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**BECAUSE OF COVID-19
WHITTIER NARROWS FLYING
FIELDS ARE CLOSED UNTIL
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LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

President's Message

CANCELLED! No, not my article!!! As life comes to a near standstill and while hopefully we all remain healthy sheltering in-place. Or maintaining your “social distance”, our competitive season for 2020 has come to a grinding STOP/HALT/ALTO!!! The Top Gun Combat Tucson, AZ CANCELLED! The Gold Country Combat Contest Lone, CA CANCELLED! Bill Nusz Speed and Racing Contest, Whittier Narrows, CA is tentatively postponed until June 13-14. What are we to do for the upcoming Palmer at the end of April? The Vintage Stunt Championship was fortunately able to be held in Tucson, AZ. Please check before you travel as I will cover news for The Palmer Memorial a bit more below.

Speaking of traveling and the VSC, a contingency of Knights made the trek to Tucson for VSC the second week of March this year. From first-hand reports, Knight John Wright did well and brought home the hardware, or commemorative glass mugs in his case for the following events: Fifth in Ringmaster, forth in Old Time Stunt, and third in Super 70! Great job Sir John! Also; in attendance was Mike Meadows lending his hand for moral support along with supporting the swap and table top vendors. Also reported was Joel and Diane Chesler generously hosted a hot dog luncheon with all the fixings that I hear was greatly appreciated by all.

When listing benefits of a club membership last issue, I wanted to circle back and touch bases a bit to elaborate more on the portion regarding sound testing relating to the closure of the grass flying fields at WN for the Least Bells Vireos bird and model aviation noise levels. Being that I myself have had made some honest omissions in the recent past for member volunteer recognition at various events in my article. I wanted to add a mention of Don Repp, Howard Doering, Joe Brownlee along with myself in attending the park meeting covering this matter back last May as I recall. Don Repp helped considerably by test flying for noise level testing and to plead our case to reopen the grass circles at the meeting. Also; he gave a recount of the flying field closure from his first-hand experience being stopped flying by the unidentified at the time, federal employee initiating the closure. Please forgive me if I have omitted any others and so to cover the bases I thank you all for a job well done! This is the essence of club camaraderie, an example in action of joining our efforts all for a common cause. Ultimately the good news is that it was determined the 60 freeway was the main noise culprit being louder than the model airplane flying. The flying field was reopened to model aviation use last Fall.

Looking forward to the **Bob Palmer Memorial, it is by word of CD John Wright to be reported in this article as postponed. Tentatively to be rescheduled again in August and well after many Knights return from Snowhomish, WA from attending the ever so popular Bladder Grabber #42 Big-Block Combat Contest CD'd by Jeffery Rein. If we can get The Palmer Memorial rescheduled for later on this year's calendar, this event is certain be quite a control line model aviation**

spectacular! There will be more news to come as it develops over the next few weeks and months with updated events, sanctions and reservations rescheduled. Please once again check with CD John Wright or myself before you travel long distances.

In June this year and with the present virus quarantine restriction lifted, we expect once again to provide our CL training activity with the Fullerton Airport's Annual Open House and our friends and meeting room hosts at AFI Flight Training Center <https://www.flyafi.com/> We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our flight training activities, judging and volunteering for our contests. So please let us know and join the fun if you can make it out to assist in any way possible representing the Knights in our worthy cause of advocating control line model aviation in all forms. It would be certainly met with appreciation.

Stay healthy folks and Keep on Flyin',

Mike Alurac
KOTRC 2013-2014, 2019-2020
President





The Calendar

- Apr 4-5 Gold Country Combat Duel. **CANCELED**
- Apr 4-5 Bill Nusz Speed and Herb Stockton Racing Memorial Gathering at Whittier Narrows
POSTPONED TENTATIVE RESCHEDULED MAY 9 - 10
- Apr 10 KOTRC Meeting: **CANCELED**
- Apr 25-26 The Palmer @ Whittier Narrows **POSTPONED.**
RESCHEDULED AUG 23-24

Editor's Notes: Help us note events by telling me at the meetings or via email. Thanks to Charles Johnson and Al Hieger for all the information they publish.

