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### CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Well the 2011 Championship is a month behind us. I have been in the office for one month getting my feet wet and I see there are many things to do!

I first wanted to thank Carolyn Van Herk, Mike Peck and Gary Norton for all of their past efforts keeping us going in the best direction possible. Steering the US Scale Masters Association through the past tough economic times was tough and they did an outstanding job. Rest assured they are not going far. In fact Mike Peck has agreed to be our first assigned Area Director supporting Curtis Kitteringham in the AZ area. Gary Norton has agreed to be one of my advisors. I am also looking at how Carolyn can help Mitch Baker on the administrative side.

"THE BUZZ" at the 2011 Championship in Fresno, CA was exciting. The email traffic before and after the election from current and past members is positive. I talked with just about every builder and pilot I could at the champs. The items that were brought up over and over again were things like:

- Scoring program update
- Better communication on where we are going and how we plan to get there

- More regional focus
- Updated Contest Guide
- More visibility to rule changes and process
- New USSMA venues like indoor electric and electric park activities
- Better documentation on USSMA process
- Membership growth

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I was excited to see the feedback on these topics from our members. I know I have my work cut out for me. Being a realist I see there is no way all these things can be addressed with the few board members we have. I will be expanding my advisory committee, assigning Area Directors, (Area Manager's new title will be Area Director), along with getting more help for my staff.

I am elated to announce both Kent Walter and Bob Frey have agreed to stay on as my advisors. Adding to them will be David Johnson from IL, Roly Worsfold from 'The Great White North', and Gary Norton from OR. All of these individuals bring extraordinary value to the Scale Masters. Here is how I see their value to the USSMA.... all of them are very accomplished modelers with strong business acumen along with their fingers on

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I'd like to start out by thanking all of the members that voted this year. The Champs were in Fresno Ca and we had 43 pilots.

To get the Champs at this club was a long road of ups and downs. I started last year with a club that said yes to hosting the event, that changed with a phone call to me on my way up to the Madeira Qualifier, the caller told me the club was backing out of the Champs, that made about a years worth of work gone. This just added to an already long ride, but it also gave me time to start thinking about the next step. Earlier in the year, I met with the CD of the Madera Qualifier, Randy Warkentin, at the Castle IMAA fly-in. That Saturday afternoon I asked a number of contestants if this site would work, with all hands held high in the air and a loud "YES let's do it". I then asked Randy if the Madera club would step up. With a smile on his face, he replied "I will ask". I had the answer that Sunday "YES they would host the Champs". The trip home was a good one, I called all USSMA officers with the good news. By Tuesday Randy had 80% of the work done, motel, banquet, and club helpers all lined up. Life was good, then the phone call three days later, they lost their flying site, so you could imagine, with a long silent pause on my end of the phone, Randy said "Curtis are you still there?". Two clubs down now, I asked Randy if there were any other clubs in the area that could/would host the Champs. A week later the Fresno Club said "YES" to hosting the Champs. I tell you this because I want everyone to know, what can and has happen when organizing the Champs location. If not for people like Randy Warkentin and the clubs willing to host these events, there wouldn't be any USSMA events to attend. So when you see members of clubs and CD's of past Scale Masters events, please take a moment to thank them for all their hard work & dedication.

Now, the next item on my mind is to bring new people to the Scale Masters, this can happen by just helping someone at your club that has an interest in doing more than boring holes in the sky, starting a scale group to help each other with model flying, or bringing a group together for a Saturday "build day". Make it your goal this year to introduce new modelers to scale competition. Who knows, you may make a new friend or two & the more friends you have the easier it is to buddy up for travel & lodging expenses to go to USSMA events. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me through the Scale Masters web site or phone (760) 807-5519

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## Eastern VP Report

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East

Hi everyone,

The Championships are now in the log book. It was a success as a result of the fine club support and efforts of the Scale Masters officers and West coast Chairman. Thanks to everyone involved.

The elections are now part of history. Congratulations to the new officers. Bernie, you have my support and I am sure the regional managers feel the same. I want to thank Carolyn for her tireless efforts, hard work and leadership during her term as our Chairman. Thank you Carolyn.

