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Imaginology Youth S.T.E.M. Expo (CL Flight Training)
April 21st & 22nd at the Orange County Fairgrounds

Bob Palmer Memorial Stunt Contest
(aka "The Palmer")
April 29th & 30th, 2017 at Whittier Narrows

Sir Dale Kirn Memorial Knights' Joust Stunt Contest
(aka "The Joust")
August 2017 at Whittier Narrows

And More...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone. My first order of business is to welcome my fellow KOTRC officers for 2017: Larry Renger-Vice President, Mike Alurac-Treasurer, and Joe Brownlee-Secretary. A heart-felt thanks to Paul Wescott for agreeing to be the editor for the Direct Connection newsletter. Having Paul as the editor is a natural since he's been the club's photo-journalist for a long time. I want to thank John Wright for his leadership as the club's president for the past two years. As you know, John has been very involved in the club for many years. He has been a point of contact for the LA County Parks and Recreation Dept and the AMA; plus, he always accepts the responsibility of being a Contest Director for one of our annual contests. And he generally brings trophies home from the various contests that he attends. Thanks for all you do for the club John. Finally, we must salute Tom Collier for donating the raffle prizes for the Holiday Banquet in memory of his family's involvement in control line flying and the exhibitions they performed. Because of Tom's generosity, we added several hundred dollars to the club's bank account. Thank you so much, Tom! It's time to renew your KOTRC membership. We kept the dues at \$20; so I do hope that you'll want to continue your membership. I'm sure most of you know

that we haven't been successful in recruiting new members, so it's very important that our existing members continue to support the club. We are all getting older and we aren't attracting new/younger members. Attendance at our monthly meetings is not very good; participation in our 2016 contests was a bit lower than previous years; it seems we constantly struggle to find help/judges for the two contests we host; and attendance at the Holiday Banquet decreased substantially. Seems we need to rethink how we're doing things. Our January meeting had 12 members present; which was several more people than the October meeting! There were good discussions. A couple of ideas were presented. As promised, I will discuss those ideas with the Parks and Recreation people. We need everyone's input if we're going to sustain KOTRC and keep the WN flying site. Until next month; have fun and fly safely.

Mike Jones

Knights of the Round Circle Meeting Notes: January 10, 2017.

With 13 in attendance,* our new Vice President Larry Renger lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our new President Mike Jones conducted the meeting.

SHOW AND TELL:

Larry Renger presented his "Voodooette" a half size Voodoo Control Line Combat airplane (basically a flying wing) made from Costco foam meat trays stacked together to form a symmetrical wing airfoil, with balsa tailbooms and a sheet balsa elevator. Electric motor powered at 3.5 ounces, it flew at the AMA Expo.

John Wright showed a profile Dornier 335 World War II push-pull twin for two Cox TD 049's. Built by Jim Swope, it's a work-in-progress.

Mike Alurac showed a near completed wing from a Voodoo kit with plans by RSM Distribution (Eric Rule). With bladder tank container tube, it will be the "long tail" version powered by a Johnson 35 for Vintage-Nostalgia Combat.

Mike Jones showed a book "Hidden Warbirds, Seek-Find-Restore" about finding, recovering and restoring World War II fighting aircraft. Very interesting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's report: We're sustaining ourselves and Pay Pal is in the works.

The former Treasurer reported the KOTRC is doing very well. We about broke even on the Christmas party, Tom Collier donated party prizes in memory of his Father and Brother, and Tom also supplied last year's raffle funds. Our new Treasurer Mike Alurac was busy collecting dues at \$20.00 a year.

The AMA Expo at the Ontario Convention Center took place last weekend 6-8-January 2017. Because we assisted children in the "Build, Fly and Take" construction of Guillow gliders, the KOTRC had a double booth with lots of Control Line airplanes. In the indoor flying area, we flew some 40 children and adults in Control Line training with Larry Renger's electric airplanes on 18 foot lines. Several very young boys and girls "soloed" after two laps. We have been asked to fly acrobatic airplanes to show some of the capabilities of Control Line flying, like the Voodooette.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first of the KOTRC traditional contests for 2017, The Bob Palmer Memorial for Control Line Precision Acrobatics, will be April 29-30 at Whittier Narrows. The AMA Sanction and Park Reservation is being handled by John Wright, the Contest Director. Advertisements, in the form of

Model Aviation Magazine (through the sanction), and flyers to PAMPA, Stunt Hanger and Stuka Stunt will be handled by VP Larry Renger.

