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NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO ORBITEERS FREE FLIGHT CLUB

DECEMBER 2011



The Prez's Corner – Don Bartick

The taste of turkey is now behind us and we can now look forward to the coming holidays of Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years. Oh boy—more food and cheer. Hope all of you out there in Free Flight land enjoy the season.

News flash---Larry Bagalini sold StarLink-FliteTech to Mike Pykelny. I know Larry was looking forward to finding someone to take over the business since his fight and eventually winning over his cancer. Good luck to both of you. This should free up Larry to do lot more building and flying.

Our awards banquet in January is in the planning stages by the one and only Larry Miller. He did such a fine job last year that he couldn't wait to do it again. Look for more details in the near future. Mark your calendar.

The Southwest FAI Challenge was very successful according to Bill Booth. They had ideal weather the entire weekend. More details should be in this issue of the ET.

Indoor flying after our business meeting is starting to catch on. The A-6 event is working well at the Scripps Ranch Community Center. Times are approaching 2 minutes. Having a money pot to share between the winners is also helping with the participation. So get with it and build either a Clarence Mather or Fudo Takagi version published previously in the ET and have some fun with us.

This is a wrap for now. See you at the meeting. Bring something for Show & Tell and an A-6 to fly.

San Diego Orbiteers Monthly Meeting Minutes - J.Merrill Nov 11, 2011

Seven in attendance tonight, including President Don Bartick, V.P. Larry Miller, Howard Haupt, Gus Del Castillo, Mark Chomyn, John Hutchison, and John Merrill.

Don Bartick called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report from last month's newsletter was approved as published.

Officer's Report: None.

Contest Report: John Hutchison announced that the Scale Staffel 3rd of 3 contests, which was to be held Nov. 13th, is postponed due to expected heavy weather on that weekend. The new date is to be December 4th. John also reminded us that the scheduled R.O.W. event during that contest is cancelled, but there are still plenty of events.

Larry Miller gave a brief report of the S.W. FAI Challenge contest held in Boulder City on the weekend of Oct. 29th and 30th. Larry said there was nice flying weather, and a decent turn-out of flyers. There were 6 Orbiteers that made it to the contest, and many placed very well.

Old Business: The Otay field porta-potty has been looked into by Don Bartick, and a game plan is being formulated. It needs a new base, so some cement seems to be in order. More discussion will follow.

New Business: 1. Howard Haupt re-introduced the question of whether we wanted to keep our current venue or not, and if so, to what extent. There was a round-table discussion, with everyone voicing their opinions. It was unanimously decided to keep the current meeting place. John Hutchison made the motion that we “go dark” during a few of the summer months, and that passed unanimously. Two reasons: this will save the club some money, and the summer months have very few attendees at the meetings. Therefore, we will no longer have a meeting in June or August, but will have one in July.

2. The Annual Banquet was discussed. Larry Miller is going to be looking into reserving a date at the same venue as last year. The last several years it has been held on the 3rd Saturday of January. A motion was made to use \$100.00 of club money to fund the raffle, and the motion passed unanimously. This has been done in the past for several years.

3. Officer nominations for next year. John Hutchison made the motion to keep the current slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously.

4. John Hutchison reported that he had met with a R.C. club that meets down at the Lower Otay Lake, where they have R.O.W. flying. He was inquiring if we might be able to join them on occasion with our Free Flight aircraft, this being in lieu of the R.O.W. event during the annual Scale Staffel contest in November. The club officer (President?) John talked to graciously said that we are more than welcome to come down anytime. They will be using the lake every other month, starting next February.

Show and Tell: Larry Miller showed us a neat little jig designed to make small props for his A-6 models. He said you can easily set any angle, other than just the standard 45 degrees. The one on display was set for 37.5 degrees. Very clever device.

John Merrill showed a Sig Cub which was just finished. White and orange tissue with a thin vinyl black trim between the two colors. Was said to have survived the “back-yard crash test”. John then had a One Night 28, with a slightly stretched wing to make it a P-30. Also done in white and orange. Not quite done yet, but will hopefully fly soon.

Mark Chomyn brought in a green and yellow all-sheet Ranger 21 from an old Carl Goldberg kit he obtained via Ebay. He also has a kit of the Ranger 28, and of the Ranger 30. All of which are now collector’s items.

Indoor flying ensued immediately after the meeting, the report of which will be elsewhere in the E.T.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Merrill,
your humble scribe.



