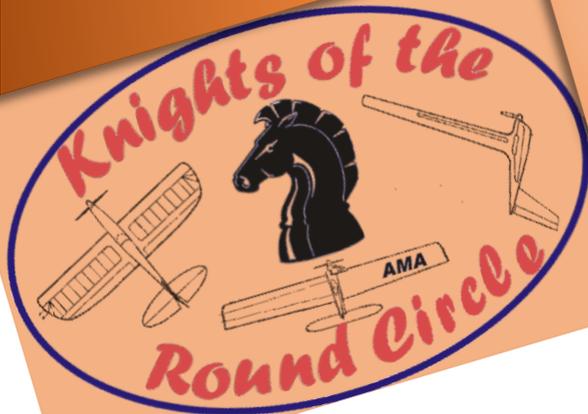


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President's Corner for April 2021

by Clint Brooks

Things are looking up for us at Whittier Narrows in recent weeks. Club members have been putting in the effort to groom the grass flying circle areas and it's starting to pay off with much improved field conditions. The paved circles have also been getting treatment for weed control, both by club members and the park maintenance team as things start to open up as the covid handcuffs come off. If you haven't gotten your park pass yet, the Park office was opened on May 1, which means you can report there during business hours and obtain a pass, provided you are a paid up KOTRC member on the roster. The Park is taking activity reservations beginning May 3rd, and activities officially start again on May 16th. This was reported during a great on-field meeting the WN Model Airplane clubs leadership was invited to by Louie Guerrero and David Jallo on April 21st. Some potential goodness came out of this meeting, which included all the Park Maintenance supervisors as well as management. They conducted a field walk with us to review and understand our key concerns with the level of maintenance for the area. They offered to have joint maintenance reviews the third Wednesday of each month, and also a get together such as the one on April 21st on a quarterly basis. I hope these plans continue to receive focus and the open dialogue will grow between the flying clubs and park management.

As for the combat area pilot circle installation-that plan was submitted to the Army Corp of Engineers office for approval, according to David Jallo. Once approved, it sounded like the work may start soon after. That would be a fabulous development for the park and the Knights fliers!

More on flying site maintenance as the year unfolds. All the more reason to come out and enjoy flying with your friends, and help move the control line flying area closer to ideal conditions all year round.



The Calendar

May 11th Knight's meeting at Fullerton Airport @ 7PM

**** We have heard nothing else, seen nothing else, know nothing else****



Blast from the past

Picture #5 (Bottom last column page19) is Andrew Hathaway from all the way up in South Dakota. Andrew has a soft spot for the Sig Banshee and has built a Sorta Stuka with a full fuselage based on the popular Sig design. He was flying this at the Sig Contest this summer.



Picture #6 is the Silver Foxx Himself, with the matching shirt for his BoxCar Chief. Lew surprised a few people with this great flying Old-timer. Fox 35 Stunt for power.



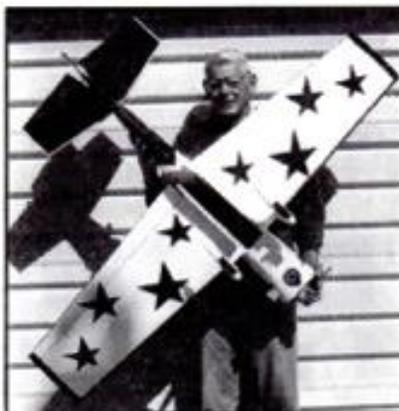
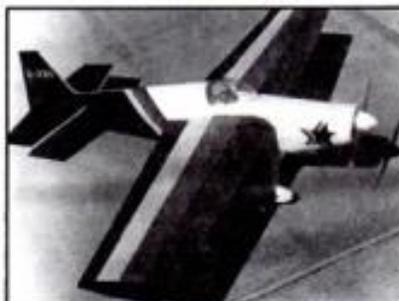
Picture #7 is John 'Doc' Holliday and his Ruffly. John managed to fly Classic at the Nats this year before running the Navy Carrier event.



Picture #8 is Mike Pratt and his brand new Twister and brand new OS 25 FP. The little engine that could needed a bit more running time but made it through the pattern even in the wind. Mike was using this for the Wichita Profile 40 event.

