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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

The countdown to the 32nd Annual Championships, October 6-9 is well underway.....To help speed things along, Mitch is busily emailing out Championship information to all those pilots who have already qualified and we have an email address for. I will be following this up with hard copies of the packet, this way whether you have email or snail mail, we won't miss getting the info to you. If you haven't done so yet and would like to qualify for this year's champs, be sure to check the web site for any upcoming Qualifier in your area.....we would love to have you join us.

Hats off to Randy Warkentin and his group of volunteers from the Fresno Radio Modelers Club who will be hosting this year's event. They are doing an awesome job!! If

you have ever helped put on a Championship, you know that it takes everyone working together behind the scene to make it a smooth running, fun and successful event.....Great job guys!!!

If you are planning to attend as either a pilot or spectator and want to join us, we will be staying at the University Square Hotel, 4961 N. Cedar Avenue in Fresno. You can make your room reservations by calling (599) 224-4200. In order to receive the special room rate of \$89 per night, you need to call before September 19 and let them know that you are with the US Scale Masters group.

Hope to see you in Fresno in October.....Until then, fly safe.

Best Regards,
Carolyn

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West VP Report:

By Mike Peck, Vice-Chairman West

I would like to thank Carolyn Van Herk, our current US Scale-Masters National Chairman, for all her hard work during the past three years. Carolyn took a personal interest and provided valuable work at each of the three Championship events conducted on her watch, and the results of those Championships were all outstanding contests that everyone enjoyed and had fun at. This year I've asked her to work less and spend more time having fun at the Fresno Champs event. I would also like to thank Gary Norton, our outgoing Director of Finance. Gary has worked diligently since 2000 to help make the US Scale-Masters a financial success, and has kept all the officers on their toes to make sure that our events were profitable and could sustain the activities of the organization from year to year. My hat's off to both of these fine folks and I encourage you to thank them for their service at the Fresno Championships next month.

Congratulations go to our new National Chairman-elect, Bernie Bolland, our new West Coast Vice Chairman-elect, Curtis Kitteringham, and our new Director of Finance-elect, Richard Brandt. These men will need and deserve your support and assistance in the future as they take over the reigns of your US ScaleMasters Association and set its goals and objectives after the Championships.

Speaking of the Championships, they are just under one month away as of this writing, and Randy Warkentin your contest director and Dan Sohinzo your contest manager are doing a yeoman's job of pulling things together. It should be a great contest, and I sincerely hope that if you are qualified this year, that you will attend and compete. I know things are tight in the economy, but this is one scale contest you do not want to miss. All four qualifier classes, i.e. expert, team scale, advanced, and open are available, so there is something for everyone, and the Fresno Radio Modelers are working to make this an exceptional event.

As for me, the conclusion of this event will end my tour as your West Coast Vice Chairman. I appreciate all of you that have helped me with your advice, guidance and participation in our ScaleMasters program. This year we have seen an increase in your participation with our ScaleMasters Qualifiers in the West. I believe that this will also translate to an increase in the number of pilots attending the Championships. Remember, this is your US ScaleMasters Association and the only way to 'keep the dream alive' is to support it with your membership, your participation at the Qualifiers, and to attend the Championships.

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Eastern VP Report

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From the Editor

Jeff Whitney

This usually goes on the back pages, but I did not want to rearrange everything just for the sake of this.

The Championships are rapidly approaching, I am sure that most of you are really looking forward to attending. But have a thought for all those people who make it possible for the event to happen.

Not just the usual staff—Carolyn, Mitch, Mike, Mike and Mike—but don't forget the people there on the ground working. Be sure and thank both the static judges and the flight judges. You may disagree with the scores you get, but they are out there all day long doing the best job they can for YOU.

There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes that the competitors never see or thank about. It would be nice if you all stopped any one of the workers and said thanks for their efforts,

Having CDed smaller events, I can appreciate everything Randy and his crew are doing and going through—it can really take it's toll on you.

Let's also take a minute in remembrance of the victims of the recent air show tragedies.

I have my WWI fly-in next weekend, and am gearing up for that, just finished the trophy plaques over the weekend and on to the next project—cleaning the workbench off. Never gonna happen!

Blue Skies and Fair Winds,
 Jeff

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From the Director of Admin,



The election is over, the ballots have been counted and the results announce. But just in case you missed it, here are the results of the 2011 election for the 2012-2014 Board of Directors.

National Chair - Bernie Boland

West Coast VP - Curtis Kitteringham East Coast VP - Mike Barbee

Director of Finance - Richard Barndt Director of Administration - Mitchell Baker

Let us thank the outgoing National Chair, Carolyn Van Herk, West Coast VP Mike Peck (and Jeff Lovitt) and Director of Finance Gary Norton, for the hard work they have put in and still putting in for the 2011 championships.