It seems that the number of contestants continues to dwindle. The Champs this year again had a low turnout. I know some of the problem is the economy but I also sense there are fewer modelers or should I say scale modelers. How can we change this? There are so many ARF's out there but we have a class to accommodate them. I think we need to brain storm some ideas about getting more people involved. Any Ideas? Contact me or one of the other officers.

Most of you know I am the president of NASA, the special interest group of the AMA representing scale modeling rules specifically for competition. Under this is the organizing of the Nat's competition in R/C, control line and helicopter scale events. I am working hard to encourage more members to come out and fly in the scale classes this year. I have made a couple of changes to the Scale Nat's for 2012. The changes will be no late fee but entries must be made by July 11, 2012, no event fee for FIRST TIME Nat's competitor (you will have to pay the 45.00 AMA fee but no 25.00 event fee), Advance Class will be offered as a non-rule book event. It will use the Scale Masters rules for Advance class. You know, no builder of the model rule and static judging. I hope these bring some new people.

Jim Martin will be the CD for the Nat's and he is soliciting monetary support from businesses, hobby related businesses, and individuals, this will help defray the cost of judges and helpers for the event. It will also help with the trophies awarded. All of us are AMA members and this is a perfect opportunity to come out to see your beautiful site and enjoy the fine facilities we all are part of. The Saturday hangar party will be held at the AMA museum on the grounds and this will give you all a chance to see the museum. Plan now to attend the Nats July 13, 14, 15, 2012.

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### Advanced Class

#### 9 Entries

<i>Place</i>	<i>Pilot / Builder</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>Aircraft:</i>	<i>Static</i>	<i>Top Flights Avg.</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Bernie Boland	Mesa, AZ	Citabria	95.000	96.667	191.667
2	Rick Powers	Phoenix, AZ	North American B-25 D	90.750	95.500	186.250
3	Bill Powers	Surprise, AZ	L-4	90.250	93.083	183.333
4	Randy Warkentin	San Carlos, Ca	Grumman F6F-3 Hellcat	90.500	92.750	183.250
5	Austin Goodwin	Mesa, AZ	PT-19	90.000	90.750	180.750
6	Corey Dail	Saugus, CA	P-51D Mustang	90.750	89.250	180.000
7	Curtis Kitteringham	Escondido, CA	Stearman N2S-3	90.000	88.417	178.417
8	Michael Peck	Phoenix,, AZ	CA-18 Mk. 21 Mustang	89.750	87.833	177.583
9	Mel Santmyers	Beaumont, CA	Piper Cub	82.500	78.583	161.083

### Expert Class

#### 21 Entries

<i>Place</i>	<i>Pilot / Builder</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>Aircraft:</i>	<i>Static</i>	<i>Top Flights Avg.</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Jay Steward	Phoenix, AZ	Curtiss F8C-4 HellDiver	96.750	95.167	191.917
2	Tom Wolf	Goleta, CA	DeHavilland Mosquito FB VI	95.500	95.250	190.750
3	John Cole	Peoria, AZ	Curtiss Jenny	97.750	92.667	190.417
4	Dave Lovitt	Willits, CA	Yak 18PM	96.250	92.667	188.917
5	Jeff Lovitt	Davis, CA	Kawasaki KI-61	95.250	93.417	188.667
6	Gus Stutsman	Cloverdale, CA	Eindecker E III	97.000	91.417	188.417
7	Scott Enochs	Gaston, OR	SPAD XIII	96.250	90.833	187.083
8	Chris Spagenburg	Camarillo, CA	Typhoon	99.250	87.667	186.917
9	Tim Cardin	Garden Grove, CA	D17S Staggerwing	96.000	90.500	186.500
10	John Mota	Gilroy, CA	Spitfire Mk IXE	96.750	89.000	185.750
11	Adam Gelbart	Los Angeles, CA	Spitfire MK XIV	95.500	89.917	185.417
12	David Pippen	Albany, CA	Hanriot HD1	96.000	89.333	185.333
13	Mike Brewer	Astoria, OR	Ercoupe	94.750	89.917	184.667
14	Randy Smithhisler	Edgewood, WA	Piper J-3 Cub	93.500	90.833	184.333
15	Dick Hansen	Portland, OR	Albatros DVA	95.250	85.917	181.167
16	Brad Osborne	San Pedro, CA	PT-17	96.750	84.333	181.083
17	Larry Sutherland	Prather, CA	Douglas O-46a	94.750	83.500	178.250
18	Paul Curley	Los Angeles, CA	P47	94.500	82.000	176.500
19	Daryl Rolla	Emerald Hills, CA	F6F-3 Hellcat	97.750	59.083	156.833
20	Dave Rawlings	Vancouver, WA	Church Midwing	96.000	50.583	146.583
21	Shailesh Patel	Eureka, CA	BAE Hawk	98.000	28.500	126.500

