

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB



APRIL 2024

## Chairman's Corner – Mark Chomyn

Unlike the proverbial adage, March went out like a lion not a lamb and we're now expecting rain tomorrow (Friday, April 5). We've had a rocky start for our monthly contests with rain being the main culprit for our problems. But we should be able to get back on track with our April monthly. Our April monthly has been rescheduled to April 28, 2024. Events will be P-30, Glider (HL, CL & Tow) and Power (Gas/Electric). I'll be your CD, but the real organizer is Mike Pykelny our contest coordinator. Hope to see you all on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Hated to see the cancellation of the Scale Staffel Two Day originally scheduled for March 30-31. But the reason for my disappointment is rather self-centered. It's probably the first time that I haven't had to stay up until midnight to complete a plane for a special event. My Sky Bunny was finished by the Wednesday before the originally scheduled weekend contest. A first for me. Test glides and low power test flights showed the little Bunny may have some promise (i.e. won't turn to toothpicks in a full power flight). Keep your eyes out for a new announcement for the Scale Staffel two-day.



For those looking for some out-of-town competition there's the San Valeers 75<sup>th</sup> Annual, April 11-14 at Lost Hills. It's an America's Cup and National Cup event. So, expect some tough competition. The contest will have several events for "gummy band" flyers such as P-30, large and small Nostalgia Rubber, and Vintage Wakefield. There are also events for the glider guys including hand launch and catapult. In conjunction with the San Valeers event at Lost Hills, the SCAMPS/SCIFs will also have a contest at Lost Hills on April 13-14 that will include OT Large and Small Rubber Fuselage, OT Large and Small Stick and for those real old-time flyers a Twin Pusher Mass Launch. Even if you don't fly it still might be fun to watch. For those who are longing for some indoor flying why not take a road trip to the Round Dome in Eager Arizona. From April 19 -22 the Phoenix Model Airplane Club (PMAC) will be holding a contest at the dome that includes events such as Penny Plane, Limited Penny Plane, No Cal, Phantom Flash, Embryo and others. Check out the NFFS contest calendar to get a full description of all events. I'm sure there's an event for something in your free flight air force that's in the contest category list.

"We may be small in number, but we are mighty". It's been applied to sport teams, armies, and pygmy tribes. But now it has a special meaning for the Orbiteers. Our club now has two world champions in our ranks. Daniel Guo (yes, you've heard his name before in this column as US Junior Indoor Champ) who won the 2024 World Indoor Junior F1D Championship in Slavic Prahova, Romania and Yuan Kahn Lee who won the 2024 Indoor Senior F1D Championship also in Romania. By the way, this is Kang's third time as an indoor F1D champion. The USA Junior Team that Daniel was a member of placed second overall in the junior competition. The USA Senior F1D team placed first, as in they took it all! The dynamic duo of Guo and Kang was so hot it almost melted the underground salt mine (Europe's largest) they flew in. A free flight club would be proud to have one world champ in its fold and we Orbiteers are the home of two. Congratulations to Daniel and Kang and way-to-go USA!

For those of you who decided to try the corned beef and cabbage recipe I provided in the March column, I hope you had good results. Mine turned out pretty good and was enjoyed for several days. Love those leftovers. For those of you who tried the recipe and found it wanting for flavor, please let me know what you didn't like (my email address is in the Orbiteers website). I'm always willing to make an adjustment to a recipe that improves its culinary quality.

That's it for this month.  
Mark

*"Even with dinky little quarter motors, this plane is something to see! It flies so slowly you'd swear you're watching a video in slow motion".*

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## 2024 F1D World Championships

By Mike Jester



Daniel Guo, a Junior member of our club, won the 2024 Junior F1D world championship last month in the huge salt mine in Slavic, Romania. He was coached in the F1D event by Senior Club member Kang Lee. I have never encountered a young flier with more skill and determination. I coached Daniel in the Science Olympiad Flight event last year and he won first place at the National Tournament in Division B for middle school students. At that tournament he had an amazing time of 4:11 (251 seconds) with an 8-gram airplane and a 2-gram rubber motor! When Daniel decided to compete in the F1D event with a model larger in dimensions but weighing only 1.4 grams and using merely a 0.4-gram rubber motor, it was time for me to hand off coaching to Kang, a two-time world F1D champion. Kang won this third Senior F1D world championship last month at the same contest.

