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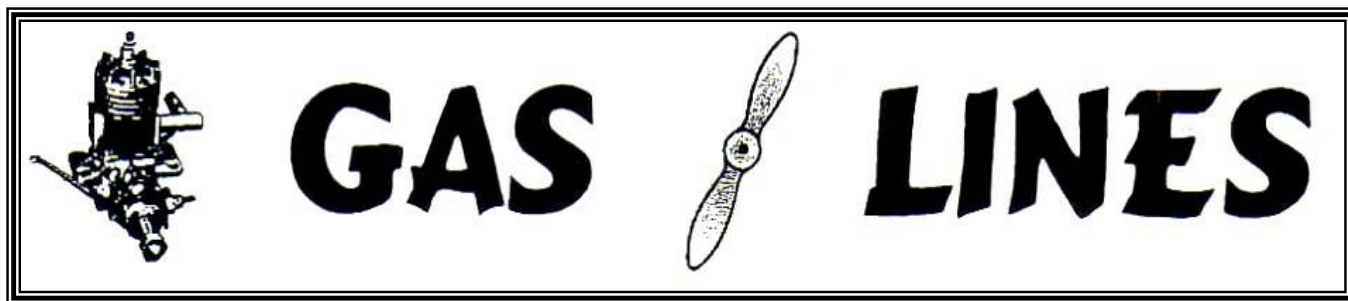


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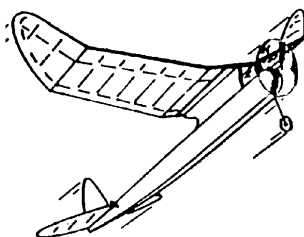


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SCAMPS November Meeting



As of this writing no meeting is planned for November. The December meeting is on for Thursday Dec 7th at the Santa Ana Hometown Buffet on 1008 17th Street, starting at 6 PM. *Please take note of the referendum at the end of the newsletter for some important information we are asking for input on.*

SCAMPS NEWS

by Clint Brooks

This period of time represents a historic turning point for the SCAMPS. As of the past few years we've seen our group starting to slow down, as evidenced by fewer and fewer hosted club meetings. Similarly, the monthly club contest participation is starting to dwindle to just three or four flyers, and participation in SCAMPS events at Lost Hills contests is becoming minimal. So, what is going on? Are we going to fade away to nothing or do we still have an active free flight club?

Time is not going to stop for any of us, and it's just a fact of life that the generations that cherish the art and sport of free flight aeromodeling are on the mature end of our life cycles. We can't control that, so what do we have control of that can help us remain vibrant and postured for stability or even growth in the future as a free flight club?

In my opinion (and shared by others) there is a lack of consistency for communication and a lack of visibility for what we do. The SCAMPS by-laws have a built-in provision that does not call for structured club meetings, instead allowing club officials to work amongst themselves on club business and report back as required. In essence, club meetings are mandated to be social events that rotate location each month. Club business can be brought up as a special agenda or special meetings can be held, but this was not the main desire of the founding members who felt this represented tedium and a waste of their time. This model has worked fairly well for years I suppose, provided there were enough willing members to host each month and people were satisfied with this arrangement.

Today we need to step back and look at this again. Free flight modeling is no longer easily observed in most communities. The club population is aging out and starting to go quiet with time. The only thing connecting us together for the most part is the work of a few and this newsletter. We are slowly losing ground and will cease to exist as a cohesive unit unless we take some steps to bolster our club operation and strategies.

First, we need to stabilize our club meeting situation. I personally don't think the rotating host model is working any longer (it never did for me). While socializing is very important, we need to have a place we meet every month that doesn't change. And this mainly to anchor ourselves to a time and place that people interested in free flight will find out about and be able to attend when they are ready. Virtually all the R/C clubs in the SoCal region have meetings structured around a common gathering place, and this gives a foundation to all who are members and those who may wish to join. We should be doing similar things to create the sense of community for the free flight branch of modeling in our region.

I also believe that once our meeting situation has stabilized we will have more of a focus on membership, contests, flying site concerns and yes, socializing and the camaraderie that develops within a close-knit club resulting from these repeated opportunities. In this way we re-establish free



flight as something that is still practiced and can be learned from those of us still going strong. And this will create stimulus and visibility for what we are all about.

