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TOP DAWG RETURNS

By The Scale Chairman, Ron Peterka

For four years the Palomar RC Flyers held a scale fly-in. The interest was high, the prizes incredible. Unfortunately, the last Top Dawg event occurred on the hottest weekend of the year!!!! 107 degrees. The heat proved to be unbearable. September turned out to be difficult weather wise.

They told us we couldn't hold an actual scale contest because no one would show up. But, many of those who did show up to fly were pilots who were well known at national scale contests. The manpower needed to put on a major event the way we did it was massive. It took a monumental effort to collect raffle prizes for the entrants. Plaques were expensive. We wore a lot of members plumb out!!!!

Top Dawg faded into history.

But now it is back in a new and streamlined form. It will be a real sanctioned contest with three different AMA classes. Fun Scale, Sportsman, and Expert. If this new format works the way it is expected to, two more classes (Designer and Team) could be added next year. Classes this year were chosen to encourage club members who have never flown in a contest to give it a try. We will be unable to fly turbines, but electric is welcome in all classes.

It really is fun... trust me. It may not be so easy, but it is fun and rewarding whether you win

or not.

So here's how it works. Fun scale entrants can fly any aircraft modeled after a real aircraft that has flown at least once. ARF's are allowed and even encouraged. Documentation is absolutely minimal. Just show a box top, photo, painting, or something showing your aircraft and you get maximum points. Points are 0 - or - 5

Sportsman class is reserved for those who have not previously competed in the expert class. This is for you builder/pilots who have some experience building but have not competed because you knew you would be in it with the 'experts' and had no chance. Now you do, buddy. Big time. You will need better static documentation than fun scale, and static scoring starts out with a perfect 100 points with the judges deducting for each defect they can find in seven minutes of looking from 15 feet away. You'll need to check the rules in your AMA rule book. You have one don't you? If you don't, check with AMA by phone, mail, or on the web for your free copy.

Expert class is for those with a big ego, or who have flown in some AMA scale event in the expert class. Static rules are the same as for Sportsman class.

All classes will be expected to perform 10 maneuvers in each flight, with five mandatory and five optional maneuvers. The



mandatory ones are:

1. Take off
2. Fly-by (straight and level for 300 feet at 10 to 30 ft altitude)
3. Figure eight (two circles in opposite direction, touching in the center)
4. Landing (again, again, again???)
5. Realism in Flight (subjective opinion of judges for entire flight. All optional maneuvers are chosen by the contestant and must be appropriate for the aircraft being flown (no loops for B-29s.

We will be holding training schools for pilots, flight judges, and static judges.

There is a lot to learn, but even learning can be a new and interesting experience.

The tentative date is May 21st, a one day event so we have time to get started and practice.

I'll need a few good people to pull this off. If you think you may be interested give me a call:

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Directions to Palomar RC Flyers' Johnson Field:

Take Interstate 15 to Highway 76.
Go East on Highway 76 to Pankey Road.
Turn left (North) on Pankey Road.

The entrance to the RC Air Field is at the 11:00 o'clock position of the cul-de-sac at the end of Pankey Road.

The field is open to visitors on the weekends.
On Saturdays, the gate is usually open by 8:00 AM.
On Sundays, usually by 9:00 AM.