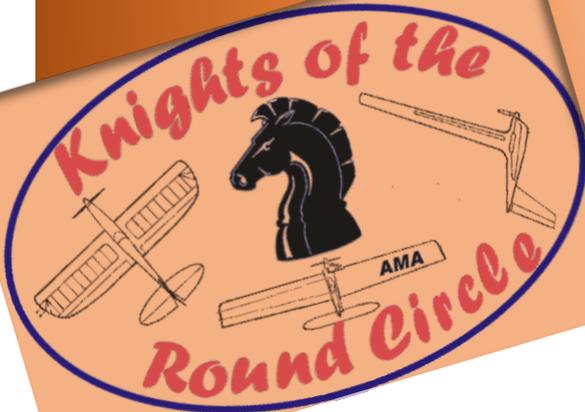


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**September 2019**

## **President's Message – Sept. 2019**

It is with a heavy heart that we report the loss of our long-time Knight Randy Heydon this summer. Randy was instrumental in so many of the club's inner workings in front and behind the scenes coordinating and maintaining our data base, contest entries and so many other volunteer positions he held over his many years as a Knight, that we will find it hard to carry on without him. RIP our dear friend and Knight.

As the summer of 2019 winds down, I wish greetings to all and hope that you have had as great of a time modeling as I have! This summer I made it to the Bladder Grabber 1/2-A and Big Block Combat Contest in Snowhomish, Washington for my second time and look forward to doing it again next year. See 2019 BG 41 results at <http://flyinglines.org/BG.2019.html>

Many of our club members traveled as well this summer to further destinations such as Italy for the Italian and British Combat Cups, Muncie, Indiana for the AMA Nats and US Team Trials where Knight Chuck Rudner along with his son Mark, AMA, MA Combat editor, made it onto this years US Combat Team and will be headed to the F2D Combat World Championships held in Poland 2020! For results check out the Nats News at the following link at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/media-publications/newsletters/natsnews>

The Knight's Joust Fun-fly picnic along with a sanctioned scale and carrier

event was recently held in August and what a fantastic success that was! Along with a burger and hot dog BBQ headed up by Warren Walker, we also had an extremely fun poker draw ran this year again by Paul Wescott. The premise was simple, fly and draw a card out of the deck, up to 2 cards per pilot. Match them up the "River" for your best hand. The eight club sponsored \$25 gas cards were distributed well among our participants creating a memorable get-together with over 30 people in attendance as I had personally counted! I ran out of fingers and toes to count on and still got the count! All in all this non-competitive event was once again a fantastic success! Thank you to all that joined and participated with us. It seems that a fun get-together of this nature honoring our late club member Knight Dale Kirn was just the kind of event that draws our members and friends out for a fun-filled day at the park. Let's do it again next year and look to our club's Facebook page for member postings at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208488299275893/>

Looking forward the Knights are once again showing this year at the AMA Expo at the LA County Pomona Fairplex Fairgrounds and have our trainers at the ready along with an outdoor demonstration flying circle that we hope to fill with entertaining nitro powered control-line models to really spark some interest! We hope that many of you can join us for the second year at this new venue. The event dates run Friday, November 1, 2019 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 3, 2019 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please let our volunteer training team Knight Larry Renger, Knight Mike Jones, Knight Joe Brownlee, Knight John Wright, Knight Mike Meadows or myself know of your availability to help as it is one of the biggest thrills to get these kids flying our control line trainers. More details can be found at <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amaexpo/>

A reminder that the WN control-line fields will be closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month for regular maintenance. Also mark your calendars for Whittier Narrows Clean-Up Day on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> where breakfast and lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

Details at <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Corps-of-Engineers-Cleanup-Event-561000611.html>

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

## **The Calendar**

**Sept. 28/29: Karl Marschinke Memorial Contest at Christopher Columbus/Silverbell Park, Tucson, AZ. Lots of CLPA events, plus Carrier and Combat events.**

**Oct. 12/13: Hi Johnson Memorial Contest will be held at the Sepulveda Basin field. Events will include CLPA events on both days and a "percent of record" Carrier event on Sunday.**