Earlier in October there was an email broadcast call for nominations to take over club officer positions. I have offered to work in the capacity of club president. I have an agenda you just read about above, and am also not going to limit the club to pure Old Time and Nostalgia modeling areas. Our club by-laws again state this as a strict rule, but I would propose to all of you this cannot remain a strict focus for the club as there is simply not enough interest in this alone to grow in the future.

No, I'm not tossing aside all of what the founding SCAMPS vision was based on. We need to have the Old Time and Nostalgia elements present, because that is the club core heritage and carries weight in the history of our lives. I was an infant in the Golden Years of aeromodeling, coming of age in the 1970's. My nostalgia does not go back as far as some of you, but I have the same nostalgia for the models I experienced and was enamored with in my youth, just as you do yours. We all share that common bond which is why this club has lasted so long and people keep coming into the ranks. So, my vision as club president is to make sure all aspects of free flight our club members are interested in get recognition and given consideration in planning contests and other events we may wish to conduct. Folks, we need to re-group and re-think what we are doing to ensure a high degree of satisfaction exists for all of us together, or why bother being in a club?

Okay, enough of my soapbox. We still have a need to nominate new club officials-so far Lance Powers has offered to be club treasurer and myself for president are the only ones who have raised a hand to take on management of the SCAMPS. Ted Firster has kindly offered to continue in the role of club Safety Officer. Given that Ted is remote to us now, we won't be seeing him at Perris very often, or even Lost Hills. As much as we love Ted and appreciate his support, we really should be nominating a safety officer from those of us living local that fly at Perris frequently. Our by-laws require this to be sanctioned by the AMA. George Walter and Mark Williams have also indicated they prefer someone to be nominated for their roles so nominations/volunteers are sought for every remaining position, including newsletter editor. I will continue in this editor role until things settle in December, but the newsletter is an important piece of recurring business as you all know and if someone would like to take a crack at it I'll help you transition. There is a referendum at the end of the newsletter concerning nominations and a proposed club by-law modification-please review and respond. The plan is to have this settled in November so we can announce club officers in the December newsletter. Please support the club and yourselves by volunteering to support and come out to the club meetings when they are established in 2018. Each and every one of you matters. And bring a friend.

And now my quick report on the 2017 USFFC at Lost Hills-

The weekend was probably the beginning of a good spell of flying conditions at Lost Hills. Weather was moderate temps and low wind velocity. There was a reasonable sized turnout-I'm not sure the total number of entries but there had to be at least 33 or so signed up by the time I did on Saturday morning. Ed Carrol was CD'ng for us and did a fabulous job. There was FAI being conducted to the north and west of the main flying area, mostly F-1A, B and G fliers. I'm not sure if anyone flew F-1C or not-the participation in that event has dropped off radically in the past year. Main players

on the field were the Nostalgia Gas flyers who put up a good row all day long each day. Texaco models were out and about too as conditions were great with low drift conditions on Sunday.

I flew my usual rubber and electric events, teaming with Don DeLoach and Lee Hines to share timing duties amongst us. We did pretty good and nobody was forced to miss any particular opportunities due to lack of a timer.

There was quite a variety of models being flown-straight line towline gliders, HLG, CLG and a few large Mulvihill ships-most notable was Bud Romak with his huge model that just flew forever with a high pitch prop you could count the blades ticking by. When this model is at 1,000 feet it looks like it's at 500 due to the size so easy to keep watch on it. I believe Carl Redlin was also in the mix on a large Mulvihill model-I just can't afford the cost of the rubber for something like that!

Carl was the only Twin Pusher entrant and flew his transparent red number to good effect but with no competition it was just eye candy for all of us watching.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the first flights on a Class D Satellite, powered by a Rossi .61. This model had been built 20 years prior and never flown-the construction and finish on it was unbelievable-more like a fine musical instrument than a model airplane. I can see why maybe you would want to just gaze at it for a long time. In any case, the model was successfully flown four or five times and looks like it will be a winner eventually-the Class D models are something else to witness in flight.

A few junior flyers were on the field trying out P-30. I'm not sure they entered or not but it was good to see the kids and dads out there learning to fly the models. We need to keep encouraging anyone who makes the trek that far and help them be successful.

Jeff Carman ended up the contest Grand Champion and also won the Texaco trophy-again.



I caught him as he was loading up and I think his name is on that trophy quite a few times.