The cost of an AMA Sanctioned contest at Whittier Narrows is \$25 for the AMA Sanction, \$60 each day for Park reservation, \$2 for each contest participant per day, and \$6 per car to enter the Park each day (unless they have a yearly pass). Last year's Palmer charged up to \$40 contest registration fee. Don Repp put forth an idea of proposing to Park management that if each contestant presents the contest flyer at the Park gate, that the Park gate keeper recognize the contest flyer and not charge the Park entry fee. The contestant will be essentially paying the Park fee at the contest. President Mike Jones will discuss this proposal with Park management.

The date and details of the Sir Dale Kirn Knights Joust contest will be discussed at the next KOTRC meeting 14 February.

The 2017 Imaginology Youth STEM Expo at the Orange County Fair will be 21-23 April. We are planning to give control Line training flights to any and all during the event, perhaps with a new version of Larry's airplane.

Larry is open to suggestions on a new version of his electric Control Line trainer. Contact Larry with your ideas.

The KOTRC voted to reimburse Chuck Rudner and later Don Jenson for improvements to the combat circle and event areas. There was talk of extending the road-parking lot for more parking but also as a barrier to discourage ground squirrels from modifying the combat circle.

Norm Furutani discussed the Isaacson Winter Classic, a big international Free Flight contest at Lost Hills, California on 11-13 February. They have over 150 per-registered contestants from many countries.

Mike Jones and his Wife will compile lists of KOTRC members, past and present, for membership renewals, AMA Club Charter renewals and to inform Whittier Narrows Park for annual pass eligibility.

Officers of the Knights of the Round Circle 2017

Mike Jones – President

Larry Renger – Vice President

Joe Brownlee – Secretary

Mike Alurac - Treasurer

Paul Wescott – News Letter

Joel Chesler – Safety Officer

Contest and Events Schedule as of January 2017:

(To report a problem to Whittier Narrows Park Officials, call 626-575-5526.)

February 11-12 – Lenny Waltemath Speed & Dennis Schauer Racing

April 8-9 – Bill Nusz Speed & Herb Stockton Racing

April 21-23 – Imaginology, Orange County Fairgrounds

April 29-30 – Bob Palmer Memorial Stunt Contest

May - Fullerton Airport Show

June 3-4 – Bill & Bev Wisniewski Speed & Racing

August - Sir Dale Kirn Memorial Knight's Joust Stunt Contest

September 9-10 Wayne Trivin Speed & Racing

October 21-22 - Virgil Wilbur Speed, Racing & Combat

December 3-4 - Toys for Tots Speed, Racing & Combat; plus Hollow Log and Leprechaun at Whittier Narrows.

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

* Mike Alurac, Joe Brownlee, Howard Doering, Randy Doll, Norm Furutani, David He, Mike Jones, Tom Laird, Larry Renger, Don Repp, Chuck Rudner, Pete Soule, John Wright.

New Years Day 2017 by John Wright

Warren put together a fun fly for New Years day, 2017. Not quite a dozen people showed up but memory fails me as to all those who flew. I had brought my newest Ringmaster/McCoy 40 which I'm dialing in for VSC. I'm almost there as I write this in early Feb. I think it was Howard D. that suggested another Ring-a-thon, but I wasn't able to fly my Ringmaster that day due to a weakened fuse/wing joint. I had recently cleaned up my Enya 35s and I was able to fly my modified Shoestring Stunter/Enya 35. As with all Enyas, they are very well built and it actually has a decent 2/4 break stunt run but are heavier than the OS MaxS 35 and the Fox 35 so it's unlikely that I will use them in competition. Long lost Dennis Choate showed up to check out the Ring-a-thon, and is building one himself. Warren flew a Whitely Derringer and it looked good. He got the plane from Bob Whitley in a trade for a kit. This should put Warren in the winners column in the coming year. The dreaded Stanton stunt team also made an appearance. I don't recall their aircraft, but they both flew well. There were some combat flyers on the grass circles, but I didn't get over there to observe. I headed for home to watch one of the two football (pronounced fuhbaw) games that I watch each year, Rose Bowl and Super Bowl. I have gotten my moneys worth on both accounts this year. And I was in the middle of "training" season and was allowed to run my Lionel trains in the living room to celebrate New Year. As of this writing the trains have come down per executive order. I wanted to leave them up longer but was "Trumped" by this executive order. Well back to building and testing for VSC.