**Oct. 19-20: The Virgil Wilbur Memorial Contest at Whittier Narrows. This is a AAA sanctioned event that will include Speed, Racing and Combat events. Contact Howard Doering for general details. Info about combat events can likely be obtained from Mike Alurac and/or Don Jensen.**

**Oct. 19-20: The Golden State Stunt Championships will be held again on the grounds of the Madera Airport.**

**Nov. 9-10: The 3rd annual PAMPA stunt contest hosted by the Las Vegas Circle Burners will be held in the Ikea Parking Lot (exit 17 on the I-215, corner of Durango & Sunset). Apparently, the Classic Stunt event will be flown on Saturday and the PAMPA classes will be flown on Sunday. The Rampart Casino in Summerlun will offer a special room rate for contestants that weekend. More on this as details become available (thank you Alan Hieger!!!!)**

**Nov 24: Tony Naccarato Commemorative Small Plane Fun Fly: Al Hieger provides a lengthy (surprise!!!) commentary on this year's doings in his NAG. Go read it because my A.D.D just kicked in compiling this issue's calendar.**

**Editor's Notes: Help us note events by telling me at the meetings or via email. Thanks to Charles Johnson and Alan Hieger for providing contest information.**

## **A Blast from the Past:**

**Editor's Comment:** It occurs to me that you have something nostalgic that you may wish to share with the rest of us. Case in point, John Gluth sent me this photo after learning of Randy's passing. Mark Smith sent me photos that we will share in a near-future newsletter. If you have something to "share" don't be bashful; send it!

**Randy Heydon and John Gluth flying control line at Katella High School 1993. KOTRC was still meeting at the Anaheim library.**



## **Wayne Trivin Memorial Speed and Racing Contest**

**Thanks Howard Doering for sharing the results from this event held September 10, 2019 at Whittier Narrows County Recreation Area**

### **21 Proto**

Howard Doering flight #1, 2, & 3 Timing error watch on #3, 126.84 mile, 132.30 in the air

### **Sport 21**

Howard Doering stopwatch 143.00, several missed laps on TT  
Ron Duly flight #1 TT 120.22/watch 119.51 with loose prop flight #2  
TT128.38/watch128.70

### **NASS Sport Jet**

Howard Doering TT 139.16

### **NW Sport Jet**

Howard Doering flight #1 TT 141.41 flight #2 TT142.68

### **Fox Speed**

Jon DeFries Att

### **Junior SCAR Goodyear**

Tristen Mayer 67 laps

Mason Mayer 56 laps

### **Open SCAR Goodyear**

Duly/Johnson 5:24.21

Mayer/Johnson 5:45.15

Mayer/Duly 6:22.63

Hull/Johnson 7:27.40

Callas/Hull 9:26.32

Hull/Callas 95 laps

Callas/Hull 91 laps

## Notes From The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Meet & Meet courtesy of Joel Chesler



As you can see from the above photo, The KOTRC, were well represented in Davis this weekend.

After a 9 hour drive, John & I settled into a well deserved rest at The Bates Motel, I mean Motel 6.

The following morning, Saturday, proved quite windy, but we enjoyed seeing friends that we had not visited with in quite a while, such as Jim Aron, Marshal



Palmer, Dave Fitzgerald, Brett Buck & many more flyers.

The photo above is Jim's beautiful Concours winning Nats entry. Sunday proved to have much better weather. When it was all over, John placed 2nd. in Old Time, Joel was fourth in Pampa, and since there were so many National & World champions there, we left before finding out John's results in Expert. John & I both competed in the Fox .15 hurl but didn't place.



All the time, we had our Black Bear pilot as a mascot.

I highly recommend this contest, for it's feeling of friendship and fun.