Thats it for this time, if you have a comment or pictures for the column, please send them! Its almost time for the building season to start so lets hear about your latest great project.

scheme. The colors are white, red, black, and yellow and present quite well in the air.



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I received these first two photos from George Swanson in Salt Lake City, Utah. He writes that the model is basically a Gid Adkisson Laser patterned after an airshow pilot's paint

Next I received this very well organized packet from Rickii Pyatt of Garden Grove, California. Covering the Knights Joust back in June, she was able to capture many of the people involved in making it such a huge success. Pictured below are: back row - Ray Firkins, Jerry Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Netzeband, Bart Klapinski, Dale Kim, Bill Heyworth, and Jim Rhoades; front row - Bob Whitely, Bob Palmer and Lucky Pyatt.





Also part of that hard working group are the tabulators Alice Williams, Rickii Pyatt, and Sylvia Strickland.



The next picture is of Dennis Choate and his well-traveled Jameson Special. Bob Whitely and Dennis flew this airplane to 4th and 6th place at the Nationals this year. Powered by a Double Star .40, it appears to be a natural for this event.



Mark Smith (Bottom last column) brought out this newly refinished Spectrum, powered by an ST .60, and ended up 4th in Advanced.



Bob Swan was just ahead of Mark for a 3rd place in Advanced flying Sweet Baboo, which was powered by a Magnum .36 with an XL pipe setup. Bob continues to show improvement.



Starting to make some noise in the Beginner Class (1st place) was Chris Padham flying this Banshee powered by a Wollard .40.



Mike Causey placed well (1st in Intermediate) with this Kirt Mullinix built Starfire, powered by an O.S. .46 piped engine.



Tim Meek flew this authentic looking Argus in Classic to a solid 5th spot.

With the contests and activities winding down for the year, we still have a few things to cover before the holidays. October 17th and 18th is the date for the Golden State Championships in Clovis, California. For more information contact Bob Swan at (209) 298-2995. December 6th is Toys for Tots at Whittier Narrows, California, with Fred Cronenwett as the CD. Fred can be reached at (818) 718-5871 for any additional details.

In conclusion I offer my thanks and congratulations to the U.S. Stunt Team in their travels to the World Championships. Their performance in less than perfect conditions gives us all something to be proud of. Thanks again to David, Paul, and Bill.

This month's photos were sent in by George Swanson and Rickii Pyatt. It makes my job a whole lot easier when I have such quality work being submitted.

Keep the wind at your back and fly safe!



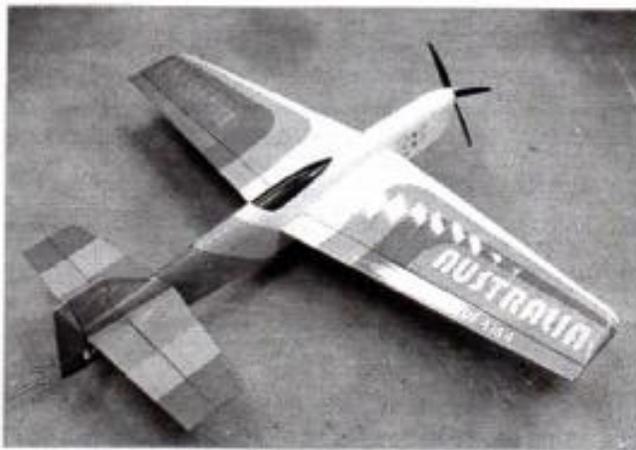
Enclosed is a photo of my P-47. It's the Charles Parrott design from Jan-Feb 1966 American Modeler. I ordered the Hobby Helpers plans when I was in high school and have kept them all these years. Finish is Sig Supercoat mixed to match camouflage color chips. The paint scheme is from the 78th Fighter Group. Power is a ST .46. Weight is 48 ounces. I'm waiting on a Midgley canopy. I put a Sig one on for now. Flies great! Mark Gerber.

Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North
Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming

No report this month. *sm*

Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii,
Nevada, Utah

Brian Eather: I received a photo of Australian Brian Eather's latest Firecracker building effort. His new model is powered by a PA .75 and weighs about 61 ounces. Check out that 4-blade prop! Wonder where he gets those? Thanks to Dave Fitzgerald for the input.



Brian Eather's new Firecracker.

