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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Bernie Boland
USSMA National Chairman

Wow, the year is flying by. Here we are in the 3rd quarter of 2012 already. I have a few updates and a lot of activity to catch all of you up on.

I would like to start out with an announcement. For those of you that do not already know we lost a longtime supporter of scale model aviation, Chuck Matrie this past August. Chuck's passion for the USSMA will be missed.

Chuck Adams who has been operating in the USSMA Technical & Training position will be stepping down. Due to personal activities Chuck no longer has the bandwidth to function in the full role. His efforts for the USSMA have been greatly appreciated along with is

passion and drive for excellence in the Scale Modeling world. I did talk with Chuck at the Evergreen qualifier in Oregon and he was still willing to act as an advisor as needed for us. Chuck, thank you very much for all your time!

Second of all, I feel I should update the members on the current basic USSMA Organization Structure. I hope to have this on the USSMA webpage with links and more detailed role descriptions by mid Q4 this year.

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This year has been very busy for me. I have been spending a lot of time with my advisory team planning the future of Scale Masters. My advisory team mainly has been Kent Walters, David Johnson, Bob Frye, Mike

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WEST VP REPORT:

By Curtis Kitteringham

I will make this short, for I know many of you are busy getting ready for the 2012 Championship, I for one am looking forward to going. It's not always about winning, placing well does not hurt, it's about being at a place that many of us would not go if not for the USSMA. I have been very lucky for the past 12 years too travel and see the country it has been fun, sometimes I wished I did better at the Champs, but I always bought the models home in one piece and that's a good thing. With that said you the membership and the fliers that show for the Qualifiers/Championships you are the back bone, the reason we have the USSMA. As in any club the leadership is nothing if not for the membership of the club, so I ask all to spend a little time to help promote/build the competition interest of scale, with the end result to bring in new or bring back past scale hobbyist to the interest of the USSMA. I hope to see many of you at the Championship in Rosewood Indiana.

Thank You

Curtis Kitteringham
West Coast Vice Chairman

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Tom Mulder

Caller please, I am trying to fly!

When we think about upcoming competition we generally focused on preparing our airplanes, ensuring that our documentation is up to snuff, and practicing our maneuvers. But there is one other item we should be thinking about, the roles of our callers. Some of us use the same caller for every competition, while others use whoever is available. While the caller's role seems somewhat simple, it is no less important than the pilot's. Frequently, pilots concentrate so intently on flying they are not always able to keep track of other models. The caller is there to help the pilot fly the model safely, alert the pilot of changing conditions, and help bring the model back in one piece. Pilots and callers

have many differing relationship and styles, but all should have a common goal. Below are some suggested topics to help pilots and callers establish good communication.

- Discuss what the pilot wants in the way of communication.
 - ◊ How much "talking" does he/she want from the caller while maneuvering?
- Observe other pilots' routines at other stations to coordinate with your pilot's routine.
- In the event of converging maneuvers with other pilots.
 - ◊ Talk to your pilot; let him/her know what's going on.
 - ◊ Avoid congestion by having your pilot extend turns or make altitude adjustments as necessary. There is no point loss to maintain safety as long as you communicate with the judges.
 - ◊ If collision is inevitable, instruct pilot to take evasive action and tell judges.
- Stay focused and watch traffic around your pilots model.
 - ◊ Caller's main role is to provide a safe flight for the model and everyone else.

Have fun, but don't be afraid to speak up on safety. Nobody wants to see models crash and all of us want to fly the best we can. Having an active pilot caller communication relationship can provide a fun, safe, and rewarding performance.

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AZ Area Director

I've been out of state for two months since my mother broke her upper arm, and I haven't got a lot to discuss at this time. We were planning to launch the Starter Scale contest program on August 4th at the Sun Valley Fliers field, but that has been delayed for a number of reasons. The SVF club suffered a huge loss recently when someone broke into the field and their storage shed stealing their Gator all terrain vehicle. Some of the folks who were going to judge and help administratively had time issues develop, and it was beyond me to re-organize the event by phone and e-mail. We elected to reschedule the event tentatively for November to make sure it was a well-run, quality experience for those who want to try their hand at a scale contest. I hope to see you at the Championships in Indiana, as Mom's condition has continued to improve and it appears I'll be able to make the trip.

