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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

By Carolyn Van Herk

Hi Everyone!

The 30th Annual Championships are now in the History books. Congratulations to all of the winners (see following pages)!

Hats off to Roly and Dianne Worsfold, Rick and Cindy Dunn, Jeff Lovitt, Jeff Bellinger, Michael Hunt and all of the Red Apple Flyers RC Club! They did a great job in making the 2009 Championships a very successful and enjoyable event. They put in a lot of hard work and endless hours to make the champs an outstanding event. The Red Apple Flyers have a beautiful flying site, with an asphalt runway as well as a grass runway, the weather was warm and sunny and EVERYONE had a great time.

The Harris Lee Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Kent Walters at the Saturday night Banquet and the One Eighth Air Force presented their "Young Eagle" Award to Creige Jones and to our youngest caller Ian Fursman who is Jeremy Fursman's son.

The 2010 Championships will be hosted by the Ohio River View R/C Flyers in Rosewood, IN. The event will be held on September 15-19 and the CD will be Dale Arvin. Rosewood, IN is about a 45 minute drive from Louisville, KY or 1-1/2 hours from Indianapolis.....mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend and join the fun.

The Board proposed By-Law changes are included in this newsletter and will also be posted on the web www.scalemasters.org. After a 2 week review from the date of posting on the web site and in the newsletter, an e-mail will go out calling for a vote. Details about the vote will be included with the e-mail, voting will take place for 2 weeks. After that time, the ballots will be counted and results posted on the web site.

Until next time.....

With Best Regards,
Carolyn Van Herk

(Please see By-laws appended to the end of the newsletter.)

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2009 U.S. Scale Masters Championships

Class	Text31	Name	From	Aircraft
<u>Advanced Class</u>	<u>4 Entries</u>	Bernie Boland	Phoenix, AZ	Citrabia
		Michael Allman	Vernon B.C., Canada	P-38 Lightening
		Mike Ingram	Caldwell, ID	MK IV Spitfire
		Robert Terhune	Meridian, ID	Corby Starlet
<u>Expert Class</u>	<u>28 Entries</u>	Jeremy Fursman	Snoqualmie, WA	DH82A Tiger Moth
		Steve Unze	San Anselmo, CA	F-4 Phantom
		Peter Conquergood	Bobcaygeon, On	Piper DA-18 Super Cub
		Jay Steward	Phoenix, AZ	F8C-4 Helldiver
		Daryl Rolla	Emerald Hills, CA	Sea Fury
		David Johnson	Champaign, IL	Albatros DvA
		Dick Hansen	Portland, OR	Albatros DVA
		Tom Wolf	Goleta, CA	D.H. Mosquito
		Dave Lovitt	Willits, CA	Northrop Gamma
		Mike Brewer	Astoria, OR	Stinson V77
		Jeff Lovitt	Davis, CA	Nieuport 11
		Roly Worsfold	Kamloops, British Columbia	J-3 Cub
		John Cole	Peoria, AZ	Curtis Jenny
		Nigel Tarvin	Chilliwack , B.C.	Lockheed Vega 5B
		Randy Matley	Boise, ID	Hanroit HD-1
		David Pippen	Albany, CA	Hanroit HD-1
		Lorne Hansen	Vernon B.C., Canada	Sopwith Camel
		Scott Enochs	Gaston, OR	SPAD XIII
		Bob Raser	Canby, OR	Sopwith 1-1/2 Strutter
		Randy Smithhisler	Edgewood, WA	Piper J-4 "Cub Coupe"
		Grant Lord	Vancouver, WA	Fly Baby Biplane
		Jim Hiller	Spokane, WA	Piper PA-20
		Ward Emigh	Bothell, WA	Stearman

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Class	Text31	Name	From	Aircraft
<u>Expert Class</u>	<u>28 Entries</u>			
		Gene LaFond	Wenatchee, WA	Howard DGA3 "Pete"
		Jack Buckley	Marlborough, MA	Interstate Cadet S-1A
		Eugene Job	Marsing, ID	Hawker Sea Fury
		Paul Haynes	Redmond, OR	Nieuport 28
		Bob Heikell	Moses Lake, WA	Bellanca J-300
<u>Open Class</u>	<u>4 Entries</u>			
		Robert Blake	Newbury Park, CA	A6M5 Zero
		Grant M. Bailey	Auburn, WA	P-47 Razorback
		Rick Dunn	Spanish Fork, UT	J-3 Piper Cub
		Les Isted	Vernon, B.C. CANADA	Eindecker
<u>Team Scale Class</u>	<u>10 Entries</u>			
		Pilot/Builder		
		Bernie Boland Bill Ensley	Phoenix, AZ	Stinson SR -10
		Curtis Kitteringham Ron Peterka	Escondido, CA	Stinson SR9
		Jeremy Fursman Randy Smithhisler	Snoqualmie, WA	Piper J-3 "Cub"
		Bill Adams Wayne Frederick	Mesa, AZ	Fokker D VIII
		Creige Jones Ed Simpson	Tarpon Springs, FL	SpaceWalker
		Rick Dunn Mariusez Pietrzyk	Spanish Fork, UT	PZL P11c
		Bob Heikell Gene LaFond	Moses Lake, WA	Jesse Anglin Spacewalker
		Earl Aune Jr Ward Emigh	Vancouver, WA	Miles M.20
		Nick Jost Mike Allman	Vernon, B.C. CANADA	D-6
		Daryl Rolla Lynn B. Hersch	Emerald Hills, CA	Stinson SR-10



