it was decided we should all start looking into another site ASAP. John Merrill was volunteered to look into the possibility of using t he San Diego Air and Space Museum downtown, as many clubs use the museum for meetings. If any of our readers know of a site, please let us know!

Old Business – Our banquet is to be held at Giovanni’s on January 10th in Kearny Mesa. John Hutchison reported that Scale Staffel has decided to host 3 contests again next year, as it did in 2008. The dates of the contests will be March 15th (which may have to move to March 22nd), June 28th, and October 25th. Get those scale planes ready!

John also reported that Scale Staffel is having its annual Christmas party and fun-fly contest on December 19th at the San Carlos Rec. Center, starting at 6:45p.m. Pizza will be provided, as we ll as the airplanes for the contest. The planes are a one-design, all being built and donated by Gerald Sullivan.

John then reported that he has done demonstrations for 130 kids to get them excited about the Regional Science Decathlon at Cuyamaca College on March 7th ’09.

Don Bartick made mention of a good article in the latest edition of the NFFS Digest. The article addresses a battery load tester, made by GB Instruments, model GBT500A. It is said to run for about \$13.00 at Ace Hardware, and Radio Snack

may have them as well. The tester will be very handy for testing the batteries in your Walston retrieval system.

Show and Tell – John Oldenkamp showed us two very nice airplanes. The first was an E-Pearl, scaled up from a 1970’s design. It will now qualify for electric AMA “B” class. John also showed us and F1E magnet-steering glider with an 80” wing span. He reports that there are several suitable hills at our Otay site on which to launch the plane. Both the planes were white with red trim, and both very attractive. John then showed us a two-piece fuselage boom for another F1E glider, made with carbon fiber on the inside, and Kevlar on the outside, and very light and strong. They are from the Czech Republic, and made from a world champ in the class.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:40ish. No indoor flying ensued this evening.

Happy Holidays to all!

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill, Amateur Scribbling Scribe.

MONEY MATTERS - H.Haupt

Starting Balance (12/01/08) \$1,835.27

Income:

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Dues Paid (1) | <u>25.00</u> |
| | \$25.00 |

Expenses:

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Non Profit Regr/CA | 20.00 |
| December Newsletter | <u>10.10</u> |
| | \$30.10 |

Ending Balance (12/31/08) \$1,830.17



TO ALL ORBITEERS - J.Merrill

I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you. Many of you have passed along kind and encouraging words concerning my duties as club secretary. Others have given me some instruction, guidelines, and tips, and I truly appreciate them all. I have never felt like I have been much of a writer, but your words of kindness inspire me to continue to learn and grow into the job.

I know club elections are right around the corner, any month now, and if someone wants to take over for me, please don't hesitate! I do, however, feel blessed to be able to serve such a fine group of folks. The Orbiteers has been, and continues to be, a world-class organization, and I've always been proud to be a part of it.

I do need to say, too, that of all the jobs in the club, that of editor must be the toughest. Many thanks need to go to Howard Haupt for continuing to put out a wonderful publication. He's the one that makes me look good. Thanks Howard, keep up the great work!

That's it, just a quick thank you to all that have passed along the kind words. I found it somewhat frightening that so many people actually read the minutes so thoroughly! That being said, I'll continue to take the best notes I can, although the club has a way of talking much faster than my pen can write.

Thanks again,
John R. Merrill, Amateur Scribe

DEC/08 MONTHLY - J.Oldenkamp

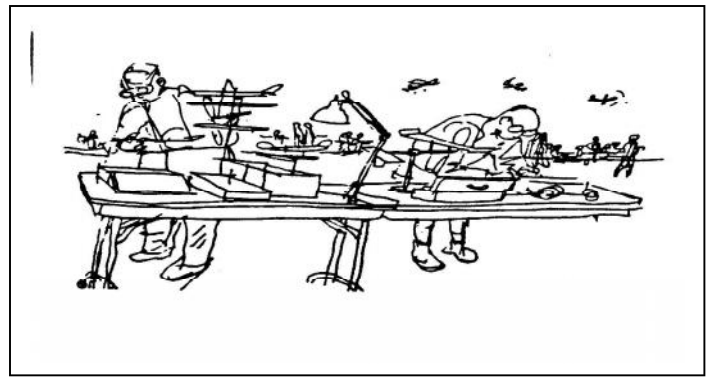
Coupe (5 x 120):

