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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

Spring is in the air and that means that it is time to get back on the runway and back in the air.

We are happy to announce that the 32nd Annual US Scale Masters Championships will be held October 6-9 in Fresno, CA hosted by the Fresno Radio Modelers. Details are available on the club website www.FRCM.org.

We have many Qualifiers across the country who have sent in their information.....We are very happy to have Gunsmoke and the 49'er back on the active list again this year. Gunsmoke was scheduled in Mesa, AZ March 4-6. April brings us the Southern Cal Qualifier in Hemet, CA April 9-10. The

49'er is scheduled in Woodland - Davis, CA May 14-15. Following the 49'er we move on to Washington for the Cascade Scale Rally on May 20-22 in Snohomish, WA. That same weekend if you live in the Southeast, the Mint Julep Scale Meet is being held in Falls of Rough, KY.

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In June, we have the Central California Scale Qualifier in Fresno, CA June 17-19 (this is the same field the champs will be held on in October). The week after is the Dan Sullivan Memorial in Ukiah, June 25-26. Headed eastward, into Texas, the Texas Scale Championships/Scale Masters Qualifier will be held in Hurst, TX on June 18-19. Then it is back to California for the 35th Annual Dan Sullivan Memorial Qualifier in Ukiah on June 25-26.

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West VP Report:

By Mike Peck, Vice-Chairman West

Deadlines seem to be chasing me this year, and I'm the reason that this newsletter got published a lot later than Jeff, our intrepid editor would have liked. I offer my apologies for the delay, but like one of my first sergeants in the Army once growled; if you have a good excuse - don't use it.

I am pleased to report that the Gunsmoke qualifier held in Mesa, AZ at the beginning of this month was a good success by any measure. There were 39 entries in five classes, and we qualified three in expert, three in team scale, three in advanced, and two in the open class. Many thanks go to the One Eighth Air Force and the Arizona Model Aviators members who worked very hard to staff that event and made it a lot of fun. By the way, if you are struggling with limited financial results at your qualifier event, you really should consider including fun scale as a class. Fun scale can make a significant contribution to entry numbers and can help your event to be a financial success for the host club. I'm looking forward to seeing equally good participation at four upcoming western qualifiers, the Southern California qualifier at Hemet, the 49er qualifier at Woodland, the Cascade Scale Rally at Snohomish, WA, and the Texas Scale Championships at Hurst, TX. Good luck folks, and go qualify!

I would like to sound a cautionary note for our members who fly at r/c flying sites that are within a five mile radius of controlled full scale airports. We have seen a renewed interest by FAA air traffic managers in the Phoenix area in how high our models are being flown at r/c fields within that 5 mile radius of a controlled airport, which the FAA calls "Class D airspace".

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Eastern VP Report

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I would like to wish a Happy Valentine's Day to all my scale modeling friends. Well I don't know about you but we are experiencing extreme cold and continuous snow conditions. Not good at all to be outside, boy did I choose the right business, but my shop conditions are excellent. My wife Barb stopped in the other day and commented how clean it was and I showed her the plane I am getting ready to cover so I had to clean the bench. How about all you guys? Have you built your prize scale model for the coming contest season? Building elevates me out of depression. It also builds the anticipation of the test flight. I know years ago when a fellow club member asked me about the Piper Cub, my reply was that everyone should have a Cub. The Cub will teach you a lot about aerodynamics and most assuredly the use of the left stick, yep the throttle too. Well that is my new project as you squint your eyes, yes a Cub, from the guys at ARM in Canada. The kit is lazar cut and fits together perfect. This is just sport scale so I took some liberties and installed a bomb bay door for dropping things, primarily candy for the kids. I have just about fifteen weeks in the construction but you have to subtract Two and a half weeks for the time I was in Florida. Next year I build my shop at our house in Cape Coral. I covered the Cub with Polyfiber fabric from my friends at FM supply in Texas. Chip Mull is a modeler and carries all the things you would need to do a top notch cloth job on any plane. I am kind of a gadget guy so the engine a ZDZ 50 has an electric starter. The plane is 1/3 scale and I found a picture of a true Cub in Military colors. Watch out War birds over Indiana a bomb dropping Cub. Oh I do need to get this one finished because Boyko is not going to get the 5 year 337 Cessna complete by Top Gun. We will see how he manages the Cub.

I plan on flying in five contests this year starting with the Top Gun and ending at the Champs. If you are close to the Kentucky area you should put the Mint Julep on your list, my favorite con-

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The FAA has taken the position here locally that model flying at those sites within Class D airspace needs to be limited to a 400 foot ceiling, particularly if there is any full scale traffic anywhere within sight. Two of the five fully developed r/c fields in the greater Phoenix metro area are now operating under those ceiling limitations and further require a separate spotter for each flying model, as well as adherence to the AMA's see & avoid guidelines. I know that this is not new news to some of our members in the state of California, but I thought it was worth mentioning for the benefit of other members around the country that may not be aware of this apparent trend.

