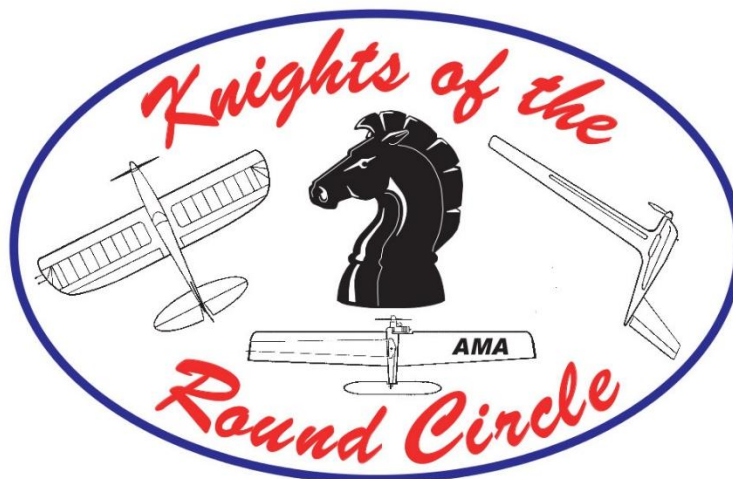




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The Official Newsletter of

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KOTRC Club Meetings are being held at the Fullerton Airport AFI Building, 4119 W. Commonwealth Ave. on the second Wednesday each month starting at 7PM and usually ending by 9PM. Visitors are welcome to attend. (Location is just west of the airport control tower)

2026 KOTRC Monthly Club Meeting Schedule		
Mo	Day	
Jan	8	Burnett Engraving
Feb	12	Burnett Engraving
Mar	12	Burnett Engraving
Apr	14	Burnett Engraving
May	12	Burnett Engraving
June	9	Burnett Engraving
July	8	Fullerton Airport-4119 W. Commonwealth
Aug	12	Fullerton Airport-4119 W. Commonwealth
Sep	9	Fullerton Airport-4119 W. Commonwealth
Oct	14	Fullerton Airport-4119 W. Commonwealth
Nov	11	Fullerton Airport-4119 W. Commonwealth
Dec	x	2026 Christmas meeting-location TBD

Yearly Club Dues: \$25

Knights of the Round Circle Sanctioned Contest Schedule for 2026				
Mo	Day	Event	Location	CD
Apr	29	Fun Fly and BBQ	Whittier	J. Wright
July	25,26	Combat	Whittier	Bill Maywald
Aug	15,16	Bob Palmer Memorial Stunt and Knights Joust	Whittier	Bill Maywald
Oct	16,17,18	Money Nats Combat	Whittier	Bill Maywald
Dec	5,6	Toys For Tots Speed and Combat	Whittier	Joe Brownlee

Knights News

by Clint Brooks

I need an updated roster to make sure everyone is getting copied on this newsletter via email. Some people are finding it in their junk or spam folder too, so heads up.

We had our second meeting back at the Fullerton AFI building this month. We are in the same room but it seems a bit smaller as they have added adjacent office spaces. Still a great place for meetings, with a large wall mounted flat screen monitor to use for visual displays. Plus a real cool professional podium with plug in microphone. No more wobbly 4 x 4 wood podium to worry about breaking. We are lucky to regain use of this facility.

Some bad news:

Our club President Gary Akers has passed away. I have no details on what happened or memorials planned yet. This was learned days after the club meeting minutes were taken, below.

We also lost club member Willy Castillo several weeks ago who apparently developed pneumonia and passed away. No info yet on services or memorial planned.

Please keep these guys in your hearts as we continue gather and fly together. Our numbers are dwindling, but keep the spirit alive with our missing friends.

If anyone has an obituary or is willing to write one for either of these men please send them to me to share in the newsletter. Our condolences go out to both families at their time of loss. They will be missed by all of us.

