



February 2008

Transmitter

The Newsletter of the Palomar RC Flyers

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Presidents Column

I hope you are all surviving the rains! The field has been closed during the rain periods but it is regularly checked after the rain subsides so that it can be opened as soon as possible! We plan to redo our roads improving the road that leads to the car track. Hopefully we will be the beneficiary of some DG for our road system in the next few weeks...we shall see!

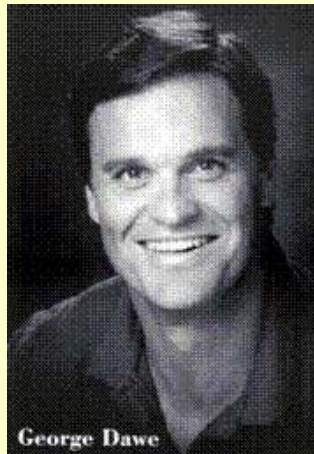
In the mean time we are preparing to commence our first Club project. Hopefully, by the time this Newsletter appears, you will notice a fence on both sides of the gate surrounding the turning circle. The board has voted to erect this chain link fence in order to stop the tide of unwanted dumping and four wheeling activity that seems to be circumventing our gate. Once the fence is up, local law enforcement will take action against any "dumpers" or "Big Foot" imitators.

I received a call the other day from Angel and Tamara Moreno of the Menifee Flyers. They are organizing an inter-club fun fly, involving six local area clubs, and awarding prizes for each event while keeping a year long point

system to determine the areas "Fun Fly Champion. Bob Peterson is our point man and will have all the details at our next club meeting. I encourage all of you to fly in this event!

Speaking of events, at the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board created the schedule for the upcoming events for 2008. This year, most events are either one day or half day events. Check out the full schedule published on the back of this News Letter! This schedule leaves plenty of time for open flying.

I am currently working out the last



George Dawe

minute details with Board Member, David Drowns, to host a Slow Survivable Combat Build at my house in the next few weeks. David will be writing an explanatory article so I will leave the details up to him. The purpose of my hosting a build-a-thon is to encour-

age more club members to get involved in Slow Survival Combat Flying! There is a rumor, that your Vice President has challenged your President to a Combat duel for bragging rights. I can't confirm it, like I said its only a rumor...Check your six...Curtis!!!

Don't be dismayed by the schedule, there will be plenty of opportunities to earn those precious Palomar Dollars! The work schedules will be announced on an as needed bases at each club general meeting. For those of you that can't participate in physical labor this year offers many opportunities to exhibit your aircraft and earn Palomar Dollars

As some of you may know, we are putting more emphasis on "youth" participation. A couple of weeks ago, Gary Thompson ran his first youth event in which we hosted a Youth Group with members from San Marcos and Escondido. They were a great bunch of kids and the event was run much in the same way we run our Flights of Fancy Event. Unfortunately, during the event, we lost two trainers. One was a victim of what appears to be a buddy box equipment failure. The other was apparently a result of too much distance... between the pilot and the airplane. This brings up a reminder for all our instructors and members: Keep the aircraft within vision range and check all radio equipment with a

thorough preflight! ARF's are expensive! Instructors and all members need to remember to thoroughly check all equipment before taking off and fly within vision distance. Believe it or not, Highway 15 slants in a NE direction. The further out you go, the more likely you will fly over the highway! Please be careful. The Board of Directors voted to replace the two lost trainers at the last Board meeting.

As you know, this year, we want to return to developing the Car track.. I am still trying to see if Fallbrook Water Utility will give us water. I have made little progress on this quest but I will keep trying! From a pilots point of view, it has always been a dream to have a grass runway paralleling the asphalt runway, but to do that we also need water!

As I told you in my last article, due to time constraints on our editor and the financial commitment involved, this is the first Newsletter to be printed primarily in electronic form. But as I stated last time, printed copies of the Newsletter will STILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS! So please try to attend if you prefer a "printed" copy!

You may notice that we have purchased our first Port-a-potty. I hope all the members have a chance to try it...I mean check it out. In the up coming weeks we will be adding the ramp accessory for our memberships use.