Attention Please: WN FLYING AREAS ARE CLOSED. A few days ago, we were advised by Louie Guerrero (Whittier Narrows Admin) that The Model Plane Areas (RC & CL) will be closed until further notice due to COVID-19. Gates will remain locked. Signs will be posted. I trust Louie will contact us when the areas are no longer off limits.

Please note for the future: I recently discovered that the zip code for the KOTRC PO Box 6115 is now 92816. The club website still lists the old zip code, but I'll contact our "webmaster" this weekend to correct that situation.

Larry Renger still intends to sponsor The Leprechaun Pot O' Gold "Stunt" Event as part of the Bill Nusz Speed and Herb Stockton Memorial Gathering. In Larry's own words: Since we got rained out at the Toys for Tots last December, I would like to sponsor a makeup 1cc stunt contest. Combining it with the tentatively re-scheduled Bill Nusz Speed and Herb Stockton Racing Memorial (JUNE 13-14) is still an excellent time to put it on. The event would be at Whittier Narrows, of course, in the north circle. I will provide a keeper trophy, and the winner gets possession of the Leprechaun Pot of Gold Perpetual Trophy for a year. And, if you haven't been the winner before, a trophy keeper hat. I have score sheets, but I will need a couple of judges and perhaps a tabulator or two. I expect the workload will be minimal. If you are a tolerably good pilot, I will be happy to loan you a model with which to compete if needed.



Blast from the past

Bob Palmer Classic

A few words from your on the ground reporter Elaine Heyworth

This was one of the most successful Palmer Classic Contests in a long time. It started out under a cloudy, wet raining Saturday. Sylvia Strickland and I did all of our tabulating on the tailgate of my car. Sunday the sun came out and a good day and time was had by all.

The turnout was the largest ever with 53 entries altogether. Pilots came from Washington State, Northern California, Arizona and Utah to name a few. Bob Palmer was missed by all. He is in Montana with his daughter and Son-In-Law. He has many chores and has a chance to ride a mule all over the property.

Just a word about our pilots and their wives who are grounded. Randy Hayden is doing as well as can be expected. He is now home. Barbara Trostle came out to the field on Sunday and she was looking well and making plans for their new home in Tucson. Howard Doring's wife passed away on July 12th. Mike Fox's dad died on Tuesday. All of these people are missed and they are all needed to make a difference and help to have things run smoothly. Our prayers are with all of the families.

Warren Walker - Knight's President and crew provided an A # One feed for us both days. It even included breakfast for the pilots and and people attending. Thanks so much Warren. Elaine and Bill Heyworth had fun purchasing and giving out gifts for the raffle held at the end of the contest on Sunday. A real big thank you to my great crew Cliff Silva, Sylvia Strickland and Keith Trostle. A better tabulating group I couldn't have asked for. Cliff also helped with registration.

A thank you to the runners Cliff Silva, Frank Martin, Matthew Shorey, Dennis Coleman, and Sylvia Strickland. Without them the tabulators would be lost. Thanks to the Pit Bosses Mike Meadows, Gary Akers, Dennis Coleman and Dave Kick. Judges: Larry Renger, Tim Meeks, Joel Chestler, Eric Rule, Bill Byles, Gary Akers, Ken Kaiser, Dave Kick; Bart Kalpinski, Tom Myers, Lee Strickland, John Wright and Bill Heyworth.

Spirit of '64 was won by Phil Granderson with his Olympic. Spirit of '52 was won by Bill Byles with his Yak 9. The Palmer Trophy is based on the highest score of 3 different classes flown by a pilot. Scoring of this event was John Wright with 297.4. Gordon Delaney 2nd place with 297.0 and Keith Trostle with 293.7. Gordon Delaney flew his Tony and recieved the highest score for the 2 days of 582. Awards and Trophies were given as follows, also the number of pilots in each event.