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. J.Oldenkamp | IceBox 41 | 588 sec. |
| 2. M.Pykelyny | Candy G | 494 |
| 3. M.Chomyn | Monarch | 440 |

Power, Combined (3 x 120):

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----|
| 1. J.Oldenkamp | ePearl 350 | 304 |
| 2. M.Pykelyny | eBox 36 | 232 |
| 3. J.Hutichison | Burdov CO2 | 120 |

Stunning weather, views, Trifling mud, soft surface for retrieves. CD - J.Oldenkamp



2008 ORBITEER INDOOR POINTS - H.Haupt

| | Feb./Contest | Mar. | Apr. | July | Total |
|-------------|--------------|------|------|------|-------|
| H.Haupt | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| J.Hutchison | 9 | | | | 9 |
| L.Miller | 8 | | | | 8 |
| J.Merrill | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| C.Banks | 7 | | | | 7 |
| J.Alling | 5 | | | | 5 |
| D.Riordan | 5 | | | | 5 |
| C.Primbs | 4 | | | | 4 |
| G.Sullivan | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| M.Chomyn | 3 | | | | 3 |
| D.Bartick | | | | 1 | 1 |

LOST HILLS FREE FLIGHT MODEL AIRFIELD ASSOCIATION

Subject: Dues Renewal

It is once again time to renew our membership to the LHFMAA. After consideration by the Board the basic dues for 2009 will remain at \$20/year, however, to renew for \$20 you must send your renewal form and check in by January 15, 2009. Because quite a few flyers did not register by mail prior to last year's Isaacson's Winter Classic, the first contest of the year, there was a sizable bottleneck at the sign-in table cause by on-field renewals which placed an undue burden on the CD running the contest.

On-field renewals throughout the year and the subsequent continual need to update AMA records is another really time consuming job. Therefore, in order to encourage early membership renewal, all renewals made after Jan. 15, 2009 and all renewals made on the field will be \$25.

The two year discount renewal is still \$35, except, as noted, if it is made after Jan. 15, 2008 or made on the field; then it will revert to \$40/2-years (\$25 + \$15).

There is also a yearly family discount rate for two adults living in the same house for \$35. The family discount for two years is \$65 (\$35 + \$30). The family discount after Jan. 15th or made on the field for two years is \$80 (\$50 + \$30).

There is no penalty for first time members.

Note: Quite a few members paid for two years last year so don't send dues if you have already paid for 2009.

Make checks payable to LHFMAA and mail to:
George Walter
LHFMAA Sec/Treasurer
2412 Deerpark Drive
Fullerton, CA 92835

