

EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2014



The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick

September starts the fall/winter session for contests at Lost Hills. It all starts with the US FF Champs. You have seen the flyer over the last several months in the ET. Arline and I will be there. Unfortunately this year we will not be able to share the camaraderie with the Sundberg family as we have over many years. Our dear friend Gus Sundberg passed September 8th. He was a passionate free flyer who built beautiful planes. He mentored his son Bob who is one of the most competitive flyers around. Bob's planes are all museum quality and fly equally well. Bob and wife Cindi will miss the Champs as they deal with the passing of Gus. Arline and I will miss him dearly as we did his wife Ginger who preceded him. Goodbye my friend.

September is also a very busy month for Arline and I as we harvested our wine grape crop and completed the fermentation process to create wine. It was a better year now that we have water. Our well has been drying up for years and reached a point where we couldn't water our grape crop sufficiently. Our yields were terrible. We had to drill deeper to reach more water. Fortunately for us, 80 feet deeper we hit an aquifer that produced 75-100 gallons per minute. We can supply water to the whole neighborhood. Life is good. Unfortunately, our plan to go to the 2nd FAC Scale Staffel contest at Perris was sidelined because of the harvest. When the grapes are ready you have no choice but to harvest. We harvested the day of the contest.

Received word from Terry Kerger, AMA District X representative to the competition rules committee, that the final vote on FF rule changes is about to happen. The main rule

change proposed is elimination of Builder of the Model (BOM). This has been a very volatile debated subject over the last 3-4 years. It appears that the FF community is now in favor of its elimination in hopes that we can rejuvenate participation in the sport before attrition takes its toll.

Hope to see some of you at the Champs. That's a wrap for now.

Remember: "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk." – Doug Larson

2014 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Sept 21 - Coupe, Power, & Glider

Sept 26-28 US FF Championships, Lost Hills

Oct 12 - P-30, Power, & Glider

Oct SW FAI Champs*, Boulder City, NV

Nov 8/9 FAC Scale Contest, (Three of Three)*

Nov 16 - Nos. Rubber, Power, & Glider

Dec 14 - Coupe, Power, & Glider

*** Non-Club Points Event**

Otay Field Weather (619) 661-8297

2014 INDOOR FLYING SCHEDULE

Sept 7 - Penny Plane, Phn. Flsh*, No-Cal*

Oct 5 - A-6, Phantom Flash*, No-Cal*

Nov 2 - Phantom Flash, No-Cal*

Dec 7 - Penny Plane, Phn. Flsh*, No-Cal*

***Non-ORBITEER Points Event**



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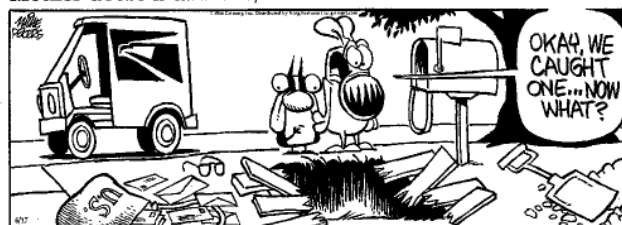
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SEPTEMBER 2014 – INDOOR FLYING

| September 7, 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| No-Cal indoor (4 entries) | | | Airplane | | FLIGHT TIMES | | | (Total of three) | | |
| CONTESTANT'S FULL NAME | 1 | 2 | 3 | Sub Total | lying plac. | ding plac | SCALE FLT | FACTORED | BONUS POINTS | SCALE POINTS |
| Mike Jester | 85 | 100 | 96 | | | | | | | 281 |
| Mark Chomyn | 42 | 45 | 41 | | | | | | | 128 |
| John Hutchison | 39 | — | — | | | | | | | 39 |
| William Scott | 9 | 10 | — | | | | | | | 19 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 4 |

