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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Hi Everyone,
I am happy to report that scale modeling is alive and well across the country, and competitive flying is under way. We have already completed several Qualifiers, SIR/CM Classic was held in September 2010, followed by Corvin Miller Memorial in November. 2011 started off with the return of Gun-smoke, followed by Southern California Qualifier, Top Gun. I am happy to report that the 49'er Qualifier is back once again as well. Rounding out the month of May will be the Cascade Scale Rally and Mint Julep Scale Meet.

I am once again looking forward to attending Mint Julep this weekend, it is always a great Qualifier "rain or shine" and they have a really great turnout!

Be sure to check the website scalemasters.org if you have competed in any of the Qualifiers that have been held so far and wonder if you have qualified to fly at the Championships.

Cascade Scale Rally - August 2010:

EXPERT.....Randy Smithhisler.....Dave Rawlings
TEAM....Randy Smithhisler (Builder) Roly Worsford (Pilot)
ADVANCED.....Roly Worsford
OPEN.....Grant Bailey.....Bob Bailey

Central California Qualifier - August 2010:

EXPERT.....Chris Spagenburg.....John Mota.....Larry Sutherland.....Brad Osborne
TEAM.....Les Mason (Builder) Tom Wolf (Pilot)

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West VP Report:

By Mike Peck, Vice-Chairman West

I was fortunate this year to be able to attend the 2011 Southern California Scale Qualifier at Hemet on April 9th & 10th. Curtis Kitteringham & the Hemet Model Masters did an excellent job promoting their qualifier and were rewarded with 34 entries in five classes. This was the largest turnout in recent year's memory and the Hemet Model Masters had their field in top-notch shape for the event with a new smooth runway paving job and a new huge metal shade ramada in the pits. The facilities were excellent for a scale qualifier and the contest workers were all friendly, helpful, and happy to have their event supported so well. The 'boys from Arizona' brought ten entries to the contest, most of which were members of the mighty One Eighth Air Force. It was a great event, and if you haven't been to it before, mark your calendars for next year – you won't regret the experience.

The Scale Masters nominating committee has completed its work for 2011 and has developed a slate of candidates for the positions of National Chairman, East Coast Vice-Chairman, West Coast Vice-Chairman, Director of Administration, and Director of Finance. The USSMA will formally announce those individuals nominated for these jobs on or about June 10th. This year there are two candidates running for National Chairman (Carolyn Van Herk and Bernie Boland) and two candidates running for West Coast Vice-Chairman (Phil Goodwine and Curtis Kitteringham). These candidates offer a choice in how your organization will be run for the next three years, and I encourage all of you to communicate with them to find out what they would like to accomplish for the Scale Masters organization. The other candidates running singly for elected positions are Mike Barbee for East Coast Vice-Chairman, Mitch Baker for Director of Administration, and Richard Barndt for Director of Finance. Balloting will begin on August 9th and will close on August 23rd, 2011. Voting is a privilege limited to current members of the US Scale Masters, so remember to become informed and above all, vote.

Planning for the Championships event is coming along nicely and it will be a top-notch event to determine the best of the best again this year. Both Gunsmoke and Hemet had excellent turnouts and qualified a good number of excellent pilots for the Championships, so attendance should be well up for Fresno. Several qualifiers are yet to be held, so if you haven't yet qualified, plan to go, compete, and 'git er done'.

I think we all recognize the importance of bringing new people into scale r/c modeling (at any level) for the collective well-being and continuation of our sport. I would like to cite a couple of examples of what is being done out West, but would like to hear from those who have also tried some things to stir

interest in r/c modelers who might benefit from a nudge toward scale. Sharing such information and experiences may just get some other people interested in doing something... anything to encourage new folks in getting into scale competition.

Mike Greenshields is the new Scale Squadron of Southern California's Commander and has convinced the group to add a scale competition primer component to their hugely popular Chino annual scale fly-in. My understanding is that during the regular non-competitive fly-in, they are making one flight line available to anyone who wants to learn more about how to fly in a scale competition. That flight line will be manned by experienced scale modelers who will share their advice and information about maneuver selection, how maneuvers are judged and scored, mandatory and elective maneuvers, etc., with the hope of getting new people interested in flying in a competition environment. This is a great idea when done in conjunction with an established scale fly-in as the people who are there are already interested in scale airplanes.

