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NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB



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Chairman's Corner – Mark Chomyn

While others in the country are dealing with heavy snow, freezing rain and some record low temperatures, we here in sunny southern California are basking in “chamber of commerce” weather. That’s the kind of weather that brings “snow birds” to our state. As I sit here writing, the online weather report for my area shows 77 degrees, not bad for February.

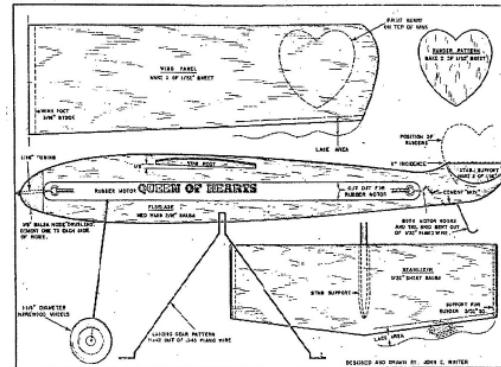
Such was the case for our first contest of the year on Sunday, January 30. The day started out cool but warmed up nicely by 10AM. Drift was fairly light and good air was found by those that know how (i.e. some guy named Stan). Good turnout of flyers with 10 entries in P-30 vying for the \$20 first place finish payout. Lucky recipient of that mony was you guessed it, some guy named Stan. Seriously though Mr. Buddenbohm is a very accomplished flyer and a hard man to beat. Congratulations Stan! I flew my Oldenkamp Hotbox which maxed on it’s first flight. The other two flights were less impressive and I was ousted from third place. Which just reinforces my strategy for competitive flying, never enter a contest class with more than three flyers. Just ask anyone who flys an orinthropter.

For those of you like me who did not reach the winners podiums in January you have another chance at glory. We all have a chance to redeem ourselves at the February 20 outdoor contest. Don Bartick will be our CD and events are coupe, power and glider. Contest starts at 8AM and closes at 11:30AM. I’m bringing my Winterhawk II model which has been sitting in the garage for about a year since it’s first trim glides and short trim flights at Perris last year. So get in the workshop and get prepared for the February event. See you at Taibi Field.

February as we know is a month noted for the celebration of love and romance on February 14, Valentine’s Day. So what better way to show your affection to your significant other than a very cute little rubber power freeflight named “Queen of Hearts”. It’s from the December 1956 issue of Flying Models and was designed by John Winter . The accompanying text states that, “It beats a five pound box of chocolates since it costs less and contains less calories” Text also says it’s a great way to get your sweetie or your wife interested in the hobby. It seems the author had high hopes for his designs ability to win the admiration of one’s significant other. I’m not disparaging Mr. Winter’s enthusiasm but my experience with the opposite sex causes me to be a bit pesimistic that this little ship will win the undying affection of your better half. I suggest if you do build one for her, have a Plan B gift ready in case it doesn’t fullfill the designers intended romance inducing spell.

Stay young, keep flying!

Mark



“I could not help but note the change from the early days (1926-1940) to the present. A model builder’s life used to be very simple. All models were rubber powered and flown indoors or outdoors”.