| September 7, 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Event: Penny Plane (6 entries) | | | Airplane | | | | | | | | |
| CONTESTANT'S FULL NAME | FLIGHT TIMES | | | | | | SCALE FLT | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | FACTORED | POINTS | SCALE | POINTS | |
| Yuan Kang Lee | 372 | 70 | 60 | 120 | 332 | | | | | 704 | 1 |
| Greg Hutchison | 249 | 325 | 41 | 262 | 158 | | | | | 587 | 2 |
| Richard Wood | 288 | 247 | 280 | 259 | | | | | | 568 | 3 |
| Mike Jester | 233 | 156 | 318 | 182 | 165 | | | | | 551 | 4 |
| Don Bartick | 34 | 200 | 129 | 66 | 64 | | | | | 329 | 5 |
| John Hutchison | 227 | 38 | 83 | 45 | 97 | | | | | 324 | 6 |

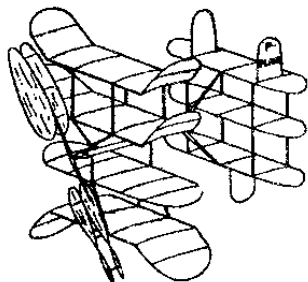
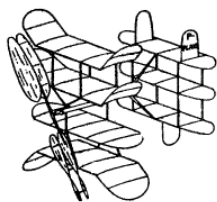
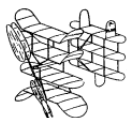
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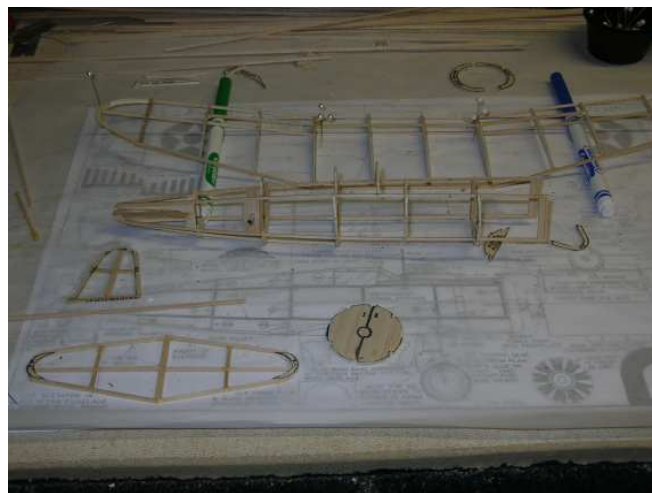
FROM THE WORKSHOP

This column provides a venue for the sharing of projects under way by members of the club.

John Merrill shares several items:



A very messy building board with three projects going on at once: an Easy-Built Spitfire, a Dumas PT-19 walnut scale (17.5" wing span, and a Dime scale Fokker D-VII made from a reproduction of an old Comet kit.

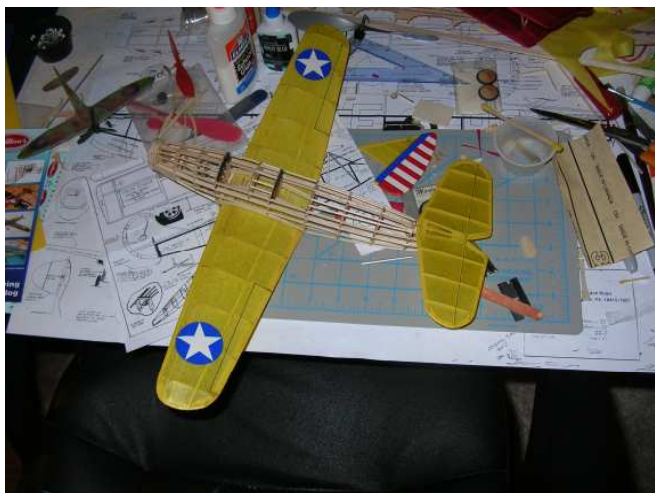


Dime scale kit of a Vought Pursuit, also from the old Comet Kit line. Not shown, but still in the works is a Curtiss P-40 from Gullows (the larger version), and a twice-Mooney S.E.5.

