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HAPPY NEW YEAR

One of the best ways to start a new year is with a fresh face. This we have in our new masthead. The design is by Fudo Takagi, and was the winner over 42 other names submitted! We liked it for it's originality, connection with flying and it's Mexican overtone which helps to further locate us geographically and through San Diego's heritage. We hope you all like it as much as we do.

Another good way to start a new year is with new blood and new additions,~ this we also have; although they won't start until next month. The new blood: Columnists! So here's the 1966 line-up starting next month:

1. President's comments by Clarence Mather
2. AMA doings by Gene Bach & Gene Larson
3. FAI matters by Nat Antonioli & Les Hill
4. Indoor, Scale, Et Al, by Fudo Takagi & Walt Mconey

Those are the new items, and these will be retained from 1965:

1. Old Timers by Bill Thompson with Russ Merrill
2. Aerobiographies ~ we'll get everyone.
3. Seen & Heard, by the Editor
4. The Contest Calendar & Coming Events
5. Results of contests
6. Plans & Stories.

Now that? Anyone left out? Our aim is to make this more your paper with your help. Please, if you want something said, contact the columnist affected and he'll give you his ear. Of course, "Letters to the Editor" are always welcome, so please sound off.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, February 4, - Orbiteer Board Meeting At Mather's Home 7:30 PM
Interested members invited.

Friday, February 11, - Orbiteer Meeting North Clairmont Community Center. 7:30 PM

COMING CALENDAR

Sunday, January 23, - Orbiteers Monthly ~ Kearny Mesa

Sat. & Sun. Jan 29 and 30th. ~ ROV Record Trials "1966 Water Spectacular) ~ Kearny Mesa

Sunday, February 13, - Flight Masters Indoor Scale Meet ~ Santa Ana Elimp hanger

Sat. & Sun. Feb. 19 & 20 ~ The Annual Southwestern Championships ~ Buckeye, Ariz.

Sunday, February 27, - Orbiteers Monthly ~ Kearny Mesa

Sunday, March 27, - The Orbiteer's 2nd. Annual "ALL FAI" ~ Lake Elsinore

Sorry, no L. A. listings except for the scale meet - haven't received the year's calendar from them yet. RS

RESULTS

Orbiteer Monthly - Nov. 28, 1965

Power

1.	Les Hill	A	Wolkensturumer	14:17
2.	Billy Harvey	A/4	Twist	14:09
3.	Larry Simpson	FAI	Max A FAI	13:51
4.	Howard Harvey	A	Ooh La La	13:08
5.	Ted Orr	A	Slip Stick	12:31

Non-Power

1.	Russ Seley	A/2	Gooneybird	14:24
2.	Les Hill	A/2	Suskin	13:40
3.	Art Gunnert	Wakefield	Hatscheck	13:29
4.	Art Gunnert	Unlim.	~ 180 U. L.	13:20
5.	Harry Stienmetz	A/2	- Bent Banana	13:10

For those who failed to make it out - if only to get a little sunshine after the big rains - our sympathy. This was the greatest flying weather of the year. The wind didn't come along until one-thirty and even then, it wasn't bad. Until that time, you could put up a five minute max and land within 200 yards! Gene Bach counted 35 cars lined up, so a good many did enjoy it.

The air was beautiful. The thermals were not big, nor were they easy to spot from the ground. However, it was very buoyant air without much in the way of downers. Piggybacking was much in evidence, with one thermal carrying six models in very close proximity. Three of these landed within 20 yards of each other! A check of the times reveals the quality of air. Only 113 seconds separates the 10 top finishers in the two events!

Random Remarks: It appears Howard Harvey has created a monster in Hilly Harvey. His last remark of the day was something like: "That little squirt beat me again!" Les Hill looks like he wants to repeat as Orbitter of the Year, taking a first in power and a second in non-power. Eugene Larson was out of town for this one, giving the rest of us a great chance to overhaul his point lead. It was good to see: Clarence Mather with his "Flap Jack" Wakefield flying again, and the first test flights of Fach's "Big Twist, and "Mike" Orr (Ted's wife) doing a nice job of towing Ted's A-1, and the variety of new power jobs: Not one Starduster or Mazalot finished in the top five.

