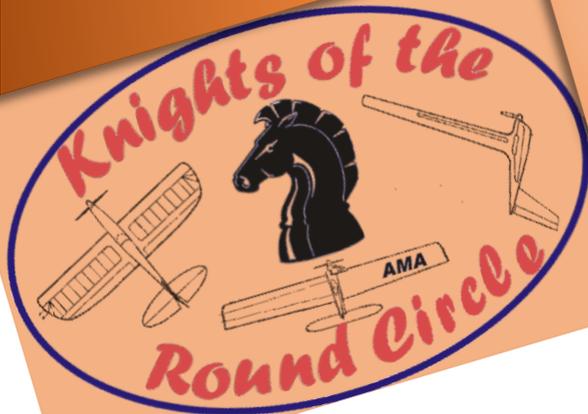


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President's Corner for June 2021

*by Clint Brooks*

The summer heat is upon us once again. I sure miss the shade from the recently removed trees at WN, but I guess we will survive.

We are moving ahead with contest plans. A combined Palmer and Knights Joust is scheduled for the weekend of August 28, 29 and an F2D Combat event for the weekend of November 13, 14. We need a full court press to get these planned and staffed with volunteers to make them come off at the highest standard we can muster. It's been a long drought for Knights contests-let's all roll up our sleeves and pitch in to make these comeback events sweet and fun as possible.

And speaking of events, the L.A. County Parks are putting up new event fee structures that are cascading in cost depending on how much an organization is willing to partner with the County in supporting their agenda for community involvement and financial support. It's been a confusing issue for everyone who has looked into this on the L.A. County Parks website, and people are understandably upset about the changes, as the cost is not going down for any of the sports activities the parks have facilities for.

Right now, we are still safe at home base for 2021, but next year it may be a different story for what it will cost to put on a contest at WN. Sticker shock notwithstanding, we need to recognize this as a cost factor in planning the 2022 contest season. If you break it down, it's not completely unreasonable to amortize the cost of this into entry fees. We just need to figure what our average attendance is likely to be and use that factor to help calculate our per head cost to participate in our contests at WN.

As for how we could improve our standing with the LA County Parks to be qualified for a price break on event fees, that's still being investigated by myself. I am uncertain if our standing as an organization fits the level of support the County is looking for, as the application process seems to be tailored toward large organizations with deep pockets and probably an employee base and some stage presence that is desirable. That we are not, but I'm trying to find out who to plead our case to for some resolution on this question. From what I understand, the rates were decided by the County Board of Supervisors and is probably beyond negotiation by any of us right now, so tighten your seat belt for financial hit on our contest planning. We are still waiting for news on the pilot circle project from the WN Park management. Radio silence has been the case for several months now. The last report of movement was the project plan was submitted to the Army Corp of Engineers for approval. And that's all I know folks.....





## The Calendar

July 13<sup>th</sup> Knight's meeting at Fullerton Airport @ 7PM

August 28, 29 Palmer/Joust Contest

November 13, 14 F2D Combat Contest

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



**Blast from the past**

"That's a pretty worn-out-looking plane you got there fella." John Wright has been hearing that for years, but he still continues to campaign this historic Barnstormer. Why historic? It flew in the very first VSC in 1989, and it's still flying competitively today!



achievement for a biplane. It is a large plane and most impressive in the air.



Al Culver's open cockpit Foxy Special displays excellent craftsmanship and finish.

The Foxy Special has its roots in Michigan. The Livonia Rib Crackers was a control line show team seen in the Chicago/Michigan area during the '50s or '60s. They all flew Fox .59-powered Foxy Specials with throttle control using the J Roberts bellcrank and handle system. Al's Foxy was built from a set of plans produced by one of the members of Rib Crackers.



Al Culver holds the Foxy Special. As you can see, it's not a small model!

Al's model is a very accurate reproduction and is powered by a throttled and unmuffled Fox .59. He uses the same J Roberts throttle system. The fuselage is covered with fiberglass cloth using fiberglass resin and then finished with basecoat/clearcoat polyurethane. The wings and tail surfaces are covered with UltraCote film.

#### VSC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

VSC is about to begin as I write this column. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my favorite stunt contest in the southwest. The practice, competition, and social event calendar will be unchanged this year. We are looking forward to seeing old and new friends and enjoying our shared passion together for nearly a week in hopefully perfect weather. Next year,

2014, we are adding Super 70s competition to VSC.

When Super 70s is added in 2014, it will be run concurrently with Classic—same circles, same judges. The purpose of the event is to encourage the construction and flight of CLPA models from the 1970s. Models eligible for the Super 70s event must have been designed, built, or flown January 1, 1970, through December 31, 1979. Models designed, built, or flown prior to January 1, 1970, are not eligible. You can enter either one, but not both events. The rules are listed on the Cholla Choppers website: [www.ccmaconline.org/ot\\_classic\\_rules.htm](http://www.ccmaconline.org/ot_classic_rules.htm).