On another note, Curtis and I have scouted out a potential site to relocate the electric 3D airplanes and also provide additional flying for smaller electric/gas copters. It's close enough to the current helicopter field, yet far enough

away from the highway so that I don't pull my hair out worrying about an accident! It's a good addition and will give the 3Ders a flying site of their own. When finished, it will have all the amenities of our other sites.

I want this to be a great year for all. Again, I hope you all will attend as many events as you can as participants and spectators!

Your President

George Dawe

BOARD MEETING

January 30th 2008

President George Dawe called the Board meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. and updated us on his plans for field improvements for 2008. The board members will be putting fencing in place from each side of the gate to the edge of the bridge rail to keep trespassers from bypassing the gate and damaging our property. This will be on the weekend of Feb.9-10. Curtis has made arrangements for materials and equipment, but board members will supply their own Ben-Gay and Ibuprofen.

The weekend of March 1-2 will be for removing old carpeting from the pilot/ drivers areas and laying in paving stones. This will dress up the areas and remove any chance of mold developing. This project may go until the following weekend but should be well worth the effort.

Robin Solomon reported that he could get ARF trainers for

\$75 and engines for \$47 and that we could fill out our club trainer fleet for about \$400. This will be discussed at our Feb. meeting. Darrell Albert turned over about \$150 worth of prizes to the club rafflemaster and the board voted to add another \$300 to keep the quantity of and interest in the meeting raffle at a high level. The board will be in control of both funds and will receive spending reports each month.

Varley Longson reported we now have 193 members and our goal is to grow that to 300 members by the end of the year. Joe Buko reported our finances at \$10380 in the money market and \$8621 in checking for total of \$19001.84 cash on hand.

David Drowns purchased eye rinse solution and clean cloths for stocking up the first-aid kits at each location. We received great thank-you cards from the kids that attended our Kiwanis event organized by Gary Thompson. We hope to have this group at our Flights of Fancy event in June.

The Board voted \$100 for material to rejuvenate the car track and \$400 for the Necessary computer software.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

January 17th 2008

President George Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:30 and welcomed members and guests. George reviewed field, club and AMA safety rules. Varley Longson brought up that we have set aside an area east of the sunshade and pilots stand for electric powered foamie fixed wings. Special Interest Group objected to George's statements in last month's newsletter that they were flying large sized fixed wing planes at their spot in an improper manner. George explained his objections and invited the heli SIG to attend the board meeting on Jan. 30th.

Minutes from the Nov. meeting were approved as published. Joe Buko's report showed a December income of \$2815 and expenses of \$2430 for a net gain of \$385. We have \$8271.00 in checking and \$10380.00 in our money market account for total assets of \$18651.00.

Joe suggested buying our own handicapped porta-potty. Membership voted unanimously to make the purchase and then we will only pay the service charge each month.

George covered the Patching and sealing of the runway and what it will cost. After we find out the future of the property and our use of it, we can make a decision on improvements. George mentioned that last Monday while driving southbound on I-5 that a trainer was flying over the freeway. This led to a review of the AMA & club safety rules. Darrel Albert announced the Monday night instructions will begin March 31 into October.

Ron Peterka announced he will be organizing a beginner scale contest for club members this year. Details to follow. Tom Johnston won Model of the Month with his 1/6 scale Sopwith Pup, from a Balsa USA kit. Tom powers it with a Saito .56 for scale sound and power.

Jeremy Black won a MDS engine as an attendance prize.

Ernie Emory was the big raffle winner. He won the Evolution .61 engine and the Futaba FSST radio. Nice going, Ernie.

Big raffle winners

Arrow ARF	Mike Crawford
Hitec flight pac	Larry Hufford
P51 die cast model	Chuck Micceli
Transmitter case	Mark Williamson

ODDS AND ENDSFIRST ONLINE ONLY EDITION OF THE TRANSMITTER

This is the first Online edition of the newsletter that we're putting out. Due to the great savings in cost, in time and postage there is no longer any limitation in size. So I would like to encourage you all to send in your pictures, articles and comments to publish in the newsletter. Use .jpg's (files ending in .jpg) for pictures, Microsoft word files (ending in .doc) for text (any version).

I can also use more color and larger fonts for easier reading. Any constructive suggestions would also be welcome.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Check out the back page for the 2008 events schedule for our club. Be aware that it is Tentative. That means it's subject to change.