A lot of regulars were missing this year. Compared to the first time I attended this contest the event has shrunk considerably. This seems to be the theme going into the future as people start to let go of the hobby for whatever reason. Sad as that may seem, it was still a great weekend and everyone there had a wonderful time.

The field conditions at Perris are pretty decent now and club contest flying has resumed. Here is the latest from Bernie reporting on the October club contest turnout:

SCAMPS Club Contest Perris Oct 18, 2017

by Bernie Crowe

What was forecast to be a perfect flying day, and indeed started out that way, quickly turned into a blowout. The gentle 1 mph breeze and mild temperatures provided some easy flying early on, and though the forecast was for 1 mph winds 'til 09:00, "tapering off" thereafter, in fact by nine o'clock two-minute flights were going well out towards San Jacinto Road and into the weeds.

Nevertheless, some of us flew. The scheduled events were OT Large Rubber, Perris Special, OT Sport Glow, and AMA Electric. Our CD was Phil Ronney.

First out of the box were Hulan Mathies and Phil Ronney flying in OT Sport Glow, an event coined by Hulan. He was flying a *Stratostreak* and maxed his first two-minute flight but lost his plane OOS towards the road. Phil flew his *Champion* well and recorded three maxes in short order. Hulan's plane was eventually found but too late for him to make any more flights so Phil won.

I expected a better turn out in electric, with Hal Cover and John Riese both good fliers in this event. Unfortunately, neither could attend, both having wives with recent surgeries that required their husband's help. Phil Ronney had his electrified *Champion* ready to compete, but by the time he had finished in OT Sport Glow the drift was too fast for prudent flying. So, as the only entry, I flew my FIS model *Fugette* as an AMA Electric and maxed the first two flights before the wind grounded me too.

Amazingly no one flew in Perris Special, usually a popular event, and even Fernando Ramos had his plane ready to go! OT Large Rubber suffered a similar fate, and though there were several entries on paper, in fact nobody made an official flight. Bummer. One bright note, we had our occasional annual visitor Paul Burns on the field, down from Washington. Good to see these rare friends now and again.

November's Club contest will be on November 15, flying P-30, Jimmy Allen, 1/2A to A AMA Gas, B-C-D AMA Gas, and E-36/FIS electric. Let's hope we have better weather!

2017 Free Flight Contest Schedules -Perris/Taibi Site Unless Otherwise Noted

SCAMPS Monthly Club & Sanctioned Contest Schedule 2017					
Mo	Day	Rubber	Gas	Electric	CD
Jan	25	P30 / Jimmy Allen	1/2A, ABC, D/supD AMA Gas	F1S (E-36)	B. Crowe
Feb	15	OT Small Rubber (comb)-weather cancel	1/2A, ABC Nos Gas	E Nostalgia	H. Mathies
Feb	5	Haggart/Bowden-Perris-weather cancel			
Mar	15	P-30 / Greve mass launch	All 1/2A AMA + Nos Gas	AMA Electric	J. Jones
Mar	12	SCAMPS 13th Annual Taibi Contest-Perris			
Apr	12	OT Large Rubber (comb)	Perris Special, OT Sport Glow	F1Q + F1S	R. Peel
Apr	22-23	SCAMPS/SCIF Texaco-Lost Hills			
May	17	4oz Wake / 8oz Wake + Mulvihill	1/2A, ABC, D/supD AMA Gas	E Nostalgia	J. Carman
June	4	Lotto/Twin Pusher-Perris: CANCELLED			
Jun	14	Twin Pusher/Coupe (F1G)	All Hi-thrust AMA + Nos	F1S + E-20	Cancelled
Jul	12	P-30/Comml Rubber	Perris Special, OT Sport Glow	AMA Electric	Cancelled
Aug	16	Moffett / Comml Rubber	1/2A, ABC, D/supD AMA Gas	E Nostalgia	Cancelled
Sep	13	OT Large Rubber (comb)	All 1/2A AMA + Nos Gas	F1S + E-20	R. Thomas
Oct	18	Nos Wake / Nos Rubber	Perris Special, OT Sport Glow	AMA Electric	P. Ronney
Oct	21-22	SCAMPS/SCIF Fall Annual-Lost Hills			
Nov	15	P-30 / Jimmy Allen	1/2A-A, BCD AMA Gas	F1S	G. Drake
Dec	13	Gollywock Mass Launch + OT Small Rubber (comb)	1/2A, ABC Nos Gas	E Nostalgia	B. Crowe