NorCal Area Director

Randy Warkentin

Well it seems like just last month but here the Champs are just around the corner. I want to thank everyone that attended last year, especially everyone that helped and Fresno Radio Modelers for hosting the event. A really big appreciation needs to go out to the Judges. It is a lot of work and they are busy all day plus without them there would not be a contest. I don't want to forget Carolyn and Mitch for keeping the behind the scenes going smooth. The wind kind of gave a challenge from time to time but everyone seemed to handle it well. Things were nervous for a while with a storm that blew in the first part of the week and though it rained part of Wed. it cleared up for the rest of the event with some really nice weather.

May was the "49er Qualifier" up at Woodland, CA. This was the first Qualifier at their new field. They have really been working hard on it and have done a lot in a short amount of time. It is really a nice place to fly with no restrictions and

wide open spaces. They now have all there irrigation in so by next year there should be some good grass which will be a nice addition especially for all the WWI and Golden Age type planes. Unfortunately the Qualifier was a bust due to Mother Nature and a Low Pressure System moving through causing some extreme wind. I am guessing around 25-35mph. Jeff Lovitt is planning on rescheduling the Qualifier and I am looking forward to it.

June we had the "Dan Sullivan Memorial" at the Ukiah Prop Busters Field and they had a good turnout. I have not been to this field yet but am planning on going to their Qualifier next year.

Good luck to all those attending 2012 Championships.

Randy Warkentin

BC Area Director

Roly Worsfold

I hope all is well and your flying is great with agreeable flying weather.

The British Columbia Scale Classic is now history, photos and results are available at this website: <http://britishcolumbiascaleaeromodeling.weebly.com/>

The event went very well with pilots attending from Alberta, Spokane and Seattle WA, Oregon, Vancouver Island and British Columbia. A good time was had by all.

We are planning on attending the Portland Sky Knights - Evergreen qualifier the first weekend in August, "should be fun".

North West Events Update; <http://www.nwsam.org/events.html>

I attended the Cascade Scale Rally in May which turned out to be a very nice event, low key laid back and very enjoyable to attend. Some of the qualified judges were also flying at the event. They didn't judge the same class they were in and flew at the end of the round when their judging was finished. With the

2.4Ghz radios all the classes flew in the same flight line which allows the judges to fly as well.

Organizing is well underway for the North West Scale Aero-Modelling Championships to be hosted by the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers - website information:

<http://www.nwsam.org/nw-scale-championships.html>

The Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers are solidly supporting the event; hopefully we will do well in supporting them. The Shriners (Children's Hospital) are planning to be involved and we are looking forward to good public/city involvement. The city is helping the event by providing bleachers and the Shriners are helping with the parking and concession. The field is in fine shape, should be a very nice time.

Please do what you can to let the people in your areas know about the event.

Remember all classes are participating Fun Scale to Expert so you can enter.

This is two events in one - A Scale Masters Qualifier event and the North West Championships (Determined by bringing a score from another scored event and add to the Qualifier portion *which includes ALL the Flight Scores.*

In June we attended two Fun Scale events in the province of Alberta, one in Edmonton and the other in Calgary. One idea came to mind at the Calgary event; I am encouraging one Pilot station be utilized for those who want to try flying a judged routine. When I asked the CD if they thought of it and there was some hesitation. However when I volunteered to get some judges to look after the station he was very open about it.

This approach would not interfere with other flyers and they would be exposed to the judging aspect of Scale Flying. Experienced flyers could tutor those wishing to try flying routines. After the flying is finished the first day a short static scale judging seminar could be held for those interested. The "soft sell" approach is a far more relaxing method rather than jumping right in.

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Hi everyone.

