

# EL TORBELLINO

NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

OCTOBER 2021  
(Halloween Appendix Edition)



Chairman's Corner – Mark Chomyn

It's that spooky time of year. Halloween is just around the corner. Time for me to show off my Xacto knife skills to my neighbors using some poor unsuspecting pumpkin. After using many types of kitchen knives and specially designed small saws for pumpkins, the Xacto handle with an Excel #26 Long Edge Whittling Blade does the trick for me. Of course, my carvings tend to be fairly basic and nothing too "fine art". But, with a candle in them on Halloween night their glow amuses the younger trick-or-treaters. So, show off your modeling skills. Grab a pumpkin and get carving.

Our monthly outdoor contest at Perris on October 17 will feature events for coupe, power (gas/electric) and glider (hand launch, catapult and towline). Rumor has it that hotdogs will be available on the field. So, get your planes in order and head out to Perris. Unfortunately, I'll be out of town and will miss the action. But I will be there in spirit. Eat an extra hotdog for me. In addition to our monthly contest there are two other contests on the horizon that you might want to keep in mind. There's WESTFAC 2021 on October 21-24 at Rovey Field in Buckeye AZ and the Dual Clubs Free Flight Bonanza on November 13-14 at Lost Hills. Two more reasons to get your planes and flight equipment ready.

After selling additional items from Charley Primbs modelling items at the September monthly contest we now have \$234.00 that will be shared between the Orbiteers and Scale Staffel coffers. With our yearly banquet approaching the revenue from the items sold will come in handy. Oh, by the way the banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2022. More details will follow in the El Torbellino and on the Orbiteers web site. Keep your eyes open.

I was recently on the AMA website submitting event sanctions for our October, November and December monthly events. The AMA home page noted that October was "Build Month". And, in the month of October AMA would be offering all plans in their inventory for 20% off. To see what might be available from AMA, I clicked on the plans service "shop now" prompt and then went into the free flight plans section. If you've never visited the AMA plans site, you should. You won't be disappointed. There are (count them) 415 pages of free flight plan listings amounting to 9945 results (aka plans). If you can't find a model to build in that collection, then maybe your heart's not beating. And at 20% off what are you waiting for?

Going to keep this column on the short side this month. I'm typing after coming back from a two-hour root canal and trying to finish packing for a trip to Monterey. Hope you and yours are staying healthy. And, if you're over 65 (and who isn't) don't forget to get that COVID booster. I got mine along with the seasonal flu shot. No side effects other than minor soreness in both shoulders for a day or two.

Happy Halloween!  
Mark



*"The youthful modelers of America were regarded as "model engineers" by Packard, by which classification he appealed to them in his catalogs, in his ads, promotional brochures and on his plans. The young aeromodelers were regarded as potential aviators, and Packard set out to make each of his plans an educational device toward that end."*

From Aviation's Great Recruiter - Cleveland's Ed Packard, by H.L. Schreiner

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Annual Membership - \$20

Lifetime Membership - \$250

Non-Member Newsletter Subscription - \$15

Junior Members 16 years old or younger - Free

### Submit Dues to Club Treasurer:

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## ORBITEER WEB SITE

[www.SanDiegoOrbiteers.com](http://www.SanDiegoOrbiteers.com)

Webmaster: Kathy McLaughlin



October 14, 2021

Hi Club Members,

Regarding: Days Inn, Lost Hills, 14684 Aloma Street, Lost Hills, Ca 93249

We have established special rates for our Model Airplane Clubs with Harry the property owner.

Single Rate \$69.99, Double Rate \$79.99 including continental breakfast. These rates are effective till January 2022. (We'll re-new rates for 2022)

When booking your reservation follow these simple steps:

1. Call the front desk direct at 661-797-2371 between the hours of 10am to 2pm PST.
2. Ask for the "Model Airplane Special Rate" per Harry the owner.

Do not use the internet. These rates are only offered to us at the front desk, phone number listed above. Call early to make sure they have availability for your dates.