Frank Zaic from the 1964-65 Model Aeronautic Year Book

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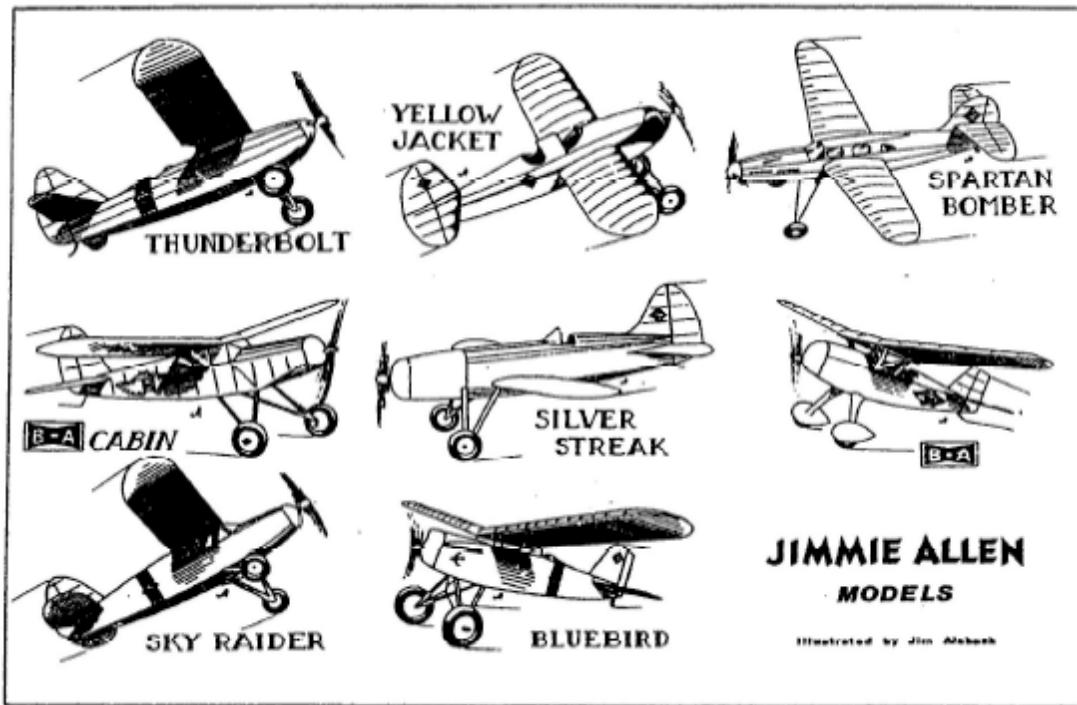
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Jimmie Allen was a fictional character in a popular radio show broadcast during the 1930's. Oil companies including Skelly and Richfield were associated with promotions that gave away kits for building rubber powered model airplanes. They embodied fictional and whimsical designs inspired by the stories that featured Jimmie Allen. Kits for these designs were also sold while the radio show was being broadcast. Building and flying Jimmie Allen models was a very popular pastime during the "Golden Age of Aviation." There are about 20 different Jimmie Allen designs, a handful of which are illustrated below. This artwork was borrowed from the June 2003 issue of the Flight Plug newsletter published by the Southern California Ignition Flyers. Jimmie Allen designs are all free flight rubber powered stick and tissue models. The only exception (not shown) is the Jimmie Allen ROG which is a 12-inch wing span model that has a configuration reminiscent of the Phantom Flash. In an old black and white photograph, it appears to have sheet balsa wood wings and tail feathers.



The Flying Aces Club has a Jimmie Allen event. Any recognizable Jimmie Allen model can be flown at FAC contests in that event. Unfortunately, it is rare to see any Jimmie Allen model flown at an FAC contest besides the BA Cabin, also known as the Skokie. I have seen Mark Chomyn fly his Bluebird (38-inch span) at Perris, but only for fun. Roger Willis and Clint Brooks have built and flown nice examples of the Sky Chief (40-inch span) in FAC contests sponsored at Perris by the Oasis Flyers squadron. Roger took a Spartan Bomber (low wing) to WESTFAC one year. Jimmie Allen models are also eligible to be flown in contests sponsored by the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM).

About five or six years ago, I built a Jimmie Allen Skokie using a kit I purchased from Easy Built Models. This model is pictured below. I still fly it in the Jimmie Allen event at FAC contests. Jimmie Allen models must be launched ROG in that event. As a high wing model with a long nose moment, the Skokie is relatively easy to trim. While my Skokie is equipped with a tilt-up stab DT, it usually lands long before the

DT triggers after 120 seconds have elapsed (max official flight time for each flight). With its heavy and draggy undercarriage, I have a hard time achieving flights over 60 seconds in duration with my Skokie. It's still a lot of fun to fly and never disappoints with a short flight. John Hutchison, George Mansfield, and Don DeLoach can all achieve much longer flights with their Skokie models.

Initially I equipped my Skokie with a plastic prop. However, due to its long nose moment, I had to attach a penny to its tail end to locate the CG at the optimum location shown on the plan. I later switched to a balsa wood prop and removed the penny.



Jimmie Allen Skokie by Mike Jester

Volare Products sells laser-cut kits for the Jimmie Allen Sky Raider (26-inch span) and the Jimmie Allen Special (20-inch wing span). Easy Built Models sells a laser-cut kit for the Skokie (24-inch wing span). Jim O'Reilly has shut down his plans business but you can still purchase plans and laser cut parts from Bob Holman Plans for 10 different Jimmie Allen models. I really like the old-time looks of Jimmie Allen models and hope that they are not forgotten.



FROM THE WORK BENCH - John Merrill

Greetings! It was a kinda lazy Saturday for me, I'm not used to being off work on both weekend days. I could get used to this!

Since I had the house to myself for awhile, I decided to finish up my King Harry, a British design from 1945. It came as a short kit from Volare.

Tomorrow is the January contest at Perris, and while the main event is P-30, I thought maybe I'd take this along to see if it'll fly at all.

Until next month, what's on your workbench?