San Diego Orbiters Monthly Club & Sanctioned Contest Schedule 2017					
Mo	Day	Rubber	Power	HLG/CLG	CD
Jan	29	P-30 (no rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
Feb	19	OT/Nostalgia (no rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
Mar	19	Coupe (3/26 rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
Apr	9	P-30 Memorial (4/30 rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
May	20-21	SDO/FGMC FF Bonanza-Lost Hills			
June	11	Coupe CANCELLED	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
July	N/A	No Contest Planned			
Aug	N/A	No Contest Planned			
Sep	17	Coupe (no rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
Oct	15	P-30 (10/29 rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
Nov	12	OT/Nostalgia (11/19 rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn
Dec	10	Coupe (12/17 rain date)	Any-Gas or Electric	Any	Mark Chomyn

OASIS Squadron FAC-20 Outdoor Schedule 2017				
Mo	Day	Events	Location	CD
Apr	12	Jimmie Allen, Biplane ML, OT Rubber fuselage	Perris	Roger Willis
Jun	21	2-bit+1, WWII Combat ML, FAC Rubber Scale	Perris	Roger Willis
Oct	4	BLUR Race, Greve/Thompson comb, Jimmie Allen	Perris	Roger Willis

San Diego Scale Staffel Outdoor Schedule 2017				
Mo	Day			CD
Feb	25-26	Flying Aces Club	Perris	John Hutchinson
Sep	9-10	Flying Aces Club	Perris	John Hutchinson
Jul	4	Orbiters Mooney Contest	Perris	



Note to guests interested in observing or flying free flight models at Perris:

The usual time to catch us in the act is in the morning. Most Saturday mornings are when people come out to test fly or tune up their models and skills, and just have a good time. You can observe a handful of top FAI rubber and glider flyers along with with others flying a range of model types-mostly endurance rubber powered and electric or gas powered. Scale free flight models are flown when the Scale Staffel has their FAC contests also noted above. These are typically conducted over two day periods to get in all the event categories normally flown. Flying usually starts 7-ish and ends late morning depending on winds. There is usually a group that flies on Wednesday as well if you would rather make a mid-week trip. Come join us-see the map above for an idea on directions-it's on the east side of the 215 freeway, off San Jacinto Ave.-there is a dirt road entrance on the right.

Lost Hills Model Airfield Contest Schedule 2017			
Mo	Day		Rules
Jan	N/A	No Contest Scheduled	
Feb	11-12	Isacson Winter Classic/Kiwi F1E	FAI/AMA
Feb	15-16	North American Open	FAI
Feb	16	California Cup F1E	FAI
Feb	17	Bob White Max Men International	FAI
Mar	?-?	SCAT Annual	FAI
Apr	22-23	SCAMPS/SCIF/San Valeers Spring Annual	AMA/NFFS/SAM
May	20-21	Dual Club FF Bonanza-SDO/Fresno Gas Model Cl	AMA /NFFS/SAM
May	27-28	Bissonette Memorial	FAI
June	N/A	No Contest Scheduled	
July	N/A	No Contest Scheduled	
Aug	N/A	No Contest Scheduled	
Sep	22-24	US FF Champs	AMA/NFFS/SAM
Oct	6-9	Kotuku Cup	FAI
Oct	8-10	Sierra Cup	FAI
Oct	21-22	SCAMPS/SCIF/San Valeers Fall Annual Annual	AMA/NFFS/SAM/FAC
Nov	?-?	Patterson Memorial	FAI
Dec	N/A	No Contest Scheduled	

Other Contests of Interest 2017			
Mo	Day		Rules
Jan	14-16	Southwest Regionals-Eloy AZ	FAI/AMA/SAM
Feb			
Mar			
Apr			
May			
June	3	Western States Championships-Sacramento CA	AMA/NFFS/FAI/SAM
July	24-28	AMA Outdoor Nationals	AMA/NFFS/FAI/SAM
Aug			
Sep	2-4	Rocky Mountain FF Champs-Denver CO	FAI/AMA /NFFS/FAC
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