FUN FLY STUFF

This year I would like to try something a little different. I would like to form a Fun Fly committee. It would consist of four people. We would decide together just what tasks would be required for the fun fly. Each member would help with the decision. With four members, we all could fly also. Two members would score while the other two would fly. Then we would switch. I think we would have a lot more interesting events with four different inputs. I will be looking for volunteers at this months meeting. Please think about it.

Our regular Fun Fly events are scheduled as follows:

May 17th, August 9th, and November 22nd. We had 13 entrants in our last one; let's make it even bigger this year.

Great news

We have been invited to an inter-club fun fly contest. We will fly with the MENIFEE VALLEY FLYERS, HEMET MODEL MASTERS, and GILMAN SPRINGS R/C FLYERS AND TEMECULA VALLEY FLYERS.

The contest consists of five fun flys followed by the finals at the MENIFEE VALLEY FLYERS field. Each of the five events will be at a different field. We won't know the events required until the pilots meeting that morning. This should be lots of fun. The event is opened to 4-8 pilots from each club. The pilots could change from event to event. There will be scoring for each pilot and also for each club. There will be trophies for the individual winning pilots and for the winning club. **WE CAN DO THIS.** I'll have all the details at the club meeting. Remember, only a maximum of EIGHT members can fly, so sign up at the meeting.

The event held at our field will be on May 24th. The first event will be held at the Menifee Valley Flyers field on March 1. **SURELY WE CAN BEAT THOSE GUYS, RIGHT?** Let's show them what we can do. Also there will be a BBQ and raffle at each event. After the event there will be open flying where we can get to know a lot of different flyers.

Bob Peterson,
Bored Member



Saturday, March 15th
ALL DAY BUILD-A-THON

For anyone interested in building your own combat plane, we will be having an 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.

Cost: minimal, if anything

Location: at the hangar of the Palomar RC Flyers capital building

(AKA George Dawe's house in Fallbrook)

Time: 9:00 am until we're done, tired, 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, March 5th.

If you'd like to sign up or have any questions, contact

David Drowns at

760-740-1715



LOS CABALLEROS

A day at the field



Gunsmoke 2008
Scale Master Qualifier
March 7th, 8th, 9th at Superstition Airpark

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Public Welcome

EXPERT—TEAM—OPEN—FUN SCALE

(Fun Scale does not qualify for Scale Masters)

US SCALEMASTERS 2008 RULES AMA Sanction #08-0030
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- + **Friday March 7, 2008:** Registration 9:00 am – Static judging with practice flying until 4:30 pm.
- + **Saturday March 8th, 2008.** Pilots meeting at 8:00 am sharp. Qualifying rounds begin at 8:30am until 4:30pm. Late static judging until the end of 1st round.
- + **Sunday March 9th, 2008:** Completion of Round Five. Score is based upon the average of the best three flying rounds plus static scores.

Entry Fee: \$25.00 Before Feb. 25, 2008 \$35.00 After or Friday at the event.

Awards & Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each category, Peoples choice and Pilots choice.
Top 30% in each event Expert and Team qualify for Scale Masters.
Top 20% of Open Qualifies.

100db limit for gas engines, 103db limit for glow engines.

AMA sanctioned event, all pilots must have a current 2008 AMA membership card at registration. Turbine pilots must have a current waiver.

Contest director: Paul Goldsmith 4433 E. Carmel Ave. Mesa, AZ. 85206
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Make checks payable to: Arizona Model Aviators
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NEW MODELING WEB SITE

The Palomar R/C Flyers link was added to Abcht.com's listing in October. Abcht.com is a website listing modeling links - attempting to make more information for modelers more accessible. To get Abcht.com's information to modelers the site must be promoted.

The internet is so large and so participatory it's difficult to find what you are looking for. For instance, searching for "rc airplane" on Google returns 432,000 results. Abcht.com's goal is presenting a list of links a radio control enthusiast finds useful. This list includes links to vendors, clubs, events, pictures, forums and more. This list can display links you didn't know existed.