Happy Flying

Michael Pykelny and Linda Piazza

San Diego Orbiteers

858-748-6235

PS Call us if you have questions

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## SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 OUTDOOR MONTHLY

### P-30

- 1) Clint Brooks
- 2) David Wade
- 3) Don Bartick

### HLG

- 1) Tim Batiuk
- 2) Clint Brooks
- 3) Brad Terrill

### POWER

- 1) Hal Cover
- 2) Mike Pykelny
- 3) Don Bartick

### CLG

- 1) Tim Batiuk
- 2) Chris Reck
- 3) Greg Hutchison



September 26<sup>TH</sup> 2021 Monthly



Mike Pykelny



Clint Brooks



Art Chmielewski



Colin Greggs



Brad Terrill



David Wade



<= Chris Reck



<= Don  
Bartick





Greg Hutchison



Jim Batiuk



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Jim Lukin



Hal Cover



John Hutchison



Henry and Matt Kruse



John Merrill



Mark Chomyn



Randy Secor



Mike Mayea



Stan Buddenbohm



Nick Panousis



Mike Pykelny



<= The Flight Line





# DUAL-CLUBS FREE FLIGHT BONANZA

*\*A National Cup Points Event\**

**SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL - CLASS AA, CATEGORY 2**  
**SPONSOR OF AMA & FAI EVENTS**

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**FRESNO GAS MODEL CLUB 81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL - CLASS AA, CATEGORY 2**  
**SPONSOR OF NOSTALGIA, TEXACO & OLD TIME EVENTS**

**\* November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \***  
**\* LOST HILLS, CA \***

**SATURDAY ONLY**  
**7 AM - NOON, 1 - 5 PM**  
**LUNCH BREAK W/ ICE CREAM**  
**SOCIAL**

**EITHER DAY**  
**MUST FINISH EVENT THE SAME DAY**

**SUNDAY ONLY**  
**7 AM - 3 PM**

A GAS  
C/D GAS  
E-36  
P-30 (1)  
VINTAGE FAI POWER  
CATAPULT GLIDER (1)  
½ A TEXACO  
DAWN P-30 MASS LAUNCH  
NIGHT GAS (COMBINED)  
TWIN PUSHER MASS LAUNCH

SMALL OT RUBBER STICK  
SMALL OT RUBBER CABIN  
LARGE OT RUBBER STICK  
LARGE OT RUBBER CABIN  
¼ A NOSTALGIA  
½ A NOSTALGIA  
A NOSTALGIA  
B NOSTALGIA  
C NOSTALGIA  
EARLY ½ A NOSTALGIA

.020 REPLICA  
A PYLON  
B-C PYLON  
A FUSELAGE  
B-C FUSELAGE  
RUB/WAKEFIELD NOS  
CLASSIC TOWLINE  
½ A CLASSIC POWER  
½ A GOLDEN AGE  
E NOSTALGIA 1/2A/A (COMB)

1/2A GAS(1)  
B GAS  
A/B ELECTRIC (COMB)  
HAND LAUNCH GLIDER (1)  
VINTAGE WAKEFIELD  
FULL SIZE TEXACO  
MULVIHILL  
DAWN MULVIHILL  
GOLLYWOCK MASS LAUNCH

*(1) Junior & Senior/Open Event*

*See Special Instructions on backside*

**\*\* AN ORBITEER TRADITION LIVES ON \*\***

JOIN US FOR SATURDAY ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL ON US (NOON - 1 PM)  
*also*

SATURDAY NIGHT FOOD FEST POTLUCK ORGANIZED BY DAN HEINRICH (6:00 -7:00 PM) *(Main course provided)(Bring a side dish or dessert)(Let Dan know what you're bringing at [aeronutd@cs.com](mailto:aeronutd@cs.com))*

**CASH AWARD FOR 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE with 3 or more**  
**entries. PLACARDS awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place**  
**Ceremonies at: 3:15 PM Sunday**

**\$20 REGISTRATION Sr. & Open / \$2 Jr**  
**\$5 per Event Sr. & Open / \$1 Junior -**  
**Optional: \$40 for Registration & Unlimited Events**

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## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**(LOST HILLS FF MODEL AIRFIELD ASSOCIATION CARD REQUIRED (\$25 AT FIELD TO JOIN))**

### **SATURDAY NOON to 1 PM LUNCH BREAK & SUNDAE SOCIAL**

The contest will be suspended for 1 hour for lunch and the San Diego Orbiteers famous ice cream social. This is a great time to relax, cool off, have lunch and enjoy the ice cream sundaes. We will provide ice cream, & sundae fixings, napkins, plates and plastic ware.

