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The Newsletter of the Palomar RC Flyers

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

June 2008

The fun fly originally scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, 2008 was postponed due to inclement weather conditions. However it was flown on Monday, May 26th, 2008.

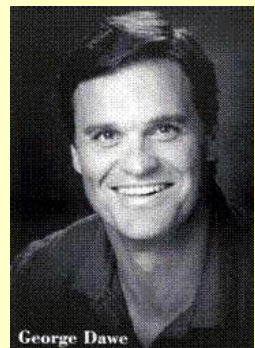
I haven't heard if the Palomar RC Flyers team is still in overall First Place. But I did note that two of our team members, Butch Abongan and Bob "Lawn Dart" Peterson, were unable to compete! Butch had mechanical problems and Bob...well the picture of Bob featured in this issue speaks for itself! Not to worry, everyone has a bad day...just ask that Triple Crown Favorite, "Big Brown"...although in that case I have my doubts that the horse did anything wrong! Was the fix in at the Belmont? One thing is for certain is that our guys did their best...sometimes things just go wrong! Certainly for team member Bill Hill it all went perfect as he now finds himself in overall 1st place! I encourage all of our club members to show up to the next Interclub Fun Fly event! and support your team!

I am still trying to get the car track tower removed from our site to obviate the need for demolition. Just taking down those two pavilions cost the club more than \$1000.00, which included \$500.00 for the material haul away and a bit more than \$500 for the Bobcat tractor. Needless to say I would like to avoid spending any more money on demolition at this point. The next phase of the "demolition" will be to modify the main sunshade at the fixed wing airfield into 300 cubic foot sections. By doing so, we will obviate the need to permit this sunshade. I plan to have a work party in July to accomplish this goal. Please watch our website for the date and time of this event which should be posted in the near future.

The Ramona Airshow was held on May 31, and June 1, 2008. Initially, it did not look like the Palomar RC Flyers were going to get to fly before 2:30pm, but a compromise was struck between the powers that be and our Vice President Curtis Kitteringham and our flying time was both adjusted to allow us to fly earlier. Curtis ran the event for the Palomar RC Flyers which turned out to be a mix of club members and guests from other clubs. This cooperation amongst the different clubs insured that our hobby was well represented at the Ramona Airshow!

The Board does realize that the number of events in both April and May has pretty well exhausted our members. However we still have a couple of upcoming events in June that need your participation. The first upcoming event, The Flights of Fancy, is June 21st, 2008. This is our biggest annual event that focuses on bringing kids into aviation. Again this year we are working with the San Diego Aerospace Museum to introduce RC Flying to young people. Contact Gary Thompson to help make this an event that each of our "Campers" will remember!

Ok, there will be another "Combat Build-a-Thon" at my house starting at 8:00 am June 28, 2008. The purpose is to develop more Combat event pilots for the upcoming July 20, 2008 Open B and SSC Combat Event. If you have never flown Combat, but were always curious, or were just putting it off, this is your chance to build a combat aircraft and join the fun. At the last Build-a-Thon, seven combat aircraft were virtually completed by the end of the day. While not all of those pilots flew in our last event, they should all be able to fly in this event. The more...the merrier...so come build with us! Coffee and donuts in the morning, Pizza and Soda at noon!...and a chance to get a peak at my Focke-Wulf!



George Dawe

Remember, action aside, the Slow Survivable contest had a good mix of differently skilled pilots. While skill is a bit of a factor...luck plays a big role! At the last event the scores were very close! This demonstrates that anyone can fly successfully in a combat event with a little training. So come join the excitement and fun!

I promised you in last month's column that I would write more about the Helicopter show which took place for May 9th, 10th, and 11th. As you all should know, our Helicopter Chairman, Justin Barry did a fine job organizing the event. The pilots were excellent...the food was delicious...the camaraderie was priceless. Yours truly actually got to man the sticks of a .50 size gas helicopter. I cannot remember when I had a more exhilarating RC experience! I STILL HAVE A SMILE ON MY FACE when I think about it!

The sponsors were great answering everyone's questions. All of the pilots were very nice to everyone who approached them...I found that to be refreshing! Finally the maneuvers that these pilots could make their machines do were mind-boggling! It was a great event and our clubs thanks goes out to all of those people who assisted in the preparation and flew in the contest.

I would like to remind the club that the "Top Dawg" Scale Show was cancelled due to lack of interest. Consequently the only scheduled event for June is the Flights of Fancy event on June 21st. On the 4th of July we will have our annual club picnic which is sponsored by the Club. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be the order of the day. Flying will be informal but I hope to see all of you there! July 20th is the next Combat event, "Raid on Bougainville". If you have never seen a Combat Event...you need to at least come and check it out!

That's all for this month. Again, I want to remind you Highway 15 slants in a NE direction. The further out you go, the more likely you will fly over the highway! Please be careful. Lets all have fun flying while keeping safety in mind! Remember, at our summer month meetings we have arranged some guest speakers that I hope you all will enjoy! Again, I hope you all will attend as many events as you can as participants and spectators!