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Kent Walter's Speech

Thank you for the special welcome and invitation to this 30th US Scale Masters Championship. I still remember very well the first one we had at Mile Square Park back in 1980, followed by the second at Tom Sawyer Park in Louisville Kentucky and many more thereafter. If I remember correctly, I attended all of them in some capacity until September 2001 shortly after this nation's 9-11 tragedy. I have now attended all but three of these 30 Championship events since they started and have been asked to offer a few words about these events and how it has grown or evolved over the years. I am not much of a speaker, so I will keep it brief.

Since its inception by the Scale Squadron with its many perceptive members along with the key driving force of Harris Lee, the US Scale Masters program became one of the longest lasting well-recognized programs we have for scale RC competition. That was also made possible with the continued efforts of Earl Aune starting in 1997, Bill Hart for another year starting in 2007 and most recently by the very supportive efforts of Carolyn Van Herk.

As a result of its almost 3-decade existence, many elements of the USSMA competition guidelines have also become part of the AMA rules as well as Top Gun over those many years. Sometimes they were clarifications to improve competition and other times they involved new additional flying maneuvers to expand choices for pilots. Other examples improved ways to level the playing field for many of the vintage aircraft that came to compete with one another. That process is still ongoing with new competition classes as the dynamics of our hobby continue to evolve. This is most evident in recent years with prevailing trends we now see in hobby shops with ARFs and ensuring there are a growing number of new faces at these Championship events along with the old.

As many of you know, there have also been features initiated many years ago for generating better pilots within the US Scale Masters Championships program compared to any other in the world. For example the Straight Flight Out, Procedure Turn, and Straight Flight Back was reduced to one maneuver instead of three. Also "maneuver combinations" were created rather than allow many of the well-known mechanical or scale operations to be optionally counted as stand-alone maneuvers on the Flight Score Sheet. These mechanical options were often achieved with the simple flick of a switch often resulting in very high scores with little expectation in pilot skills. In addition to making for better pilots in the USSMA program, it also obviously helped generate a further level playing field between various participating vintage aircraft.

One of the most important contributions the USSMA program has provided for these many years is an *opportunity* for many skilled modelers to come together with a common interest in scale RC to compete at the Championship event after *earning* that opportunity at many qualifier events. It is still the only RC scale competition program like that for attending such an event. I believe that environment has also created a level of respect and comradery among scale modeling competitors that is unequalled. Each of you are evidence of that here at this 30th US Scale Masters Championship Event, and I salute you all of you as "best-of-the-best" with great admiration and respect. With your presence along with your family and friends, I believe Harris Lee would agree we are "Keeping the Dream Alive".



Photo courtesy Mitch Baker

30th Annual Championship Event
U.S. Scale Masters, Sep.10-13, 2009
by Russell Knetzger, Judge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wenatchee, Washington: This town of 60,000 hosted the perfect model airplane contest. Perfect because of the site, the weather, and the extraordinary piloting those conditions fostered. A large turnout, of near 50 pilots, benefited.

Wenatchee is on the great Columbia River, almost halfway between Seattle and Spokane, in desert country just east of the Cascades. Sunshine 320 days a year. This is where Washington apples are grown, as well as cherries, and wine vineyards just starting, all by irrigation. With irrigation, the porous soils also make for perfect grass turf. The double surfaced runway, north 35 feet asphalt and the south in golf smooth grass, gave pilots the ideal choice of options. Most chose the grass (see photo).

This site was featured in the July, 2009 **Model Aviation** magazine, because it was entirely built for the club (Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers) by Waste Management as part of a land swap with the club. The whole result is of national-level quality. Its clubhouse overlooks the pits, and provides a large sun-shaded veranda, backed by 1st-class toilets, a good-sized meeting space, plus kitchen. Contest officials were close to the action and comfortable in that air conditioned space.