Intermediate - 11 pilots:		
1st	Jim Lally	453.00
2nd	Warren Walker	437.50
3rd	Dave Dawson	381.50

Profile 40 - 19 pilots		
1st	Gordon Delaney	534.50
2nd	John Wright	520.50
3rd	Jeff Anderson	501.50

Expert - 16 pilots		
1st	Gordon Delaney	582.50
2nd	Dave Saban	561.25
3rd	Keith Trostle	560.00

Advanced - 14 pilots		
1st	Larry Fernandez	468.50
2nd	Pete Jurezyk	462.50
3rd	Mike Ryan	451.00

Beginners - 7 pilots		
1st	Joel Chisler	220.00
2nd	Dennis Coleman	217.50
3rd	Ray Ebert	216.50

Old Time - 13 pilots		
1st	John Wright	512.00
2nd	Bart Kalpinski	505.00
3rd	Keith Trostle	499.50

Classic - 9 pilots		
1st	Keith Trostle	574.00
2nd	Gordon Delaney	556.50
3rd	Jeff Anderson	553.50

ICC (or once known as half A) - 5 pilots		
1st	John Wright	496.50
2nd	Pete Jurczyk	491.00
3rd	Larry Renger	485.50



Bob Palmer Spirit of '64 trophy made by De Hill went to Phil Granderson for his 20 point Olympic



Keith Trostle wins 1st place in Classic



John Wright 1st place in ICC and also winner of the Leprechaun trophy



John Wright 1st place in Old Time

This is it for now - Keep flying and behappy in your sport. Remember is is all just for fun.



Our beginner winner is Joel Chisler

Combat Corner – by Mike Alurac

Southwest Regional Control Line Contest Combat Report Jan. 25-26, 2020 Christopher Columbus Park, Tucson, AZ

The New Year came roaring right into CL combat starting here in Tucson, AZ at the Southwest Regional Control Line Championships! This event is hosted by the local Tucson CL club, the Cholla Choppers and includes Stunt, Carrier and Combat. Many Knights and fellow Southern California fliers along with folks coming all the way in from Southern parts of Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Kansas got their new year fix of combat off to a competitive start here with mid 70's weather, little to no wind and simply ideal field conditions. Steve Mills was our event Director. Thank goodness for guys like Steve and his volunteer team Tommy and Mike Thompson, Johnny Wells and Steve Stewart keeping combat events alive and running in Tucson. With the still recent passing of Jeff Hanauer and Lance Matassa, it is refreshing to have these guys pick-up the reins and continue to run these ever so popular Tucson, AZ combat events.

Saturday started with Vintage 75mph Combat. This event was previously called VooDoo Combat and included VooDoo and pre-VooDoo planes such as my favorite, Flite Streaks. All powered with era correct engines using early bushed bypass, non-Schnurle ported engines. In my case a Johnson 35-CS on a RSM short kit VooDoo now in it's 3rd year at this event. Vintage combat drew 7 entries and if you didn't have a plane, Bob Mears had some vintage models to loan. Talk about a control line advocate, Bob is a great example, providing loaner planes to fly combat! Chris Collins took him up and joined in on the fun! See how Chris did below with his vintage VooDoo loaner model.

James Mears' Raunchy at the Mears' Combat Museum, Lubbock, TX

We got well into speed limit on Saturday, but with a healthy 13 entries getting off to an afternoon start, this event carried over to Sunday morning. This perhaps might have been the entire contests most participated event.