I would also be remiss if I did not briefly mention the recent passing of a long time fellow scale modeler, Mr. Jack O'Dell. Jack passed this week at the age of 86 and was known by many of us "old ones" in the Arizona, California, Nevada, and New Mexico area. Jack was an excellent r/c modeler, a true gentleman, and he will be missed.

I am extremely happy to report that we have (finally) been successful in securing a site in the West for the 2011 US Scale Masters Championships. Our host club is the Fresno Radio Modelers club in Fresno, CA. Randy Wartenkin is the go to guy for the club at this stage, and lots of work and planning is already underway. Negotiations are currently being hashed out with a hotel that will serve as our headquarters for the event and that information should be posted on the website very soon. I understand the negotiated room rate will be quite reasonable. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available, but your job, in the meantime is to go to some qualifiers, get qualified, and get ready to have some fun at the Championships. I hope to see all of you there.

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test. Mint dates are May 20, 21, 22. The Nat's will be held at the AMA site in Muncie at our National Flying Site. There will be a celebration of the 85th Nat's and the 75th anniversary of the AMA. The NASA group will have a picnic on Saturday evening. The dates are July 1,2,3 see you there. A call to all members, as a member of this years' nominating committee I am asking for some help. We are looking for some good people who enjoy our sport and would like to help our organization. If you are interested in a position please contact me by mail or phone 614-206-5589. Remember if you want change of any kind you must be willing to work for it.

Help me out I need something to write about so send me some stuff about your projects, your bitches, or complements. E mail then to me at Ma-barbee@aol.com

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North East RM Report

by Scot Stewart

Mitch Epstein asked that I hold the reins for the NE region and put something together for the newsletter. Being a fledgling scale competitor, I'm not quite sure where to go, but there are a few things to mention. In the Northeast we are hoping that we are breaking the trend of 5 major snowstorms in the last 6 weeks. While snow does help define the building season, it does try one's patience at times.

The best happenings here in the NE for scale modeling have been two scale modeling seminars with the key speakers being Roy Vaillancourt (Vailly Aviation & Seasoned Top-Gun Competitor) and Dave Wigley (Mr. Top Gun 2010). There was a seminar last fall on Long Island and that was followed by one in January hosted by the Mid-Hudson R/C Society. I was unable to attend either, so the information is passed on from the blogs at RCScaleBuilder.com. I, by no means, have any intentions of plagiarism here; the information below is gleaned from RCScaleBuidler.com and credited to the Mid-Hudson R/C Society and Bob A for posting it. I merely want to pass along this information and say that it is an exemplary effort in promoting scale modeling!

The seminar was focused on building techniques and familiarization/introduction to scale competition. The topics covered included, sheeting, fiberglassing, epoxy finishes, panel lines, rivets, weathering, and an introduction into competition and what the contestant should consider for a successful outing. 56 fellow modelers attended and the presentations were very much appreciated and applauded. The feedback to MHRCS was highly positive. I hope there are plans in the works for future events of the same.

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Are you aware that any donation to U.S. Scale Masters is tax-deductible?

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Please consider a donation to USSMA. Your gift will help us to 'Keep the Dream Alive' for your organiza-

Director of Admin

by Mitch Baker

Well, competition season is upon us. Lots of qualifiers have been scheduled and more will be as the year progresses. I want to again emphasize the use of the web site. We have a lot of information on the site. Application for judges, online color test for judges, form to submit qualifiers for CD's and a form to make it easy to submit the results. Forums to allow anyone to discuss scale happenings in their part of the country. They are there for you members to use.

Shortly after you get this issue of the newsletter, you should be getting member packets. I am finishing up the latest batch of cards and printouts. This year we are doing things a little differently. Renewal's are only going to get changed pages for the guide. New members will get a copy of last years guide and the change pages. Again this year, new members will be getting the new USSMA hat, the order form for a USSMA jacket, and returning is the USSMA discounts to many vendors in the industry.

April 1-3 USSMA will have a booth at the Toledo R/C Expo in Toledo OH. If you have not been to the show there you really need to. Look us up and stop by and say HI.

Personally I am also getting ready to head out to Phoenix AZ for the One Eighth Air Force Spring Flyin, March 19-20th. Check out the web site www.oeaar.org for details.

