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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Bernie Boland **USSMA National Chairman**

Hello USSMA members and guests,

Well 2013 is well on its way. 2013 AMA show was strong showing a positive outlook for RC all in all. Talking with Phil Goodwine president of The Pomona Valley Model Airplane Club (PVMAC) he expressed it was the strongest AMA show he can remember. The local clubs membership and raffle generated many thousands of dollars and lots of excitement for the RC community. I personally was not at the show but the news is all of the suppliers are showing more focus yet on Scale Aircraft ARF's. I see this as a strong growth Opportunity for the USSMA with the new Class structure USSMA Organization Structure as of 2/2013. I hope to have this on the USSMA webpage with links and more detailed role descriptions soon

This year has started off in a positive direction with the first of the Starter Scale one day

events being tested in AZ. Mike Peck (AZ Area Director) organized the event with Tony Quist and the Winter War Birds fly-in in North Phoenix at the SVF site. The event was a great success with 7 new Scale Master Competitors. Looks like all of them will be flying at the 2013 Gunsmoke event in Mesa AZ March 1st to the 3rd.

Special attaboy goes out to Mike Peck for driving the Scale Starter Event format! We are looking to see more of these events around the US and Canada in 2013.

I would like to thank Tom Mulder for stepping up and taking the Director of Membership job. Mitch and Tom will be working over the next few weeks to hand the responsibility over. Tom's background in the role over the next few years will help the USSMA members and free Mitch Baker up to focus on other items enhancing the USSMA membership experience.

I am still looking to fill a few new roles in the USSMA. I wish to add 2 new director roles, Director of Marketing and Technical Communications. If you are interested or know some that would fit please contact me.

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WEST VP REPORT:

By Curtis Kitteringham

Here we are the 2013 contest year is well on its way. All of you should be gearing up for the Champs in Alameda Ca at the Alameda Naval Air Station Oct 9-13. I am working on the details, watch for the updates as they come in. I would like to see as many of you as possible make the trip to the West Coast this year. You the members/contestants start thinking about doing the buddy system; it can lower the cost more than you may think. I have been working with this method for a number of years now and yes there has been a bump or two in the travels, but when you look at the money and energy saved it is worth it. So with this said I am looking for the mid West to East Coast to travel out, after all it's time to help out the West Coast as the West Coast contestants have been a good supporter of the Champs across the country over the years

We now have a new member to our group: Jerri Bergen. Jerri is the President of the American Aviation Historical Society, they have more documents on all types of aircraft than I can begin to tell you. They put out one of the best publication I have seen on aircraft and personal stories. If you are looking for information on your model this is the place to start. The web site is www.aahs-online.org.

Last year I asked for you to take a person under your wing and help them become a part of scale competition some of you have done this with good results. Thank You for your efforts.

All contestants go to the web and print out the 2013 rule book you will see changes for the Qualifiers, this was done to make it more fair for the lower turn out contests and more fun for all. When you go to a contest knowing you need to make a certain score to Qualify: this in its self is a challenge. One last item we now have three West Coast AMA officers in our group Lawrence Tougas District 10 Vice President, Jerry Neuberger AMA officer and Richard Hanson AMA officer in support of the Champs. One of the things we need to do is get involved in local and AMA support, what I would like to see is the members/contestant within the USSMA show interest in a Scholarship Fund that was started in 2008 it is the Ryan M. Sherrow Memorial Scholarship Fund, I meet this young man at a scale event before his passing. At the AMA EXPO I was talking with the AMA officers this was one of the items being talked about, I was asked if I could put the word out to help. So along with bringing in new members/contestants here is one more item to think about. Take some of the proceeds from your events and donate to the Ryan Scholarship. This fund is used to recognize AMA junior members who excel in model aviation and secondary criteria based on academic achievement

Thank You

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AZ Area Director

By Michael Peck

Three days ago, we held the second Starter Scale contest in Phoenix, hosted by the Sun Valley Fliers club. This event was conducted in conjunction with a scale warbird fly-in called Winter Warbirds, which ran on Friday and Saturday followed by the Starter Scale contest on Sunday. This format enabled the club to have both the warbird fly-in and the contest under the same AMA sanction, and it was planned that way hoping that the scale fly-in participants would also be interested in competing in the Starter Scale contest. Winter Warbirds participants paid a \$30 entry fee and which included their entry in the Starter Scale contest if they wished to participate in both conjoining events. Starter Scale contestants that did not register for the Winter Warbirds fly-in were charged a \$20 entry fee.

