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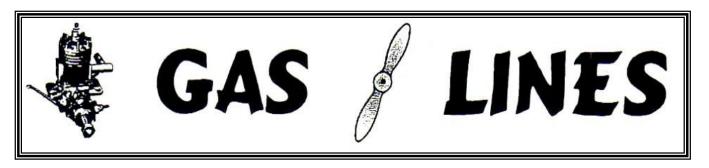


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SCAMPS Meeting for October 2016

The October meeting is scheduled at the home of John Powers on Saturday October 8th at noon and a luncheon is planned. John's address is 17282 Bergen Circle, Tustin CA 92780. Phone is 657-232-0997 in case you need assistance in finding the location. See you there!

SCAMPS NEWS

Corporate Free Flight-it's real!

Well, sort of. Daniel Heinrich shared his recent victory in a USO fun event held at the Northrop Grumman facility in Palmdale. It was an open invitation to the site employees to participate in a flying contest using "balsa wood airplanes" (I guess the world needs to re-discover this). Naturally who could resist, and Daniel did his earnest best to show 'em how it's done, winning both the duration and distance events. I'm pretty sure he was the only one present that had insight on what to do to win so is that really fair?

I think so, as I went through the same experience at the Northrop Grumman production facility in El Segundo a few months earlier. Only this was for paper airplanes hosted by the design engineering organization for the F/A-18 Hornet. This attracted

by Clint Brooks





quite a few participants and they allowed flying in the high bay area of the 902 building, the same one the Douglas SBD *Dauntless* was built in in during WWII. If for no other reason I always daydreamed about some indoor flying in that cavernous area and this looked like the bucket list chance to me.

I didn't pull off the win for distance as I didn't construct a paper javelin to throw as far as I could, but endurance-I set the record for the day. No ticker tape parade followed, but I think there is ground swell for more of this with the young engineers who who showed up with their Millenium Falcon designs and such. Since they didn't understand how to trim for HLG, they couldn't muster more than 6 second flights at best.

Opportunity knocks....do we need to host a professional Science Olympiad next?

Some SCAMPS contest news AND a few shots of SCAMPS in action at the USFFC just completed last weekend. Beautiful weather both days, very litle wind and the temps were high but bearable. There was light turnout but everyone seemed to enjoy the time together which is the most important part.

First, the lost Lotto contest report from June-sorry about the delay Hal.

28th annual SCAMPS Twin Pusher and Lotto Contest

by Hal Cover

The 28th Annual Contest was held on a very hot day, (100+ degrees F.) The turnout was small with 15 contestants registered but all the intrepid contestants had a good time and everyone won prizes. The recently reworked channel and road created dusty conditions and everyone went home with light brown cars.

The flying weather was good with some wind coming up around 10:00. There was good participation in both the Perris special and Nostalgia events (6 entries and 5 entries).

The Twin Pusher event was unusual, I was flying, for the fun if it, my 40 year old "Pioli 1911 Racer". I got the best time I had ever got with it (56 sec!) Dan was flying his twin pusher with only one motor since the other broke while winding. An ancient mariner versus a wounded duck!

TWIN PUSHER

1st Hal Cover, 56 sec

2nd, Dan Heinrich 34 sec

1/2A NOSTALGIA

1st Don Kaiser 512 sec

2nd Ron Thomas 180 sec

3rd Bob Scully 47 sec

ABC NOSTALGIA

1st Jeff Carman 536 sec

2nd Hulan Matthias 524 sec

3rd Ken Kaiser 514 sec

ABC OLD TIMER

1st Jeff Carman 105 sec

PERRIS SPECIAL

1st Ron Thomas 710 sec

2nd Ray Peel 657 sec

3rd Hulan Mattias 530 sec

NOSTALGIA ELECTRIC

1ST Bernie Crowe 540 sec

E36

1st Stan Buddenbohm 600 sec

2nd Clint Brooks 343 sec

LARGE OT RUBBER

1st Fernando Ramos 94 sec

SMALL OT RUBBER

1st Fernando Ramos 89 sec

A short report, but all of us appreciate the effort Hal has put into this contest over the years. I'm surprised he is still willing to conduct it and we all owe him our gratitude-thank you Hal!