#### Southwest Regionals

The Southwest Regionals (SWR) has held the weekend of January 26 and 27 in Tucson. It was contested by the usual local suspects, as well as some Californians, including John Wright, Larry Renger, Brett Buck, and first SWR timer Mike Allurac.

We also had a new guy named Chip Hyde show up. Chip is relatively new to CL stunt but certainly not new to high-level competition in the RC arena; Chip has been the US Nats Champ in both pattern and pylon racing.

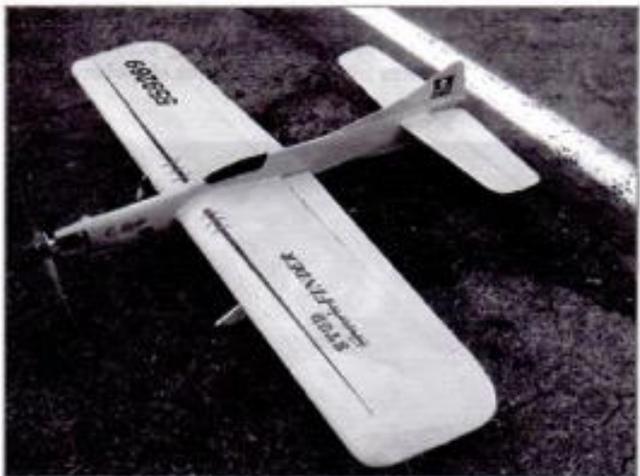
Chip made a fine showing in the Expert class with an electric profile Pathfinder and had a great time in this new showground. We all look forward to seeing him continue in CL stunt. I am sure the scores and placings appear elsewhere in the newsletter.



Randy Cuberly takes a break at the Southwest Regionals.



Mike Allurac launches for John Wright at the Southwest Regionals.



Chip Hyde's Electric Shark Stud Finder at the Southwest Regionals.

Thank you to Warren Tiahrt for doing the "heavy lifting" and serving as CD at the SW Regionals. We flew OTS, Classic, Super 70s, and the regular PAMPA events. It was rained out on



Larry Renger shows the intensity with which he competes at the Southwest Regionals.

Saturday, but we doubled up and ran all stunt events on Sunday. The Sunday weather cooperated with an overcast dry day with and nice air. SW

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## **Secretary's Report**

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**Meeting Minutes Regular Club Meeting June 8th, 2021**

**AFI Pilot Training Center Fullerton Airport**

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

**Officers present - President Clint Brooks, Vice-President Greg Pawlowski and Secretary Mike Alurac**

**Attendance – 14 members attending while maintaining Covid safe protocols and social distancing.**

**A quorum was met.**

**Pledge - No guests this evening.**

### **Show & Tell**

**John Wright – A P63 built from magazine planes in 1966 with a trike gear decorated in a Pinball Orange scheme. This scheme was used by the military for target practice. Re-kitted in a catastrophic crash at Whittier Narrows in 1991 while performing a wing-over. Has since been repaired and here with us this evening albeit in fairly rough condition weighing in at three pounds or 48ozs. Powered by an Enya 29 with throttle control. Sig Magnum won at a VSC raffle powered by an OS60 weighing in at 68oz. A Foam Wing with adjustable lead-outs for sale. He also plans to attend the Tether car guys swap on Sat. June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mike Alurac – Yuvenko 1/2-A Half-A Combat model powered by a Cyclon 049 acquired from the late Lance Matassa turning a 124mm Ukrainian prop that runs extremely well on 25% nitro fuel. The control horn has been updated to a 1' tall**

control horn. Also shown was an online purchase of an Evolution 36 found available brand new in the box.

**Willey** – P39 Air Cobra scratch built with a 56” wing span. Powered by a Fox 35 Stunt. To be a display model that he does not intend to fly. Beautiful work!

**Franco Garetto** – Shared a Guillows Stuka with an African campaign camouflage design.

**Greg Pawloski** – A brand new OS35 Stunt from E-bay seller Shutterman.

**Treasure's Report** – \$85.61 was spent on recent field repairs. The balance was read aloud by Clint Brooks at the meeting. We are in the green!

**Old Business**– Not much at all to report... No update from the park on the grass field center circles... We quickly got into new business for the remainder of the evening.

**New Business** – The Knights Joust is officially set for August 28-29 along with a three day FAI F2D combat event to be held in November on the 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> with Bill Maywald as the hosting CD. He will be looking to the club membership at large to help with running an event of this magnitude. Funds were voted in and approved with all present in favor for John Wright to reserve the park, while at the old event rates, for both events. Larry Renger is to mail in payment to the park's administration offices for both upcoming events. John Wright is going to work with Larry to create a flyer to promote the Joust.

Also open discussion was initiated by President Clint as to how our club might fit into one of the four group tiers the park has created that reflects on the amount we may be charged for future events. A fee breakdown by group was discussed. More information is available at the LA County Parks and Recreation website <https://parks.lacounty.gov/fees/>

Meeting adjourned by President Clint Brooks at 8:40pm.





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