Your President

George Dawe



MAY BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

George and David Drowns discussed their investigation of a BLM parcel that is located just south of the city of Temecula. This area is a former full-scale airport cut into a hillside.

George proposed we purchase a helicopter to use as a trainer to promote our fixed-wing pilots learning to fly rotors. We will talk about this at our next club meeting.

Joe Buko reported the heli fun fly netted the club almost \$2000.00. Also, Income for the previous 30 days was \$3672.00 and expenses were \$2333.00 for a net gain of \$1339.00 We have \$10492.00 in the money market and \$4244.00 in checking for a total of \$14736.00.

Dave Truax spoke about the success of the inter-club fun fly on Memorial Day and this hopefully will lead to a pylon program following this type of format next year.

Darrel Albert asked for and received \$200 in seed money for the Combat program rafle. George has received e-mails from combat flyers back east interested in participating in our Pearl Harbor Classic to be held on December 6-7. A few years ago the national championships were decided at this event. A third combat build-a-thon will be held on Saturday June 28th at George's house. Contact David Drowns for details.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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INVITATIONAL FUN FLY

May 26th

This Fun Fly was held on May 26 - it was originally scheduled on May 24 but due to impending weather was re-scheduled to the Memorial Day holiday. It is the third in a series of Fun Fly events scheduled for this year involving 5 Clubs in the area - Palomar Flyers, Temecula Valley, Menifee Valley, Hemet, and Gilman Springs.

Four pilots from each club may enter each of two events. For this event, there were 16 pilots entered - some pilots represented more than 1 club - with 19 entries in all.

The events started with a timed event, in which the pilot was required to fly 3 Cuban eights followed by three rolls then land as quickly as possible on the runway. The event was timed from start to wheels down on the runway. Best time of the day was put in by Glen Kratz of the Temecula Valley Flyers in 41.8 seconds. Bill Hill, of Palomar Flyers, was right behind at 44.4 seconds.

The second event was a spot landing event in which a grid was marked out on the runway. The smallest 3 ft. section of the grid was worth 8 points with larger grid sections earning 4 points or 2 points (or zero if you missed the grid entirely). Pilots were given three chances to approach the grid and attempt to touch down their wheels. The touchdown point was scored by 4 judges. You were not allowed a go-around, so if no touch was made, it was also scored as a zero. The total of three touches was the pilot's total score.

The overall top score for both events went to Bill Hill, who finished with the top score of the day. Temecula Valley Club garnered the



most points.

A raffle was also held and the Menifee Valley Flyers brought the mobile barbeque. Angel Moreno and Tamara Moreno, from Menifee Valley, took care of all of these details as well as scoring the events. The Barbeque lunch was well received by everyone and the the flying went very well with only a few model casualties.

Two more Fun fly's in the series are scheduled - August 9 at Hemet and September 20 at Temecula. There is also a finals event to be held at Menifee Valley with the date yet to be announced.



For more info, here is a link to the details - <http://mvf-club.com/inland/dates.html>.

Gary Thompson



MODEL OF THE MONTH
For May

Model of the Month in May was awarded to Frank Burke for his OV-10 Bronco. This was a kit from Hobby Hangar built in the Calif. Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection design. They use it for fire observation, but it is also used by the military as well. It has a 57 in. wing span and is powered with twin engines OS-40FP with HiTec radio gear and Spring Air retracts. It is flying quite well and can actually land successfully on the runway.



SEEN AT THE FIELD
By Ethel Burke



ALL DAY COMBAT BUILD-A-THON

For anyone interested in building your own combat plane, we will be having another all day build-a-thon. The day is currently planned as a one day class on building your own combat plane. We will supply the plans and the materials. You'll bring your own radio gear and engine.

If needed, we'll have a follow up completion course. This class is meant to give you the skills to build, re-build, and build again. If you've been sitting on the fence, this is your opportunity to get into an exciting and low cost high performance and high durability aircraft with the open-B and scale models or a slower yet highly maneuverable and durable slow-survivable-combat version aircraft.

When: Saturday, June 28th

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(AKA George Dawe's house in Fallbrook)

Time: 9:00 am until we're done, or tired, or have to go, or until we get kicked out

Food: coffee, pizza, and whatever else we decide will be provided

You must sign up for this event, so we can provide enough supplies.

The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, June 18th.

If you'd like to sign up or have any questions, contact David Drowns at 760-740-1715.

See you all there!!

NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE BATTERIES

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THE EARLY PART of summer is always a great time to be at the field; the winds are finally starting to mellow, and the sun, although warm, hasn't really gotten excessively hot. It's probably the most comfortable time of the year for flying. But don't forget the sunscreen; ambient temperature has nothing to do with whether the sun is getting you or not, so be safe.

The old adage never too old to learn something new definitely fits with me. I'm always picking up new things, and many are very useful while some are pretty much necessary. For instance, lately I've been having battery issues.