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SCAMPS Membership Form



We are accepting memberships to the SCAMPS (Southern California Antique Model Plane Society) at this time. Our membership is for one calendar year, from January through December. Membership includes a monthly newsletter, with the latest information on contests, building projects, flying news from Perris, plus much more. We also host several contests each year, plus have a weekly fun-fly at our Perris, CA field. These happen every Wednesday morning, weather permitting. There is also another group of SCAMPS that fly on the weekends. Members also receive a membership card and SCAMPS decal sheet. All members are welcome to attend monthly meetings, where it is more a social gathering, than a formal meeting. Refreshments are served at all meetings and it is fun to catch up on the latest happenings with your friends. We hope you decide to join in on the fun. If this is a renewal, simply write your name below and send your dues. I have all your other information on file.

Dues are **\$30** for regular newsletter snail mailed, and only **\$15** for members who receive the newsletter via E-mail ONLY. All funds should be made payable to the SCAMPS. **Please send your dues to Kevin Sherman, 1521 S. Normandy Terrace, Corona CA 92882-4036.**

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2017 SCAMPS Club Referendum

All responses to this referendum to be sent to Clint Brooks/Kevin Sherman. **Deadline for responses/nominations is November 6th, 2017. Votes will be taken and summarized by November 16th, 2017 to allow publication of results in the Dec newsletter prepared by November 22nd, 2017.**

Part 1 Election of new Club Officers for 2018. Per by-law Article 4, Paragraph 'A' the election meeting occurs in January on an annual basis. This referendum Part 1 will serve to gather nominations toward fulfilling this obligation at the first meeting conducted in January 2018 during which new club officials will be introduced and the board seated to conduct SCAMPS business in 2018. Voting results will be announced in the December 2017 newsletter.

Club Officer Positions

President: Daniel Heinrich incumbent; Clint Brooks nominated to position and nomination accepted. Other nominations may be submitted if desired.

Treasurer: Kevin Sherman incumbent; Lance Powers nominated to position and nomination accepted. Other nominations may be submitted if desired.

Vice President: George Walter incumbent; position open for nomination or volunteer

Meeting Coordinator: Mark Williams incumbent; position open for nomination or volunteer.

Club Safety Officer: Ted Firster incumbent, has offered to continue in role.

Newsletter Editor: Clint Brooks incumbent; position open for nomination or volunteer.

Membership input required:

1. For President, are you willing to nominate yourself or another club member? Please provide 'yes' response (and name) if willing to serve in this role, or the name of the person you wish to nominate.
2. For Treasurer, are you willing to nominate yourself or another club member? Please provide 'yes' response (and name) if willing to serve in this role, or the name of the person you wish to nominate.
3. For Vice President, are you willing to nominate yourself or another club member? Please provide 'yes' response (and name) if willing to serve in this role, or name the person you wish to nominate.

1. For Meeting Coordinator, are you willing to nominate yourself or another club member? Please provide ‘yes’ response (and name) if willing to serve in this role, or name the person you wish to nominate.
2. For Newsletter Editor, are you willing to nominate yourself or another club member? Please provide ‘yes’ response (and name) if willing to serve in this role, or name the person you wish to nominate.
3. For Club Safety Officer, are you willing to nominate yourself or another club member? Ted Firster has offered to continue in this role if nobody else wants to assume it. However, Ted is no longer local to the Perris and Lost Hills flying sites and is safety officer in the spirit of the position only from a practical perspective. From an AMA sanctioning perspective, we would be wise to nominate someone who frequently joins with the group where we typically operate and avoid any perception of not fulfilling this requirement.

Part 2 Revision of By-Laws (Proposal)

(As Written)

Article 5, Paragraph ‘A’ stipulates SCAMPS club meetings are to be held monthly by a hosting club member. These meetings may or may not involve formal club business meeting elements.

(Proposed Change)

Revise Article 5, Paragraph ‘A’ to read in effect monthly club meetings will be held at a standing location to be determined by club officers. In addition, club President may conduct a separate board meeting to review business elements, planning and issues concerning club matters prior to the regular meeting and this information shared at the regular meeting. Frequency of board meetings at discretion of club officers.

Membership input required:

Do you prefer to keep the club meeting an informal hosted monthly event as it is currently mandated in the by-laws?

Do you prefer to have a monthly club meeting at a standing location that includes a standard agenda where business and planning matters are reviewed with the membership?