RESULTS

Orbiters Monthly - Dec. 19, 1965

Power*

*10 second runs - 3 minute Maxes.

1.	Les Hill	A	Wolkenstrumer	9:00
2.	Gene Bach	¹ / ₂ A	Twist	8:18
3.	Bob Ferguson	B	Starduster	7:52
4.	Gene Larson	¹ / ₂ A	Twist	7:38
5.	Howard Harvey	¹ / ₂ A	Twist	7:32

Non-Power

1.	Clarence Mather	A/2	Redlady	14:55
2.	Art Gunnett	Unlum Rubber - 180-U	14:03)	Coin Flip
3.	Don SLOAN	A/1 Ego	14:03)	
4.	Russ Soley	A/2 Gooneybird	13:23	
5.	Hill Harvey	A/1 Topkick	11:49	

If the November contest weather was great, what then can be said about the December date? At the start, a little wind was taking the planes into the trailers, so Nat set up the special power times. No sooner was this done when all the pieces fell into shape and turned beautiful. Check out the non-power times with those for November. Which day was best?

We certainly had the most beautiful view in December and one that should be pictured in the magazines throughout the world. Remember: Temperature, 72°; wind, 0 to 5 MPH; sky, not one cloud; background, broad mesa and snow capped peaks! If this word gets out in the Mid-west and East, prepare for an invasion.

Have you been watching those "Twists" lately? Wow! Hope to have a three view & info in the next news letter.

RESULTS

December 5, 1965 Scale Contest - - - - - By Walt Mooney

The Scale contest was relatively well attended, in spite of the fact that the somewhat different rules for the FF gas event scared off most of the potential contestants and left that event somewhat sparsely entered. Four modelers came down from the Los Angeles area to compete.

Non Gas had the most entries, 10 in senior/open, and 3 in junior. Gas had 4 entries in senior/open, and 2 in junior. All but three entries managed to fly. After the contest, the LA people expressed their satisfaction with the meet and said that it had been fun. It appears certain that if another scale contest was held we could expect a little better showing from up thataway, especially if we would adhere to the AMA rules for the Gas event.

A list of the various entries follows:

Junior Non-Gas

<u>Model</u>	<u>Modeler</u>	<u>Place</u>
Piper Vagabond Kee Bee	Curtiss Mooney Randy Wrisley	1st 2nd

Junior Gas

Mcuport 17	Danny Wick	1st
Turner T-40	Douglas Mooney	2nd
Fokker D-7	Gary Wick	3rd

Senior/Open Gas

Velie Monocoupe	Mr. Peterson	1st
Aeronca Champ	Glenn Snavely	2nd
Aeronca C-3	Gene Wright	NQ
Harley Davidson Spec.	Russ Barrera	NQ

Senior/Open Non-Gas

Fairchild PT-19	Clarence Mather	1st
Wittman Buttercup	Brian Donn	2nd
Arado	Fernando Ramos	3rd
Fairchild 24	Kingsley Kau	4th
Kirby Cadet	Bill Hannan	5th
Pilatus Porter	Fudo Takagi	6th
AEG Robin	Fernando Ramos	7th
Holio Stallion	Fernando Ramos	8th
Grumman Baby Mod.	Russ Barrera	9th
Taylor Cub	J. Wygal	NQ

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RESULTS

Phoenix International Team Vs. The Orbiteer Team... "Pit" Vs. "Tots"

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 8 & 9, 1966

Blyth, California

*Not an officially sanctioned name

Phoenix	<u>WAKEFIELD</u>					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Walters	100	101	97	117	157	572
Snaden	160	99	135	131	156	701
D. Dolby	180	180	180	180	141	861
TOTALS	440	386	412	428	454	2134
	840	1252		1680	2134	

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Takagi	142	148	180	126	0	596
Mather	177	169	151	167	180	840
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Walters	166	149	71	64	132	582
TOTALS	407	460	397	420	316	2006
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This was the first ever Phoenix Vs. San Diego team challenge, and we're sure it won't be the last. It was great fun for all, and well worth the effort. The Orbiteers had all the luck this time, but those Phoenix fellows are good. Watch out for them in coming FAI meets. "Fudo" lost his new Wakefield in Round #4, so didn't put up a 5th flight. The PIT crew turned out en-masse after the meet for an all out search, an hour later, the silver and red bird was found! How's that for sportsmanship?