Your help is needed to make a better list. If you have a few good links please add them to the list. Press the "Add Link" button on the top of the page to add the link. The "Add Link" page displays for you to select a Category and Icon. Then add the Title and Url. That's it.

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LOG ON TO Abcht.com AND CHECK IT OUT

SCALE CONTEST

Date to be announced

By Ron Paterka

Well, I haven't had legions' of club members knocking my door down to volunteer for our proposed Scale Contest, but it is a little early to expect sign-ups since a solid date hasn't been given. I will be working on a June date in the near future and, then, I'll reinforce the door to withstand the onslaught of volunteers.

On another note. If you are considering entering the contest there are a few things you can do now to be better prepared. Like, look at your static judging materials. Do you have good three views of the aircraft you have modeled, or plan to enter? Do you have three copies of those three views for the judges? Is your notebook organized so judges can locate "color" and Markings" easily? Can you clean up or add a few more details to improve the 'Craftsmanship' score. Remember, static score is half your score in team or expert class. Last year only tow points separated Curtis and I from a third place trophy.

When it comes to the flying part of the contest there is one BIG thing you can do to prepare. Practice, practice, practice the horizontal figure eight mandatory maneuver. This, traditionally, has been the single most difficult maneuver to score well in. Try to practice in different wind conditions. Every variation in wind strength or direction will affect your timing in this critical maneuver. The good news is you know the pattern at our field and that it very rarely changes due to wind directions.

Choose your optional maneuvers to match the full scale flying capability of your model. Judges never saw a full scale Cub doing Mach 1, or flying extended inverted flight. Look for prototypical maneuvers that you can do, or learn to do, easily.

You should also consider how much exposure each maneuver chosen will have in front of the judges. A 'touch and go' will offer high points, but twice as much chance to get a low score too. A single loop offers half the exposure to judging as a 'Cuban eight' maneuver.

Later on I'll touch on some more prep tips and start outlining the critical jobs needing people for the contest. Remember, this is a contest intended to help a new contestant have some fun while learning what it takes to win. You will not need to be world class to have some fun and may even surprise yourself at how well you can do.

Ron Peterka ron3180x@aol.com if you want to contact me.

How's this for a scale subject Ron?



SCALE IS FUN, DONE RIGHT!

I was reading an article by a fellow named Jeff Troy and he summed up the scale process for success in a very simple way. He divided the decisions into just three basic steps – 1. What is your skill and desire level? 2. What do you want to do with your model? (sport, fun, competition, experimental) and 3. What preparation is needed to meet your goal?

The level of possible model subjects varies from very simple, to extremely complex, with everything in between. A novice builder should be realistic in his/her choice of subject based on experience and skill level. Have you built several kits? Built from plans? Are you able to design and draw your own plans and then build from them?

Do you have workspace for a large model, or will you need to specialize in somewhat smaller models? Will you be able to use a variety of materials. Scale models often require composite or machined parts. Will your model need special components that may be expensive?

By picking a subject that is within your skill levels you will maximize the chances of a successful completion. Remember, the simple Piper Cub, done well, can compete with a full-on turbine powered war plane.



with your model? Will you be satisfied with a 'sport' scale model, or do you want to go on the contest trail and compete in one of the several scale competition events held nationally and internationally where your efforts will be judged by a panel of static and flight judges? Maybe you just like not being just one of the crowd of ARFs and 'foamies' you find at the field so often these days.

If you are bent on contest work, you will need to choose which level of competition to enter. The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) has several levels ranging from 'fun' to 'designer'. The US Scalemasters (which I am most familiar with) has five classes of competition for 2008: Fun Scale, Open, Advanced, Expert, and Team Scale. The rules book is available on the web site (scalemasters.org).

The Fun Scale, Open, and Advanced classes are specifically intended for beginning competition. The biggest difference between these classes and the Expert and Team classes is that you can fly your ARF in the first three classes. Static judging varies in those three classes too.

By the way, if you are interested in competition, the AMA rule book should be on your 'must have' list. It's free, just ask.

The final leg in great scale projects is preparation. No matter what level of scale building you aspire to, you will greatly enhance your chances of success by thorough preparation. Develop building and flying skills gradually to prevent 'burn-out'.

