



April 2008

Transmitter

The Newsletter of the Palomar RC Flyers

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I hope this column finds you all in good health and spirit. As many of you know, we discussed the County's requirements, (printed in Last month's Transmitter) and our potential remaining lease time period. To that end the question and answer period discussing the County's building/structure permit requirements went quite well with some interesting ideas being put forth.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the Board met to implement plans to comply with the County requirements. In an open discussion we resolved to meet the County's requirements in the cheapest way possible. In order to conduct the permit process in a timely manner we opted to commence demolition of the two Viewing Pavilions on either side of the main Fixed Wing Flying field. I am happy to report that these two structures met a timely demise in a safe and well organized work party event, organized by Varley Longson. No injury resulted from this work party as precautions were implemented. Safety was a primary concern at all times. (See photo of your President at work with the guidance support and encouragement of Varley!)

You may also notice that the "highly complained about" pavers have been removed and "roadbase" now sits where the moldy carpets once layed. We intend to water down the roadbase in order to make it a hardened surface. This project will be conducted in a few weeks by project leader, your Secretary, David Truax. Please contact David as he will be in need of help in completing this task.

As some of you may know, the club rented a small "Bobcat" tractor to aid in the demolition. The vehicle was expertly operated by Varley and I swear I never saw a bigger grin on his face! The only way he could have been happier is by having a 108mm cannon mounted on the right side of the thing! My thanks to the many members that showed up to help during this event, especially to Vice President Curtis Kitteringham and Board Member David Drowns who came together in a unified effort to assist Varley in the leadership of this project! Kudos to all!

The next phase of the demolition will be to cut-up the main sunshade of the fixed wing airfield into 300 square foot sections. By doing so, we will obviate the need to permit this sunshade. Hopefully this will be accomplished shortly after the Helicopter Show.

Alas...the Car track. As you all read in the email from the County contained in our last Transmitter, we can no longer charge for Car track races. Consequently, we cannot afford to offer these races to the general public and must therefore restrict the use of the track to club members. As such the Board voted to suspend signing up any new car track members. All current club members, regardless of their membership, shall be allowed to continue to use the car track. The Board will address upgrades to the future of the car track as the year progresses. We apologize to our car track members as we had hoped to bring back a full race schedule, but fate, and the County of San Diego, had a different scenario in mind.

We seek now to donate the Car track snack stand to the Barona Car Track. I shall keep the membership apprised as to the progress of these negotiations. Basically we want them to haul it off the property without incurring our club liability. For that consideration we have stated they may have the building. It should be noted that an inspection conducted by Gary Thompson and myself revealed the building to be in excellent shape! If we cannot donate it to another club or business we will have to reexamine both the permit process and the cost of demolition.

Changing the subject, of note, it was good to see many faces of members I have not seen in a long time including but not limited to our friends Bob and Maxine Lang. Many of our new members do not know the invaluable contributions the Langs have made to our club in time, effort, money and love...but I assure you it is a debt that we can never repay! When you see them out at the field, please introduce yourself and say hello, and thank them for their generosity.

The next Club and Interclub Fun Flys are fast creeping up on us! I encourage you all to attend! Remember...in the Interclub competition the PALOMAR R/C FLYERS ARE IN 1st place! I bumped into Angel, (President of the Minifree Club), and his lovely wife Tamara at the Temecula Hobby People this afternoon. He related to me that the unexpected success of Palomar R/C Flyers in this Inter Club Fun Fly is apparently the talk of the town. Which town? I don't know...but apparently our own Bob Peterson has started something here! (The other clubs now refer to him as "Lawn Dart" Peterson for his magnificent 10 point spot landing technique!)

This April is a busy month! The Fallbrook Airshow is scheduled for April 20th! That means the week before we will need to check the club tent supplies to make sure we are ready to go. This events project leader is Glen Pohly. If you are interested in earning Palomar Dollars for this event and participating in the flying portion of the Airshow, please contact Glen directly at 858.41.9749 or glen@pohly.net. I would like to have a good showing for this event. For those of you that have not participated in one of our illustrious work parties, this is your chance to earn some Palomar Dollars...the easy way, by helping to set up the tents, displaying a model, and or flying in the Airshow! See you under the big top!

The Mall Show, originally scheduled for April 12 and corresponding Airshow/Swapmeet originally set for April 13th, **HAS BEEN MOVED TO MAY 3rd and 4th respectively.** Please make a note on your calendar and contact Bob Peterson for details! Again this is another great opportunity to earn Palomar Dollars and represent and promote your hobby to the general public!