Dale Kirm: Below are some kind and eloquent words from Eric Rule:

"It is with deep regret that I tell you that Dale Kirm passed away Wednesday, March 21. All of us who were privileged to know Dale recognized him as a giant of Control Line. His many world records, along with his innovations while at Stanzel Bros and Cox Mfg. and after his retirement, made his an honored name in our sport/hobby.

"Of even more importance was the fact that Dale Kirm was one of the kindest, gentlest men ever to walk the earth. In spite of his lofty accomplishments he was a man with no ego. I have often commented to friends that Dale simply did not understand the level of reverence we looked at him with. In his mind he was just another guy building and flying model airplanes. That was what made him so special!

"We will all miss Dale. We will miss him not for his accomplishments in Control Line but because he always made us feel better just being around him."

Palmer Contest: The Bob Palmer 2012 Memorial Stunt Contest, sponsored by the Knights of the Round Circle, was held on April 28 and 29 at Whittier Narrows Regional Park in South El Monte, Ca. I was fortunate to attend and enjoyed great weather, a well-run contest, and great post flying social events at the homes of

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by Carl Shoup

District X

by Jim Hoffman

both Joel Chesler and Warren Walker.

Warren also served as CD. As an extra added perk, there was a raffle where many of us won kits, glue, lines, and gasoline gift cards. Big thanks to everybody who helped make this a success.

Noteworthy at this contest was an Easy-Up Shade Tent for the judges' comfort and the use of pre-entry process to speed up the administrative aspects of the contest. Kudos to the Knights of the Round Circle.

I am including a photo of a beautiful stunter built and flown by Marshall Palmer. I was saddened to see the plane crash on an official flight, but I must commend and admire Marshall for his unflappable attitude. He enjoyed the rest of the contest and had a smile on his face the entire day. *sm*



Gordan Delaney's Tony and USA-1 dressed as a Tony.



Ray Fink and his beautiful
Classic-Sing Ray on the flightline
at the Palmer contest.



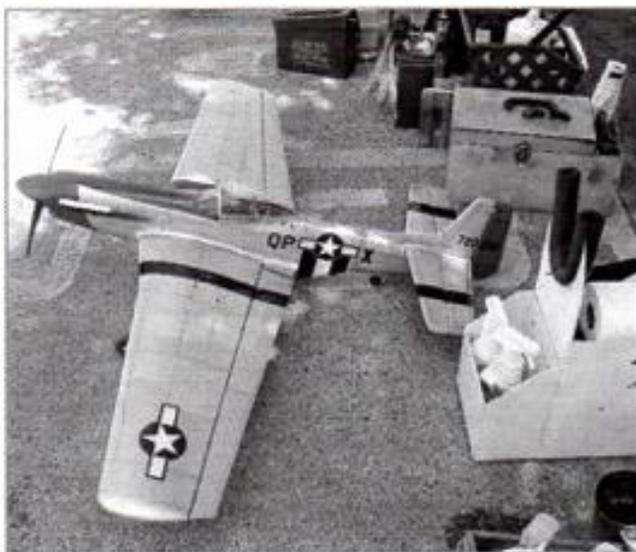
Hard-working judges Bill Byles and Eric Rule at the Palmer contest.



Mark Wasnick and his beautiful piped entry at the Palmer Contest.



Marshall Palmer and his beautiful Scirocco Stunter.



John Callentine's Mustang continues to fly better and score better.



Robert Harness is still waiting for that call from the marketing folks at Coca Cola.



BITS AND PIECES

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Secretary's Report

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Meeting Minutes Regular Club Meeting April 13, 2021

AFI Pilot Training Center Fullerton Airport

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by President Clint Brooks

Officers present - President Clint Brooks, Treasurer Larry Renger and Secretary Mike Alurac

Attendance - 13 members attending while maintaining Covid safe protocols and social distancing.

A quorum was met.

Show & Tell

Clint Brooks – Lost Hills, CA Free Flight contest report Clint participated that was hosted by the SCAMPS and San Valeers free flight clubs. On Saturday he flew in electric classes and on Sunday flew FAI electric 36” wing span event. Placed 1st in FIS and 2nd in E36. Congratulations president Clint! He shared that he was worn out from chasing planes.