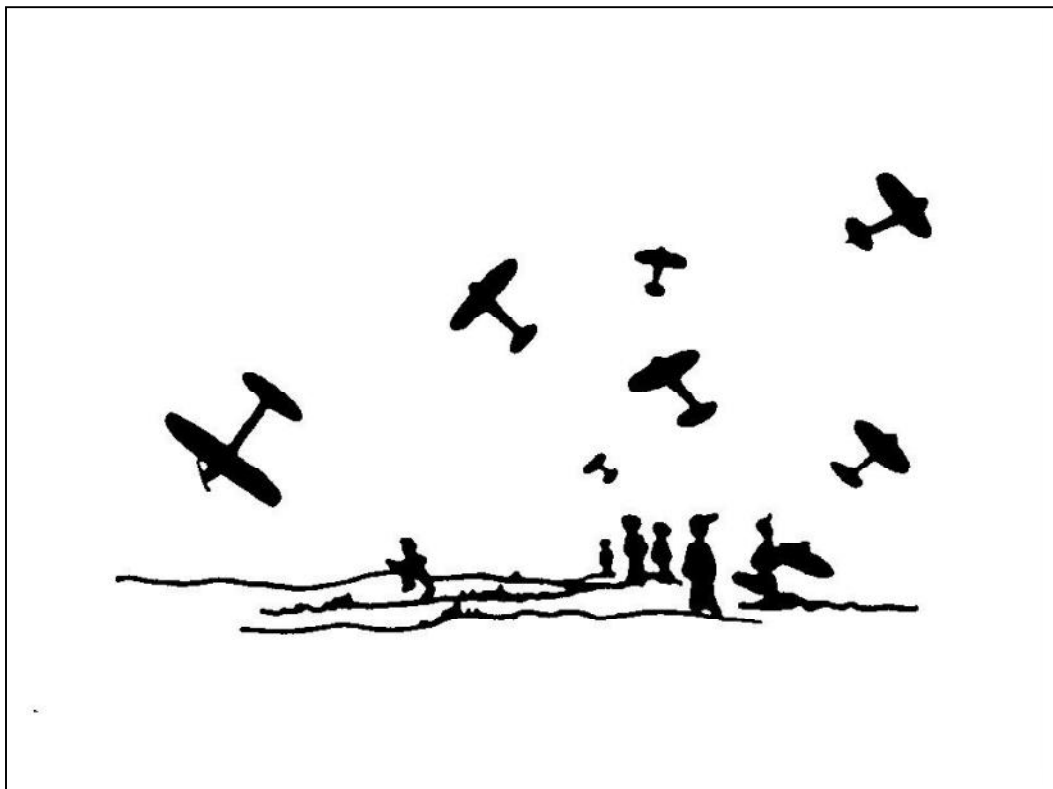
George's email is ffgcw@roadrunner.com

SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS YEAR TO DATE 2008 CONTEST RESULTS

Results through 12/31/08*

| | Total | OT, HLG | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | <u>Points</u> | <u>P 30</u> | <u>Coupe</u> | <u>CLG, P-</u> | <u>Power</u> |
| Alling | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Bagalini | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Bartick | 15 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Beecroft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castillo | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chomyn | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Hobbs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hutchison | 33 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 3 |
| Ives | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miller | 46 | 21 | 12 | 0 | 13 |
| Oldenkamp | 78 | 18 | 22 | 8 | 30 |
| Overcash | 22 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 5 |
| Primb | 11 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 |
| Pyknely | 37 | 2 | 14 | 4 | 17 |
| Ray | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovacek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Steinmetz | 13 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Willis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zackman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | <u>287</u> | <u>82</u> | <u>88</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>89</u> |

* Note: November 2008 Record Trial cancelled because of poor weather.



The Isaacson winter classic

February 7 - 9, 2009 at Lost Hills, California

Join us for one of the premier West Coast Contests! All FAI classes are America's Cup. AMA and NFFS classes, except Gollywock, are National Cup. This is a Cat. II contest.

Saturday only!

F1A, B, C, P & Q

Round Schedule:

- 1 8:00am-9:00am
- 2 9:00am-10:00am
- 3 10:00am-11:00am
- 4 11:00am-12:00am
- 5 12:00am-1:00pm
- 6 1:00pm-2:00pm
- 7 2:00pm-3:00pm

Round One Maxes:

| | |
|-----|-------------|
| F1A | 210 seconds |
| F1B | 240 seconds |
| F1C | 240 seconds |
| F1P | 240 seconds |
| F1Q | 240 seconds |

Fly-Off Schedule:

- Round eight, 5 minute max.
- | | |
|-------|---------------|
| F1A | 3:30pm-3:40pm |
| F1B/Q | 3:45pm-3:55pm |
| F1C/P | 4:00pm-4:10pm |
- Additional rounds to be announced

Gollywocks!

Five, 3 min. max. 8:00am-3:00pm. Mass launch fly-off! Everyone flies! A Bob White Event!

Sunday only!

F1G, H, & J

Round one, 8:00 am! Champagne Flyoff!
Time to the ground.

Round Schedule:

- Rounds 2-5, two minute max.
- 1 8:00am-8:45am
 - 2 8:45am-9:30am
 - 3 9:30am-10:15am
 - 4 10:15am-11:00am
 - 5 11:00am-11:45am

Fly Offs will begin at 12 noon and finish by 3:00. At 3:00, any remaining ties will be broken by using Champagne Flight Times.