### **PRIZE DRAWING**

The Fresno GMC once again has collected an enormous amount of model stuff for their drawing. For up to 3 events entered that are sponsored by them, the contestant will receive a drawing ticket. Drawing to be held right after Sunday's award ceremony.

### **BILL BOOTH, SR. MEMORIAL**

High time in Old Time Gas. Includes 020 Replica, but not Texaco. Winner will receive a special award from the Fresno GMC.

### **HAND LAUNCH GLIDER & CATAPULT GLIDER**

Hand Launch Glider & Catapult Glider will to be launched from an established glider pen on the field. Max's are 120 seconds and all flights count.

### **NIGHT GAS FLYING**

All engine classes combined. Event window between 6:30 pm – 9pm. Engine runs in accordance with aircraft classification; i.e., AMA or Nostalgia.

### **VINTAGE FAI POWER**

For rules, please go to this website: [https:// freeflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NFFS-Competition-Rules-2021-2022-Release-3.pdf](https://freeflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NFFS-Competition-Rules-2021-2022-Release-3.pdf) A copy of the rules will be available at the CD's table. First five (5) flights must be flown from the established line between 7:00AM – 12:00 PM.

### **VINTAGE WAKEFIELD**

For rules, please go to this website: [https:// freeflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NFFS-Competition-Rules-2021-2022-Release-3.pdf](https://freeflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NFFS-Competition-Rules-2021-2022-Release-3.pdf) A copy of the rules will be available at the CD's table. First five (5) flights must be flown from the established line between 7:00AM – 12:00 PM.

### **DAWN P-30**

Saturday morning 7:30 AM sharp. Mass launch from glider pen; 1 flight, no max.

### **DAWN MULVIHILL (Timer can ride with contestant)**

Sunday morning 7:30 – 7:50 AM launch window, 1 flight, no max.

### **TWIN PUSHER MASS LAUNCH**

Saturday morning 8:30 sharp. Mass launch from glider pen; 1 flight, no max.

### **GOLLYWOCK MASS LAUNCH**

Sunday morning at 8:00 sharp. Mass launch from glider pen; 1 flight, no max.

### **TEXACO (Timer can ride with contestant)**

1/2A Texaco: Saturday 7:00-10:00 AM launch window, 8cc fuel; Full Size Texaco: Sunday 7:00-10:00 AM launch window, ¼ oz per pound – max 1.75 oz fuel.

### **1/2A GOLDEN AGE**

Open to any free flight design that had plans published or dated from 01/01/1957 thru 12/31/1969. Engines are restricted to Holland Hornet .049/.051 and Cox T.D..049/.051. An electric version is included in the provisional rules and flown in a combined event. For rules, please go to this website: [https:// freeflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NFFS-Competition-Rules-2021-2022-Release-3.pdf](https://freeflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NFFS-Competition-Rules-2021-2022-Release-3.pdf) A copy of the rules will be available at the CD's table.



## Halloween Vibes



AFRAID  
 FRIGHTENED  
 PALPITATIONS  
 SHAKING  
 SQUEAMISH

CREEPED OUT  
 HEART-POUNDING  
 PANICKED  
 SHOCK  
 TERRIFIED

FEARFUL  
 HORRIFIED  
 PETRIFIED  
 SPOOKED  
 UNNERVED

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING - NOVEMBER 2021

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- November 13-14     DUAL-CLUBS FREE FLIGHT BONANZA  
San Diego Orbiteers 62<sup>ND</sup> Annual – Class AA, Category 2  
Lost Hills, CA  
See enclosed flyer for scheduled events
- November 21        San Diego Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly  
Taibi Flying Field, Perris CA, 8:00 am.  
Events: **OT-NOS Rubber / Glider / Power**