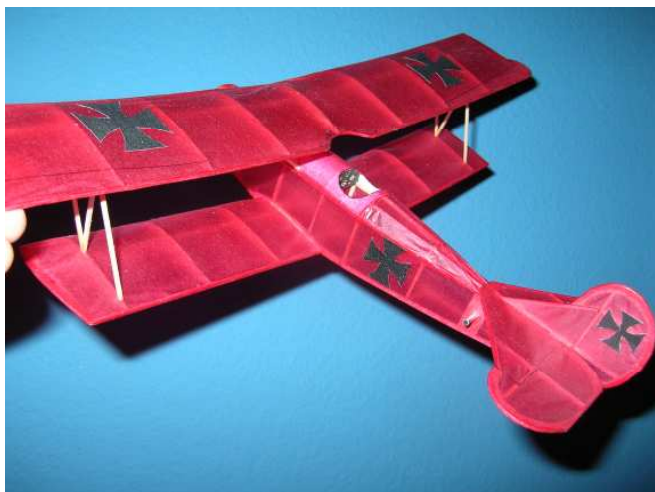
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FROM THE WORKSHOP – (Continued)

Additional John Merrill supplied photos.



Dumas PT-19



Dime scale Fokker D-VII



Easy-Built Spitfire fuselage bones

JULY 2014 MONTHLY PHOTOS – J.Jester



Mark Chomyn's newly built P-30



John and Kathy Hutchison at the officials table, with CD John following a model with binoculars.



Greg Hutchison getting ready for his fourth flight to determine first place in the P-30 class. That flight turned out not to be necessary once the CD (John Hutchison shown on the right) determined that the P-30 rules applicable at our contest count any flight of 20 seconds or more as an official flight.

AUGUST 2014 OUTDOOR CONTEST

Nostalgia Rubber:

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Greg Hutchison | 352 sec. | 8 points |
| 2. George Mansfield | 342 | 6 |
| 3. John Hutchison | 333 | 5 |
| 4. Mark Chomyn | 320 | 4 |
| 5. Mike Pykelny | 203 | 3 |
| 6. Don Bartick | 158 | 2 |
| 7. John Merrill | 131 | 1 |

Power:

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| 1. Mike Pykelny | 312 sec, | 2 points |
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Glider:

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| 1. Mark Chomyn | 120 sec. | 3 points |
| 2. John Merrill | 7 | 1 |

AUGUST 2014 OUTDOOR PICTURES

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44th ANNUAL UNITED STATES FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 26 - 28, 2014 at Lost Hills, CA - Category II - AMA Sanction - American & National Cup Events

| Friday September 26 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Saturday September 27 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Sunday September 28 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. |
|---|---|--|
| Modern Events E-36 / A Electric CO ₂ P-30 Moffett/Mulvihill Super D Gas | Modern Events and FAI E-36 / A Electric CO ₂ P-30 Moffett/Mulvihill Catapult Glider Pen (Jr and Open) A Gas C/D Gas F1A, F1B and F1C/P | Modern Events and FAI E-36 / A Electric CO ₂ P-30 Moffett/Mulvihill Hand Launch Glider Pen (Jr and Open) 1/2 A Gas B Gas F1G, F1H, F1Q |
| NOSTALGIA EVENTS Early 1/2 A Nostalgia Nostalgia Rubber Large & Small You may fly your first three flights of any Nostalgia event on Friday. | NOSTALGIA EVENTS Early 1/2 A Nostalgia Nostalgia Rubber Large & Small 1/2 A Gas B Gas C Gas Vintage Power FAI | NOSTALGIA EVENTS Early 1/2 A Nostalgia Nostalgia Rubber Large & Small 1/4 A Gas A Gas Vintage Power FAI |
| CLASSIC Classic Towline Jimmy Allen | CLASSIC Classic Towline Classic 1/2 A Gas Jimmy Allen | CLASSIC Classic Towline Classic A/B Gas Jimmy Allen |
| OLD TIMER EVENTS All Texaco Events MUST be launched by 11:30 a.m. 1/2 A Texaco (ROG) Texaco (ROG) A Pylon / A Fuselage B/C Pylon / B/C Fuselage .020 Replica | OLD TIMER EVENTS NOTE: Old Timer Only...ALL O/T Events can be flown at any time during the Contest. You do <u>not</u> have to start and finish the same day. <u>Power Events</u> A size 15 sec HL, 20 sec (ROG) 3 min max B/C size 20 sec HL, 25 sec (ROG) 5 min max .020 Replica 15 sec HL, 20 sec (ROG) 3 min max <u>Rubber Events</u> Small Rubber 3 min max Large Rubber and Wakefield 5 min max Two Bit Rubber 2 min max | OLD TIMER EVENTS Small Rubber Stick Small Rubber Cabin Large Rubber Stick Rubber Scale Gas Scale (ROG) Compressed Air (2 min max) |
| UNOFFICIAL EVENT | UNOFFICIAL EVENTS 7:30 a.m Gollywock Mass Launch 9:30 a.m. "Mikkelson Memorial" Twin Pusher Mass Launch Night Gas... after Member's Meeting | UNOFFICIAL EVENTS 7 a.m. Dawn Mulvihill / Big E (30 min.window) 9 a.m. Compressed Air Mass Launch |