The Slow Survivable Combat Build was a smashing success. David Drowns is really the "Henry

Ford” of the model airplane world. At the end of the day, at least five slow survivable ships were completed less radio installation. The following week, the build left the Pentagon, (My house) and moved to Terry Harner’s Area 51 where I understand another 7 models were almost completed! Of course the purpose of hosting a build-a-thon is to encourage more club members to get involved in Slow Survival Combat Flying! If you missed the build but would still like to fly in the upcoming SSC event check the RCCA website for aircraft dimensions and flying rules! The next combat event is Sunday, April 27th. Contact Darrel Albert for details! Darrel has a need for combat judges and “Combat” has a need for spectators. In the combat world, a spectator is a potential future fighter pilot! So be there! I will be flying in this event with my new Slow Survivable *machine* named the “**Butch or Bust**”!

Finally the Helicopter show is around the corner, sanctioned for May 9th, 10th, and 11th! Please contact our Helicopter Chairman as he is in need of additional workers for this show! These guys, (all kidding aside fixed wing guys!), **are truly world class pilots**. It is my understanding that several national and world ranked legendary helicopter pilots plan to attend our event! So be there to support them, help them, and watch them do their *thing*! I personally plan to attend this event all three days, not just because there will be food, but to pick up some flying and building tips! I hope to see all of you there too!

I want to remind the club that all work party schedules will be announced on an as needed bases at **either** the club general meeting or posted on the website. For those of you that can’t participate in physical labor this year offers many opportunities to exhibit your aircraft and earn Palomar Dollars in the upcoming Airshows and other events!

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.

That’s all for this month. We have a lot of events in April and early May. Lets enjoy them while keeping safety in mind! We had a great turn out at our last meeting and I hope we achieve the same or better attendance level this time. I am sure this new attendance swing has nothing to do with my oratory and everything to do with the snacks and raffle...but then you will have to come see for yourself! Again, I hope you all will attend as many events as you can as participants and spectators!

Your President

George Dawe

MEETING MINUTES

No minutes available due to computer problems. Will be updated as soon as available.

**COMING EVENTS****INTER CLUB FUN FLY**

The next event of this series is April 19th at the Gilman Springs R/C Flyers field in Gilman Springs. Anyone wishing to fly at their field is welcome. The Fun Fly will last for only 2 hours, then the field is open to anyone from the five clubs. Try meeting some new people and flying at a different field. The Fun Fly team would sure appreciate a cheering section. If you need directions, see me at the meeting or call me at 760-945-5956.

CARLSBAD MALL SHOW

The mall show is on track for May 3rd. Please let me know how many airplanes you will be bringing at the meeting. We will be set up on the ground floor by 7:30AM. You can start dropping off your aircraft any time between then and 9:00AM. This is only a one day show, so you can pick up your aircraft at 6:00PM when the mall closes. All displays will be greatly appreciated. We will also need some helpers that day to talk to the people. We should be able to pick up a few members if we do it right. We will have a raffle of a trainer, ready to fly, with engine and radio. Bring any old magazines you have to give away to the spectators. Playboy and the like, you can just drop off to me.

SPRING AIR SHOW

The spring air show will be Sunday May 4th, the day after the mall show. Hopefully this will bring a bigger crowd to the field as it is the next day. Come to the meeting to get details on the air show.

INTER CLUB FUN FLY AT OUR FIELD

We will be hosting the May event at our field on the 24th. Please come out and cheer on our team. As of now, we are in First place. The event will be from 9AM to 11AM. The field will then be open for open flying. Come down and meet the guys from the Hemet, Temecula, Gilman Springs and the Menifee club. You'll have a good time. There will be a raffle and a BBQ. Let's have a good turnout.

Thanks,

Bob Peterson

Bored Member

SUNSHADE DEMOLITION DAY



"US has developed new Tank, Not much is known about the Cyborg chainsaw weapon seen hoisted above, but Tank Driver Varley Longson is all business!"



MODEL OF THE MONTH

Won by Mario Aliesi with his Sig four Star 60, powered by a Magnum .60 size engine. The plane weighs 7lb 12ozs. And took about three months to build. Mario says that he enjoyed building the kit and considered it a great stress reducer.. Cost was around \$600.00



SEEN AT THE FIELD

By Ethyl Burke



John Cutler creates another masterpiece work of art with his Fleet biplane which he flies very well . This is an all hand-built kit that takes a lot of time and patience. The fuselage was modified to separate into 2 sections just behind the main wing, which allows easier transportation. It is powered with a 40 cc gas engine.



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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.

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SCALE CONTEST FLIGHT PLANNING TIPS

Ron Peterka

As I write this it appears the Palomar Flyers Scale contest may be run as a hi-bred fly-in and optional flight judging only scale contest. At the Feb meeting the consensus of members present was that a full blown scale contest would take two days and only a very few members were interested in competing.