The Winter Warbirds fly-in had 32 entries, which was excellent for a first-time scale fly-in. Our contest director was Tony Quist, and he had great success in attracting out of town participants from northern and southern California, Nevada, Texas, and northern Arizona as well as local flyers, and the weather cooperated with temperatures in the high 70's. The Winter Warbirds field included turbines, gas, glow, and electric powered models spanning WWI biplane through modern day F-22 jet aircraft.

The Starter Scale contest included both the Pro/Am Sportsman and Pro/Am Pro classes and we had a total of 15 entries in the event. Eight pilots flew in the Sportsman class, seven competed in the Pro class, and we flew two full rounds. Twelve of our entries were registered in Winter Warbirds, while there were 3 new competitors for the Sunday contest. Austin Goodwin, the upcoming Gunsmoke ScaleMasters Qualifier contest director was on hand encouraging Starter Scale pilots to join him for the qualifier and he believes we have 'hooked' many of the new folks for Gunsmoke.

The Gunsmoke Qualifier is scheduled to be held on March 1-3, 2013 at the Arizona Model Aviators Superstition Airpark in Mesa, AZ. Mark your calendars; it should be a great one.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the judges that worked hard to make the Starter Scale contest a success, and they included Bob Bayless, Eric Stevens, Kent Walters, and Bernie Boland. We also had a lot of help from SVF members and the One Eighth Air Force crew han-

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HANSEN SCALE AVIATION VIDEOS

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ding registration, security, entry gate control, caller duties, and the kitchen food concession. Special thanks go to Howard Kennedy, John Geyer, Jay Steward, John Deacon, Bill Powers, Bob Frey, and the many other unsung helpers working in the background to make these events a success. A huge thank you to Autumn Boland for handling the computer scorekeeping & score runner duties, and for adding class to our event

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NorCal Area Director

Randy Warkentin

2013 is here and so are the contests plus we are starting to get some spring like days with some good flying. First up on the calendar is the 49er Qualifier at Woodland/Davis, CA on May 4-5 hosted by the Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers.

Further north in Ukiah, Ca June 1-2 there is the Dan Sullivan Memorial Qualifier hosted by the Ukiah Propbusters.

Down in the middle June 22-23 is the Central California Qualifier hosted by the Fresno Radio Modelers. So now is the time to be getting the contest planes ready it will be here sooner than you think. Let us show our support and attend or volunteer to help these Qualifiers. My suggestion is that even if you have already qualified to attend multiple Qualifiers. It is the best practice for the Champs you can get plus always a lot of fun.

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Upcoming Qualifiers

GUNSMOKE SCALE QUALIFIER

CD: Austin Goodwin **Mar 1-3 2013**
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Superstition Airpark, AZ n4351x@aol.com

SOUTHERN CAL QUALIFIER

CD: Curtis Kitteringham **April 19-21, 2013**
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TOP GUN

CD: Frank Tiano **May 1-5, 2013**
(863) 607-6611 <http://www.franktiano.com>
Lakeland, FL Frank@FrankTiano.Com

49ERS Qualifier

CD: Jeff Lovitt **May 4-5, 2013**
(916)889-3300 <http://www.wdarc.org>
Woodland, CA jllovitt@sbcglobal.net

Cascade Scale Rally

CD: Robert Bailey **May 17-19, 2013**
(253)579-4068 washingtonscalesquadron.org
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36th Annual DAN SULLIVAN MEMORIAL