Note: Any Open Place from Friday or Saturday schedule may be flown on Sunday. This will *not* bump previous flyer(s) place. If you can gather three entries we will fly any event.

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US FF CHAMPS REGISTRATION: Proof of current AMA Membership and current Lost Hill's Membership required. \$25 includes *first* Event. Additional events are \$10 each. Gold card \$65 includes unlimited events. Juniors \$5 per event (awards in all events).

Awards: Cash and Certificates: Five or more flyers \$75, \$50, \$25 and Certificates. Four flyers \$50, \$25, and Certificates. Three Flyers \$25 and Certificate. Less than three flyers Certificates only. Junior Awards all events will be \$25, \$15 and \$10 plus Certificate.

Note: For entrant to count in each event, they must fly one official flight.

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

All Engine Runs and Max Times are per the AMA Rule Book and NFFS Official Competition Rules.

FAI Saturday Events - (7) one hour rounds, starting at 8 a.m. F1A first round max 210 sec. F1B, C, P first round max 240 sec

All other rounds 180 sec. Flyoff rounds no earlier than 4 p.m.

FAI Sunday Events - F1G, H and Q (5) forty-five min rounds beginning at 8 a.m. F1G, H 120 sec max F1Q 180 sec max

Flyoff rounds no earlier than 1 p.m.

Old Timer Flyoff - Power event fly-off flights will have a reduced engine run of 3 sec. from previous flight.

Non power event fly-off flights will have a 1.5 minute max increase of the previous flight.

ENTER ALL TIMES IN SECONDS, except TEXACO Events.

In combined events, i.e. Moffett/Mulvihill or A Pylon/A Fuselage you may enter a second airplane of a different class. However, you must pay a \$10 fee and your first entry will be disqualified and your second entry will not increase the number of entries in the event ...it will simply replace your disqualified first entry.

Lost Hills Member's Meeting, Saturday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING -

SEPTEMBER 2014

- Sept 18 - **SD Orbiter Board Meeting**, Don Barticks house, 7:00 pm.
- Sept 21 - **Orbiter Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am,
Feature Event: Coupe Other Events: Power & Glider
- Sept 26 thru 28 - **44TH Annual United States Free Flight Championships**,
Lost Hill, CA, See enclosed contest flyer.

OCTOBER 2014

- Oct 5 - **Indoor Flying**, Grossmont College (Upper Gym), 7:30 am to 11:30 am.
Feature Event: **A-6** Other Event: **Phantom Flash & No-Cal**
- Oct 12 - **Orbiter Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am,
Feature Event: P-30 Other Events: Power & Glider
- Oct - SW FAI Championships, Boulder City NV.