SCAMPS Club Contest report Wednesday Sept 14, 2016

by Bernie Crowe

After a threat of rain Tuesday, contest day turned out fine. It was a little cool to begin with, and windy after 10:30, but otherwise nice. We had six events scheduled for the day: OT Large Rubber; OT ABC Ignition; 1/2A AMA Gas; 1/2A Nostalgia Gas; E36/F1S Electric; and E-20.

There were no takers for OT Ignition, and this used to be one of our favorite events. Maybe because we have folks out of action and moved away. The 1/2 A events were more popular with four entries in AMA 1/2A. Phil Ronney pulled in the win beating Ron Thomas by 17 seconds. There were only two fliers in Nostalgia 1/2A, and Hulan Mathies' *Spacer* beat Ray Peel's *T-Bird* handily to take the win.

Entries were down in the rubber event too. Again, many of the regular fliers in this event were absent. George Walter and Fernando Ramos both flew *Red Buzzards*, and Fernando also entered a *SuperSnooper*. Fernando had problems with used motors and only made one flight with each plane. George took the win easily with a total of 459.

In electric, E36 has been another of our popular events. This time saw three entries, but only one flew! My new model suffered electrical gremlins and never really took to the air. Fernando brought a fresh battery for his *JouleBox*, but forgot to put Velcro on it. As it attaches to the outside of the model with Velcro, he couldn't fly. Carl Redlin was reluctant to enter as he has only just taken up electric, but his one flight of 110 earned him the win, and we hope to see more of him flying this class in the future.

E-20 is a fun and inexpensive event, but it hasn't caught on with the SCAMPS. Only Lance Powers and myself flew, Lance with his BMJR *Kiwi*, me with a scratch-built *Mini-E*. Lance put up his three flights early as he had to leave by 9:30. He dropped his first one but then scored a 76 and 77, respectably close to the 90-second maximum time. I had problems with my usually reliable plane, first with the power train then with an annoying stall, and Lance beat me by a good 30 seconds. Naturally, my next two flights were comfortable maxes, but that don't count!

Thanks to John Riese for CDing this month's events. Our next Club contest is October 12, with Nostalgia Wake/Rubber, all .020 Gas, Perris Special, and AMA Electric. Hope to see you all there!



SCAMPS Electric E20 - Perris 09-14-16								
NAME MODEL ROUND 1 ROUND 2 ROUND 3 FO 1 FO 2 SCORE PLACE								PLACE
Lance Powers	Kiwi	48	76	77			201	1
Bernie Crowe	Mini-E	48	47	76			171	2

SCAMPS F1S/E36 - Perris 09-14-16								
NAME	MODEL	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FO 1	FO 2	SCORE	PLACE
Bernie Crowe	Own Dsgn	dnf						
Fernando Ramos	Joulebox	dnf						
Carl Redlin	Pearl 202	110					110	1

	SCAMPS 1/2A AMA Gas Club Contest - Perris 09-14-16									
	NAME MODEL ROUND 1 ROUND 2 ROUND 3 FLYOFF 1 FLYOFF 2 SCORE PLACE									
1	Ron Thomas	Country Boy	180	140	180			500	2	
2	Hulan Mathies	Swayback	180	76	105			361	3	
3	Phil Ronney	AstroStar	157	180	180			517	1	
4	Jeff Carman	Texan?	63	dnf				63	4	

	SCAMPS 1/2A Nostalgia Gas Club Contest - Perris 09-14-16								
	NAME	MODEL	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FLYOFF 1	FLYOFF 2	SCORE	PLACE
1	Ray Peel	T-Bird	136	131	143			410	2
2	Hulan Mathies	Spacer	131	180	180			491	1

	SCAMPS OT Large Rubber (comb) Club Contest - Perris 09-14-16								
	NAME	MODEL	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	SCORE	PLACE		
1	Fernando Ramos	Super Snooper	117	dnf		117	2		
2	Fernando Ramos	Red Buzzard	95	dnf		95	3		
3	George Walter	Red Buzzard	159	167	133	459	1		

SCAMPS Club Contest Survey August 2016

by Bernie Crowe

Since the SCAMPS Club was founded in the 1960s the members have met each Wednesday to fun fly and socialize; the Club also hosts a number of weekend contests which are well attended and widely respected. About seven years ago I initiated the idea of holding low-key, friendly contests on Wednesdays for various events, and the idea took hold. Now those contests are held each month and cover dozens of different events. From the beginning the concept had four goals:

- to give Club members a chance to fly their planes against others in the Club flying similar aircraft;
- to provide a venue for low-key, stress-free competition, especially as an introduction for those who don't ordinarily compete;
- to expose members to different classes of flying than those they normally fly, to broaden their interest;
- and lastly, to give members a chance to learn how to run a contest in a low-responsibility environment.