A very special thanks to Dick Baxter. Dick flew down from L. A., picked up Fudo and flew to Blyth. He timed and helped all hands for two days, and was a real "Professional" at Saturday night's Aeronautical Symposium. (Bull Session) He then air lifted both Fudo & Clarence back home. Thanks, Dick! Might add also, don't be too surprised to see Dick showing up with a "wake" soon - think the bug re-bit the old pro.

ORBITEER OF THE YEAR
POINT STANDINGS
Senior-Open

1.	Howard Harvey	58
2.	Les Hill	51
3.	Gene Larson	50
4.	Russ Soley	41
5.	Clarence Mather	39
6.	Gene Bach	38
7.	Robert Ferguson	34
8.	Don Sloan & Bill Thompson	33
9.	Brian Donn	28
10.	Rodger Jensen	26

<u>Junior</u>		
1.	W. Harney & J. Larson	16
2.	Paul Ferguson	3

These points (first 10 places only) are for the first six contests. There is more than plenty of time to overtake the leaders, since there will be nine more contests before the final winners are decided. Lets get going, and above all, don't let Hill repeat his last year's victory. Someone better step on that "Volkensturumer" of his. Remember what Hill did to Howard Harvey's A/1 last year about this time? Can lightening strike twice?

SEEN & HEARD

Larry Simpson is hard at work now developing and testing for the 1966 Chicago Nats. Larry plans to go for Senior National Champ, flying in Proto speed, Indoor & Outdoor, HLG, A/1 & A/2 Towline, FAI Power, $\frac{1}{2}$ A, A Gas, and Unlimited Rubber.

Lockton Park and Art Gunnett are both working on gear driven Unlimiteds. Locktons will be of rather radical design since he will have to use a block & tackle system of pulleys to bring out the rubber for winding! His preliminary calculations indicate a power climb of 2000 feet! This is based on 100% efficiency of course, but "Lock" believes 1000 feet is well within reach. He may well max while still climbing!

Rodger Jensen isn't hurting for instruments needed for hacking away at balsa. He's just taken a job as Area Representative for Gillette Razor Company. Claims he can cut more ribs with the Gillette Super Stainless blade than with a "beep, beep."

Having Ed Vargo as a visitor at our last meeting was a pleasure. It was also interesting that Lockton Park had a 1940 issue of Air Trails on hand with the results of the '40 Nats contained there-in. So, if you looked closely, you found one Ed Vargo from the Chicago Aeronuts listed as winner of the Mulvihill Trophy for Juniors!

One of the stories told at the Blyth meet came from Fudo. Seems he was commissioned by Mrs. Goldberg (Carl's Mama) to build a display scale model for the promotion of a new kit at her hobby shop in Chicago. The price was \$15.00 for his labor of love. Fudo was quite proud of his rendering and took it to the shop to collect his \$. Mama took this opportunity to re-open the negotiations and Fudo took the opportunity to slam the door and race over to her competitor who promptly snapped it up for \$25.00! This is not the end, however. Seems Fudo was so embarrassed by his "rash" action he ducked Mrs. G. for over six months - finally bumping into her when she spotted him across Chicago's State Street. In the middle of the "Windy City" the shout may still be ringing: "Hi, Fudo! Where you been keeping yourself?"

So you think you have a "red-hot" design. So does John O'Donnel of England and second at Finland in Nordic. He was asked for details and three views by Mike Segrave for publication in "The Internationalist," but received a negative answer. Mike quoted Mr. J. O'D. as follows: "...turned down requests from 'Model Aircraft' for plans of my model for an assortment of reasons. One of these is that the model is simply too good for me to feel inclined to give it away to all and sundry." Well now! ---maybe it is!