Mike Alurac – Mike shared a rescued RSM Jamison Special from the Tom Collier estate. It had years of baked on castor oil with a bumpy texture much like ostrich skin over 75% of the plane. Powered by a highly coveted Moldovan Double Star 40. He plans to clean it up and do some light reconditioning while maintaining some of the patina. Also shared a short report of the Knight's participating and dominating the Gold Country Combat Dual held mid-April in Lone, CA. Just a bit South of Sacramento, CA.

Mike Meadows – Mike shared a Buster model in the finishing stages with a silver base coat to be finished in candy apple red. Powered by a Fox 35 Stunt 60th anniversary special, piped exhaust, adjustable lead-outs with a 3” Tom Morris phenolic bell crank. This is certainly going to be a real looker once completed!

Steve Mancilla – Steve shared a OSF46 engine he obtained from Tom Muggleton. Along with a nice looking Super Chipmonk obtained through John Wright built by Osvaldo Campos to become Steve's stunt practice plane.

Howard Doering – Nostalgic pictures of Howard's father Howard and uncle Harvey working at Vultee Aircraft in Downey, CA with the display models they made for the company.

Larry Renger – Larry cleverly converted an old NRA jacket in perfect condition to a Knight's jacket with one of the club's KOTRC logo embroidered patches. Looking good Larry!

Frank and Fernando – A Guillows kit Stuka model in progress. A 3d printed planetary gear set school project along with a sample of vapor polished ABS plastic technique he is learning. Also shared attending the upcoming SATO LBSD airplane demonstration on April 16th. Planned to attend with Clint Brooks and John Wright where they hope to have a control-line demonstration.

Emil Opffer – Shared a GRS Wakkerman repaired combat plane using Loc-tite foam spray available from Ace hardware. A Tripinov designed Yuvenko Ukrainian plane with fiberglass spars, EPP foam. A couple models were shared of which included internal and external shut-off versions. The external shut-off was his preference.

Bill Maywald – Bill shared his latest F2d Monoboom models with an amazing light weight of 205 grams! This is accomplished with a .007” carbon fiber leading edge crafted by Carbon Specialties. The cost for this one-off leading edge was about a \$100 quid! For a 15 powered with a 4mm venturi with a 6mm exhaust. His own design bell-crank on bushings consisting of 17 intricate but durable parts! Covered in durable Russian film. The name escapes me but possibly Lavasan is what it is referred to as. It is some light and strong durable stuff!

Tom Muggleton – Engines from the 90's modified to good stunt engines starting with an OS35F originally bushed engine that he added a front bearing to. Along with Teflon wrist pin caps, ABC chromed liner from Tower with his own design hemi head button. Tower Hobbies 40 also with an added front bearing. Engines he classified as boat anchors consisted of a Fox 40, K&B 40 and MECOA 40 where shared. And finally, a Super Tigre 60; not a boat anchor!!!

Treasure's Report – Reported by club Treasurer Larry Renger. The funds remain in good shape at \$7239.21 at time of meeting. Upcoming expenditures are projected for field maintenance reimbursements.

Old Business– Field budget reimbursements to members was addressed. Larry Renger motioned to reimburse all in-full as the approved budget was short of fully reimbursing our members. This motion was seconded by Emil Opffer and passed unanimously by all present.

New Business – Asphalt repairs were mentioned to address the heavy cracking we are seeing taking place. Mike Alurac motioned to try a repair method of a torch-in asphalt repair product called Crack-Stix

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Crack-Stix-10-lb-125-ft-Medium-Black-Permanent-Blacktop-Crack-Filler-2050/100658840?source=shoppingads&locale=en-US#overlay>

It is laid into the crack and torched into the crack to melt and repair the crack(s). Seconded by Steve Mancilla. A budget to purchase one bucket of Crack-Stix, propane and supplies necessary was appropriated for \$125. This budget was passed by all in attendance.

Additionally, President Clint Brooks again proposed to set a field maintenance budget whether monthly quarterly or annually. The members voiced their opinions to put it off for future consideration in light of the recent expenditures and the field being in very good shape at the present time.

Look forward to this conversation to come up once again at our next meeting along with some tightened restrictions for obtaining approvals before asking for any future reimbursements by the club.

Meeting adjourned by President Clint Brooks at 8:55pm.





New Membership Information Update

Membership Application

Renewal Membership Life Member

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone _____

AMA Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Yearly dues are \$20.00

Make checks payable to KOTRC

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