As time went by, we added more and more events at the request of fliers, and this year we have scheduled 57 events total, typically five each month. But as our activity has grown, so this year has seen attendance drop off somewhat and there was concern that we are no longer providing what most of you want. Now, admittedly we have lost several of our original fliers, some moving away, some not able to make it to the field, and some going to that big thermal in the sky. Also, we realize that not everyone can make the Wednesday meets due to work or other commitments. Nevertheless, it seemed time to re-examine how we fly, and I designed a survey to find out what you would like to see changed.

The survey went to every active Wednesday flier, and some were filled out immediately on the field, while others were e-mailed in. From the 35 surveys that were sent out, we received 16 responses, a pretty good reply rate. The results of the survey are shown completely on the next page, but a couple of key points came out clearly. First of all, there was a consensus that you want the monthly Club contests to continue, and that the majority (12 to 2) want to continue on Wednesdays. When asked if we should fly the contests less often, say every other month, those who responded were split 50/50 for keeping it the same or reducing it.

In discussion with most responders, some other points emerged. There was general agreement on dropping the contests in the summer months when it is too hot. I'd remind everyone that the CD of the month has the option to postpone or shorten the contest at any time due to weather or other factors, so this should be doable without changing the regular schedule. However we'll look at cutting the schedule back in the summer months. On the topic of alternate events, there is clearly a desire on the part of the FAC fliers to include more of their events in the schedule. We introduced the Jimmy Allen event three times this year, I am talking to Roger Willis about this and other changes are in the works. There was one request for catapult-launched glider to be added. We used

to hold this event every year but dropped it two years ago due to apparent lack of interest, but if enough people want it we'll put it back.

One other suggestion came up several times, namely to hold joint contests with our closest southerly Club, the San Diego Orbiteers. As they fly their events at Perris on Saturdays, having lost their field at Otay Mesa, this seems like a good idea, and I will be talking with the Orbiteers officers about this to see if there is interest on their part.

One of the problems all clubs face when running a competition schedule is the proliferation of events. It is natural for those who fly to want to see their "own" events included. The result often is that there are fewer entries in more and more events. It's not just our problem, it is common throughout the model flying world. We will be looking into this as next year's schedule is developed to see if there are advantages in restricting the number of events and consolidating some of them. Let me know what your views are.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this survey, and keep the feedback coming.

SCAMPS Club contest questionnaire responses

Please answer the questions in this survey. The intent is to give all SCAMPS fliers a better competition experience. Your answers will be taken into consideration in planning 2017.

35 surveys sent out. 16 responded.

33 surveys sent out. To responded.			
(Where responses do not add up to 16, s	ome responses were	blank.)	
Do you fly in SCAMPS Club contests?	Yes: 15		No: 1
Do you think the SCAMPS Club Contes	t		
schedule needs to be changed?	Yes: 4	No: 8	
If yes, would you like to see the contests	3		
run on alternate months (6/year)?	Yes: 5	No: 6	
Would you fly more often if different	Yes: 3	No: 10	
events were offered?			
*List three (3) events you would like to	1.		
see offered			
see offered	2		
	3		

Comments: * Most events listed were events already offered. Questionnaire was poorly worded (my fault) This was supposed to be a response to "would you fly more often if other events were offered: if so, which events."

Would you prefer to see the SCAMPS Club contests run on some day other than Wednesday?

Which day? WED: 12 SAT/SUN: 2

Would you prefer to see the SCAMPS

Club contest dropped all together? Yes: 0 No: 14

Our thanks to Bernie for taking the time to process this survey and provide feedback. I have not seen anyone in the club do more to keep this agenda alive with the dwindling FF population and my hat is off to him.