Remember, you will need some sort of documentation in order to compare your model to one man carrying aircraft that has actually flown at least once. This adds another fun part of scale modeling as you delve into the history and development of your subject aircraft. This often leads to visits to airshows, museums, and commercial plans and documentation vendors. Catalogs for available kits and accessories are fair game too. Many aircraft are tied inextricably to a particular aircraft. Charles Lindberg and his Ryan 'Spirit of St Louis' come to mind as an example.

Many excellent photos and three views are available from Bob's Aircraft Documentation. His website is www.bobsairdoc.com.

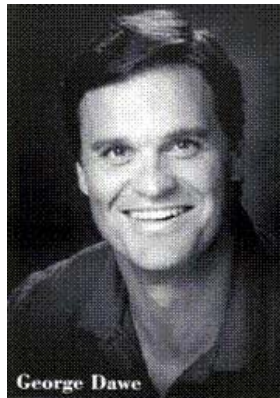
If you are just beginning scale modeling, try to choose a first subject that fits your skills, budget, and time constraints. If you get in a bind, ask for help from a club member. Above all – enjoy the experience.

Ron Peterka ron3180x@aol or 760-788-9022

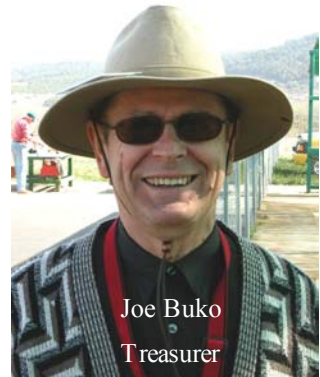
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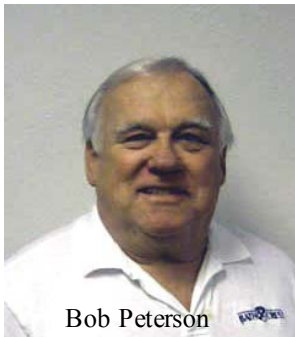


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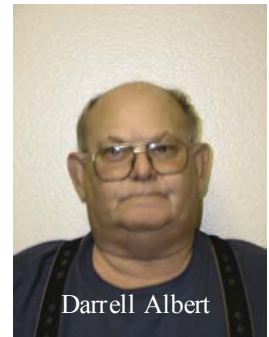
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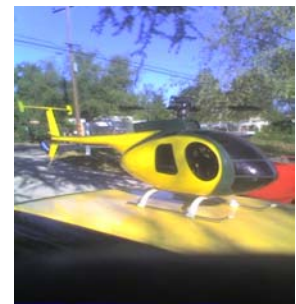


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Same goes for the lost and found box at right.

NO-FLY QUICK CHECK

ASSEMBLY INSPECTION

- Check Security - Engine, fuel tank, wheels, receiver, battery, servos.
- Pull Test - Linkages and control surfaces.
- Receiver Antenna - Fully extended and away from metal.
- Verify Center of gravity location.
- Conduct Range Test- with transmitter antenna collapsed.

PRE-FLIGHT(EACH FLIGHT)

- Check receiver voltage under load.
- Check transmitter power level.
- Check engine high speed, nose up.
- Check engine idle, nose down.
- Extend transmitter antenna.
- Check control surface direction and response.

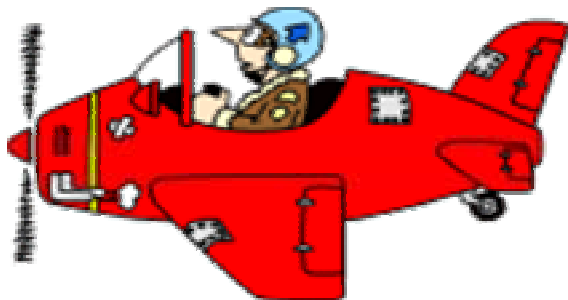
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Meeting Notice:

The February 21st 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 Sept29th

April

- 12th Mall show North County Fair
- 13th Air Show and Swap Meet
- 20th Fallbrook Air Show (tentative)
- 27th COMBAT - Hunt for Yamamoto (Open B and SSC)

May

9th - 10th - 11th - San Diego Helicopter Fun Fly sanction C

June

- 14th Top Dawg Scale contest and swap meet
- 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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