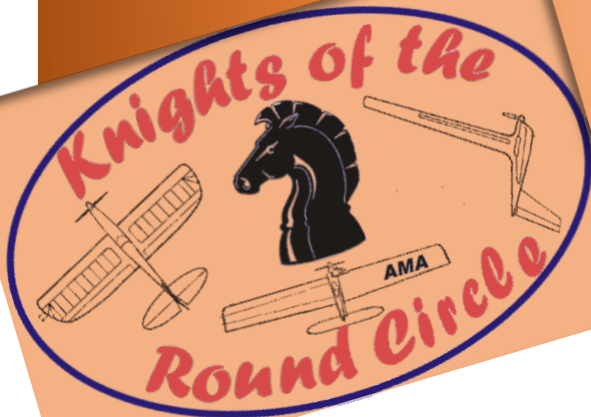


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President's Message

Greetings to all and there is good news to report and many great times ahead!

This just in and "hot off of the e-press" coming out of recent social media reports and AMA headquarters in Muncie, Indiana.

Local Knight's member Chuck Rudner and his son Mark Rudner have made the coveted US Combat Team along with Raddik Madzanov of Florida. Together with alternate Jeffrey Johnson of Kansas will represent the US at the World Champs to be held next year in Poland! With 28 pilots competing a father and son team from our club has made it! This is quite amazing accomplishment and the Knights congratulate you for a job well done! Not certain for sure if this is a family first but cross this outstanding achievement off of the Rudner bucket list!

Good luck to all the Knights flying at this years AMA Nationals currently being held in Muncie, Indiana. Find more Nats results at the AMA's website at the following link: <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/nats/2019/07/15/july-15-2019-cl-combat-team-trials/>

The Knights in doing their community involvement provided control-line flight training/STEM public education activity at the Fullerton Airport Day Open House recently held on June 22nd. This year's event was moved back from previous years held in May. There can never be enough volunteers it is said many times! This new date enabled an amazing turn-out of club volunteers nearing a baker's dozen or more of us this year volunteering in our club's community education effort. Our flight training included an outstanding static display of all types of control-line model aircraft. Models ranged from a sport pulse jet to combat, stunt and scale models. With training flights starting at 10:15am lasting until 2:30pm or until the

wind gusts were excessively blowing our trainers around, we flew well over 75 students. Each pilot received a training certificate and all left with a big smile! Students included some adults and a full-scale training pilot Dana from AFI and the Fullerton chapter member of the 99s ladies pilot club. Well done guys! (Editor's note: By my count, Chris Collins, Clint Brooks, Don Repp, Greg Pawloski, Joe Brownlee, John Wright, Mike Alurac, Mike Jones, Mike Meadows, Larry Renger, and Warren Walker made our training center a huge success. It looked to me like everyone actually enjoyed being there. I apologize if I forgot someone!)

We had plenty of flight trainers along with some new blood on the throttle this year and soon they realized what an important part of the team their position was. With a few practice laps they were quick to gain precise throttle control and even were able to spot land in favorable areas of the circle where students would not run over and trip on the control-lines. We thank you all and look to have this much volunteer participation in next year's Fullerton Airport Day. Keep up the great work Knights!

Moving right along many members of the Knight's recently attended the Whittier Narrows Park Quarterly Hobbyist meeting held at the park's offices and met with park representatives David Jallo, Louie Guerro and Brandie Mallen along with the US Army Corps of Engineers Senior Park Ranger Robert Moreno, Operations Division, Los Angeles District. The meeting was held on Wednesday, June 19. Other model aviation hobbyist were in attendance representing the CL Speed Flyers of Southern CA and the San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League where some important issues were brought to the table. Mainly our club's focus was to quickly regain use of the Southwest combat circle and lift its present restriction. With a temporary restriction of use in-place due to the endangered Least Bell's Vireo, a small sparrow sized gray bird that tends to like nesting near our combat practice and event field, it was advocated by the Knights present for full use in support of the US Combat team members practice site.

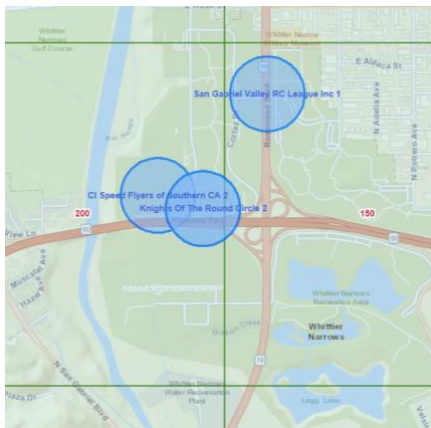
John Wright, Knight and park patron since 1968, presented a drawing and data on noise meter readings taken by Chuck Rudner's professional grade decibel meter and his readings confirmed with Don Repp's smart phone decible meter application, we hope to have adequately advocated for our cause.