A big tip for 1966. Watch for the first issue of the National Free Flight Society Newsletter. It will be professionally done and should be out by July. Charter memberships are being accepted now. More on this next month.

AEROBIOGRAPHY

By Gene Wright

Age 49 - started modeling in 1930. First Gas model was "Miss America" with "Gwinn Aero". Never knew what good flying weather was until coming to San Diego in 1937 from midwest Oklahoma City. Favorite model was Wakefield, until changed from original rules. I like "Old Time" models of all kinds now. (Brain-washed by Bill Thompson.)

Some famous modelers I have known include the Ziac Brothers, George Perryman, Sal Taibi, Jim Saftig, Pappy and Penny Davis & Pluto. I've built at least one of almost every kind of model from U-all control to Mike.

Editors Note: Mister Modesty: ---Gene has also won so many contests you couldn't find space to list them all. Including National Championships. Gene has given away more scale models than most of us have built, and when he isn't flying he is always seen timing. (except he doesn't like 5 minute flights), or in other ways helping the rest of us.

THE OLD TIMERS

By Bill Thompson

The SCAMPS held their second Old Timer's contest on November 21 at Mile Square. Although the weather report had not been too encouraging, a fair turnout was recorded. Heavy clouds hung over the field all day, but it didn't rain one drop. Wind was calm to moderate but there wasn't much lift at any time during the day. Actually there were only 4 or 5 maxes made during the entire contest. At two P.M. the following lined up to cart away the hardware:

Pre-1939 Ignition (30 Sec. E. R.)

1. Larry Boyer	9:06	Clipper	Bunch Tiger
2. Larry Boyer	6:46	"	"
3. Mark Garman	3:12	"	Dennymite

Pre-1943 Ignition (20 Sec. E. R.)

1. Bob Ferguson	11:33	Wasp	Arden .19
2. John Drouillard	10:48	Thermal Thumber	"
3. Woody Gregory	9:31	Playboy 80	Super Cyclone

Pre-1943 Glow (20 Sec. E. R.)

1. Bud McNorgan	12:16	Interceptor	T.D. .099
2. "	11:49	"	"
3. Woody Gregory	11:04	Playboy 80	Veco 29

Pre-1943 Rubber

1. Gene Wright	9:25	Korda	
2. George Batiuk	4:58	Akron Favorite	
3. Hugo Lung	4:34	Dynamoe	

Beauty

Johnny Johnson

Flying Phantom, Jr.

San Diego turned out in force for this meet. During the day this writer counted at least 5 contestants from the Orbiteers. How did they do? Well they walked off with 3 first place trophies and one second place trophy. And it seems that Bob Ferguson has done it again. Now that he has entered 3 Old Timer contests, he has 3 first place trophies to show for it. How long can this go on??? This time he did it on ignition and without the aid of his two time winner, the Strato Streak on glow. Bob barely finished his Wasp in time to enter the contest. The night before, we had worked late getting the bugs out of the ignition hook-up.

Possibly the weather had something to do with it, but the rubber event had only four entries. However, even a beautiful day seems to be no guarantee of a good turn out for this event. If there is much interest in rubber flying, especially the Old Timer type, it hasn't shown up as yet. Now if this offends, you rubber boys, don't make it too rough on me. Just build your rubber jobs and swamp them at the next meet, be it Old Timer or modern. As can be seen from the results, San Diego's own Gene Wright easily walked off with first place in this event.

I'll have to admit that the Pre-'39 event hasn't exactly been paying for itself either. Let's see some more of those old Old Timers out there fellows!

The next Old Timer meet is scheduled for the first part of January. The sponsor will be the Southern California Ignition Flyers and the place will be Sepulveda. Contact this writer for the latest dope on this meet. The next SCAMPS meet will probably be held in February.

The end of 1965 marked the passing of another banner year for the Old Timer movement. Someday this movement may be recognized as the greatest shot in the arm to free flight since the days of the Brown Jr. motors.

Here in California, there were 7 contests in 1964. During 1965, there were 10 Old Timer contests. This represents a little better than a 40% gain. This writer would venture to guess that the Old Timer popularity will continue to show similar increases over this new year of 1966.