## **Meeting Notes 9-9-19**

**Knights of the Round Circle Meeting Notes: September 10, 2019.  
KOTRC is an AMA Chartered Club, Number 2389, with AMA Insurance Coverage.**

**President - Mike Alurac, Vice President - John Wright, Secretary - Larry Renger, Treasurer - Mike Jones, - News Letter - Paul Wescott, Safety Officer - Joel Chesler**

**With 16 in attendance\*, John Wright lead the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Vice President John Wright lead the meeting.**

**Member John Gluth requested that this meeting be dedicated to the recent passing of Randy Heydon and Ken Kaiser.**

### **VISITORS:**

**Jovie Tirona, Commander of the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron 40, invited us to a CAP presentation in our meeting room at ASI on 10 October on their activities.**

**Dennis Lord of the EAA at Compton Airport discussed RC flying at the upcoming AMA Expo.**

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

**Dennis Lord showed a Ryan ST control line model he found in a dumpster: rather old, provisions for an ignition engine and lead-outs on the right side. Mike Meadows will restore it.**

**John Wright showed a red Geiseke Nobler, built by Dave Keith, powered by a McCoy 40 with a Dykes Ring and Merco muffler turning an 11x5 prop. A flap horn had been repaired by Mike Meadows.**

**Greg Polasky had a very small foam electric powered RC "glider." Flies well in a cul-de-sac.**

President Mike Alurac came late, driving in from the big Bladder Grabber Combat Contest in Snohomish, Washington where he took third in Fast Combat. Showed the airplane, all foam wing with a Nelson 36.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Treasurer's report: Mike Jones stated that the KOTRC is doing fine.

Dale Kirn's Joust was a success, with around 30 people flying, having fun and eating Warren Walker's hamburgers and hot dogs. Dale's son Joe flew a Monoline stunt ship, rather amazing full pattern on 70' of 0.028" single line. Fun Scale was won by Run Duly with a P-38, with Greg Polasky second with a Mustang and John Wright third with his Corsair. There were no Navy Carrier contestants.

Howard Doering reported on the Wayne Trivin Memorial Speed and Racing Contest, September 7-8. Howard's 21 Proto did 126.84 standing start and 130.30 in the air (The 5 mph shows the acceleration.). His 21 Sport did 143.00 with Ron Duly's 21 Sport turning 128.38 by Transitrace and 128.70 by stopwatch. Our Transitrace optical speed timing system is improving. In NASS Sport Jet (60' lines), Howard did 139.16 and in Northwest Sport Jet (65' lines) 142.68, same airplane and both by Transitrace. Jon deFries had an attempt in Fox Speed. In Racing, Junior SCAR Goodyear was won by Tristen Mayer; with the team of Ron Duly and Charlie Johnson winning Open SCAR Goodyear.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Norm Furutani discussed the Free Flight World Championships to be held at Lost Hills California this October. Per-registration indicates 100 competitors in F1A (Tow Line Glider), 100 in F1B (Wakefield Rubber Powered) and 70 in F1C (Engine Powered). Actually, there will be 4 contests, included the WC, during this time.

Howard Doering talked about the draft Letter of Agreement received by the Control Line Speed Flyers of Southern California and if it was suitable for submission through AMA and FAA to the San Gabriel Valley Airport (EMT). A similar LOI should be for the Knights of the Round Circle.

The AMA Expo will be at Fairplex Exposition Center in Pomona November 1-3, 2019. In our next meeting we will finalize our support; but we will have an outdoor Soccer field to fly and train control line, but must decide whether to have a KOTRC booth in the events center or just one outside.

## Contest and Events Schedule as of September 2019:

September 21-23 – Meet ‘n Meat Stunt Contest, Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Field.

September 28-29 – Karl Marschinke Memorial, Tucson, AZ.

October 12-13 – Hi Johnson Memorial Stunt and Carrier, Sepulveda Basin.

October 19-20 – Golden State Stunt Champs, Madera, CA.

October 19-20 – Virgil Wilbur Memorial Speed, Racing and Combat, Whittier Narrows.0

November 1-3 – AMA Expo West, Fairplex Exposition Center, Pomona, CA.

November 9-10 – Las Vegas Stunt Contest, Las Vegas, NV.

November 24 - Tony Naccarato Small Airplane Meet.

December 7-8 – Toys for Tots Speed, Racing and Combat.

The meeting adjourned at 2045.

\* Mike Alurac, Scot Barth, Joe Brownlee, Willy Castillo, Howard Doering, Norm Furutani, Mike Jones, David Kick, Dennis Lord, Mike Meadows, Greg Polasky, Don Repp, Jovie Tirona, Warren Walker, Paul Westcott, John Wright.