The sound data was recorded initially on Sunday, June 8 with help from Chuck Rudner, MD and Don Repp, a retired radar systems engineer, had readings ranging from 78-82 decibels in the parking lot. Even lower readings at 74-80 decibels in the overgrowth area where the birds nest. Then a further test on a weekday of bustling traffic, they recorded 87 dBA in the parking lot. It would be even more on weekends near the bike path as it closer to the freeway. Their finding's found it difficult to believe that our models are overpowering the background noise in the overgrowth area when the ambient noise surpasses our models.

Based on this data, we plead for a lifting of the ban on model flying in the combat circle and requested use of it for the upcoming Knight's Joust Fun-fly picnic in August. Which incidentally coincides with the end of the nesting season. This is a critical practice time for those trying out for the U.S. Team, and we wouldn't want their lack of practice to be detrimental to their chances of making the US International Team set to fly in Poland in 2020. With the birds coming back to this location and our limited use of the area we might surmise that the least Bells Verios may in-fact like the sound of our models. The restriction should be lifted at the end of their nesting season in August so we hope to resume unrestricted flying at this circle again soon.

A reminder that the WN control-line fields will be closed on the 2nd Weds. of each month for regular maintenance. Also mark your calendars for Whittier Narrows Clean-Up Day Sept. 28th. At the closing of the meeting we greatly thanked our parks and ACE representative for their advocacy and hope to have the restrictions lifted soon. John Wright has been making follow up emails looking for any such action and at the present time no word has been received back.

Update – FAA Letter of Agreement (LOA) for model airplane use at Whittier Narrows. It was found with Dave Hull's prolific research and advocacy for our control-line model aviation sport, Whittier Narrows is presently an FAA approved model aviation site. Although an actual LOA is not in-hand, we have an FAA approved model aviation flying field. He shared an excerpt from the FAA's website as shown below listing FAA approved sites on their map of Whittier Narrows.



We hope soon that the Valley Circle Burners will gain access back to their site and I hear that progress is continually being made. Please stand by for more details and any updates as they develop. Look to the weekly "NAG" Control-line Model Airplane Newsletter Al Hieger publishes and usually distributes weekly on most Mondays. To request addition to his email distribution list and for Valley Circle Burner news please email him at dognosticator@yahoo.com.

In closing I would like to personally thank each and every valued member of our club and volunteers for your participation and outstanding efforts in making our club a continued success and I wish you to all safely *Keep on Flyin!*

Mike Alurac
2013-14, 2019 President

BREAKING NEWS from the Editors:

John Wright received an email from Robert Moreno, Senior Park Ranger, LA District- US Army Corps of Engineers yesterday. Mr. Moreno indicated he sent our noise level readings and sketch "up the chain". USACE also took their own sound reading for the DSMS in the area of the Model Airplane field and trail areas and concluded: "we see no reason why any of the "air strips" were shut down. Thus, you have not violated our ordinances or regulations." I called Louie Guerrero to inform him of the emails. He said he would read them this afternoon and discuss all of the above with David Jallo. Assuming all is well, Louie confirmed he would have those temporary "no flying" signs removed as quickly as possible.

The Calendar

July 20 Collecto gathering at the MECOA Facility 1601 Adelante St., Irwindale, CA.
Aug 9-11 Bladder Grabber 41

Aug 14 8 AM - Noon, south half of WN flying area will be closed to allow Parks & Rec staff to maintain/cleanup the area. This is subject to change with short (or no) notice.

Aug. 24 Fun Fly/Swap Meet/Picnic at Whittier Narrows CL area to honor Dale Kirn

Editor's Notes: Help us note events by telling me at the meetings or via email.
Thanks to Charles Johnson for sending me the monthly competition newsletter

August 24 Fun Fly to honor Dale Kirn: Last year's fun fly was so well received, the club decided to expand it into a fun fly/swap meet/picnic! We've included the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the January, 2015 issue of Model Aviation because Dale is mentioned in the article. Dale was a real pioneer in control line flying; and as I recall, really enjoyed our hobby. We hope you'll make an effort to attend the fun fly and join in the fun as we honor Dale's contributions to the hobby and KOTRC.

To the delight of all, each day at 2 p.m. a demonstration was flown by Jim Walker, grandfather of "U Control" (CL), from Portland, Oregon.

The demonstration included the 1/2A Fire Bee with a throttle for taxiing and shooting touch-and-gos. As host, the Marine Corps provided housing and meals for 200 male contestants for \$1.60 per day. And for true international flavor, the Cuban government sent a delegation to fly both CL and FF.

After *Model Airplane News* editor Bill Winter denoted the KOI as a midwinter natural for "snowbird flying," in December 1955, KOI 2 was on the modeling world's calendar with 60 events throughout four days. Participants included Frank Parmenter, Bill Netzeband, and Woody Blanchard.