2011 ORBITEER FLYING SCHEDULE

Dec 18 - Coupe
Power, P-20, HLG & CLG

* **Non-Club Points Event**
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	\$41.00

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	\$5.80

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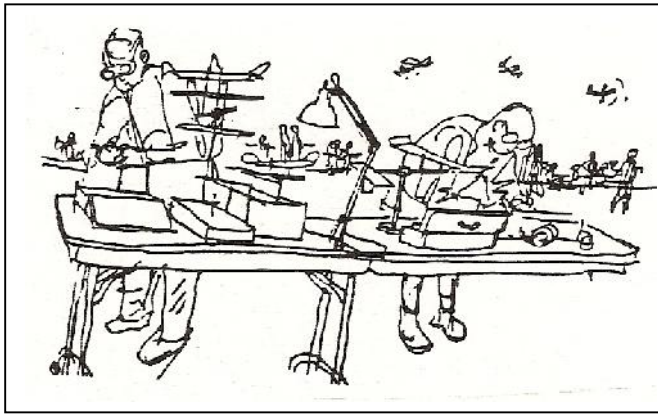
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - H.Haupt

After the conclusion of the Monthly Business meeting, a handful of Orbiteers flew A-6 class models for the fun of it. A spirited time was had by all with John Hutchison filling in as our official timer. Results are as follows:

A-6 Fun Fly

1) Larry Miller	106	108	- 107 Sec (Avg.)
2) Don Bartick	75	89	- 82
3) Mark Chomyn	41		- 41
4) Howard Haupt	21		- 21





WARREN WILLIAMS Sr. (1914 - 2011)

To all AMA friends of Warren J Williams Sr. I need to notify you of his passing just a few days after Thanksgiving. He reached the wonderful age of 97 years. I am his oldest son Warren Williams Jr., and where to begin. I am not sure where to begin ... Here is a short Biography, and a reminder of all the things he has accomplished and witnessed.

Born in April 1914
 Attended and graduated from Sacramento State University with a degree in Engineering 1930's.

Hired, and worked for Lockheed aircraft for 37 years. Lockheed sent him to work in Longdon England from 1939 to 1945 to supervise, and build aircraft for the war effort.

Worked with Paul McCready on the wing formation of the Gossamer Albatross.

Met Howard Hughes in the 1950's. On Weekends (3-4 years) supervised the Engine Maintenance on Howard's personal aircraft.

He held many AMA indoor rubber power records over the years. Currently still has one record open on the books. In 2006 he was voted into the AMA Hall of Fame.

Warren had three son's that he put through college. Each of them finished college with

Master's Degree's. One in Finance, One in Sociology, and One in Special Education.

Warren at the age of 14 to 15 met Charles Lindbergh at the Oakland airport after his historic Spirit of St. Louis flight. Lindbergh asked him if he was interested in airplanes. My Fathers reply, "Yes, sir ... That's all I can think about."

Those words stayed with him all his life.



Attention!

**Mark your calendars
 for**

Jan 21st (Saturday) 1:00

for

**SD Orbiteer's and
 Scale Staffel
 Annual Banquet
 Details in next ET**

OCT. 2011 MONTHLY - J.Hutchison (CD)

P-30

1 J.Oldenkamp	Pirate	77	120	120	-
317					
2 M.Pykelyny	Boomer	95	120	80	- 295
3 M.Chomyn	Hot Box	88	43	120	- 251
4 J.Hutchison	Pirate	61	120	47	- 228
5 D.Bartick	High Tail	53	83	69	- 205
				30	

