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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

By Carolyn Van Herk

Hi everyone,
The race to the Championships is underway, we have 21 Qualifiers scheduled and have received dates for 14 of them. We are still missing dates for several of others. . Remember that the Championships are early this year so all Qualifiers need to be held prior to the 17th of August. I am sorry to report that the 49er's Qualifier in Davis, CA will not be held this year due to the fact that they have no field this year **BUT**, they will be back again in 2010.

If the CD's for the following Qualifiers would let us know your scheduled dates we would appreciate it, that way we can get them posted on the Qualifier Flyer on the web site

Buckeye Scale Championships
High Plains Scale Classic
Minnesota Scale Classic
Mid-States Scale Classic
Long Island Scale Masters Qualifier
San Fernando Valley US Masters Qualifier
SIR/CM Scale Classic

These pilots are pre-qualified based on their placement at the 2008 Championships in Sarasota:

Expert:

Dennis Crooks- Rockville, IN – Grand Champion
David Hayes – Roanoke Rapids, NC –Past Grand Champion
David Johnson – Champaign, IL – Past Grand Champion
Tom E. Smith – Sarasota, FL
Mike Barbee – Delaware, OH
David Pinegar – Warren, MI

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West VP Report:

By Jeff Lovitt, Vice-Chairman West

Hello to all! The qualifying season is now underway. A few of us from the northern California area including myself, my dad Dave and Steve Unze headed south to the Gunsmoke qualifier a few weeks ago and had a great time flying and hanging around in the Arizona sun. After a stretch of rain that seemed like it wasn't going to end, it was nice to head south, catch some rays and fly. The weather was tough, as the winds were present during the event, but those who handled them best finished on top.



Since I wasn't able to qualify in Arizona, I'm eyeing the calendar for events to go to. Hemet and San Fernando California are possibilities, as is the Dan Sullivan event and Idaho events in June. There is also the Evergreen event in August. Lots of choices. I'd also like to have a new airplane ready for the finals, so I'll be busy between qualifying and finishing.

One thing that I do like about the Masters, is the challenge and stress of qualifying. There is always a distinct feeling of satisfaction in having an airplane that is prepared, having it judged, flying well when the time comes and hopefully finishing at the top. Qualifying is the backbone of the Masters and it's something that should not change. There are times where I have gone a long ways to qualify and returned with some disappointment. There have been times where I've gone a long ways and returned with a first place and a qualification. There is a sense of pride and accomplishment that comes with the competition. It doesn't always work out, it's not always easy, but it's what makes it great.

Speaking of great, I'm attaching a link that EVERYONE should read. I think I even remember seeing this as a kid in my dad's archive of Scale R/C Modeler magazines. This was sent forward by Kent Walters and Al Casey and it is an online scan of the contest report from the very first Scale Masters. I would urge anyone to read or reread this to have a feeling for the camaraderie, the competition, and history that has made and continues to make the Masters great.

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Eastern VP Report

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East

Hello everyone, well in this area the snow has finally melted and temps are above freezing so it must be time to get out and fly. That is exactly what I intended to do with my new Top Gun plane last weekend but no ECU unit from Jet Cat yet. I am sure most everyone is anxious to get the new winter project airborne. Just remember to have someone else check your controls and radio functions. Range check the transmitter and work from a check list, usually this should originate from the shop to the field so you don't forget anything. I am looking forward to the new plane, it should be something different and fun. My first turbo prop on a T-6 A Texan II military trainer, some of you might have seen it at Toledo.



Enough about me how about all of the Scale Masters members bringing a new pilot to the next contest? I already have two builders interested and they both plan on attending the Mint Julep.

Most of you know this is one of, if not the oldest scale competition in the U.S. I have attended for the past 32 years, I even flew in the pattern competition first on Friday and Saturday then at noon on Sunday 6 or 7 scale guys flew in the scale part. That was the beginning now Saturday and Sunday bring close to eighty contestants in the scale classes. We need to keep our organization strong by bringing in new people. We all need to make the effort to help someone get started and extend an invitation to participate. Explain the rules and then help them practice for the event, make them welcome once you get them hooked and comfortable they will come back especially if we make it fun.

Support the Scale Masters Qualifiers in your area even if you are not ready to fly your new project. Show up and help out I know most of the CD's will welcome your help.

I plan on attending four scale contests this season. I also plan on bringing in three new people, how about you? If you have any questions or concerns about things happening in the East Coast Region please email me at Mabarbee@aol.com or my web site www.Monsterhanger.com.

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Hello All,
I hope all is well with everyone and your weather is starting to warm!!: here's the 2009-1st Quarter update for the North West .