Many clubs are now holding annual Old Timer events. Also new clubs, devoted solely to building and flying Old Timers, are springing up. Only one California model airplane club dropped their Old Timer contest for 1965. This was the Santa Barbara group. This writer had supposed that there were three reasons for this action. We would have listed them in this order:

1. Lack of a good free flight site.
2. Horrendous free flight weather.
3. Nearness to Los Angeles and all of their Old Timer contests.

However, upon discussing this with a Santa Barbara hobby shop owner, we were given a different opinion. It was his feeling that free flight was taking a back seat to radio control in the Santa Barbara area. According to this source of information everyone and his brother is flying R/C ships in the Santa Barbara area. Could some of them be Old Timers????

On February 27, the SCAMPS will hold an Old Timer flying scale contest at Mile Square. The plan must have appeared in a magazine or kit before January 1943. There is no limit to the engine run. Highest total time for an unlimited number of flights wins. As this writer sees the rules, they don't exclude rubber models. This could be the shot in the arm that flying scale has been needing. Let's all turn out!

While paying a short visit to John Pond last fall we were rewarded with a valuable tip. To remove covering material from wood, try Strypeezee. According to John, this is the only paint remover that will loosen dope. Just apply to all covering material where it is stuck to the wood. Let it set a while and then pull off the old covering. It's as easy as that! Now all you have to do is to wait until the wood surface is dry once again. Sand lightly, and apply the new covering. We've been told that Frazee paint stores handle Strypeezee in this area. You might also check your hardware store. We have a can. It's wonderful! Get yours today!

Observations of an Old Timer. Seems that a "Hobby Shop" these days is a collection of slot cars and U/C planes. Also you'll find paint by number sets, rocks, stamps coins and many other hobby items. If you look hard enough you might even find such things as pickled fish, reptiles and animals. Remember when you could walk into a hobby shop and all you'd see was model airplanes, engines and parts? Or did it just seem that way? Also, if you needed a part, it was right there and they didn't "have to order it for you". Oh well, so went the good old days!

A BACKWARD GLANCE

~ ~ ~ ~ By Les Hill

1965 was the dawn of an age of "professional attitude" for the San Diego Orbiteers. Highest on the list was undoubtedly the birth of our own newsletter. No other single factor has done so much to knit together this club. Within one year it has achieved status among the publications around the globe. We can be proud to have a dedicated friend with a professional attitude toward his hobby as a member of our club. Our attendance at meetings increased, our participation at monthly and AA contests increased, and most of all our pride in our club increased - to a large degree because of the efforts of one man - Russ Seley.

1965 was the year of "professional attitude" toward the administration of our club. The committee system was used, thus involving more people in the policy-forming functions than ever before. Increased attendance at our contests, increased membership, and of course prudent control by our treasurer, Gene Larsen, resulted in a sound financial condition throughout the year. A board of directors was formed on an informal basis, which served as a sounding board and lifted a certain amount of drudgery from the shoulders of the general membership.

1965 was the year of a "professional attitude" toward the management of our contests. For the first time, we held an "All FAI" contest which was acclaimed by all who attended as being run "like old pros". Our annual contest drew more entries than ever before. Our scale contest and our semi-annual, even though held at our field in San Diego, were both outstanding successes. These achievements didn't just happen. They were the results of hard work - hard work with a professional attitude. At the top of the list are those people who sacrificed their own time to serve this club: Nat Antonioli, Gene Bach, Doris Cronicite, Barbara Simpson, Russ Merrill, Herb Mills, Lockton Park, Bruce Cronicite and Jerry Simpson. Also, a high degree of effort was put forth by Fudo Takagi in organizing our international postal meets.

1965 was a year to be proud of - a year of our club "coming of age" - a year of the birth of a "professional attitude"! Our members have done well in all classes of competition, organization, and sportsmanship. A lot of people are expecting great things in 1966.

Ed. NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND Les is quitting his
CONTRACTING BUSINESS → HE'S THINKING
OF BECOMING A "PROFESSIONAL" FLORIST.

RS.