At the end of the day on Saturday, most of the combat pilots, friends and families headed straight to Daisy Mae's Steak House. Hands down this is one of, if not the best steakhouse in town and ever so conveniently located nearby to the field at Silverbell heading South. Or is it East? Then a right turn at St. Mary's Hospital onto Anklam Rd. From there just a tick under a couple miles or less on the left. I had the 18oz. Mesquite fired T-Bone done medium rare. Jan Mears shared a quarter rack of her amazing baby back ribs, dry rubbed served dry with house BBQ sauce on the side. All this with house salad, all you can eat Texas toast,

beans and a baked tater with all the fixings you will want or need. When going to Tucson guys, try to fit this joint in. Daisy Mae's Steak House <http://www.daisymaessteakhouse.com/> 2735 W Anklam Rd, Tucson, AZ 85745. Along with a great beer selection and full bar, you will not be disappointed!

Sunday picked right up once again with another day of ideal conditions. Speed limit finished and F2D Fast got started mid-day. But once again with a good turnout of 10 pilots, it ran until late afternoon and nearly dark. Half-A (High Performance) was agreed upon to be finished later in LA. Being 5 of the 6 pilots are from So Cal with Jeffrey Rein hailing out of Yuma, AZ.

Now for the event results. All events ran in Tucson were double elimination.

Vintage – 7 Entries Bob Mears, Andy Mears, Chris Collins, Steve Stewart, Burt Goldsmith, Mike Alurac, Jeffrey Rein and Chuck Rudner.

Results: 1st Andy Mears, 2nd Jeffrey Rein and 3rd Chris Collins

75 MPH – 13 Entries Bob Mears, Andy Mears, Chris Collins, Jeffrey Johnson, Greg Carter, Steve Stewart, Emil Opher, Don Repp, Burt Goldsmith, Mike Alurac, Jeffrey Rein, Russ Wilcox and Chuck Rudner.

Results: 1st Russ Willcox, 2nd Bob Mears and 3rd Don Repp

F2D Fast – 10 Entries – Sunday - Bob Mears, Andy Mears, Russ Wilcox, Jeffrey Johnson, Greg Carter, Don Repp, Emil Opher, Mike Alurac, Jeffrey Rein and Chuck Rudner.

Results: 1st Bob Mears, 2nd Andy Mears and 3rd Jeff Johnson

1/2-A High Performance -

SW Regional 1/2-A make-up triple elimination Event held March 7th, '20 at Whittier Narrows, CA. Congratulations winners. 1st Pete Athans, 2nd Russ Wilcox and 3rd Jeffrey Rein. Thank you to all that came, helped and had a great fun day of performance 1/2-A!!!



1/2-A Participants L-R Emil Offer, Don Jensen, Russ Wilcox, Mike Alurac, Pete Athans, Chuck Rudner, Don Repp, Jeffrey Rein and Chris Collins. Nice shirts guys!



1/2-A Winners 1st Pete Athans 2nd and Russ Wilcox 3rd Jeffrey Rein

VSC 2020

OTS, Ringmaster and Super 70 Stunt Events

Kathy and I drove down to the XXXII VSC to try my luck at the contest. I thought I had tuned up my aircraft at the SW Regionals, but I still had some hiccups. After settling in to the Holiday Inn Express on Sunday March 8, I headed to the field Monday for some practice. The wind and weather were strong so I only to a trim flight with my Big Job/ST56 to get a needle setting and a total time with a full tank. After doing some math, I found that I must pull out 1 1/4 oz to prevent over runs. The competition began Tuesday March 10 with OTS. I fought the wind on that first flight but managed a decent score 296 in circle 2. The top dogs were about 312. For my second flight was better at 304.5 in circle 1 after the wind calmed down. Wednesday the weather was better and I scored 301 on the first flight, then 304 in circle 2. The contest is decided by your best score in each circle. I wasn't optimistic so I didn't even check the score board. Turns out I was fourth.