Happy Landings,

John

AMA Expo 2017

KOTRC continued our participation in AMA's Expo West at the Ontario Convention Center January 6 through January 8. As in the past, we were able to set up a "booth" at no cost in exchange for providing "public" control line training sessions on Saturday and Sunday. However, this year AMA asked us to staff the "Make and Take" station where "kids" decorate and assemble rubber-powered Sky Streak airplanes. Guillows donated 4 large boxes of these airplanes and AMA staff provided us with markers and stick-ons to promote the hidden artistic talents of the builders. We were very happy to learn that the Civil Air Patrol volunteered their cadets to assist "as needed" at the EXPO. The cadets were very helpful in staffing the Make and Take area. A very big THANKS also goes out to Dominique Martin, a friend of Paul Wescott's daughter, Leanna. Dominique helped many young builders on Sunday. She also "solo'd" during the public training sessions in the flight exhibition hall.

For overseeing the building area, AMA provided us an additional booth. Unfortunately, that gesture came too late to allow the Valley Circle Burners sufficient time to respond to our offer that they join us.

With two booth spaces, we had plenty of space to display model airplanes; and display them we did. Mike Alurac, Dennis Coleman, Howard Doering, Larry Renger, Warren Walker, and John Wright all brought models. Examples of combat, Precision Aerobatic, Racing, Scale and Speed were on display. As always, Howard's models (especially the Dyna Jet) caught the attention of many; as did Larry's Jim Walker Firebaby and Cox PT-19. How many people did fly a Cox PT 19 anyway? Based upon the comments at the booth, I'd say most all modelers over 50.

This year's training crew included Larry Renger, Mike Alurac, Mike Cosner, Joe Brownlee; Paul Wescott, Dominique Martin; and yours truly. Between the 4 sessions, I believe 60 to 70 people flew one of Larry's ET-1 squadron. Surprisingly, about half of the pilots were adults. Many of them were transported back to younger years when control line was very popular. Adult pilots included AMA District VPs; EXPO coordinators and parents.

Check out KOTRC's facebook page for a nice promotion of KOTRC through an AMA interview with Mike Alurac at Saturday morning's public CL training session.

REMEMBER-DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 14-THE NEXT CLUB MEETING. We must submit our roster of members to the County Parks and Recreation Department in March. If your name is not on our roster, you will not be able to purchase the yearly pass.



**The Knights of the Round Circle
Invite you to**

**The Bob Palmer
2017**

**Memorial Meet
April 29rd & 30th 2017**

AMA Sanction # 17/622

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY
Old Time Stunt
Classic Aerobatics
Pampa Aerobatics:
Beginner or
Intermediate

SUNDAY
Pampa Aerobatics:
Advanced
Expert
Profile

**SPECIAL
TROPHIES**
CD's Choice Concours
Saturday
Sunday

Palmer
Championship

Spirit of '52
Spirit of '69

Pilots' meeting at 8:00. First flights at 8:30

Aircraft are to be weighed at registration. Current AMA pull test rules will apply.

Go to KOTRC.org for further information. Event is held at Whittier Narrows Regional Park

EARLY REGISTRATION REQUESTED!

Entry fees: Pre-registered - \$15 for 1st event, \$10 for 2nd event, \$10 for 3rd, \$35 maximum fees.

First event registration rises to \$20 at the contest. \$40 maximum fees.

Juniors fly FREE! Refunds given for no-show.

EVENT 1.....	EVENT 4.....	Send checks payable to KOTRC to: KOTRC Box 6115 Anahelm, CA 92806
EVENT 2.....	EVENT 5.....	
EVENT 3.....	EVENT 6.....	
NAME:		AMA#
ADDRESS:		CITY:
STATE:	ZIP:	E-address.....

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Control Line
Model Airplane Club



AMA Charter #2389

New Membership Information Update

Membership Application

Renewal Membership Life Member

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

AMA Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Yearly dues are \$20.00

Make checks payable to KOTRC

Mail Application to: KOTRC

P.O. Box 6115, Anaheim, CA 92806