### Open Class

#### 5 Entries

<i>Place</i>	<i>Pilot / Builder</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>Aircraft:</i>	<i>Static</i>	<i>Top Flights Avg.</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Paul Stenberg	Escondido, CA	Douglas T45C11	27.000	93.250	120.250
2	Tom Mulder	Oceanside,, CA.	Piper NE-1 Cub	25.000	91.833	116.833
3	John Geyer	Phoenix, AZ	Embraer EMB 312 Tucano	27.000	86.083	113.083
4	Howard Kennedy	Phoenix,, AZ.	Hawker Hurricane	24.000	84.500	108.500
5	Darrel Lockling	Salem, or	Mohawk Pinto	24.000	78.333	102.333

<i>Award</i>	<i>Sponsored By</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Recipient Pilot / Builder</i>
Best Documentation	Chuck & Ann Adams	D8	Gus Stutsman / Wayne Frederick
Best Biplane	Austin Goodwin	Curtiss F8C-4 HellDiver	Jay Steward
High Static	One Eighth Air Force	Typhon	Chris Spagenburg
Engineering Achievement	Jensen Designs, Inc.	BAE HAWK	Shailesh Patel
Best Scratch Built Aircraft	Gary and Gloria Norton	Super Cub	Alan Moulton / Olen Trenary
Best Built Up Kit	Robert J. Raser	Stinson SR8	Daryl Rolla / Lynn B. Hersh
Harris Lee Lifetime Achievement Award	USSMA Team	Stearman N2S-3	Curtis Kitteringham
Best WWI	Proctor Enterprises	SPAD XIII	Scott Enochs
High Flight Expert	Kent Walters	Hawker Hurricane	Tom Wolf / Les Mason
Best Markings	Sun Valley Fliers	Curtis Jenny	John Cole
Best Jet	Global Jet Club	BAE HAWK	Shailesh Patel
Best Military	One Eighth Air Force	Hawker Hurricane	Tom Wolf / Les Mason
Best Civilian	PaMAA	Ercoupe	Mike Brewer
Best Golden Age	TEAM.	Stinson	Curtis Kitteringham / Ron Peterka
Best Multi Engine	Curtis Kitteringham	DeHavilland Mosquito FB VI	Tom Wolf
Best WWII	One Eighth Air Force	Typhoon	Chris Spagenburg
High Flight Advanced	Carolyn Van Herk	Fairchild 24-R	Bernie Boland / Bill Ensley
Young Eagle Award	One Eighth Air Force		
Best ARF	Chuck Maitre	PT-19	Austin Goodwin
High Flight Open	Brazil Winged Modelers/Terre Haute R/C Club	Piper NE-1 Cub	Tom Mulder
Best Mission Open	Richard Barndt	Douglas T45C11	Paul Stenberg
Best Radial Engine	Barbee Concrete Construction	PT-17	Brad Osborne
Pilots Choice	Sun Valley Fliers	Typhoon	Chris Spagenburg
Best Mission Award Advanced	Hemet Model Masters	North American B-25 D	Rick Powers
Most Realistic Flight Open	Fresno Modlers	Piper NE-1 Cub	Tom Mulder



# South Central RM Report

by Lawrence Harville



The South Central area contest season is over for now, most of us have started attending local club fly-in and starting to figure out plans for next year. Down south we are lucky enough that we fly year round with little down time. I have attached the P-40 fly-in hosted by the Greater Southwest Club in Fort Worth. We try to have Scale day at the field about once a month. Funny thing about scale day is at our field about 90% of all planes every day are scale. ARF's are the bird of choice but a few of us still build, mainly the guys that compete in scale contest, but we are recruiting all year round.