As the 2012 Championships come closer, I can feel the excitement in the air. Money is coming in for sponsorships, and the expenses will shortly follow. If you are sponsoring the event, such as sponsoring a "Best Of" award, please mail your check to "Richard Barndt, 11981 Deerfoot Road, San Diego, CA 92131". It is best to send in the money before the event to ensure sufficient cash flow for the expenses that are coming in presently.

A big "THANK YOU" to all those that have and will sponsor this year's Championship event. Your contribution, no matter how large or small, does make a difference to an organization such as ours, and we all appreciate it.

I will be attending the event from late Thursday through Sunday. Anyone needing reimbursement for expenses should present receipts to me during the event (so don't lose them). If you want to mail receipts to me now so you don't have to worry about losing them, use the address listed above. If you want to email them to me, use diroffinance@usscalemasters.org.

If you have any questions you want to ask me before the event, you can email me or call my cell phone at 858-213-5740. Otherwise, I'll see all of you in September. I'm looking forward to it.

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TX Area Director

by Lawrence Harville



The Texas Scale Championships/Scale Masters Qualifier 2012 is now history and it will be remembered as one of the best we have had in several years. The last few years we have had winds in the 30-35 mph range, one year we had to postpone the event flying until Sunday and then we flew with an umbrella over the judges and pilots, most recently, heat over 102 daily. But this year's contest, temps in the range of 90-91, winds less than 10 mph—we thought we were in heaven. Next year we have requested the same weather so plan now on coming out for a great event.

The Greater Southwest RC Club membership went out of its way to have a beautiful flying site and produced a friendly, fun and well run contest. Thanks to the many hard working members who spent two days working, cooking and judging for this event.

Airtronics support for the Scale Masters Organization was once again OUTSTANDING. They gave us an 8 channel Airtronics radio for our event and it was won by Darrell Abby, one of the new scale pilots on the contest circuit.

The first day started with flying by the Fun Scale Class while the Expert and Advanced pilots were being static judged. The Flight line consisted of two sets of judges who were kept busy because most of the day two planes were in the air all the time. The Texas Scale Championships developed a new procedure for flight line order of flight. I had observed at almost all contests, the pressure to have your plane and you ready for flight in a specific order was a pressure that we could avoid. In the pilots briefing we told the pilots they could fly in any order at any time when they were ready, they had to fly for each set of judges once and the round would be over for them. Simply pull your plane to the flight line and be ready to fly. It works to perfection with planes in the air and a smooth running event with no one pressured to be ready or miss a round.

Fun scale had 6 entries and 2 pilots who had not entered a contest before, we tried to make their experience as painless as possible and made sure they had fun at the same time. First place was won by Lane Crabtree flying his electric Cub, Lane consistently

put in flight after flight and ran away with the class. Previous winner in 2011 was Mike Kopf who was in second place this year and only put in 2 flights this year. Jack Haynes came with his giant scale Spad 13, this was a real beauty. Jack elected not to fly all the rounds but put on quite a show with his plane.

The Advance class saw veteran pilots with planes they had been flying for a while. This was also a tight class with Darrell Abby edging out a win by .6 of one point; this was after static and flying 6 rounds of flying. Ed Couch came in second flying his electric powered Bluhm and Voss 141. A very unique airplane and unfortunately for all of us Ed had a radio problem and dinged the plane in on the last round, it should be flying again soon. Third place was won by the Texas Scale Champion of 2010 Sonny Coleman flying his contest proven Yellow P 47 he missed first place by 3 points. It was close and it was exciting can't wait to see these guys fight it out again next year.

Expert Class saw the highest scores and tightest contest of the meet. Tim Lovett won 3rd place flying his Yellow Spitfire in its first Texas Scale Championship contest. Second Place, won by Lawrence Harville, by only .5 point - this was after a very tight static scores and 6 round of flying. Fourth place was won by Michael Schultz flying his beautiful Sky shark P 40 but lost his plane to a crash near the Trinity River, the plane was a total loss and after talking with Michael he lost orientation on the plane and it just got away from him. Lee Rice took First place and led the class by 5 points. Lee's overall scores saw him becoming the Texas Scale Champions for 2012. A title hard fought and won by excellent flying and high static scores.