Meeting Minutes from 8/12/26 as submitted by Club Secretary John Wright

Attending:

Vice President- Steve Minchella

Secretary-John Wright

Treasurer-Greg Carter

Members Warren Walker, Mike Alurac, Mike Meadows, Albert Shorey, Bill Maywald, Phil Bernhardt, Charles Carter, Tom Muggleton and new club member Dave Iskins (SP?)

VP Minchella moderated the meeting which called to order at 7:08 PM.

A few members sought news on club Prez Gary Akers, as we are all aware of his continuing health issues. It was reported that he was still in the hospital but out of the ICU. No news on what issues are afflicting him, but we all wish and pray for his speedy recovery and return to the community.

Show and Tell action

Mike Meadows: Had a tupperware dish full of great chocolate chip cookies that he said won a third place a Model train event recently attended (editors note-not stated in the minutes).

Dave Iskens: Gieske Nobler built some time ago. Nicely finished but not flown yet. Weight was given as 50 ounces.

Warren Walker: new build of a Derringer started two weeks ago. Fuselage and tail feathers assembled and getting ready for finishing. Wing flaps were passed around for the lightness check- they were remarkable in that respect. Looked like four pound wood to me.

Clint Brooks: repairs on broken Limitation profile model from early July. Fuselage break spliced back together with carbon tow and epoxy packed into several slots milled into the wing cutout area bridging the breaks top and bottom. Fuselage more than adequate for strength in that area. Also one wing panel showing the repair area at the center needed. Only required two replacement ribs and the panels can be joined the area re-sheeted for installation with the fuselage. No additional material is added aside from the carbon and epoxy tow inlays for the repaired airplane.

Bill Maywald presented a plaque created for his three wins at the 2026 NATS in Combat. Way to go Bill!

John Wright reported earnings from sales of the equipment collected from Dennis Choate. This came to \$595 collected by John. C. Brooks also contributed \$50 for a bench top drill press from Dennis that John had.

A review of the final plans for the Joust contest the upcoming weekend was made. Confirmations of roles for individuals in supporting the contest activity was made.

There was discussion of an RC drone pilot flying through the tree area behind the north circle with people present flying control line. The drone pilot is known and the unsafe activity has been reported back to the RC club. Editor note-I have heard this incident was brought up at the RC club board meeting after this. They know who the flyer is and are intending to give warning about loss of flying priveleges if the activity persists.

Bill Maywald gave a quick rundown on the recent Combat contest held on the 25-26th of July.

John Wright gave a quick rundown on upcoming stunt contests for this Fall

Oct 9-11 Golden State Stunt Championships at Folsam Recreation area SAC

Oct 16-18 F2D Fast, F2D (location not stated in minutes)

Oct 30 Las Vegas stunt contest (unclear notes)

Dec 5-6 Toys for Tots Speed, Racing and Combat WN

Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Knights Joust contest info

The contest went on a nice weekend for what had been a hot August. I was only able to attend on Sunday, so missed what happened on Saturday. It appeared to be a very light turnout for Sunday for both stunt and combat, but that didn't stop anyone from having fun.

Bill Maywald was the CD for the weekend, with Ron Dooley as ED for the Carrier event, of which there were two entries. Bill Maywald covered the Combat event in addition to the CD role, and Dave Iskins was the Stunt ED. John Wright took care of registrations, along with Tom Muggleton and a few others who also ran and tallied scores for the stunt event.

I don't have much in the way of detail of what went on in all the events-if there are some contest reports being planned, please share with me for the newsletter.
Picture are from Sunday morning taken by editor.



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EVENT CLASSIC PROFILE				
PLACE	PILOT	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	HIGH SCORE
1	SIANT	552	537	2
2	DENIMS	569.5	565	1
3	ANTONE	527.5	525.50	3
4	AL S	424	323	4

EVENT OLD TIME				
PLACES	PILOT	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	HIGH SCORE
1	STANT	476	455	1
2	John W	447.5	450.5	3
3	ANTONE	368.5	468	2

PROFILE				
1	DENIMS	552	549.5	21
2	PAIGE	554.5	553	12
3	AL S	414	442	5
4	C. CARTER	508	124	3
5	S. Michelle	421	463.50	4