The One Eighth Air Force recently completed a 10 week seminar, hosted and funded by one of their members, Rich Wildey, where a new P-47 ARF kit was bashed to teach people techniques in scale finishing & detailing. Three or four members were recruited to be 'instructors' for different phases of the seminar and to lead the hands-on training of modelers who had never tried to modify an ARF with scale improvements. Much of the work done over the 10 consecutive Saturday afternoons included removal of stock iron-on covering, surface prep, fiberglass covering, panel-line and rivet detailing, spray painting, fitting of scale oleo struts & wheels, finishing and installation of a dummy motor, scale cowl attachment, modification and scale attachment of flight surfaces & trim tabs, and so forth, in addition to more routine ARF assembly work. The seminar was quite successful and a future seminar of a built-up kit is now being considered.

Some clubs and individuals have hosted scale boot-camps in the past where a day, or a weekend at a field, is dedicated to discussing and teaching the finer points of documentation and competitive flying of scale models. Curtis Kitteringham, Roly Worsfold, and others have both organized those kinds of events in the past. Perhaps this is the year that you or your club can get more involved in promoting scale modeling and flying. If you have done, or are planning this or a different type of a teaching activity for the future, give me a call and I'll help with some publicity or recognition.

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Eastern VP Report

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East



Hi everyone, well it's hard to believe two years have passed by so quickly and now it's time for our elections. I will have more later in my column.

I don't know about you but the weather was just bad for the months of March, April and May. There wasn't a day that it didn't rain in my area. Talk about really making the concrete business tough as if it's not tough enough, May was the worst. That also meant no practice flying so boy was I cold at my first of the year Top Gun event, even though it was in sunny Florida.

It was a great contest as always and the addition of the new class Unlimited allowed me to fly in two classes, both Unlimited and Expert. My team mate Ed Newman brought a quality scale model his, Macchi 200, and I also flew my T-34 C in the Expert class. It was a lot of work flying both models but we did well with a 2nd and I had an 8th place finish.

Just two weeks after TG we were on our way to one of the oldest scale contests in our district, the Mint Julep. I flew in two classes again and you could tell I had had no practice. Oh boy did it rain on Saturday! I think Dale Arvin schedules a rain day every year. That is his only fault as both he and Paul Cain do a super job of putting on a contest.

I will be looking for some USSMA members at the Nat's. It is the 75th anniversary of the AMA and 85th Nat's competition. Try to attend—scale competition is July 1, 2, 3; check in is by noon on Friday. The NASA organization is planning a picnic and hangar party on Saturday after flying. We have an auction and great food. Put it on your calendar and I'll see you there.

The USSMA elections are this year, the candidates and offices will be listed in this edition. I am running again for the East Coast Chairman. I am kind of getting into the groove and getting my newsletter articles just days late, not months. (*Editor: and I really appreciate it Mike!*) I appreciate all of your support last year, and I am always open to your ideas and suggestions. I will do my best to continue to support the Scale Masters and their events

I would also like to endorse a couple of the other candidates: Carolyn and Mitch are again running for the offices they now hold. I have talked to both and they agreed to endorse Carolyn for the Scale Masters Chairman and Mitch for Director of Administration. I think a change in either of these positions may hamper the growth of the organization. In other words things are running smoothly and this allows us to concentrate on other changes. Just my opinion and I only have one vote so remember if you want a change you must step up and run or cast your vote.

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From the Editor

Jeff Whitney

Once again I am left with blank space to fill . .

One reason the newsletter is sometimes late is because I have to get reports from everyone, and with everyone busy with daily life (including me) it sometimes takes a while. As it is, I am still missing a report from the North East Regional Manager, but I feel that I should get this edition out rather than wait any longer.

Many thanks to Lawrence and his contest pictures! Unfortunately they came without captions, so they are just there to enjoy.

I have attended a few events this year, the IMAA West Coast Fly-In at Castle Airport, the 49er Qualifier and the Dan Sullivan Memorial Qualifier. Attendance seemed to be down at all 3 events, one of them was certainly due to the weather—the other two—who knows? In spite of the inclement conditions at the 49er I managed to get qualified, mostly due to the bad luck of one of the other entries in the event—but I'll take it. The bad news is that in preparing for the Dan Sullivan, things were going great right up until I crashed. A good lesson was learned—I had had to change radios, and instead of taking a test flight to check that all the throws were correct I launched right into a flight routine. When I entered the loop (with a slight dive) it looked as if I had plenty of altitude, but I was short by about 2 feet. Fortunately I was off to the side of the runway and planted it in the pickle weed that borders our field or the damage could have been a lot worse. Looking on the bright side, now I can fix some of the problems—and by the time I am done, maybe my pilot from Wales will arrive!

Ever leave your shop door open and have the neighbor kids stop by and take a look? That's a good time to hook them, especially if you have one of the small park flyers handy—more heart-pounding than a simulator!

I've had a chance to chat with Randy Warkentin and he tells me that things are progressing nicely for the Championships, it should be a good event.