I did not respond to the survey and I see Bernie hit all my buttons for options going forward. I will say this-there are two groups who fly at Perris-the SCAMPS on Wednesdays and the SDO/FAI/SCAMPS/non-associated newbies who come out on Saturdays to fly free flight. I personally believe there is a bigger crowd at times on Saturdays but I don't attend on Wednesday enough to be accurate in this perception. I hear the SDO side is fading quite a bit and the opportunity to link up may help energize the two clubs-I'll be interested to hear what the SDO board thinks of the idea-we all seem to be part of the same greater club anyway-the SoCal free flight community, right?

And now, some SCAMPS in action at the USFFC this past weekend. My apologies to Jeff Carman who was flying like crazy-I didn't manage to catch a shot of you. Jeff got an NFFS National recognition award for most FF Power contest points flown during 2016. I'm waiting to see how balsa fatigue is going to affect the wing flutter on his big yellow and blue Texan. We were taking bets about wing failure on Sunday, but it never did. Congrats on your National recognition Jeff!



John Reise describing the pleasures of being at Lost Hills and enjoying the day



Ken Kaiser getting ready to launch his Astrostar-love the color fade on his model



Bob Sculley launching his FAI Viking-another beautiful model to watch



Phil Ronney ROG's his *Strato-Streak*



Rob Cobb readies his 1/2A Texaco *Powerhouse* for an attempt

SCAMPS Monthly Club Contest Schedule 2016 V2.2									
Мо	Day	Rubber	Power	Electric	CD				
Jan	20	P30 / Jimmy Allen	1/2A-A, BCD AMA Gas	F1S (E-36)	B. Crowe				
Feb	17	OT Small Rubber (comb)	1/2A-A, BC Nos Gas	E Nostalgia	Ray Peel				
Mar	16	OT Large Rubber (comb)	All 1/2A AMA + Nos Gas	AMA Electric	Joe Jones				
Apr	13	P-30 / Greve mass launch	Perris Special	F1Q	L & J Powers				
May	11	4oz Wake / 8oz Wake + Mulvihill	1/2A-A, BCD AMA Gas	E Nostalgia	Joe Jones				
Jun	15	Twin Pusher/Coupe (F1G)	All Hi-thrust AMA + Nos	F1S + E-20	Gene Drake				
Jul	13	P-30/Comml Rubber	Perris Special	AMA Electric	Ray Peel				
Aug	17	Moffett / Comml Rubber	1/2A-A, BC Nos Gas	E Nostalgia	Pual Guiso				
Sep	14	OT Large Rubber (comb)	All 1/2A AMA + Nos Gas	F1S + E-20	John Riese				
Oct	12	Nos Wake / Nos Rubber	All .020 Gas, Perris Special	AMA Electric	K. Sherman				
Nov	16	P-30 / Jimmy Allen	1/2A-A, BCD AMA Gas	F1S	G. Walter				
Dec	14	Gollywock Mass Launch + OT Small Rubber (comb)	1/2A-A, BC Nos Gas	E Nostalgia					



FLY ELECTRIC!



SCAMPS/SCIFS Old Time Fall Annual

Combined with SAN VALEERS Nostalgia Annual CD: Terry Thorkildsen (805) 495-6135 Co-CD: Tom Laird (310) 544-7606

**** Any Event can be flown on either day, do not have to finish same day! ****

October 29 & 30, 2016, Lost Hills, California

Saturday

7 AM to 4 PM

½ A Texaco (7 AM to 11 AM)*

A/B/C Pylon

30 Second Antique

SAM Gas Scale

Small Rubber Cabin

Large Rubber Stick

A/B Nostalgia***

OT HLG/CLG

Bungee Launched 36 Inch Towline Glider

<u>Sunday</u>

7 AM to 2:30PM

Texaco (7 AM to 11 AM)
A/B/C Cabin
.020 Replica
Large Rubber Cabin
Small Rubber Stick
Pee Wee Antique
C Nostalgia***
Electric Nostalgia

Entry fees: \$10.00 registration (includes 1st event), \$5.00 additional events

Lost Hills Membership required

Gollywock Mass Launch Saturday 8:30 AM Twin Pusher Mass Launch Sunday 8:30 AM

*1/2 A Texaco: 8cc fuel, any .051 or smaller engine, best single flight of 3 official flights

***Nostalgia Gas engine runs are 10 Second Hand Launch, 13 Second VTO or ROG, then 7&9 seconds

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