POWER

1 J.Oldenkamp	J.Box	450	120	120	120	-
360						
2 M.Pykelyny	E Box	36	63	120	120	-
303						

Transcribed by – H.Haupt



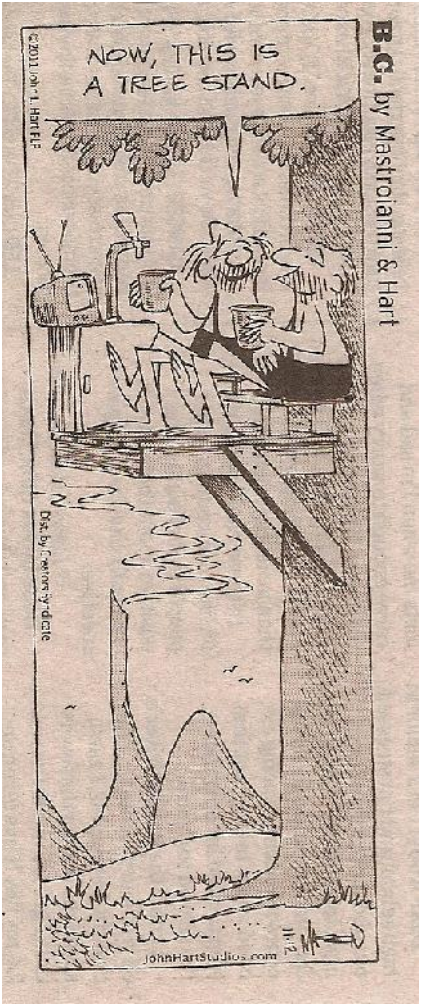
Monthly Club Contest: November 27, 2011
CD: Larry Miller

Event:	O.T. Rub	Plane	1	2	3	4	5	Total
John Hutchison		Vargowock	120	120				240
J Oldenkamp		Vargo Gollywock	105					105
Larry Miller		Gollywock	105					105
Mark Chomryn		Gollwock	74					74
M Pykelny		FA Moth	DNF					

Event:	Power	Plane	1	2	3	5 sec F/O	Total
J Oldenkamp		JouleBox450	120	76	74		270
M Pykelny		EBOX 36	42	120	120		282

Our orig Nov 20th date was postponed due to a wet field and poor forecasts.

Nov 27 started with light breezes from the East for some good testing and first flights. Strong and steady breezes halted flying early. All were hoping for less wind and a better direction. No such luck! The contest was called.



B.G. by Mastroianni & Hart

2011 SOUTHWEST FAI CHALLENGE
OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2011
BOULDER CITY, NEVADA



The weather at the Dry Lake in Boulder City is like the old nursery rhyme. When it is good it is very good. When it is bad, it is very bad. So what would it be for 2011? Absolutely perfect! Two memorable days of temperatures in the high 70's and low 80's and chases that some competitors were heard to count in "steps". Motorcycle chases were definitely an option for most of both days. To quote SW FAI regular, Rich Rohrke, we had two "bluebird" days with "winds gusting to zero" much of the time!

Rich spent Friday pumping up one perfect practice flight after another, but when Saturday morning dawned he found the one bad spot of air on the entire field and fell a miserable 3 seconds short of the 240 second max in round one. Peyton Tetrick, Brian and Janna Van Nest's granddaughter who has just started flying F1B fell a few seconds short as well, but from the signs of things will be right up with the big boys pretty soon. As Peyton continued to practice the craft, the rest of the field....all remaining competitors including Rich were 100% clean for rounds two through six. 50 straight maxes! Awesome! Unfortunately, round seven turned ugly for Jack Emery and world traveler Pim Ruyter. That left seven clean for the fly-off. What we thought might take a few rounds was resolved very quickly as Co-CD Bob Beecroft skillfully opened the fly-off window right at the beginning of a ten minute "hole". We all stood around and looked at each other and our passive thermistors for 8 minutes and then were off in a flurry. I found just enough to edge Perris-Saturday teammate and 2010 winner Bob Piserchio by one second at a whopping 3:53 to 3:52, with Blake Jensen gliding in for third at 3:20.

F1A followed almost the same pattern. A few "drops" in round one and mostly maxes during the day left three flyers qualified for the fly-offs at the end of round seven. As soon as the fly-off horn blew Jim Parker, Brian Van Nest and Mike McKeever scattered to different parts of the lakebed. After several minutes of circling, Jim and Brian launched at about the same time and seemed to be gliding well but appeared to be in need of help to make the 5 minute max. Using the shrewd judgment and icy nerves of a World Champion, Mike saw an opportunity and gently towed his short wing model to the ground. He quickly re-loaded, and in the last minute of the window, zoomed his long wing fly-off model into the sky.....for a solid 2:49 and a third place finish! Brian touched down at 3:44 and Jim cruised to victory at 4:46..

We still see very few power flyers at this event, but we appreciate those that do come. Now regular attendee, Henning Nyhegn makes this his last stop before heading home to Denmark. He took first (and last) place honors in F1C again this year. We were also very happy to see Glenn Schneider in attendance for the first time and hope he becomes a regular. Glenn flew unchallenged, but never the less near perfectly for a win in F1P. No participants in F1J.....heavy sigh.