CD: Tim More **June 1-2, 2013**
707-485-8628 <http://www.ukiahpropbusters.org/>
Ukiah, CA rc_racer_x@yahoo.com

MINT JULEP SCALE MEET

CD: Paul Cain **June 6-9 2013**
(812) 945-3103 www.sircm.org
Falls of Rough, KY c103iflyrc@att.net

TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CD: Lawrence Harville **June 8-9, 2013**
(817) 781-9615 <http://www.flygsw.org/>
Fort Worth, TX lawharv@yahoo.com

Central California Scale Qualifier

CD: Randy Warkentin **June 17-19, 2013**
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Fresno, CA warks62@gmail.com

AMA NATS

CD: Paul Cain **Jul 13-14, 2013**
(812)945-3103 <http://www.nasascale.org>
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8th Annual BRITISH COLUMBIA SCALE CLASSIC

CD: Roly Worsfold **July 19-21, 2013**
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BC Area Director

Roly Worsfold

Hello All summer has whisked by very quickly and here we are in November.

The 2012 Wenatchee North West Championships and Scale Masters Qualifier are history along with all the other qualifier and scale events. Now we are looking forward to 2013 and looking for input from all.

We have had a very successful Scale Aero-Modelling flying season 2nd NW Championships completed along with 4 successful Qualifiers along with more Fun Scale events; looking forward to 2013.

Next year's NW Championships dates have been confirmed:

The Wenatchee Qualifier and North West Championships:

3rd Weekend in August - August 16 -18, 2013

The date has been moved from the 4th to the 3rd weekend in August and we have gone down from a 4 day event to 3 day.

For More information on results and photos on the Wenatchee North West Championships see this web page: <http://www.nwsam.org/2012-north-west-championships.html>

Our focus for 2013 is to encourage clubs to host "Fun Scale" events with the option of one pilot station that is judged and the other pilots stations for open flying.. The hope is that several Fun Scale events in a area will support a Scale Masters Qualifier with pilots and judges.

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NW Scale Aeromodelers 2013 Champs/Qualifier

CD: Dean Nichols **Aug 16-18, 2013**
(509)679-8402 <https://www.nwsam.org>
Wenatchee, WA del.herring301@gmail.com

Oregon Scale Fly-In & USSMA Challenge

CD: Scott Enochs **Sept 14-15, 2013**
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**Check website for updates
to list and details on each.**

Meet your Area Directors

Check out the web site for introductions to your area directors.

OR Area Director

by Scott Enochs

It's the end of an era for a longstanding regional qualifier. The traditional Evergreen Qualifier, the only qualifier in Oregon, will not be held this year. As with many events, the number of event volunteers and contestants has been fading over the years.

I'm trying to fill the void by starting a new tradition, the "Oregon Scale Fly-In & USSMA Challenge". This would be a 2 day scale event (SCALE helicopters welcome) with open flying from 9am to 5pm. Participants have an option to sign up for the USSMA Challenge, which would be a USSMA qualifier limited to 2-3 flight rounds. Depending on the number of "Challenge" entries, 1 to 2 flight lines would be reserved for the qualifier. The other stations (minimum of 2) would remain open for the Fly-In. This is not a Scale Starter. I'm hoping to generate interest among scale fliers for competition by having the concurrent Fly-In and Qualifier. Those who have never flown in scale competition can get a first hand view of what competition is all about and can also enter the competition if they choose. Challenge entrants can also fly as often as they like as part of the Fly-In. They are not limited to flying only in the competition flight rounds. There's also a goal to have part of the proceeds go to the Shriners or Make-A-Wish, and also to involve the local Civil Air Patrol cadets.

Planning for this new event is just getting underway. The Pacific NW has many events and a date has not been scheduled yet. With a change in venue I'm not sure the traditional early August date of the Evergreen Qualifier can be preserved. The date might move forward into June, or slip into September. More info next quarter.