Under tremendous pressure, and challenging conditions, Daniel performed like a champion, with his two highest flight times being 26:31 and 26:38! The latter time is a new Junior Record. Kang's performance was also superb, with his two highest flight times being 28:57 and 29:41. His latter time may have set a new site record. More details can be found in the NFFS report available here:

<https://thef1dblog.wordpress.com/>



**Daniel Guo Receiving his First Place Trophy – Junior 2024 F1D World Champion**

Kang Lee won the 2024 Senior F1D world championship. I think this is the third time for Kang. The US Senior team finished first.



**Kang Lee Receiving his First Place Trophy – Junior 2024 F1D World Champion**

A lot of the reason for Daniel's success in the F1D event was the superb coaching that he received from Kang. I took the picture below of Daniel and Kang (master & pupil) at the Kibbie Dome last year. Former F1D world champion Steve Brown also coached Daniel.



**Daniel Guo and Kang Lee - Kibbie Dome, Moscow, Idaho, June 2023**

The F1D event is the pinnacle of the indoor free flight duration events requiring hundreds of hours of building and practice to be competitive. We should be proud of the amazing accomplishments of these two members of the San Diego Orbiteers. Certainly, no other free flight club boasts indoor fliers of this caliber amongst its members.



# San Diego Orbiteers Board of Trustees Meeting

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Held at Mark and Nancy Chomyn's home. Many thanks to our gracious hosts for a delicious brunch. Six members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Minutes** of the previous board meeting were discussed and approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report** was approved as provided to the board by the Treasurer. Thank you Howard!

**Membership Report** – continuing to address inquiries as they come into the website.

## Old Business:

- Will be contacting George Mansfield concerning his help for a possible indoor flying venue.
- Don looking into the possibility of an outdoor flying area in the Ramona area.
- An AMA memorial brick was purchased and installed for John Hutchison, a picture was passed around and it looked very nice.
- Juniors at Perris understand the need for AMA membership. It is mandatory, and some are signing up on the field via the AMA website.
- Joint Orbiteers/SCAMPS contest at Perris on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussed postponing until the Fall.

## New Business:

- Discussed Contest Director assignments for the next 3 months.
- Don has volunteered to be our temporary webmaster. We would appreciate someone who could do it on a more long-term basis. Many thanks to Kathy who did the job for many years.
- Discussed the financial results of the January banquet.
- We had an inquiry about the indoor site at Stagecoach Park in Carlsbad. Nothing definite yet.
- Discussed and looked over the collection of items from Peter Fedder's estate.

## Contest Corner:

- Our next contest will be April 28<sup>th</sup>, with P-30, power, and glider.
- Scale Staffel two-day contest will honor John Hutchison. It was postponed due to poor weather conditions. Will try to update all when it gets rescheduled.

## Contest Reports:

- Southwest Regionals held Jan. 13-15 in Eloy, AZ. Don reports that it was a good contest, with nice weather, and it was well run.
- Isaacson Classic/Kiwi Cup held Feb. 10-12 in Lost Hills, CA. Mike Pykelny said there were approx. 130 people there! There didn't seem to be much AMA participation, mostly FAI stuff.
- President's Cup, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in Eloy, AZ. No info.
- SCAT Annual held March 16-17 at Lost Hills, CA. Mike said there was great weather, and it was a good contest.

## Open Discussion:

- Looking for a new board member...any volunteers?
- Schedule second quarter 2024 board meeting, likely June 26<sup>th</sup>. Will contact Mike Jester for his input before final schedule set.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill, amateur secretary