Thursday March 12; I had the day off so I rested up and set up the Wright Stuff, my sales effort. And I didn't take a trim flight on the Ringmaster/McCoy 40. Big mistake. But I launched for Gary Akers. He fell over on his Keister and got hurt. He went three laps crawling around because he couldn't get up because he hurt so much. Then they rescued him and his plane and called wife Pat back at the hotel. He took some pain killers and dropped the rest of his flights. He was still hurting days later.

Friday I only had one flight on my Ringmaster and I had an under run. Bummer! But we had a great on the field lunch hosted by Joel and Diane. That evening was another party this time at Rickie's and Matts. A great feed as usual. Saturday the final day I had two flights with my red G Nobler. in Super 70 and one more in Ringmaster. On my first S70 flight I almost fell over on the reverse wingover. Bad balance but a 540 score, so I was sitting in third. Then off to the Ringmaster circle for flight 2. This time a full tank. I still was not happy with the engine run but had to fly it out. The pattern was OK but I waited and waited for it to quit. At 7 minutes I started a series of cut off loops. Each time the motor would quit, then re-start. It finally quit at 7:58. My score of 307.5 was good for fifth.

Then back to S70. This time I took a wide stance on my feet and didn't fall and the reverse wingover was good. This plane had undergone some repairs since the SW Regional in January. It now turns evenly inside and outside thanks to Bart, Warren and Mike M. Thanks guys. This second flight netted 558, still third, but nipping at the heels of Lou Wolgast at 564. Bob McDonald was first at over 600.

It wasn't until the banquet that I realized I got a third, a fourth and a fifth. A successful contest. And it wasn't until the trip home the pandemic and panic hit the grocery stores. I didn't need t-paper but I tried to buy water and the shelves were bare at Safeway. I now realize how lucky we were to finish the contest without being shut down.

I'll put in a final call for KOTRC dues. I'll be putting in the club roster to the park at the end of the month. Not that you can buy an annual pass (now \$40!) because the office and even the flying field are closed until further notice.

Happy Landings and keep safe!

John



The VCB at VSC XXIII (excerpts from Al Hieger's weekly nag, issued March 16).

For the first time in over twenty years, prospects for this year's Vintage Stunt Championships were dimmed by the threat of inclement weather, with rain forecast for at least three of the contest's five days. An hour before the pilots' meeting on Tuesday, an intermittent drizzle threatened to put a damper on the first two rounds of Old Time Stunt, but by the time of the meeting itself the rain had stopped and the cloud deck was beginning to break up. The first day's action took place under variably cloudy skies, with temperatures in the sixties. Around 9 a.m. the breeze kicked up appreciably, only to die back down about an hour later, with conditions remaining flyable throughout. This year, twenty pilots made official flights in the event.

It rained most of Tuesday night, but by Wednesday's pilots' meeting it had stopped. Conditions for the third and fourth rounds of OTS were similar to those of the first two rounds, except that the morning clouds began to break up earlier, the day warmed more quickly, and there was no mid-morning wind pulse.

John Wright and Yours Truly were the only local pilots to enter this event (Joel and Diane Chesler came out dragging an Airstream trailer which they used to provide free chili dog lunches to the pilots on Saturday, and "Hot Rod Mike"

Meadows was on hand to provide moral support, but neither Joel nor Mike flew during the contest.). (ED NOTE: Congratulations to John for a very successful trip. In Al's words: "John Wright performed to his usual standard, and the results put him up there with today's CLPA elite". Al, on the other hand, had a flight worthy of an E ticket ride when the push rod failed during a flight. Al wisely decided to ground his plane since it was still in one piece.) Al's disappointment in the flying circle was more than offset when he was named the recipient of this year's very prestigious "KEEPER OF THE FLAME" award. Al, congratulations on your well deserved recognition!

If you didn't read Al's feature story a couple of weeks ago, but are interested in who finished in the top 5 of each event; we copied from Al's article. Formatting issues because of different fonts/sizes used.