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Finance Director

by Richard Barndt

2012 is now in the books and I can provide some financial information to our members. First the 2012 Championships. Total income from the Championships was \$#####, which was less than the projected \$#####. Total expenses were \$#####, which was pretty much right on with the projected amount of \$#####. Basically, the actual profit was \$#####, which was less than the projected profit of \$#####.

According to the contract, the profit was to be divided 80% to the host club, Ohio River View RC Flyers (ORVRCF), and 20% to USSMA. So the profit to USSMA was \$1,114.38. USSMA board of directors voted to waive a final payment adjustment from ORVRCF in the amount of \$#####, mainly due to the mix-up related to the trophies, and to generate goodwill for participation in future USSMA Championships. So, all in all, we made a little profit (\$##### less \$#####, or a total received profit of \$#####).

Next to the overall financial health of the USSMA. I like to

look at financial trends. Just after I took over as your treasurer, we had on January 1, 2012, a total of \$##### in the bank. A year earlier, on January 1, 2011, we had \$##### in the bank. So it seemed that the basic goal was to keep the bank balance at around \$##### on an annual basis. The balance in our bank account on January 1, 2013 was \$#####, down about \$#####.

I believe that one substantial reason for this significant decline is lower membership. I believe that the decrease in memberships from 2011 accounts for about \$##### of the decline in bank balance. While I do not have membership totals per se, I do know who has paid for memberships. For the 2011 calendar year, there were 83 membership payments collected. For the 2012 calendar year, there were 65 membership payments collected, down 21%.

The other more substantial reason for the decrease in bank balance is increased travel expenditures. Total travel expenditures in the calendar year 2011 were \$#####. For calendar year 2012, travel expenditures were \$#####, which is up by \$#####.

This increase in travel would not have been a problem in and of itself, except for the fact that overall revenue is down in 2012. Comparing 2011 and 2012, I come to the conclusion that the arrangement we negotiated with ORVRCF for the 2012 Championships took much of the profit potential out of our pockets. In 2011, we had \$##### for banquet income and \$##### in pilot registrations. For 2012 these income items were absorbed into the 80%/20% split negotiated in our contract with ORVRCF. As these numbers show, the financial negotiations for our annual championships play an important role in our overall financial health.

My goals for this year is to keep an eye on expenses, and to try to get the most out of the 2013 Championships

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For the complete report with actual numbers, see the website:

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EASTERN VP REPORT:

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East



Hello everyone hope you are enjoying the winter with some quality shop time. Barb and I were in Florida last week and the weather was fabulous. I joined the Cape Coral club last year and renewed my membership for this year but this trip I never made it to the field. Our vacation seems to consist of working on the house and a little beach time but no flying. I did make a day trip to Sebring for the light sport aviation show. After two weeks I am happy to return home and to the shop for a couple of intense 12 Hr. days of work on my new T-34-B. I hope to have it ready to fly by the Toledo show. If you are at the show stop by the Scale Masters booth and do some catch up maybe even renew your membership.

Jim Martin and Shannon Ort are making big plans for the 2013 Nats, a Masters Qualifier, we need your support. Jim has gleaned some donations from the hobby industry of a scale plane, engine, and servos for our raffle. Yes we are having a raffle fund raiser for the Nats. The first prize is a built scale Tiger Moth, donated by Horizon Hobbies, and a 3W engine. Tickets are \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10.00 or the most attractive way to win is 6 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held at the Saturday evening banquet.

There are a couple of contests I would like to mention. First, is the Mint Julep, one if not the oldest running with the exception of the Nats. This year will be their first at a new venue, the Ohio River Valley Fliers field in Rosewood Indiana. The leadership of the event is the same: Paul Cain is the CD and Dale Arvin is the MC. They have the support of a great group of club members to make your contest experience the best. The club field is a beautiful field with both paved and grass runways, camping sites, and shelters for pilots and planes. This is a model field built by a modeler, Mr. Bill Beach. Put it on your calendar June 7-8-9.

The next event will be the Nats. Our dates are July 12-13-14. This year with the help of the consummate party-planner Shannon and other volunteers should be a great fun event. We will have the Friday hangar party and Saturday evening banquet with an auction and the grand raffle award. Come to Muncie and enjoy the AMA site and scale modeling fellowship.