Since the contest was intended primarily for Palomar club members, plan B needed to be established. Since some interest was expressed about getting some experience flying 'under the judges', the hi-bred idea appeared to be practical.

In any case I thought it would be useful to talk about planning and flying for judging in a contest venue.

The first assumption is that you want to WIN when you fly in a contest. That means a couple of things to me. First, you have to plan your flight plan to match your skills and the type of aircraft being flown. Most contest judging forms have boxes to tell the judges whether your model is aerobatic, or non-aerobatic.

This matters since aerobatic model will be expected to perform typical aerobatic maneuvers suitable for your aircraft. Non-aerobatic craft will be allowed some latitude in picking simpler maneuvers appropriate for simpler aircraft. Cessnas are not certified for loops and rolls for example, and would be allowed to choose flying a square landing traffic pattern as a representative maneuver. An Extra 300L would be penalized for choosing such a simple maneuver.

The key to a good flight plan is to choose maneuvers that minimize the time spent in front of the judges! You may be able to fly a Cuban eight, but, a half Cuban eight offers less time in judging and less chance for error, thus making for a higher point award. A 'touch-and-go' maneuver is judged as two maneuvers making a 20 point risk for one flight maneuver. Don't forget, the judges watch flight between called maneuvers for 'Flight Realism' scoring too.

Maneuver placement is critical for high scores. The figure eight must crossover directly in front of the judges for maximum points. A 'split S' must begin from level flight, and start the roll to inverted as the model crosses in front of the judges. Each maneuver needs to be placed so the judges can get the best impression of your skills.

You can find approved maneuvers and descriptions of typical errors in the AMA rule book (fee from AMA) or download the rules from USScalemasters.org. There are five mandatory maneuvers in each flight - Take-off, Straight fly-by (low), figure eight, landing, and 'overall realism'. Each contestant chooses five additional maneuvers to complete the ten being judged.

The other main thing to do is PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. In stead of just randomly boring holes in a defenseless sky, make at least a part of each flight a realistic effort to fly one or more planned maneuvers until you are comfortably able to do the maneuver well and place where it should be. Practice entering each maneuver from both directions, left and right. The wind can change, and not all patterns are the same as you are used to all the time. Timing appears to change!

Flying your model into the sun will likely result in a 0 point score.

Before you begin your judged flight you will be given a chance to describe exactly how you plan to fly each maneuver. Tell the judges whether you will fly a barrel roll or an axial roll. Where you will break if you choose a 'missed approach'. Will you use flaps? The judges cannot read your mind and left to their own devices, will usually choose the lower scoring interpretation. (my experience)

The first few judged flights are usually the toughest. Your caller is critical to reminding you of the next maneuver and any set up notes you have agreed upon before hand. You must call the beginning of each maneuver to the judges and should call the end of each maneuver. The judges may, at their discretion, override your ending call if you call too early (to cover up an error?).

I encourage each of you to at least try a contest competition. It is challenging and occasionally difficult, but it is also incredibly satisfying, even if you don't win first place.

The judges are pretty good at noting the reason they down graded your score for a specific maneuver. Thank them for their efforts and try not to make the same mistakes on the next flight.

In any case enjoy the day you can always enjoy the camaraderie of hanger flying later.

Ron

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The Fallbrook Air Show is fast approaching again! This is the premier, regional, publicly open air show for us to show off our models and what you can make them do.

As in the past at the Fallbrook show, on Sunday, April 20th, our club demos will be a featured event. We will have the opportunity to fly and drive RC demos all day long, except when the tower notifies us that the full-scales or ultra-lights need to take-off or land. Just about everyone who flew last year had a chance to fly a demo as many times as they wanted. This year, we can expect more of the same – show up, put your planes, helis, and cars out for demo, show off to the crowd, smash up a few combat ships, and answer questions to the visitors about our hobby and our club.

This year, I have been told by the Airport Manager we will have at least three hours of total flying time.

Even though it's a blast just to show off your stuff, as always, your participation in this show will earn you Palomar Dollars towards next year's membership. You can fly/drive in demos, bring your planes/cars/trucks/helicopters for the static display, help with setup/teardown, answer questions, man computer simulators, or any combination to earn your PDs.

We always have a great time, and it's just plain fun. We don't frequently have a crowd at Johnson Field that loudly shows their appreciation for the models and skills in which you've invested hard work; I guarantee you, you'll get that at Fallbrook. (And if you put one in, you'll REALLY get a crowd response – Ask George about piling in a combat ship on the runway.)

There will be more information and a sign-up sheet at the March club meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please call me or send me an e-mail if you want to be part of these shows.

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Meeting Notice:

The April 17th 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

- 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 - Quicke 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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