You should have received voting info about the time this newsletter comes out—be sure and vote, even for those running unopposed—it really does help.

Blue Skies and Fair Winds,
Jeff

Well we are well into the flying/competition season. I was again able to attend Mint Julep this year. If you are ever in the area and want to find out how to run a large scale competition, stop by Mint Julep. Paul Cain and the guys from SIR/CM really know how to host an event. Again this year we had 3 generations from a family competing. Father (Ron Pound), son (Andy Pound) and grandson (Trey Pound). Trey took first place in Fun Scale Novice, and was awarded the Young Eagle award. Andy took first place in Fun scale Advanced, which will qualify him in Open for the championships and was given the Flight Achievement award.



Pictured left to right, Mike Barbee (USSMA East Coast VP), Tray Pound, Carolyn Van Herk (USSMA National Chair), Mitch Baker (USSMA Director of Administration)

This leads me into some administrative information I want to remind everyone about. CD's, the award which was given to Trey at Mint Julep is available to any qualifier. ALL CONTESTANTS 16 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER GET THIS RECOGNITION. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will get you in contact with the folks in charge of this program. It is a great program, designed to recognize the youth in the hobby regardless of how they place at a contest. The One Eight Air Force helps fund this so lets take advantage of it to help generate some interest with the youth. CD's please check the web site and make sure you submit your qualifier information. This is the only way we can let Airtronics know to contact to about the radio they donate as a prize to each qualifier, and how we update the calendars. When your qualifier is complete, please submit the information via the form on the web site. Again, this sends the information to the proper people so we can get notifications to those who have qualified. Leading into that, e-mail notifications for qualified pilots will

be going out shortly for those we have e-mail addresses. Now a reminder to the members, if you are competing, make sure you let the CD know you are a USSMA member. We have ask all CD's of qualifiers to give the members a \$5.00 discount on your entry fee. If the CD forgets, remind them. The club hosting does not loose anything by doing this, USSMA reimburses the club. I am very busy this time of year, not only trying to get all the updates from CD's posted figuring out who is qualified, but work is really busy this time of year. If you e-mail me and don't get a response right away, please be patient. If you don't hear anything in a couple days, try again...

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South Central RM Report

by Lawrence Harville



Down here in the DEEP South our contest season starts next month with The Texas Scale Championships/Scale Masters Qualifier is scheduled for June 18-19, 2011. The contest is the longest running scale contest in Texas and the only one in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas---well you get the message, sure wish some of you guys in the surrounding states would step up and host a scale contest.

Some shots of our previous contestants



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

Gear up and locked!

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Advanced.....Corey Dail
Open.....Paul Stenburg.....Tom Berg

Corvin Miller Memorial - November 2010:

EXPERT.....David Pinegar.....Tom Czikk.....Skip Mast
TEAM.....David Berry (Builder) Roger Nicolet (Pilot)
OPEN.....Tom Smith.....Curtis Switzer.....David Pinegar

Gunsmoke Qualifier - March 2011:

EXPERT.....Tom Wolf.....Jay Steward.....John Cole
TEAM.....Wayne Frederick (Builder) Bill Adams (Pilot)
 Olen Trenary (Builder) Alan Moulton (Pilot)
 Ron Peterka (Builder) Curtis Kitteringham (Pilot)
ADVANCED.....Bob Frey.....Rick Powers.....Bill Powers
OPEN.....Tom Mulder.....Mike Pope

Southern California Qualifier - April 2011

EXPERT.....Adam Gelbart.....Tim Cardin.....Paul Curley
TEAM.....Chuck Maitre (Builder) Bob Frey (Pilot)
ADVANCED.....Randy Warkentin.....Robert Blake.....Mel Santmyers
OPEN.....Dave Lloyd.....Howard Kennedy.....Jay Widdows

Contest Directors, remember to go to the web site and send in your Qualifier Results so that we will be can be sure that they get all the Championship information and plan to attend and participate.....We need your help!!!

The Championships will be held October 6-9 in Fresno, CA and hosted by the Fresno Radio Modelers, Randy Warkentin is the CD.

Randy is still in need for some certified judges, contact him if you are interested at warks62@gmail.com. If you are not yet certified to be a judge, you can get the application form on line as well.

The registration form and Brochure forms are both on the website at www.FRCM.org here is the link on both.

Registration... http://www.frcm.org/docs/scalemasters_reg_form_final.pdf

Brochure..... <http://www.frcm.org/docs/scalemasters%20qualifier.pdf>

Hotel Info..... <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/fatch-courtyard-fresno>

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Best of luck in the upcoming qualifiers and I look forward to seeing all of you in October.

Until next time, Fly Safe,
 Carolyn



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