The Texas Scale Championships/Scale Masters Qualifier is scheduled for June 9-10 2012, put it on your traveling schedule and come on down. So until next contest season starts up somewhere, enjoy and good flying to you.



L to R Ed Couch, Michael Schultz, Tim Lovett, Darrell Abby, Lawrence Harville, Max Ficke



Gear up and locked!

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# ScaleMasters is looking for a few good men

## USSMA Area Director Job Definition

Here are the high level needed abilities for someone to be considered for selection as an Area Director for the US Scale Masters Association (USSMA). They must be involved with the scale community, they must also be someone that the BOD feels will represent the USSMA in a positive light. Here are a few of the key measurements for a candidate.

### **Act In a professional positive manner as the local USSMA contact.**

AS MEASURED BY: All scale modelers as well as clubs in the Area Director's region will be aware of his/hers presence, contact information and function relative to USSMA matters. Significantly increase perception of open communication from USSMA administration

### **Represent our rules as described in the rule book**

AS MEASURED BY: Knowing and being able to interpret existing rules properly as set forth in the current Competition Guide. Significantly reduce questions and confusion regarding current rules from participants within the Area Director's region.

### **Speak to local clubs at meetings when possible about the USSMA**

AS MEASURED BY: Establishing USSMA internet links on local club web sites and/or articles in club newsletters. Create and use open lines of communications between local club administration and the USSMA.

### **Act as local hub for regional events**

AS MEASURED BY: Reduce and streamline efforts of CDs and contest administrators for regional qualifiers relative to USSMA matters.

### **Participate in USSMA planning meeting as the BOD requests.**

AS MEASURED BY: Ensure that significant local issues within the Area Director's region are raised with the BOD and described as early as possible prior to any decision making process.

### **Vote with the voice of their local geographical area when called on for BOD voting.**

### **Provide feedback for the bettering of USSMA from their local geographical area**

### **Added values:**

Someone already holding a repeating regional event. The event must be held to the USSMA contest standards. Any candidate that has a proven strong communication track record currently involved in the Radio Controlled Model industry.

The 100% support of the Area VP is a must for any candidate.

They must also be a current USSMA member in good standings for the past 2 years unless approved by the BOD. Being a certified judge per USSMA guidelines is highly desired

If you think you qualify and are interested, contact

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A few photos from the Championships  
All photos this page courtesy of Mitch Baker



"Dang it Mike! Stay where I put you!"  
Curtis Kitteringham and Mike Peck



Carolyn Van Herk, hard at work.



Dick Hansen of Hansen Scale Videos, with his Proctor DVA



NICE Grasshopper!



Myself and John Cole, saving the world



John Cole's 'Fishy' Jenny.

The original was a flying advertisement for a fishing lure manufacturer

## After the 2011 ScaleMasters Championships:

This is my last 'hoorah' as West Coast VC, folks, and I want to wish the very best of luck to Curtis Kitteringham, who won the recent election for my seat on the Board of Directors. I would also like to congratulate Bernie Boland, our new USSMA National Chairman, and Richard Barndt the newly elected Director of Finance. All of these fine men deserve your support in their endeavors to improve and continue the US Scale Masters Association and the competitive scale radio control modeling program we all love and participate in. New brooms sweep clean, as the saying goes, and I want to encourage all of the r/c scale community to help Bernie, Curtis, Richard, as well as Mike Barbee, our East Coast Vice-Chairman, and Mitch Baker, the Director of Administration, as they work to find ways to increase participation, grow the membership, and make scale competition more fun and accessible to all r/c pilots. New ideas, concepts, and ways of accomplishing things are sometimes difficult to agree with, understand, or easily fit into established programs to achieve new goals, but they are the lifeblood that keeps long-standing organizations vital, meaningful, and moving forward. I encourage everyone to keep an open mind, and give the ScaleMasters Board of Directors the opportunity to try their new concepts to improve our competitive scale r/c modeling venue.