FAI Style, Handheld Catapult Glider

Seven rounds, concurrent with Mini Events. Rounds six and seven will continue after mini events. Flights must be flown from the CLG flightline. 90 sec. Max. One 20 sec. attempt per round. For National Cup points, AMA rules will apply, except as previously stated.

Contest Directors:

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15423 Haas Ave.
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(310) 323-1943
norgin@earthlink.net

Roger Morrell
1916 B Gates Ave.
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
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r_morrell@yahoo.com

Entry Fee:

\$15.00 - includes one event.
Additional events \$5.00 each.
(Must be current member
AMA/MAAC and Lost Hills
Assoc. member)

Lost Hills Free Flight Association Membership

Contact: George Walter
2412 Deerpark Dr.
Fullerton, CA 92835
ffgcw@adelphia.net

\$10 for 10 days, \$20 one
year, \$35 two years

Make checks to: Lost Hills
Free Flight Association

Awards:

Jr.-Sr. Open Class combined.
First through third, each
event.
Perpetual Gollywock and
Nos. Wake awards, courtesy
of Bob White

Awards Ceremony RAFFLE!
Buddenbohm glider kits.
Winners MUST be present!

NEW! Fly Saturday or Sunday, 8:00am - 3:00pm

P - 30 - AMA rules

Moffett - AMA rules

Nostalgia Wakefield - NFFS rules
A Bob White Event!

Hand Launch Glider - AMA rules

Classic Glider - NFFS rules

A, B & C Nostalgia Gas - NFFS rules
Combined award, separate Nat. Cup Points.

1/2A, Early 1/2A & 1/4A Nos. Gas
Combined award, separate Nat. Cup Points.
NFFS rules

Monday Slope Soaring F1E 12 noon - 5:30pm

Five rounds, 45 minutes each, starting at 12 noon. Event director - Peter Brocks.

Sloan's Catering

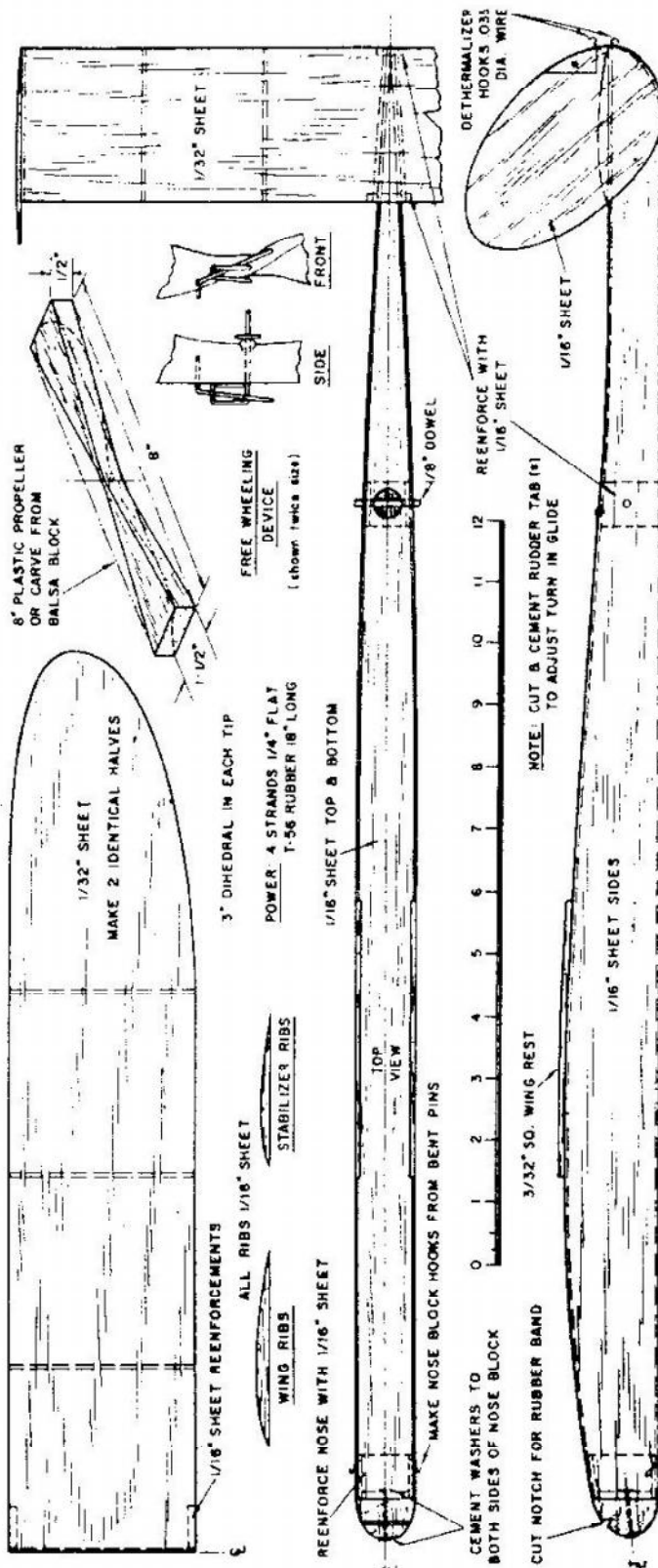
Jay and Lois will have their food service on the field all week! Support our Lost Hills friends.