Old Time Stunt

Judges: Chris Cox, Mark Gerber, Larry Linville, Jim Renkar

	Airplane	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
1) Joe Gilbert	Ringmaster	308	315	312.5	314	629
2) Jim Hoffman	Upstart	303	312.5	309	313	625.5
3) Bart Klapinski	JamisonSp.	308.5	306.5	295.5	314.5	621
4) John Wright	Big Job	296.5	304	301	304.5	608.5
5) Lou Wolgast	Smoothie	294.5	307	296.5	301	608
6) Gaylord Elling	Ringmaster	283.5	300.5	305.5	302.5	608

Note: The nominal tie for fifth place was resolved on the basis of single highest-scoring flight.

Classic Stunt (27 pilots posted scores in this event)

Judges: Jack Comer, Joan Cox, Al Hieger, Pete Peterson

	Airplane	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
1) Joe Gilbert	Cavalier	577	588	578	592	1,180
2) Jim Hoffman	USA1	567	577.5	586.5	585	1,171.5
3) Bob McDonald	USA1	575	560.5	560	Pass	1,135.5
4) Gaylord Elling	Gypsy	545.5	556.5	575	554.5	1,129.5
5) Keith Trostle	Chizler	546.5	542	567.5	538.5	1,114

Ringmaster (12 pilots posted official scores)

Judges: Chris Cox, Reuben MacBride

	Round 1	Round 2
1) Joe Gilbert	321	317.5
2) Gaylord Elling	Pass	317
3) Bart Klapinski	303.5*	308*

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| 4) Chris Brainard | Pass | 308* |
| 5) John Wright | 208.5 | 307.5 |

*The third-place tie between Bart Klapinski and Chris Brainard was resolved on the basis of each pilot's secondary score. As Chris had posted only one flight, he dropped to fourth.

Super '70s (6 pilots posted official scores)

Judges: Jack Comer, Pete Peterson

	Airplane	Round 1	Round 2
1) Bob MacDonald	Aquila	599	607
2) Lou Wolgast	F-105	564	509.5
3) John Wright	Gieseke Nobler	543.5	558.5
4) Steven MacBride	Stiletto	509.5	Pass
5) Mark Wasnick	Imitation	508.5	503.5
6) Gordon Van Tighem	Moondust	341.5	324.5

Ignition

Judges: Burt Brokaw, Joan Cox

	Airplane	Round 1	Round 2
1) Frank McMillan	Madman 56	314.5	328
2) Jim Lee	Go Devil Sr.	293	309
3) Keith Trostle	Madman 56	302.5	72
4) Bart Klapinski	Wildman	189	269.5

After all the flying had wrapped, everyone gathered back together at the Hotel Tucson on Saturday evening for the awards banquet. In addition to the competition awards, a number of traditional special awards were granted.

Ringmaster Pilots' Choice: Gaylord Elling

Master of the Ring: Joe Gilbert

Spirit of VSC (Exhibition "event"): Jim Rhoades

Eagle Award (Best overall VSC performance): Joe Gilbert

The four Spirit Awards honor the ship in each event (Ringmaster excluded) which most authentically represents the practices of its respective era.

Spirit of '46 (Ignition): Keith Trostle/Madman 56

Spirit of '52 (OTS): Frank McMillan/Big Job

Spirit of '64 (Classic): Leroy Black/Shark 45

Spirit of '70 (Super '70s): Steven MacBride/Stiletto

Old Time Best Appearing: Mike Haverly/Barnstormer

Most Unusual Design: Bob Brookins/Jack Sheeks LaDonna

Classic Pilots' Choice: Mark Gerber/Veco P-40

Super '70s Pilots' Choice: Bob MacDonald/Aquila

George M. Aldrich Award: Tim Tipton

Pachyderm Award (Biggest Brain Fart): Bob Welch

Gialdini Sportsmanship Award: Mark Smith

Keeper of the Flame: Alan Hieger





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March 2020 KOTRC Club Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Clint Brooks; 2020 club secretary

Meeting called to order by President Mike Alurac at 7:00 PM

8 members were present, including 4 club officers.