I wanted to highlight a few points of accomplishment for the board over the last few years. The current board set a few goals, we did accomplish several of them and some are still being worked. Here are just a few examples:

Expanded benefits for members:

1) Newsletter to showcase member projects; add qualifier results; section for building tips & hints

We have started this. But it will take contributions from others outside the board. We have had some submissions which were either showcased in the newsletter or on the web site.

2) Member-only forum on the website for communication between members

This is there.. Ready for members to use.

3) Window sticker or decal with USSMA logo and "Classic", "Charter", "Champion" or "Life" footer

Well, we do now have a yearly window sticker.

4) Product discounts from vendors

We now have several vendors who give members a discount on products.

Not mentioned but also established was a USSMA hat for new members.

General Tasks

1) Revise the current website so that there are ways for user updates such as member address changes, qualifier results from CD, posts of member projects, etc.

Work is continuing on this item. We do have areas for the CD's members and non-members alike. Over the next year we should have more of these allowing members to update contact information.

2) Need to update and revise the By-laws (I have already started on this)

Gary championed this and we did get this accomplished.

This is not a complete list, but I just wanted to highlight some of the items the board has been working on.

Let us also welcome in the new folks and do what we can to help them continue to grow the U.S. Scale Masters and promote the hobby of R/C Scale Aeromodeling. I know I look forward to working with these folks and seeing what new vision will bring.

The 2011 Championships are almost upon us. There are still two major qualifiers to take place in between now and the Championships: the North West Scale Championships which will probably be in the books just before this gets published (check the USSMA web site for results) and the SIRCM Scale Classic. Both will give non-qualified pilots the choice of qualifying for 2011 OR 2012 Championships. Check the web site for more details on each qualifier. This year we have over 160 pilots qualified so far. With more to possibly come from the NW Scale Championships. Below are the currently qualified pilots. If you see your name and you were not yet contacted, we apologize. We do the best we can to gather the contact information from the CD's of the qualifiers, but sometime the information is not correct. Carolyn has sent out the USPS version of the pilot packets and they were also e-mailed out. If you have not received yours, please check the web site. A copy of the pilot pack is posted there or contact me directly dirofadmin@usscalemasters.org Also information on the [Fresno Radio Modelers](#) who are the host club. They are working hard as well to make this a great event. So, now on the list. If you know any of these folks, take the time to congratulate them...

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There will be a general membership meeting at the championships. Please check the web site and on site at the registration table for the exact date and location.

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South Central RM Report

by Lawrence Harville

TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011



It has been 60 days of over 103 degrees this summer and not a lot of flying has been going on down here in Texas. The one event that goes on every year is The Texas Scale Championships, put it on your list and come on down next year. We have had extreme heat and rain but this year the wind would not stop and it affected our event with not a lot of entries next year will be better.

The cream of the crop competed again for the honor of the Texas Scale Championships. This was the most wind I have ever flown in and I have been to a lot of contest over the years. It was so bad that before the contest Max and I got the pilots together to see if they wanted to postpone the contest to the next available date---none of that at this event---they voted to fly and it was left up to the individual pilots if they wanted to risk life and plane---they did and not a single plane crashed---what a feat. This year was not a year for excuses, the best came out to fight it out. The peanut gallery was cheering and clapping as each pilot safely and exciting flight ended. Well done.

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To paraphrase what Winston Churchill said about a similar group of pilots "Never have so Few, fought so Hard" Tagged the "Duel at WINDY Flats" we almost called it "Duel at the Dump" but that was overruled by the women at the event. When the pilots voted to fly my voice went up about two ranges and I said "Gentlemen the fight is on". Sonny Coleman lead the charge with his Yellow P 47, and after a while we all settled down and everybody turned in some of the best flights to be seen at any contest. No contest in Texas can be completed without a little controversy, we are a little laid back--- but this argument involved who had the worst wind while they were flying—came down to a tie.

Everybody in Fun Scale Class voted to fly—it could have been the Airtronics radio going to the winner of fun scale had something to do with flying. This year the radio was won by Mike Kopfe who won Fun Scale, this was Mike's second year to enter the event and he narrowly miss the win last year. Close 2nd was Darrell Abby followed by Chuck Rovell.



Advance Class was won by storming Sonny Coleman who flew all four rounds with no problems, but hot on his tail was Steve Nicholson, former GSW member who now lives near San Antonio. Third was Ed Couch

Expert class was won by me with Max Ficken in Second and Tim Lovett in Third.



The 2011 Texas Scale Champion is Sonny Coleman who flew every round and was hear to say "Wind? What Wind? This is just a Texas Breeze."



The Texas Scale Championships could not have been run if not for the help of MANY of the Greater Southwest RC Club members, Max and I thank you all. I am going to list the helpers—knowing I am going to leave someone out—let me know if I missed you.

Contest Chairmen Lawrence Harville-Max Ficken

We had the lowest turnout for a scale contest ever, We think is was because of the wind kept some of the pilots from coming and we hope for bigger turnout next year. Next year you guys put on your big boy pants and come out and fight with the rest of us.





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