NEW MEMBER WORK BENCH

- Tracy Johnston

As a new member and new to free flight, I wanted to show what I am working on, in anticipation from any members willing to help, in getting this model in the air. Still have some work to do obviously, I have an OS .15 LA for power, plan to do a bladder tank and timer. If it checks out maybe I could fly it up in Perris someday

Hope all is well,

Tracy – tracyjohnston10@hotmail.com



JANUARY 2022 OUTDOOR MONTHLY



P-30

- 1) Clint Brooks
- 2) Don Bartick
- 3) Mark Chomyn

CLG

- 1) Tim Batiuk
- 2) Brad Terrell
- 3) John Swain

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- 1) Tim Batiuk
- 2) Brad Terrell
- 3) -na-

TOWLINE

- 1) Tim Batiuk
- 2) Clint Brooks
- 3) -na-

POWER

- 1) John Swain
- 2) Mike Pykelny
- 3) Don Bartick



Brad Terrell



Randy Secor

Mike
Pykelny
→



Stan Buddenbohm



Clint Brooks



Tim Batiuk &
Stan Buddenbohm
←

RAVEN

One Design

Contest Announcement

April 24 One Design Event
In memory of John Oldenkamp

Airplane is the “Raven”
Fly as designed, no modifications.
You can use your own rubber.

“Ravens” are provided by Rocco Ferrario and Tim Batiuk.

They will be available at the February 20th SDO monthly contest.

Price is \$10.00 each and includes entry into the April 24 event. First come, First served.

First flyoff 9:00 AM

FAC style Mass Launch elimination.

\$20.00/\$15.00/\$10.00 prizes



SOUTHWEST Regionals - Eloy, AZ.
January 2022





San Diego



Scale Staffel

May 2022 - Outdoor Flying Contest

Saturday and Sunday, May 14 - 15, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Taibi Flying Field, Perris, CA

(Location: 33.7803656, -117.1972964)

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Fees

\$8 entry fee includes one event
\$3 for each additional event
\$20 maximum: includes entry fee and
5 or more events.

Contest Director

John Hutchison
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Awards Presentation

Immediately following the final event on
Sunday

Hotel Accommodations

Red Lion
480 S Redlands Ave,
Perris, CA 92570
951-943-5577

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP:

The flier who earns the most 1st – 3rd place
points will become the 2022 Grand Champion.
The trophy will be presented on Sunday, Sept 11.

Pilot's Meeting @ 8 a.m. each day

PT Aviation Double Nickel Contest (*New Event*)

Contact W.Scott for kits: wscott127@me.com

Comet Nickel Series - Double sized, Wing Span 20"

Total 3 flights (all flights on same day)

1st place - \$50 2nd place -\$25 3rd place -\$10

FAC Single Model Events

Fly any event on either day or on both days.

1. Golden Age Combined
2. Old Time Rubber Stick & Fuselage Combined (hand launch)
3. FAC 2-bit + 1 (ROG)
4. Jimmie Allen (ROG)
5. Dime Scale*
6. Simplified Scale (Dime Scale /Simplified Scale will be judged on the field)
7. Embryo Endurance (ROG)
8. FAC Rubber Scale / 2x Peanut Walt Mooney Combined (*Special award for 2x Peanut Walt Mooney*)

Mass Launch Events will use the "Delayed Launch"

Saturday

9. FAC World War I Combat
Wind at 8:20 a.m., Launch at 8:30 a.m.
10. FAC WW II Combat /Spanish Civil War Combined
Wind at 9:20 a.m., Launch at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday

11. FAC Greve / Thompson Race
Wind at 8:20 a.m., Launch at 8:30a.m.

San Diego Orbiteers

Flying Schedule 2022

Taibi Field Perris, Ca

| Primary Date | Rain Date | Event | CD |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------|
| January 23 | January 30 | P-30/Glider/Power | John M |
| February 20 | February 27 | Coupe/Glider/Power | Don |
| March 20 | March 27 | OT/NOS | MJ |
| | | Rubber/Glider/Power | |
| April 10 | April 24 | P-30/One design Event Glider/Power | Mark |
| | | Oldenkamp Memorial | |
| May 22 | May 30 | Coupe/Glider/Power | |
| June 12 | June 26 | OT/NOS Rubber/Glider/Power | |
| July | OFF | Perris Fun Flys | |
| August | OFF | Perris Fun Flys | |
| September (Dates to be announced) | | Free Flight Champions Lost Hills, Ca | |
| September 25 | (no date) | P30/Glider/Power | |
| October 1 | October 23 | Coupe/Glider/Power | |
| November 12,13 | | Dual Club, Lost Hill, Ca. | |
| November 20 | November 27 | OT/NOS Rubber/Glider/Power | |
| December 18 | (no date) | Make-up | |

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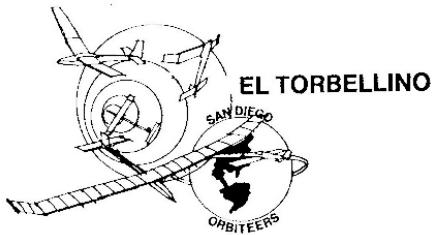


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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **FEBRUARY 2022**

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- February 20 San Diego Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly (Rain date: 2/27/22)
Taibi Flying Field, Perris CA, 8:00 am.
Events: **Coupe / Glider / Power**