Back to the web site. You will always find the latest information on qualified pilots, results from qualifiers, where the qualifiers are, latest copy of the guide and much more. Remember the USSMA web site, www.scalemasters.org is the definitive place for most up to date USSMA information. I am always looking for things to keep the site up to date with current events, so please if you have something let me know. My contact info will be at the end of the article. As I said before, the site is for members, use it...

Happy Flying . .

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South Central RM Report

by Lawrence Harville



The South Central area is beginning to gear up for the coming contest season again. The Texas Scale Championships/Scale Masters Qualifier is scheduled for June 18-19, 2011 and we have begun recruiting judges and visiting and sending out flyers to clubs and scale flyers. Lucky for us we now have a pretty deep history of contacts who attend the event each year.

Our emphasis, as every year, is on getting NEW pilots to enter the event and so far we add a couple of pilots each year. We are drawing contestants from all over, come on down and show us Texas boys how real pilots fly. Host Web site <http://www.flygsw.org/>

I want to thank Airtronics for their continued support of the Scale Masters Program; we need more of this type of supporter. I would like to see more advertisement on a national level, seem like we (Scale Masters) just end up talking to ourselves. Last year if you were not a competitor in the Championships you had almost no chance of even hearing about the event. Surely the Leaders of SM could get some type of pre event coverage. We all need to talk-up the SM qualifiers and events. I am trying to do my part—are you?

This year in our region a new fly-in has been scheduled Warbirds over Texas , June 10-12. It is the week before our qualifier and I intend to use it as a recruitment tool for our event. If we copy the success of the Warbird over something events held all over the country with their multi-prize events, we could re-invigorate our SM group.

If you are in the South Central Region and would like your photo shown nation wide send me a photo and a brief write up and I'll put you in the next newsletter.

Photo #1 Glen Williams	Morisey Bravo
Photo #2 Doug Crumley	Pitts Special
Photo #3 Rick McIntyre	Stearman
Photo #4 Olen Rutherford	Fly Baby
Photo #5 Lawrence Harville	Meister 109
Photo #6 Darrel Abby	Top Flight P-40



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The AMA Scale R/C Nationals will be held in Muncie, IN hosted by NASA July 1-3. The British Columbia Scale Classic will be held July 15-17....for more information, go to their website www.vrcas.org.

CD's if your Qualifier information is not listed, be sure to go to the website scalemasters.org and submit your information so that we can get it on the website for pilots to see.

REMEMBER, the champs are only a few months away, so dust off your airplane and get out there and get yourself qualified so that you can join us in Fresno, CA in October at the Championships.

Until next time, fly safe and get yourself qualified for the Champs.

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From the Editor:

Well, darn—I could not coerce the contributors to add more words, so I have to fill in here— -

I want to thank Kenny Kear for his tutorial contribution on covering with monokote. It would apply to covering with ultracote as well as any other “cotes”. If you know of someone interested in scale but hesitant to take on the fiberglassing chore, Kenny’s how-to would be a great substitute. Unfortunately it is too long to add to the newsletter but it can be found on the website at <http://usscalemasters.org/forums/index.php/page,78>.

I have been in contact with the CDs for the 49er and the Dan Sullivan Qualifiers and things are shaping up well for both of them—the 49er is near Sacramento and will be held May14-15!; the Dan Sullivan is in Ukiah and will be held June 25-26 (but show up Friday if you can!). Both events are well run and a lot of fun—the 49er is on the Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers new field which I have not seen yet; Ukiah is in a wonderful setting with a grass runway. In addition, Fresno is hosting a qualifier June 18-19 at the same field the Championships will be held (good for a “tune-up”).

I hope your winter has gone well and you have had a chance to fix any gripes from last season, update any equipment needing it and had some decent weather for warm up flights—here in Northern CA we have just gone through about 3 weeks straight of days with at least some rain—the last couple of days have been beautiful, temps in the low 70’s—and my club is starting to hold our meetings at the field again—a sure sign that spring is here!

On a sad note, we just received word that Dick Heining, former owner of Proctor Enterprises passed away March 26. Dick was a great supporter of Scale Masters over the years. Our condolences to his family and friends.

See you at one of the above events I hope!

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Roy Vaillancourt on stage:



Dave Wigley presenting:



Roy taking some specific questions:



Dave showing his skills:



My apologies for any highlights/credits missed. By the looks of this last photo, there clearly is a healthy interest in scale modeling, we just need to figure out how to help all the interested enjoy the competition ring.

I'm still trying to gather the dates and details for qualifiers in the up coming season, but I am hopeful the Long Island and/or the New England Qualifiers will return again. Check the US Scale Masters Website for updates.

Best of luck to all prepping for the upcoming season and feel free to question those global warming theories!!

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