In the Speed circles, monoline was the "in thing," with Dale Kim turning 159.51 mph in Open Jet. From an international perspective both Cuba and Guatemala were represented.

The highlight of KOI 3 was watching Bill Netzeband's Fierce Arrow take top honors in Open CL Aerobatics (Stunt). KOI 4 saw Lew McFarland win in Open Stunt and Bill Werwege become the Junior Champion. Dr. Walt Good and Al Pinson introduced Combat and Larry Conover won the Payload event.

KOI 5 boasted 215 contestants. Woody Blanchard became Grand Champion and Bill Werwege introduced his Ares design.

By KOI 6, the event's popularity had grown, as had its sponsorship. Bob Sifleet took home eight trophies as Senior Champion, which included a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Tom Bell launches his Ramrod 600 while Billy Bell times. The brothers first competed together in at the 1961 KOI held in Miami.



Maxey Hester of Sig Manufacturing took first in CL Scale.

During the early days, we were inspired and influenced by Open class modelers, but the ranks of the Junior category were impressive! In KOI 7, there were Junior fliers who still compete today. Bob Whitney took 1/2A Speed, Bill Avera placed fifth in CL Stunt, and Jim Bradley first in Payload Jet. Could it be that the early KOIs attracted so many Junior and Senior fliers because there was a Miss Model Aviation to distribute the awards?

In 1961 during KOI 8, Betty Bell, a member of the 1961 US World Team flying in A2 Glider, received the best sportsmanship award, while Billy and Tommy Bell took top

honors in 1/2A and Rise-Off-Water FF events as Juniors. Reportedly, the Bells were the first to use a motorized chase bike at the Nats.

Gerald Ritz, a member of the 1959 winning Nordic team, was first in Wakefield; Junior Harry Grogan took first in Combat; and Blaine Miller won HLG.

Dale Kim, possibly the best monoline flier ever, worked for Victor Stanzel doing worldwide demonstrations. He was the first to surpass 100 mph with a 1/2A model.

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Birthday boys Larry Renger and Warren Walker celebrating at one of Warren's man cave events.



Mike Alurac, Mike Meadows, Don Repp, John Wright at the Fullerton Airport Day 2019



Larry Renger, Mike Jones, Warren Walker, Joe Brownlee, Clint Brooks Fullerton Airport Day 2019 Taking a breather at the KOTRC control-line training area.



Chris Collins teaching a young would be pilot at Fullerton Airport Day

Meeting Notes 6-11-2019

Guests: Steve Killian, Dave Merriweather, Dave Hull

Show and Tell:

Steve Harris – Himself. He rarely can make it to the meetings, although he is a member. Thanks for coming!

Mike Alurac – 2 Cylon engines. Super hot .061s. Also a box of Ukranian Fiber reinforced props in various sizes.

John Wright – Trophies won at the Northwest Regional Contest. Some for him, some brought back for Howard Doering. They cleaned up! He also brought along his first place winning Beufighter 1/2A tein.

Larry Renger – a batch of 1930's and early 40's model magazines to give away. Also a stack of Ink Jet decal paper since he now has a laser printer.

Steve Killian – Showed a Fox 59 that had the RC conversion features. Got to be pretty rare!

Mike Meadows – Showed his Magician, but with a different engine, a light Case Johnson .29. Also a Blue Case OS LA 65 that needs a proper venturi. Man, it is HEAVY!

Howard Doering – Showed a prop that suddenly was slowing down his model. It turned out to have a split lengthwise in one blade. Cost 15 mph! He also showed a C-Speed model with a Nelson pan and engine (.40 class) the model having been built by John Newton. Howie also showed a .29 size airplane also built John Newton. This one featured a Profi 29

Dave Hull -He showed an amazing variable pitch prop system he built for an engineering project in college. It held together even though he pushed it to 7500 rpm. Beautiful machine work and clever design.

Dave Merriweather – He discussed the FAA situation with establishing Letter of Agreement (LOA) letters with airports in the vicinity of our flying fields. Currently there is no established rules and we need documents in writing that are not happening. At this time we have provided all the AMA has requested. He agrees that we need to separate CL for RC and Free Flight and Drones. Our planes have a tiny airspace requirement and normally can't go beyond that. No way they can be "weaponized"

New Business:

There has developed a strange problem in the combat area. Some guy who refused to show identification shut down the area because of some endangered bird. Turns out he has no authority, the specifications for sound level are insane, and the Army Corps of Engineers Environmental report cleared the area for use.

Old business:

Treasurer's report showed we have a whole bunch of Dinero available, though a bit lower than last year.

We discussed the upcoming Fullerton Airport Day. Lots of volunteers, this time.

Editors note: The Fullerton Airport training came off really well this time. We flew till almost 2:00 and trained at least 80 kids. Ran out of kid and planes about the same time. Sadly, a couple of people showed up after we had shut down. I hate to disappoint the kids! Told them to come back earlier next year!