The third event will be the Columbus Scale Classic. This will be the first year of the event. I am the CD. It will be held at the Dinneen Field. The sponsoring club is the Westerville Model Aeronautics Assoc. Our web site is www.wmaa-wags.org. We fly at Alum Creek State Park on the east side of Alum Creek Dam. We have a very well-manicured 900 ft. grass runway, suitable for jets and all scale planes. There is camping at the state park camp grounds, sorry no camping at the field. This is an AMA sanctioned event, and I hope to make it a Scale Masters qualifier, dates are August 17-18. The field will be open for practice all day Friday the 16th. We will have a Satur-

day evening cook out and hangar party free for pilots, wives, and guests. It will be at my house about 2 miles from the field. Bring your electrics! I have 2.5 acre front yard great for flying. The Monster hanger will be open for emergency repairs if needed. I hope you can attend our 1st annual Columbus Scale Classic. We need your continuing support of the Scale Masters - please renew your membership.

That's all for now so get in the shop and shine up the old plane or build a new one and come out and ENJOY SCALE MODELING. Get a friend started building and bring him along we will all help with his new scale experience.

Mike Barbee

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OH Area Director

by John Boyko

Well its building season here in Ohio. I really cannot call it winter here since the weather can't make up its mind to stay cold or not. Bottom line, we are all hunkered down in our shops building airplanes. There is quite a bit of building activity going on. I have been contacted by several new guys, including a father and son team, with questions about building and finishing techniques as well as setting up flight plans for their first contest. I'm excited about their enthusiasm getting involved in scale competition. In fact, all of them are building from kits, NOT modifying ARFs, which is cool. I hope once they get out and join us on the flight line, they'll be hooked. Along with Mike and myself, there are other competitors mentoring "newbies" to get their first scale projects flying. Guys THIS is how scale competition is going to grow and make a comeback. Veteran competitors helping out club members and local interested flyers to get started flying in competitions. It's those personal friendships and mentoring that makes it grow!

Another reason I feel there is even more activity in the Ohio/Indiana/Kentucky area is Mike Barbee adding a new contest to the schedule. Having a local contest has definitely brought many guys out of the shops and flyins, to try their hand at competition. This is a good thing for our sport. If you are in an area that doesn't have a contest close by, think about starting one. Even if it's a one day event, just to generate more interest in our part of the hobby. Personally, it doesn't have to be a Scale Master's event the first year or even the second. I'm talking about growing the interest in our sport. Yes, use the rule book to standardize the flying and judging, and it makes it an easier transition if you do

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decide to make it a Master's event. The bottom line is if you have a well run event that everybody has fun at, it will grow into a good local event, and a popular Masters event.

The next several months are going to be busy. Along with getting our planes ready for Top Gun, Mike and I will be doing a scale building and flying symposium at the Toledo show in April. Stop by say hi, and sit in on it and bring questions. We plan to do some demonstrations using fiberglass and finishing techniques, as well as talking about flying scale. It should be FUN and informative.

Gotta run and get something finished on the ole Skymaster. Where is that Dremel at?!

John Boyko

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From the Director of Admin,

By Mitch Baker, Admin Director



Just a short note from the Director of Administration desk. I just wanted to congratulate the team(s) out in AZ and CA for the great work in putting together and manning the booth for the AMA expo. I don't know all the people who helped, but I do know the Curtis Kitteringham spearheads this event for USSMA each year. I hear it was a great success. Several new memberships and some renewals. I'll have to see if I can beat them at Toledo this year. Yes I will be manning a booth at the 59th Toledo Expo show, April 5-7. If you are in the Toledo area, come one out and say hi. Renew your membership and give me a coffee break :)

Another successful program starting out west is the new Starter Scale events. These one-day, non-qualifier events are getting a great response and from the sounds of it, getting people to look at attending a qualifier. The Starter Scale events are designed as one day events, loosely based on the USSMA Pro/Am/Sportsman rules. They give new guys a chance to fly as they would in a competition, but under much less (usually self-imposed) stress. Usually two rounds are flown and there is a good Q&A session with the judges after the flight to give timely useful feed back to the pilot. All indications so far this has helped since most of the pilots do better the second round. A great job by Mike Peck and company for getting this off the ground. We need to get some of those going out East here.