Show and Tell

- **Larry Renger had his 1/2A stunt model “Baby Clown” equipped with a Cox Medallion engine modified for a crankcase pressure port and heat sink head from a Cox gas powered car design, plus a TD cylinder and piston combination. He is now highly satisfied with the flight performance of the engine using 10% nitro. In addition to the Clown, he presented a drawing of the 1/2A “Spook” design which is claimed to be one of the best 1/2A stunt models available; he plans to build his for electric power.**
- **Greg Palowski had his framed up and ready to cover “Orbit Ace” based on an early Berkeley flying wing combat model design. Construction is along the lines of the “Lancer” Greg has been flying since last summer, except for the swept wing. Greg added a profile fuselage and separate empennage which deviates from the original flying wing kit design. I think Greg’s model is a much better rendition of the concept and looks like it will be a great flyer. Equipped with a Don Repp reworked Fox .36 Combat engine, bladder tank setup and bottom mounted fin, the model is lean and powerful looking. It should be a good show when it finally takes to the skies.**
- **Mike Alurac brought a box of Fox engine parts from Ken Kaiser’s estate and offered them for distribution. No complete engines, but crankshafts, case castings, pistons and sleeves, etc. All of it was used and probably kept Ken’s fleet going for free flight and control line activity.**

Old Business

- Palmer Contest has AMA sanction and park reservation completed. Last formal planning will occur during the April 14th club meeting. As a postscript to this idea, the recent government directives regarding crowd concentrations and the coronavirus exposure risk probably needs to be resolved before the April meeting. Other model airplane club contests are being cancelled or postponed to later in the year to allow for the government quarantine strategy to complete. A decision needs to be rendered for cancellation or rescheduling of the Palmer contest.
- **(from Jan meeting)** A club process issue was brought up by Paul Wescott concerning the need for conducting a clinic for stunt judges. There was a discussion about doing it, but no commitment or plan to establish one up was arrived at. This is probably something that should be considered under new business in 2020 to help grow the club technical strength. The club needs a focal point to establish this function. No discussion of this for follow-up was made during the February meeting. This was reviewed in the March meeting, and Larry Renger brought up the fact he has a set of the Keith Trostle stunt pattern training videos but no way to share them. Joe Brownlee offered to look into making a digital transfer with the idea of creating DVD's or other media to share with club members. It was felt that studying these and getting involved with the judging process would be enough to get interested flyers up to speed on being capable stunt judges. This issue is resolved aside from the follow-up actions discussed above. Now we need on the field motivations and mentoring to break the ice for new judge trainees.
- **(from Jan meeting)** A club member living in the San Diego area has asked for KOTRC to sanction him and at least four others (yet to be identified) to secure a public park flying site in City of Rancho Bernardo. The need to support is questionable with respect to understanding how many flyers could be organized into a 'club' to satisfy the AMA requirement, and also the liability of it. Joe Brownlee and Mike Jones were going to survey the area during visits to the area for other reasons, and will report back at a later date on their impressions of the proposed flying area. No discussion of this occurred during the February meeting. This was brought up again during the March meeting, but the consensus was there is no need for the club to extend itself to cover the liabilities of a few flyers in the RB area. No further action is planned at this time, and the subject is dropped.

Treasurer Report

Mike Alurac gave an overview of the club financials for the month. Still operating in the green, with additional dues coming in during the past few weeks. The annual AMA club dues have been made. Howard Doering brought up the fact that KOTRC is paying for two coverages for the Army Corp of Engineers, when only one coverage is needed. This prompted a resolution to review the AMA payment for next year to drop one of the coverages and save \$80 in 2021.