Plans are well under way for the confirmed North West Qualifiers; The SW Idaho Scale Masters Qualifier- Nampa Idaho, Evergreen Scale Rally - Molalla OR, and the British Columbia Scale Classic in Vernon, B.C. Alberta Scale is a 90% chance of happening however they need to get field confirmation.

This year the **Wenatchee** Red Apple Challenge is being precluded by the **30th U.S. Scale Masters Championships**. Next year the plan is to have the North West Championships in Wenatchee.

The Red Apple Flyers are excited about hosting the 2009 Championships and are busy organizing the numerous details for a successful event. The last Championships event in the North West was held Eight years ago, in Hubbard OR was well attended with 45 pilots participating. The city of Wenatchee is a great city and they feel honoured to host the event. Make plans to participate in the event; what a great way to make an excuse to see the country & participate in the Championships.

Dianne and I recently took a trip to Wenatchee to meet with the organizing committee and attend a club meeting at their new flying facility. I made a short presentation about the Scale Masters program, thanked them for allowing us to host the event and fielded questions from club members.



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In February we travelled to Monroe, WA to participate in the North West Hobby Exposition- met many suppliers who plan to participate and many pilots that are contemplating scale - 33 new e-mail contacts for scale information.

Scale Masters - North West Hobby Exposition Booth
The N.W. Hobby Exposition was very good exposure for Scale Masters, Most of the people when told about the USSMA Championships being held in Wenatchee WA, said that they would be making the trip over. We contacted many vendors at the exposition who said that they would be very interested in setting up a vendors booth during the event.



2009 Championships Poster and one of Dick Hansen's Scale Video and Dynamic Balsa Information

Don't hesitate to contact myself or Gene LaFond for any Championship questions you may have.

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South Central RM Report

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Just a reminder of the ONLY scale contest in Texas, Ark, Oklahoma, La. and New Mexico for 2009

June 13-14-2009

The site has changes from previous years because the Fort Worth Thunderbirds are building a NEW flying field and we are not sure if it will be ready for the Texas Championships so we moved it to the Greater Southwest Modelers Site in East Fort Worth-Hurst area

If your not familiar with the flying site go to <http://www.flygsw.org/> for location. Hotels are close and over-night parking is allowed at the field. You will find this is one of the best grass runways you have ever seen. Lunch will be provided to all contestants.

If you are a member of the US Scale Masters Association you will receiver a \$5.00 Discount.

Turbines are not allowed at the field.

We will be giving away an AIRTON-ICS 2.4 8 channel radio to the winner of FUN scale. Reserved for 1st time pilots-who have never entered in Expert or Advanced.

Please post the attached flyer at your local hobby shop and flying field
Hope to see you at the contest.

If you have any questions give me a call
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Midwest Quarterly Manager Report

By Mitch Baker
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Building season is in full swing. I am looking forward to what folks come out with to compete next season. I am trying my hand at a Bates A-36 from Jerry's latest set of plans. We will see what happens. A lot has gone on in a short amount of time. The USSMA Championships and the 1/8th Air Force Fall Fly-In. Both events were great. Congratulations to the winners of the Championships and the award winners at the fly-in. I have said this before, but if you have not been to one of the OEAF fly-ins you are missing a great event. I have full picture coverage on the USSMA Midwest site. www.ussma-midwest.org. Activity in the forums has slowed down a bit so I would like to see folks start chatting away. Join in and let us know what you are building for competition or just for fun. There are also forums for you to express your opinion on how to improve USSMA, so lets take advantage of it. That is all for now. Get back to building and look forward to a new fun year in USSMA. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all the USSMA family.

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Northeast Regional Manager Report

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I'm glad to report that through the efforts of Jim Sbrogna and Jack Buckley there WILL be a New England Qualifier to be held on the last weekend in June at Gardner Airport in Massachusetts. I plan on getting the word out through the internet news-groups as well as Jim mailing flyers to clubs in New England and environs as well as to hobby shops. This meet had gone on for many years but due to declining interest along with the organizers having to pay out of pocket expenses it was decided to cease operations a couple of years ago. I successfully talked these guys into attempting to get it going again....we'll see.

Also in the Northeast through the help of Frank Alvarez, a site capable of hosting the championships has been found at South Albany NY airport. We're hoping to have it there in 2012 provided the directors approve.

Meanwhile I've been preparing for the coming season with the build of a 1/3d Waco. Just this evening I clear coated the wings. Assembly took place a few days ago for the first time while Matt Lupri, Scot Stewart and I gave a presentation on why we build and compete with scale models. The presentation took place at the Wintonbury Flyers in Bloomfield Ct. Along with my Waco, Matt had two outstanding P-51s and Scot brought in a P-47 built from a TopFlite kit to show how adding a few scale details and a great finish can make an ordinary kit built plane into something to really be proud of. Our program was very well received and maybe we have sparked enough interest to get a few builders off their duffs and out there flying scale models....and maybe get into competition at a Scalemasters event.