We plan on the same time for 2013 so start making your plans to come to a great contest at a great site. Hope to see you next year.

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62 lb B-29 at Castle Fly-in

Piloted by Don Rice, the key builder and “keeper of the beast is Frank Gagliardi. The other main builders were Jerry Neuberger and Mike Morgan. The retracts were hand-crafted by Ed Gurule. Other details and work performed by Ron Paterka

Photo provided by Roly Worsfold



CD Max Ficken, CD Lawrence Harville, Airtonics Won by Darrel Abby, Lee Rice Texas Champion 2012

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Part of the lineup at the Texas Scale Champs



Lee Rice Texas Scale Champion 2012 and First Place Expert Class



Jack Haynes Spad 7—48% bird

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EASTERN VP REPORT:

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East

Hello everyone, I am probably the last of the required contributors to submit my report. I am very sorry about the delay. Things have been quiet on the east coast since the Nat's. The usual contests took place beginning with Top Gun, weather in Florida was great and Frank's show went off without any problems. I hope that some of the winners will be at the Champs.

The longest running scale contest in the east is of course the Mint Julep and it was also very well attended. However with some sadness I must report that this was the last year for the contest at the Rough River venue. I have only missed a couple over the thirty plus years the contest was in existence. Don't fret it will continue and again Dale Arvin will be the leader at The Ohio River Valley Fliers field, the site of the 2012 Champs. This site is a beautiful field built by a modeler Bill Beach, for modelers and a great club was formed. This is their second Champs and it is looking like one of the best. The volunteer base within the club is outstanding and all hands are involved with the leadership of Earl Dever Sr. the event is early this year beginning September 6 thru the 9th.

The AMA Nationals were also well attended. The weather was the best I can remember. We had a great event host, Shannon Ort, she did a wonderful job organizing everything from the Friday evening hangar sing along to a great banquet Saturday evening at the AMA Museum. We also had an auction that benefited NASA. I hope most of the pilots that made the podium will be attending the Champs.

Now for something new, the club I belong to the Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

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have been a supporter of the Scale Masters each year by sponsoring a Best of Award, next year 2013 they have given me the support to have a Scale Masters Qualifier. We are planning the early part of June. We have a great site you can look it up at www.WMAA-Wags.org. I will be putting more out during the winter months. The date will depend on the NAT's dates; the planning meeting is September 15.

Well that's about it from the East, I will be off to the Indiana Warbirds Campaign this weekend.

See you at the Scale Masters Championships

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Peck and Roland (Roly) Worsfold.

Topics we have been focusing on.

- Class changes
- Class modifications
- Scoring software updates
- USSMA growth needs
- Industry alignment
- USSMA structure / growth needs
- Judging certification process

All of these topics will be addressed at the Board of Directors meeting at the 2012 Championship event. Some of the topics will be voted on. The feedback from our members will be heard and the needed actions are being taken.

I will be appointing a few new roles in the USSMA. I will be adding at the least 2 new director roles.

Director of Membership:

This is just what it sounds like. This person will keep membership documentation current, interface with the financial side of the USSMA and attend a few of the key trade

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shows. This person will also manage all membership info, membership benefits tracking along with a few other backend support items.

Director Technical communication:

This role is a needed job, helping the USSMA move into the future. This role will be the first line contact for scoring software support. This person will also manage the Web page tracking / input for contest results throughout the USA.

These changes are to help some of the BOD with workload and to increase the "value add" to our membership. Servicing our membership needs will be moved to the front of the list, I promises this to our members.

I would like to reach out to our member's on one more topic, Area Directors. We currently have about 15% of the US supported with Area Directors in my view. I will be helping my East and West Coast Vice Chairmen to fill these open areas as soon as possible. Anyone interested please contact me at nationalchair@usscalemasters.org and I will send you the info on what it takes to become one and help us grow.

Well, the plans for the 33rd US Scale Master Championships event look great. I hope to see or have seen and talked to as many members (current, potential and past) at the Champion event as possible.

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