New Business

- A discussion of the paved control line area at WN was initiated after the damage to Joel Chesler's model was discussed, caused by a main wheel getting snagged in a pavement crack and breaking the landing gear strut from the wing, essentially destroying the model. The cracking is inevitable and re-surfacing is likely going to be required in a year or two, depending on degradation caused by heating and weeds. It was decided that weed killer should be deployed after the current storm systems have passed in an attempt to keep the weeds from getting too big and causing further damage to existing cracks, and prep for the Palmer contest. Clint Brooks offered to spray on one of the Friday morning meets, and the club would reimburse the cost of the materials used.
- No other new business was discussed.

Formal discussions ended and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by President Alurac.



2020 Whittier Narrows Speed, Combat, & Racing Contest Calendar
1511 Loma Av, Whittier Narrows Park, S. El Monte, Ca, 91733
Speed Circle Coordinates are DEC:+34.042737, RA:-118.070392

Tentative June 13-14 postponed from Apr 4-5 **Bill Nusz Speed and Herb Stockton Racing Memorial, sanction #**

All speed events including electric, 301-310 & 334,335 + all NW & NASS Speed classes.

Racing Sunday only: mouse 1, SCAR Goodyear, NCLRA Clown, Super Slow Rat/Fox Race and Quickie Rat

CD & Speed ED: Joe Brownlee h.714-895-1857 c.714-393-1940

Racing ED:

July 13-17 Speed & Racing NATS – Muncie, IN

Sept 12-13 Wayne Trivin Memorial Speed and Racing, sanction #

All speed events including electric, 301-310 & 334,335 + all NW & NASS Speed classes.

Racing Sunday only: mouse 1, SCAR Goodyear, NCLRA Clown, Super Slow Rat/Fox Race and Quickie Rat

CD & Speed ED: Joe Brownlee h.714-895-1857 c.714-393-1940

Racing ED:

Oct 24-25 Virgil Wilbur Memorial Speed, Combat, and Racing, sanction #

All speed events including electric, 301-310 & 334,335 + all NW & NASS Speed classes.

Top 20 score MACA Combat: Saturday 80 mph combat, double elimination and HP 1/2a 42 foot lines, single elimination. Sunday F2D fast combat, double elimination, and f2d for cuts, single elimination.

Racing Sunday only: mouse 1, SCAR Goodyear, NCLRA Clown, Super Slow Rat/Fox Race and Quickie Rat

CD & Speed ED: Howard Doering h.714-638-4937 c.714-394-5304

Racing ED:

Combat ED: Don Jensen flyjensen56@verizon.net Cell 909-576-3430

Dec 5-6 TOYS FOR TOTS Speed, Combat and Racing, sanction #

All speed events including electric, 301-310 & 334,335 + all NW & NASS Speed classes., Torquette Speed, Hollow Log Speed.

Top 20 score MACA Combat: Saturday 80 mph combat, double elimination and HP 1/2a 42 foot lines, single elimination. Sunday F2D fast combat, double elimination, and f2d for cuts, single elimination.

Racing Sunday only: mouse 1, SCAR Goodyear, NCLRA Clown, Super Slow Rat/Fox Race and Quickie Rat, Musciano Log Racing

Entry fee: 1 new unwrapped toy, approx value \$10-\$20.

CD & Speed ED: Howard Doering h.714-638-4937 c.714-394-5304

Racing ED:

NOTES:

1. **Contact CD or ED to confirm contest dates before traveling long distances.**
2. **All speed events included for AMA, NASS, and Northwest rules.**
3. **All Racing events Sunday only, 313, Quicky rat, NCLRA, super slow rat, NCLRA clown**
4. **Same Racing events each contest**
5. **Clown will be flown on 60' lines per NCLRA NATS rules**
6. **Other Racing events may be flown if two entrants show up ready to race**
7. **All combat is top 20 MACA score eligible. Sat: 80 mph dbl elim & HP 1/2a 42 foot, snl elim. Sunday F2D fast double elim & f2d cuts, single elim.**