NEW! After Awards

Leeper's 12" CLG Mass Launch!

12" max span, 10gram minimum, AMA outdoor stick and rubber launcher.
Event director - Lee Hines

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*In memory of
our dear friends,
Bob and LaVera
Isaacson*
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The **Contestor**, a 29 inch span all sheet model appeared in the Febuary 1959 issue of American Modeler. Built from carefully chosen medium-soft balsa , its performance is such that a dethermalizer would be an advidable addition. One wonders if it was known to the intial P-30 organizers. I'm going to slide another inch into the wing span on mine and try a 9.5 inch prop.....

Scale up using the included ruler.



'08 F1D World Champs stuff- (courtesy Jim Richmond!)

Sounds like the '08 Indoor World Champs was a Serbian Sweatefest! Wow! 100+ degree heat in the Belgrade facility – with the models being blown back 'n forth with the currents, 'way up high!! But it looks like the USA Team wound up in 1st, with John Kagan, Jim Richmond and Doug Schaefer doing the 3, 4 & 5 thang!! Thanx, Guys..... A few others had barely higher individual times, but no country had higher composite (team) times!

As Jim tells it, this place (the exhibition hall) has the largest unsupported concrete dome in the world. As mentioned above, the USA Open team finished 1st, but our Junior team finished 6th, due to the fact that one of our team members had to drop out, because of illness. But our remaining 2 Juniors (Justin Young and Tim Chang) were 1 & 2 in high individual times! I thought it was neat that a lady (Gabriela Kaplanova of the Czech Republic) finished 3rd, behind the US guys! Her contribution helped win 1st place for the Czech Republic Junior team!

Sez Jim.... "With the 100+ degree heat, there were times when Marianna & I were both ready to pass out, and times when I really didn't care how things turned out. The jet stream at the top rapidly carried planes from the sunny side, across the concrete discs at the top. If you didn't get it with the balloon (no steering allowed under the disc!), the plane would then be carried on along the bottom of the girders, and down the side!"

"We found out later how Schramm & Treger were able to deal with the above problems (helps to have prior site knowledge!) They flew a few feet under the "jet stream" where the air was more peaceful – and steering easier to manage.

Having said all this, the dome is actually a beautiful place to fly, if you can deal with the heat and the drift! The hotels are not within walking distance – and the cab rides are not cheap! But a nice place – eith lots of good looking people! **(But the Aero Banquet cost \$40 a head!!)**

SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JANUARY 2009

Jan. 4 - Indoor Flying, Grossmont College, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

Jan. 10 - **Orbiter 2009 Annual Banquet, 1:30 pm.**

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant, 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego CA.

\$10.00 for pizza, salad, and soft drinks.

Jan. 11 - **Orbiter Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.**

Non-Power: **P-30** Power: **All Classes**

Jan. 16 - Scale Staffel Indoor Fun Fly, San Carlos Rec. Cntr., 6:45 pm.

Local Field Weather: (619) 661-8297