While the fuel-powered models are few and far between at Boulder City, the electric events are growing. F1Q had six entries, double the total from F1C, F1P, F1J and Vintage FAI Power combined. Larry Bagalini won his first fly-off ever by besting F1Q heavyweight Bernie Crowe in the first fly-off round with a max to Bernie's 139 second effort.

Promptly at 7:15 on Sunday morning the horn sounded to begin the first Espresso Fly-Off round. A Southwest FAI tradition, each of the "mini" events (plus Vintage FAI Power) has its own separate morning endurance fly-off, timed to the ground in a 10 minute controlled window. These fly-offs are

run just like an afternoon fly-off except they are open to all entrants in each event. Blake Jensen and Tiffany O'Dell bombed off magnificent 283 second and 229 second flights respectively with their mini-wakefield F1G's. Brian Van Nest topped the F1H scores with 228 seconds followed by Mike McKeever at 215 seconds. Glenn Schneider began his walkover win in Vintage FAI Power with a beautiful 320 second flight. The Espresso flights are recorded separately from the five normal rounds and the winners receive a SW FAI espresso cup. The scores are only used as a tie breaker if three conventional fly-offs can't determine a winner at the end of the day. This is the first year since including this format that we actually DID need the tie breaker scores. You will notice in reviewing the scores however, that winning the Espresso fly-off is not a guaranteed win in the main event as there is still a lot of flying to be done.

Once the normal rounds began, the CD's were able to take a breather from the Espresso hustle and appreciate what was beginning as another near perfect day. As the rounds unfolded, it was apparent the flying was near perfect as well. Sixty of the sixty-five official round flights recorded in F1G and F1H were maxes and Glenn Schneider stayed clean in Vintage FAI Power for the win. That's a 93% max ratio in those three events. Nobody dropped more than one round in those events and three of the five drops were in the last round. Wow! Blake, the Americas Cup leader, Tiffany, Peter Brocks, Charlie Jones and Larry Bagalini squared off in the F1G fly-off. Larry had a line break at a most inopportune time and missed the window. Blake & Tiffany inexplicably glided out of lift and fell short of the 3-minute max, although Blake held on for third. Charlie and Peter ran the table through the 3, 4 and 5-minute flights and used the tie-breaker for a decision. Peter secured the win with his 205 second morning Espresso flight vs. Charlie's 192 seconds. In F1H, three of the four entrants found themselves in the fly-off after Espresso winner Brian Van Nest was tripped up in the last round. Norm Smith fell a little short in the 3-minute fly-off and took third, but like F1G, Mike McKeever and Jim Parker remained clean through the three fly-offs and reverted to the tie-breaker for a conclusion. Jim's Espresso flight could not shake a stall and that came back to bite him as Mike walked away with the victory with 215 seconds vs. Jim's 86 seconds.

E-36 was added to the venue at the last minute at the request of the electro-crowd. Three entrants were charged up and plugged in with Bernie Crowe nipping John Oldenkamp by five seconds for the blue glassware. Larry Miller struggled a bit, but finished flying for a respectable third place finish. We are always happy to see our annual P-30 group, all local to the Las Vegas region. This year, none of them maxed out, but Gerald Antonucci, Robert Hodes and Bill Holt finished in that order and took home the P-30 glassware. Jon Zeisloft, one of the founding fathers of this meet came out on Sunday with a beautiful although untested version of Ray Monk's FAI Power model fitted with a Galbreath OS Max III. An instant DT that was a little quick on the draw folded the wing before the model was dialed in, but it showed great promise and should be ready for competition very soon.

Even with the fly-offs running later than normal, we were still able to complete the presentation of awards, pack up and get all but the over-nighters off the field and on their way home by 4:00PM. Thanks to John & Sally Clapp and to Andrew Barron who almost always make the long trip from the east coast to fly with us, and to Charlie and GERALYN Jones who come almost as far. Blake & Tiffany from Oregon have become regulars and it was nice to see the Farmer Family on the entry roster as well. Thanks to Bob Beecroft for managing the official table on Saturday so I could fly and to Linda Piazza for the yummy hot dogs barbecued to perfection and provided gratis for anyone that was hungry.

For some us, we showered up and headed into town for a nice dinner and a couple frosty margaritas as we did a little hotel hopping and took in the sights and sounds of Halloween Eve on the Las Vegas Strip. Quite the experience, especially as midnight approached. A wonderful end to a wonderful weekend.