Piloting was exceptional because for all three days until noon the site was cool and calm, and warmer afternoon winds remained light and down the runway. The dramatic backdrop may have added to the focus on good piloting. A final foothill of the Cascade mountains extends past the field, wrapping it along the east. A few camouflage planes almost disappeared into that backdrop, only adding to the flight realism.

Wenatchee's aviation claim to fame is in 1931 the first non-stop flight across the northern Pacific Ocean, originating in Japan, landed here. It was the **Miss Vedol**. As modeled in the photo, it was a Bellanca Skyrocket J-300, modified with a guppy addition under the front, to help hold 950 gallons of fuel to cover the 5,000 miles to Seattle. But socked in with fog there, the flight hopped the Cascades east to Wenatchee. On Sunday a full scale replica overflew the contest during its noon air show.

Top placers of the 2009 Scale Masters were:
Expert: Jeremy Fursman, Snoqualmie, WA DHTiger Moth
Team: Bill Ensley,(b)+B.Boland(p) Phoenix,Stinson SR10
Advanced: Bernie Boland, Phoenix,AZ Citabria
Open: Robert Blake, Newbury Park, CA A6M5 Zero

The 2010 championships will be in Rosewood, IN, near Louisville, KY, Sept. 16-19, 2010. As usual, static judging is Thursday, flying Friday-Sunday; Dale Arvin, CD, Paul Cain, Asst. CD.



Club Photo courtesy Red Apple Flyers



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BY-LAWS FOR THE U.S. SCALE MASTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME, LOCATION, AND INCORPORATION

- 1.1 The Association shall be the U.S. SCALE MASTERS ASSOC., INC. and shall hereinafter be referred to and designated as USSMA.
- 1.2 The principal office of the USSMA shall be located as directed by the Board of Directors.
- 1.3 The USSMA is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The primary purpose of USSMA is to promote and foster education, interest, advancement, and competition in the sport of radio control scale model aviation **concerning the documentation, design, building and flying of scale model airplanes.**
- 2.2 More particularly:
 - (a) To encourage the study and discussion of scale model aviation.
 - (b) To organize and sponsor international competition.
 - (c) To recognize individual leadership and quality through an annual championship contest.
 - (d) To keep members informed through publication of member papers and newsletters.
 - (e) To encourage discussion directed toward group agreement on development needs relating to scale model aviation.
 - (f) To establish and maintain official rules and regulations governing the conduct of scale model airplane records and contests.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Any individual who indicates an interest in the building or flying of scale model aircraft or in furthering the purposes of USSMA shall be eligible for membership. **Annual membership runs from November 1st through October 31st each year.**
- 3.2 The directors shall determine the number of members and amount for dues.
- 3.3 All ~~[members and]~~ contestants at events shall maintain current membership in AMA or any other insurance membership approved by the directors.
- 3.4 All members will read and comply with these by-laws.
- 3.5 Members shall pay annual dues as established by the directors. Any member delinquent in the payment of dues for a period in excess of ~~[60]~~ 30 days shall be subject to termination by the directors. Any member terminated shall thereafter have no further right to vote. ~~[or participate in activities conducted by this Association except as may be specifically authorized by the directors.]~~
- 3.6 Any member found to be in violation of safety rules or rules of conduct established by the Directors shall be subject to termination of membership by the directors.
- 3.7 The Directors may confer, ~~[honorary]~~ **through majority vote, life** membership upon any individual or organization who has provided extraordinary or outstanding service to this Association.

- 3.8 The Directors may approve application for membership by an individual under the age of 18 years.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

- 4.1 The Directors shall establish annual dues for members.
4.2 Dues shall be non-refundable.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Board of Directors shall meet at least annually to vote on proposed changes. Meetings can be held by conference call, net meeting, ~~[or]~~ by email, or other **electronic means** if physical proximity precludes attendance.
- 5.2 Special meetings of the membership may be held at the call of the President or a majority of the board. The President shall give written or **electronic** notice.
- 5.3 Special meetings of the board of directors shall be at the call of the ~~[Chairman of the Board or the]~~ President. ~~[and written, email or the President will give telephone notice.]~~
- 5.4 **An annual meeting of the membership shall be held at the site of the Championship. Notice of the meeting shall be provided by mail or electronic means at least 30 days in advance but not more than 60 days before the meeting.**
- 5.5 The order of business at meetings shall be:
- (a) Call to order
 - (b) Introduce guests
 - (c) Reading of minutes of last meeting
 - (d) Treasury report
 - (e) Committee reports
 - (f) Old business
 - (g) New business
 - (h) Adjournment
- 5.6 Roberts rules of order shall govern ~~[the]~~ meetings.