With Nickel Cadmium being the predominant combination for power storage over the last 20 years, knowing how to handle and care for them was almost second nature. Confidence was high because we knew where we stood most of the time.

That hasn't been the case with the new nickel metal hydrides. They're a different animal in many respects and are what I would consider quite finicky. Though not as heat sensitive as Li-Polys, they are more difficult to "train" and put into some sort of routine.

NiMHs have a much stronger internal resistance than the old Ni-Cads, which can make them difficult to charge at times and they don't normally take well to fast field charging. The voltage will show good but there won't be much volume, and they will have a tendency to lose the power quickly sitting at idle.

I Didn't really find this out until a couple of months ago, hanging out in my shop with a good bud, Willis Lewis. I was complaining about the new batteries and explaining about the difficulties I

was having, and he said I needed to handle the initial charging much different than Ni-Cds. He explained the method he uses, and after a while it made a lot of sense.

Considering the new NiMH batteries are "eco friendly" the chemicals involved are much less reactive and therefore less effective. Much like everything else, the safer it is, the less it does! I used his method and the batteries finally started to do some work and were reacting in a more consistent manner.

The new batteries need to be cycled several times in the beginning and must be charged very slowly each time to get the volume necessary to do the job. There's not a specific number of cycles necessary, but after three or four complete cycles you'll finally start getting the capacity up where it's supposed to be. And it will hold.

AT first the capacity will show good fresh off the charger, but the next day they will drop off drastically just sitting at idle. It's very important that you know this fact so you don't waste time driving to the field thinking you are ready to go.

Another important lesson with the new cells is the difference in a bad cell. With Ni-CDs a bad cell will show instantly by not carrying voltage. A bad NiMH cell will hold voltage but will not be able to hold it's capacity. Fresh off the charger the cell will show good but will lose it very quickly, so keep an eye out.

Since batteries don't normally come with instructions, most of this is trial and error and learning from friends. If you're having troubles as I was with the new batteries, you might try this method. I'm finally starting to get some confidence in the new NiMHs, but it wasn't easy. Keep trying.

Greg Hahn

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 COMBAT BUILD-A-THON - June 28th
 CHULA VISTA SWAP MEET—July 12th
 COMBAT IN JULY—July 20th



FUN FLY UPDATE

From another perspective

The May club fun fly had no problems what so ever. Oh, wait, no one showed up for it except our little fun fly team. Instead of doing the fun fly we did a little practicing for the Inter Club fun fly the following week.

The Inter Club fun fly was postponed to Monday due to touchy weather. After an hour wait for the drizzle to stop, all went smoothly. Gary Thompson was the C.D. and there were no problems. The Palomar Flyers were in first place when it started, but two of our flyers had problems. Butch Abongan had problems with what turned out to be bad fuel. Unfortunately he zero'd out for event which hurt us. I did a test flight on my airplane before the event started. After a nice flight I landed and while taxiing I hit the traffic cone along side the runway and broke my toy in half. After a very short cry I took out my back-up Sportster and got it ready. I was first in the first event. I did the most impressive take off, turned downwind, did three of the most stunning Cuban eights, followed by three edgy rolls. The next thing required was a nice landing. I got a bad "Thumb Glitch" and instead, did a beautiful figure NINE right into the JUNGLE. Another zero. We will have a moment of silence for my Sportster. Gary was nice enough to put a new receiver in HIS airplane and set it up for my Mode 1 transmitter. I flew the second event but only got a total of 4 points. Luckily Bill Hill took first place in both events, followed by Gary Thompson in second place.

Temecula gained on us, but thanks to Bill and Gary, we are STILL in FIRST PLACE. On the individual standings, Bill is in FIRST overall, and Gary is in THIRD over all. Great flying guys.

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Meeting Notice:

The **June 19th** club meeting will be held at the usual place, i.e. the San Marcos Joslyn Senior Center, 101 Richmar Avenue, San Marcos, CA.

January

February

March

Start Monday night instruction to continue until Sept 29th

April

- 20th Fallbrook Air Show (tentative)
- 27th COMBAT - Hunt for Yamamoto (Open B and SSC)

May

- 3rd - Carlsbad Mall show
- 4th - Swap Meet and Open House - Johns on Field
- 9th - 10th - 11th - San Diego Helicopter Fun Fly sanction C

June

21st Flights of Fancy

July

- 4th Club Picnic
- 20th COMBAT Open B and SSC

August

- 2nd ELECTRIC SCALE contest
- 9th FUN FLY
- 24th COMBAT (Battle of Britain) Open B and SSC

September

- 13th Dawn Patrol WWI fly in
- 20th Mall Show North County Fair
- 21st Air show and Swap Meet

October

- Date TBA Miramar Air Show
- 25th Pylon Race - Quickee 500, sportsman and Open B

November

22nd - FUN FLY Palomar Turkey Shoot

December

- 7th COMBAT (Pearl Harbor Classic) 25/48 Open Band SSC
- 20th Club Dinner and raffle

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