Your USSMA management team (Board of Directors, Advisers and Area Directors) have been busy working on several things, not the least the 2013 guide. Several updates have been made to the guide and this seems to be the fastest we were able to get it out the door. If you have not seen it, you can download it from the USSMA web site. www.scalemasters.org. There is a link to it on the front page in the "USSMA Information" block on the left side of the page. Great job team! Some of the changes include:

Qualification criteria has changed from the top 30% to a minimum overall score in each class. This should allow for more deserving pilots to qualify for the championships.

Class name changes: Fun Scale is now Pro/Am/Sportsman, a novice class and is now a championship event. Open is now Pro/Am/Pro, but without any restrictions on who can enter the class. So the 2013 Champs will have 5 classes. This also means that now AMA Funscale Novice is a qualification class. We added bookmarks within the PDF guide from the table of contents so you can easily get to the major parts of the guide. We fixed a lot of minor errors which have been hanging around for a while. Thanks in large part to Roly Worsfold for his proof-reading of the guide. This is not to say we have it 100% fixed, but it's close.

Membership renewal for 2013 is in full swing, and I would like to welcome Tom Mulder as our new Director of Membership. He is going to be taking over some of the duties regarding membership including getting the renewal letters out, thank you letters, contacting vendors for me and the like. His new e-mail address is dirofmembership@usscalemasters.org. He is also the Southern Cal Area Director.

The 2013 membership packets should start going out very shortly, as soon as we verify a few things with vendors. For those who have already renewed, thanks for your support!!!!

Last but not least, the team planning the 2013 Championship is working hard to bring off one of the best Masters ever. Keep checking out the web site as we post more information. Did you know we had a facebook page? Well we do. Check it out, you can get to it from the link off the USSMA main page.

Enough of my rambling. Until next time.

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Bob Stutsman's Proctor E-III

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

Director of 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.

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 Chairman 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 2013 US Scale Master Championships event is shaping up great. Randy and Curtis have a good hand on the event plans and I have great excitement for the event. I hope to see as many friends, pilots and builders as possible at the Champion event as possible.

Best regards,
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From the Editor's keyboard:

I am really excited to have the US Scalemaster Championships in my own back yard—I am determined to qualify and go! As Randy noted in his report, I have 3 reasonably close qualifiers to make my assault: the 49er at Woodland, the Dan Sullivan at Ukiah, and Randy's Central California Qualifier in Fresno. I have flown at the first two sites and only visited Fresno.

I have also started plans for hosting a "Starter Scale" event for the 2 or 3 clubs in the area that might be interested. As has been noted in other columns, the starter scale contests are a great way to get someone interested in competing—especially when they see what a great community scale modelers are.

You may not be aware, but the Dan Sullivan Memorial was named in honor of a member of my club (Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers). Dan was one of the first people to attend the contest in Ukiah and was a great help to the Propbusters in getting it established. Dan also was a true sportsman—he would go so far as to take parts from his plane to use on your plane in order that you could continue. I have had the honor to be given the Dan Sullivan Award twice in the nearly 30 years I have been attending.

George Ellison (CD for the Champs) is also a member of my club and he keeps me informed of what is happening—he really is getting a lot of support for the event, it should be very good!

See you at NAS!

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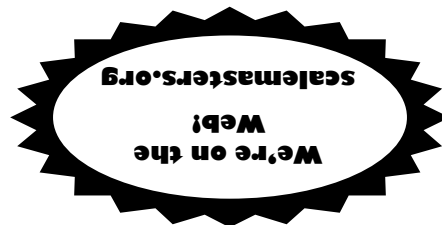


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