ARTICLE VI. DIRECTORS

- 6.1 There shall be 5 or more directors consisting of all of the duly elected officers. The President shall serve as the chairman.
- 6.2 Directors shall serve a term of three years. ~~[except for 1998 wherein the directors shall hold office until the annual meeting in 1998.]~~
- 6.3 **The Director of Marketing and Technical & Training Director are not elective offices but appointed by the President.**

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- 7.1 A President (~~[also known as]~~ (National Chairman) ~~[who]~~) shall preside at meetings, preserve order and enforce the by-laws. The President shall designate a newsletter editor, and appoint executive assistants and committees to assist the President. Appointments shall include **Director of Marketing, Technical & Training Director**, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, and Personal Advisor to the President.
- 7.2 Two or more Vice Presidents shall be elected to attend to the President's duties in

- absence of the President.
- 7.3 A Treasurer (**Director of Finance**) who shall receive all monies and shall deposit the same in the bank accounts approved by the directors and shall keep accurate records of all financial dealings and shall present an itemized report at all regular meetings which shall be included in the minutes.
- 7.4 A Secretary (**Director of Administration**) who shall record the proceedings of all meetings in a record book, and shall conduct the correspondence and required administration and shall retain copies of all correspondence received by the Association.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

- 8.1 All officers shall hold office for three years **commencing October 1st of the election year** [~~except for 1998 wherein the officers shall hold office until September 30, 1998~~].
- 8.2 No member shall hold more than one office at any one time.
- 8.3 Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members **by electronic ballot or by proxy** [~~at a regular meeting~~].
- 8.4 Nominations may be made by any member entitled to vote and/or by a nominating committee appointed by the President. **Nominations will be open the first Tuesday in March and close the last Monday in May.** Written notice of said nominations [~~should~~] will be [~~sent~~] **provided** to the members **at least 60 days** prior to [~~any~~] election of officers.
- 8.5 **Balloting shall begin on the 2nd Tuesday of August and close on the 4th Tuesday of August. The Teller, as designated by the Board, shall tally the votes and cause the publishing of the results the day following the close of voting.**
- 8.6 Any officer may be recalled by majority vote of the members upon notice in writing to the members of the recall vote.
- 8.7 All officers upon election will become members of the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

- 9.1 The [~~Executive~~] **Advisory** Committee shall include association officers and others at the discretion of the President. [~~and shall meet at the call of the President~~] The President shall **appoint the chair of this committee who in turn shall appoint, not to exceed five, additional individuals to serve on the committee from the membership at large.** This committee shall recommend actions to be taken by the membership, plan activities and other duties, as the President shall direct.
- 9.2 The President may appoint any other standing committee to meet and report to the directors or membership at the will of the President.

ARTICLE X. RULES OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Members shall comply with the AMA Safety Code and Rules of Conduct.
- 10.2 Members shall conduct themselves in courteous and sportsman like manner.
- 10.3 Reports of violations shall be investigated by the [~~Executive~~] **Advisory** Committee, which shall promptly report its findings and recommendations to the directors.
- 10.4 A Competition Guide will be maintained for the purpose of defining the rules of

- safety and competition. The directors will vote each year to approve changes to the Guide as recommended by the ~~[Membership]~~ Advisory Committee.
- 10.5 All members and participants shall read and obey these rules before using field facilities and ensure all guests participating in flying events comply with all safety rules.
- 10.6 The directors shall have the right to terminate a member's privileges for a violation of ~~these~~ Rules of Conduct, By-laws or ~~the~~ field rules ~~[as]~~ that are defined ~~in~~ ~~[by]~~ the Competition Guide.

ARTICLE XI. MAJORITY VOTE

- 11.1 The membership shall be empowered to conduct its business and enforce these by laws by a majority vote of its members at ~~[any regular]~~ the annual meeting or special meeting of its members. Each member shall be entitled to vote by written proxy.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- 12.1 Any member may recommend and vote on any amendment to the by-laws.
- 12.2 Amendments shall be in writing and submitted to the Secretary. The Secretary shall cause the amendment(s) to be published in the newsletter ~~and/or the website~~ prior to being voted on. ~~[at the next regular meeting.]~~ ~~by electronic ballot or by proxy.~~
- 12.3 Adoption of amendments to by-laws, and limitations on club membership shall be approved by a majority ~~[vote]~~ of the membership ~~voting.~~ ~~[present at any regular or special meeting.]~~

Date adopted _____ ~~[April 18, 1998]~~

Signature by Corporate Officer _____/S/ ~~[Erling J. Aune]~~ Carolyn Van Herk, President