Hope to see you next year. The Boulder City lakebed is quite a remarkable place to fly.

F1A (12)

Jim Parker	210	180	180	180	180	180	180	286	1576
Brian Van Nest	210	180	180	180	180	180	180	224	1514
Mike McKeever	210	180	180	180	180	180	180	169	1459
Lee Hines	198	180	180	180	180	180	180		1278
Don Zink	210	180	180	145	180	180	180		1255
Andrew Barron	210	180	180	180	180	090	164		1184
Jim Farmer	177	176	142	180	180	180	000		1035
Peter Brocks	162	132	172	170	170	055	159		1020
Logan Tetrick	210	180	014	131	180	180	114		1009
Jimmy Farmer (Jr)	162	180	145	081	180	180	000		0928
Norm Smith	200	140	081	000	093	180	180		0874
Joseph Farmer (Jr)	045	173	147	173	104	180	000		0822

F1B (11)

Bill Booth	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	233	1553
Bob Piserchio	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	232	1552
Blake Jensen	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	200	1520
Charlie Jones	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	1500
Tom Ioerger	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	177	1497
Richard Wood	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	174	1494
John Clapp	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	000	1320
Pim Ruyter	240	180	180	180	180	180	148		1288
Rich Rohrke	237	180	180	180	180	180	146		1283
Jack Emery	240	180	180	180	180	180	097		1237
Peyton Tetrick (Jr)	166	179	144	180	171	158	064		1062

F1C (1)

Henning Nyhegn	067	120	144	132	180	143	180		0966
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F1P (1)

Glenn Schneider	180	180	180	180	180	131	123		1154
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F1Q (6)

Larry Bagalini	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	1440
Bernie Crowe	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	139	1399
Mike Roseberry	151	180	180	159	180	180	180		1210
John Oldenkamp	180	180	109	180	180	173	180		1182
Larry Miller	180	180	180	180	167	180	095		1162
Mike Pykelny	058	103	165	180	155	180	180		1021

ESPRESSO FLY-OFF

F1G	Blake Jensen	283
F1H	Brian Van Nest	228
Vintage FAI Power	Glenn Schneider	320

F1G (10)

Peter Brocks	120	120	120	120	120	180	240	300	205	1525
Charlie Jones	120	120	120	120	120	180	240	300	192	1512
Blake Jensen	120	120	120	120	120	149				0749
Tiffany O'Dell	120	120	120	120	120	124				0724
Larry Bagalini	120	120	120	120	120	000				0600
John Clapp	120	120	120	120	112					0592
Ralph Hotz	120	112	120	120	120					0592
Mike Pykelny	105	120	120	120	120					0585
Tom Ioerger	120	120	120	120	105					0585
Richard Wood	DNF									0000

F1H (4)

Mike McKeever	120	120	120	120	120	180	240	300	215	1535
Jim Parker	120	120	120	120	120	180	240	300	086	1406
Norm Smith	120	120	120	120	120	162				0762
Brian Van Nest	120	120	120	120	107					0587

P-30 (5)

Gerald Antonucci	120	116	120		356
Robert Hodes	120	114	120		354
Bill Holt	101	120	120		341
Ralph Hotz	DNF				000
Mike Roseberry	DNF				000

VINTAGE FAI POWER (1)

Glenn Schneider	180	180	180	180	180		0900
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E-36 (5)

Bernie Crowe	120	120	120		360
John Oldenkamp	120	120	115		355
Larry Miller	070	094	120		284
Larry Bagalini	DNF				000
Mike Roseberry	DNF				000



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WHAT'S HAPPENING - DECEMBER 2011 / JANUARY 2012

Dec. 4 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 9:00 am.

Dec. 4 - FAC Scale Contest, Scale Staffel, Otay Mesa, 7:00 am.

Dec. 9 - Orbiteer Monthly Meeting at Scripps Ranch Community Center,
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Indoor fun fly featuring A-6 & HL gliders follows the meeting.

Dec. 18 - **Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly**, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.
Non-Power: Coupe Power: All Classes
Other Classes: P-20, HLG & CLG

Jan 8 - Indoor Fun Fly, Grossmont College, 9:00 am.

Jan 21 - Annual Orbiteer & Scale Staffell Banquet, 1:00 pm.

Jan - Orbiteer Outdoor Monthly, Otay Mesa, 8:00 am.