The 2011 Championships are now history, and the event was a great time for the 42 registered pilots that participated in the four classes of competition to see who is the best of the best. The first kudos always go to the host club, the Fresno Radio Modelers, their intrepid contest director, Randy Warkentin, and the hard working staff of that club that made the event a great success. Many, many, thanks to all of you for a job very well done.

My hat's also off to Jay Steward who took the Grand Champion trophy home by flying his fabulous Curtis HellDiver model to the top of the Expert class after 5 very close, hotly contested rounds against runner-up Tom Wolf and his impressive DH Mosquito twin. I would also like to recognize the Team Scale class winners, Tom Wolf (pilot) and Les Mason (builder) who successfully campaigned their big Hawker Hurricane model to first place. Congratulations also go to Bernie Boland who won the Advanced class with his sharp looking Citabria, and Paul Stenberg who flew his beautiful Douglas T45C-11 turbine powered jet to first place in the Open class.

The Board of Directors has not yet sealed the deal on where the 2012 Masters Champs will be flown, but all indications are they are close to being able to make that announcement. Stay tuned for more news on 2012.

In closing, I want to thank all of the ScaleMasters members and also those of you who participate in the competitive scale program and are not members, who took the time to talk with me by telephone, e-mail, web-based forum, or in person at the qualifier and Championship events I was able to attend.

All communication is good communication, even if we did not agree all of the time on all of the issues. I appreciate the opportunity that you gave me to serve you and look forward to seeing you in the future at a scale contest.

Michael Peck

## Outgoing Finance Director

Just a short note to say thanks to all the members and sponsors who have supported me over the years as your Financial Director. I am on my way to retirement once I get the champ results finalized and plan on spending a lot of time building and flying models and my full size Skyhawk. It seems only a short time ago, Earl Aune, the Chairman at that time (1999), called and asked for help; the organization was in deep financial trouble. I told Earl I would see what I could do but I could only give him about a year. Well here it is 12 years later and I guess I finally got the job done. But it has been a great ride. I have met so many dedicated modelers to scale than I ever dreamed of and they have been an inspiration to me for my own modeling. I competed some but found that flying competition caused me to have some loss of control of my body functions from the stress. (You know, wet my pants and stuff!) So, I tried Team Scale and found it very comfortable. So look for me on competition trail once again.

Richard Barndt is taking my place as your new finance guy. Be nice to him because he will now have the checkbook. Give him all your support as you gave me; he will do a fine job. Thanks again. I will be watching your six.

Gary Norton



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the heartbeat of our industry. This will assist the USSMA in becoming a better organization for all.

I ask you to please watch our web page as all of these topics will be out in our Forum section very soon and open for your comments. Please also participate on the upcoming series of short polls via our web page.

Before we know it the holidays will be here. I know the members on the East coast and up North have started there building projects. We would love to see pictures on your projects or articles for our next USSMA newsletter.

For those of you lucky enough to be here in the SW where the best flying is just starting, remember keep your wheels down on landings and have some fun!

## From the Editor

Jeff Whitney

I had the opportunity to go visit the Championships in Fresno on Saturday October 8. The Fresno Radio Modelers and Randy Warkentin did a bang up job and on fairly short notice too.

This is a nice site with plenty of open flyover area and a shaded pit area, more than sufficient parking and some permanent structures that make it very nice.

The weather was very nice—but I understand a little dicey on Friday, but finally clearing in time for flying. Saturday was gorgeous, and Sunday was very nice as well—and guess what? Rained on Monday, just missing the event! You got a good break there Randy!

We are in transition from the old officers to new ones, so there will be a few hiccups, but by and large everything should be smooth. Bernie has a lot of ideas and is just burning with energy. Some ideas may seem strange to you, but give them a fair chance and let's see what happens.

Please go to [www.scalemasters.org](http://www.scalemasters.org) and look around—there are a lot of forums, and a place to submit proposals for rule changes. USSMA considers every suggestion thoroughly and does appreciate input from you, the member.

It's not too early to start preparing for the next Championships. How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice.

Blue Skies and Fair Winds,

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