Thank you,

Mitch



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Thoughts from the Editor;

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Mitch Baker is working on updating the website, and he and Chuck Adams are working on streamlining the judging application process, with the possibility of an on-line judges test looming.

CDs—if you have not done so, contact Mitch about your qualifier to make sure it is on the USSMA Calendar of events. Check scalemasters.org to see if your event is listed.

Check out the link Jeff Lovitt posted in his West Coast VP column—very interesting reading, and you may see a few people you recognize!

My favorite print magazine, RC Report has folded—but like a Phoenix from the ashes—RC Report On Line has started. The majority of the writers from the last print edition have returned, Dick Petit, Brian Winch, Tony Coberly, Tony Stillman, Terry Dunn, Bill Hurt and Dick Watz, plus a new columnist Gary Webb.

The only real difference seems to be that it is on-line, instead of in print. Gordon Banks is still the editor! Check it out at RCReport.net

The Hemet qualifier has run and Mint Julep is coming up, as is Top Gun. Next month there are 5 qualifiers—everyone should be able to get to at least one.

The pictures I have seen of the flying site in Washington look superb; it should be a very nice venue. Everyone that can possibly make it please go!

I am soliciting articles for the newsletter—since it is primarily an on-line entity now, there is no reason we can't expand it beyond the current 8 pages. Perhaps a value-added on-line version as compared to the print version

Until next time,

Jeff

Opinions expressed by me do not necessarily reflect those of USSMA

Chairman's Report continued

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Bill McCallie – Tampa, FL
Richard Feroldi – Winter Springs, FL
Nick Zirolì, Sr. – Sarasota, FL
Bud Roane – Melbourne, FL
Dick Hansen – Portland, OR
Steve Sauger – Troy, MI
Bob Raser – Portland, OR

Team:

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Sarasota, FL
David Gianakos/Builder – Bob Frey/Pilot –
Phoenix, AZ
Tom Czenthe/Builder – Curtis Switzer/Pilot –
Cocoa, FL

The first Qualifier of the year was held in Sarasota on November 15-16. The winners in both Expert and Team were all pre-qualified from the 2008 Champs..... Nick Zirolì, Sr. David Pinegar, Mike Winter and Bud Roane, Expert and Builder Ed Simpson and Creige Jones his pilot, in Team. Congratulations to all of you, hope that you will join us in September.

Congratulations to Paul Goldsmith the CD for Gunsmoke which was held February 27-March 1 in Mesa, AZ. They had 41 contestants and qualified 12 for the championships. Steve Unze, Tom Wolf and Jay Steward qualified in Expert. Wayne Frederick, Builder and Bill Adams, Pilot, Bill Ensley, Builder and Bernie Boland, Pilot, and Ward Emigh, Builder and Rick Powers, Pilot all qualified in Team. In Advanced Rick Powers and Bob Frey qualified. This year we have added Open back into the Championships and Robert Blake, Val Roqueri and Howard Kennedy are qualified. Congratulations to all of you, we are looking forward to seeing you in Wenatchee, WA September 10-13.

Plan to come out to one of the Qualifiers in

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your area either as a contestant or supporter I know that you will have a wonderful time.....I plan to try and attend several of them being held in my area, I hope to see you there. The upcoming Qualifiers in April, May and June are:

So. Cal Regional in Hemet, Ca -
April 17-19
Top Gun in Lakeland, FL – May 6-10,
Mint Julep in Falls of Rough, KY – May 15-17
Alberta Scale/ERCS in Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada – June 12-14
Texas Scale Championships in Fort Worth, TX – June 13-14
SW Idaho Scale Masters Qualifier in Nampa, ID – June 19-21
Dan Sullivan Memorial in Ukiah, CA – June 26-28
New England Scale Championship in Gardner, MA – June 27-28

All membership packets have been mailed out, if you have not receive yours, please contact Mitch Baker at mdbaker@mdbaker.org. Have a great Spring and fly safe.....until next time

With Best Regards,
Carolyn Van Herk

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To all of you in the western part of the US, I want to urge you to go to as many qualifier events as possible to get qualified and possibly help someone else who wants to go to Washington to get qualified. The more entries, the more people can qualify. We would like to make sure that the Masters is well represented this year by the local, regional and hopefully some cross country competitors. The venue looks great, and the host club is on track with the details, so that one is not to be missed.

Jeff Lovitt, West Region VP



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