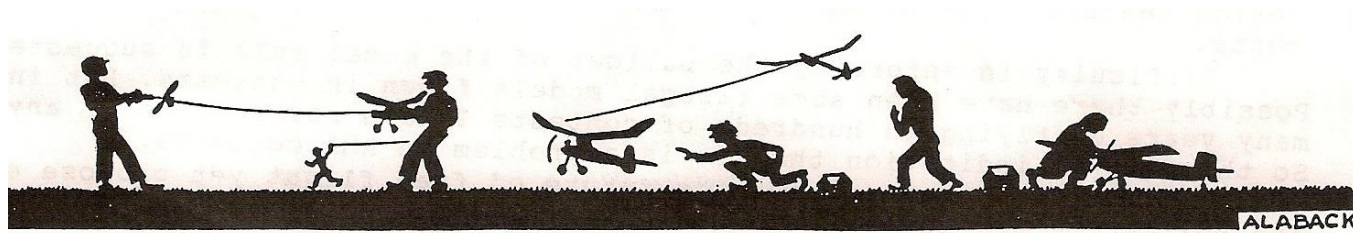


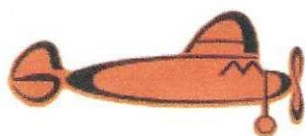
# San Diego Orbiteers

## Flying Schedule 2024

### Taibi Field Perris, Ca

Primary Date	Rain Date	Event	CD
April 28		P-30/Glider/Power	Mark
May 19	May 26	Coupe/Glider/Power	
June 23	June 30	OT/NOS Rubber/Glider/Power	Don
July 21	July 28	P-30/Glider/Power	
August 18	Aug 25	Coupe/Glider/Power	
September 22	Sept 29	OT/NOS Rubber/Glider/Power	
October 20	Oct 27	P30/Glider/Power	
November	Nov 8,9&10	Dual Club, Lost Hill, Ca.	
November 17	Nov 24	Coupe/Glider/Power	
December 15		Make-up	





# SCAMPS & SCIFS Texaco

April 13th & 14th 2024 – Lost Hills, CA

—Run in Conjunction with the San Valeers Club Annual—

**Saturday: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Sunday: 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.**

\*\*\*\* Any event can be flown on either day, do not have to finish same day! \*\*\*\*

## ½ A Texaco

(8cc fuel, best one of three official flights, 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM any glow IC engine .051 or smaller)

## Gas Scale

## O.T. Small Rubber Fuselage

(3-minute max)

## O.T. Large Rubber Stick

(5-minute max)

## .020 Replica

(Engine run is 12 sec. HL, 15 sec. ROG, 3 minute max)

## Pee Wee Antique

(2.2cc fuel, best of three official flights, any .024 or smaller IC engine)

## \*\* 1/4 A Nostalgia

\*\*\*OT HL/CL Glider can be launched overhand, discuss or catapult. No modifications can be made the plan form other than a hook added for catapult launch. Modifications for DT okay as long as plan form is adhered to. No Scaling. For Catapult launch, a 9" loop of ¼" rubber may be used on a 6" stick (two 9" loops of 1/8" rubber may be used). Up to 9 launches for 3 two minute maxes. If you have 3 maxes, fly till you drop a flight.

**\*\*All Nostalgia Events, (10 Second Hand Launch, 13 Second VTO or ROG, then 7&9 seconds), 3 minute Max**

\*SAM Power events to be flown using SAM Rules. 20 Second engine run hand-launch, 25 seconds R.O.G. 5 Minute maxes (weather permitting). Rubber ties will be broken by increasing Max times (weather permitting)

\$5 entry per event. Cash prizes 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$5 for each person you beat in the event.

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## Dawn Patrol Texaco

(7:30 AM to 10:30 AM, best of 2 official flights ¼ ounce of fuel per pound of model)

## 30 Second Antique

## O.T. Small Rubber Stick

(3-minute max)

## O.T. Large Rubber Fuselage

(5-minute max)

## \*A/B/C Fuselage

## \*A/B/C Pylon

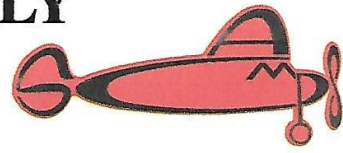
## \*\*\*Old Time HL/CL Glider

## Twin Pusher Mass Launch (Sunday 8:30)

## \*\*Electric Nostalgia

# **3<sup>rd</sup> SAL TAIBI FUN FLY**

Taibi Field, Perris, CA  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
(Rain date: May 26, 2024)



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**FUN FLY**



**JUNE 2, 2024**  
**TAIBI FIELD, PERRIS CA**  
**7AM - NOON**

**ABC Old Time Gas**  
**Haggard-Bowden 2-min precision\***  
**Twin Pusher**  
**Perris Special**  
**AMA Gas**  
**Small OT Rubber**

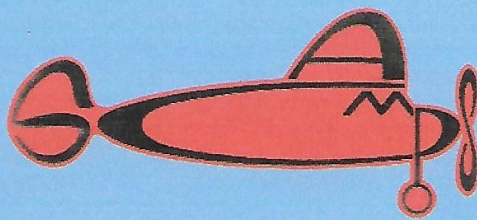
**\*modified to permit all types of plane**

**Large OT Rubber**  
**E36**  
**P30**  
**Cat-Launch Glider**  
**Coupe**  
**P30 Junior\*\***

**\*\*special sponsored event**

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April 28 - San Diego Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly  
Taibi Flying Field, Perris CA, 7:30 am  
Events: P-30 / Glider / Power