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The Newsletter of the Palomar RC Flyers

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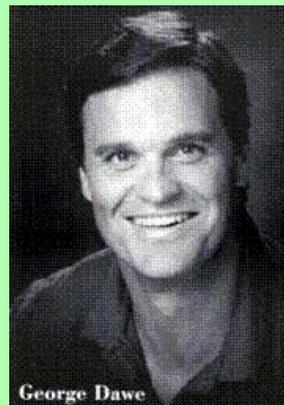
December 2008 President's Column

OK, originally I was going to make this a long drawn out recap of the entire years events, but then I realized you can go back and read it all on line! I just did. But this has been an eventful year for the Palomar R/C Flyers. We hosted many events including a "National" helicopter Fun Fly, a full "Combat Competition" series, a "World War I Fly-In", several Glider Tows, Three Youth Events, a Fourth of July barbecue, and several work parties designed to bring our club into San Diego County building code compliance.

We also participated as a club in several off-site events including 2 Airshows a Mall Show, a Church Fair, several Combat "Build-a-Thons", and an inter-club Fun-Fly series! As I said it was an eventful year! While I don't want to go into too many details some of the events defined our year!

For example, lets start with the work parties. Our first work party built a fence to prevent dumping. This project took a weekend and was primarily completed with the leadership of Curtis Kitteringham, David Drowns and Bill Hill. The fence has virtually eliminated dumping on the west side of the roadway turn-a-round circle and the project was very successful!

Many of you will recall that the County of San Diego gave us a directive to bring the field into compliance with the building code by either paying to have the structures brought to code and pay a use permit or demolishing the structures. We chose a 3rd alternative to modify the structures such as the sunshades to eliminate County jurisdiction and demolish the Car track stand. As I write this letter we are 95% in compliance with the County...and if it stops raining long enough to finish the Helicopter sun Shades, we will be in 100% compliance by December 31, 2008! A special thanks to Varley Longson who I will never forget driving that Bob Cat making it look like an M1A1 Abrams... that made my year! Varley will not be on the Board this up coming year and I will miss his input!



The Helicopter Fun-Fly was a blast! As I stated before it is an event that must be seen to be believed! Many of the top Helicopter pilots in the nation graced our field with their presence and boy did they put on a show! Special Thanks to our Helicopter Chairman, Justin Barry for his energetic commitment

to this event! In a related matter, I want to thank Don White for his enthusiasm and ability to act as an unofficial liaison and both fixed wing and rotary wing flight promoter. Don might not have known it, but I watched as he set a wonderful example for all to follow as a “general” model aviation enthusiast. His skill in electric, gas/ fixed wing and Rotary wing served as an inspiration to all members! He was always trying to help a fellow modeler every time I saw him at the field!

The Combat events returned with a vengeance, but I will let you read the final yearly results in our January issue after the December Combat awards are given away at the Christmas Party! Darrel Albert deserves special praise as Combat Chairman as does our Line Judge David Truax. Good Job Guys!

The Palomar R/C Flyers, under the guidance of Glenn Pohly and Curtis Kitteringham, returned to the local full scale air show circuit! While the Fallbrook Airfair remained Club only participation, the Ramona Airfair had an interclub flavor that helped our reputation with other local clubs.

Speaking of inter-club activities, the Palomar R/C Flyers took 1st place in the InterClub Team Fun Fly, with Palomar R/C Flyer Bill Hill taking Second Place in the individual event. I want to thank club members Bob Peterson and Angel and Tamara Moreno for their tireless work in that event! A job well done!

Another Job well done was put forth by our Raffle Chairman/Swap Meet Chairman/Board of Director Robin Solomon. Robin put countless hours in many projects for the club and never complained once!... well maybe once...but only once! I will miss Robin’s enthusiasm, wit, and down-home charm...no better way to say it.

Alas, our Editor Sean O’Conner is retiring from the post in order to focus more on the hobby and less on writing about it. Sean, my thanks and praise to you for your efforts will never equal what you have done for the club through your tireless time and effort! Thank you!

Finally, I want to put out a special thanks to Curtis Kitteringham, without whose help I could not have done this job! Period. If I need Pricing on an item...Curtis was there. If I needed to organize an airshow in a moments notice, Curtis was there. If I need an ear to confide my concerns and plans...Curtis was there. Despite preparing for countless airshows, (winning a National Championship with his Team partner Ron Peterka), He found the time to seek me out and be a true voice of reason in a sometimes stormy sea. Thank you Curtis...your service will be missed most...!!!

That’s it for this year! I hope this Transmitter issue finds you well and in good Holliday Spirits! Please allow me this one indulgence when I say to you...God Bless you all!

Your President,
George Dawe



Minutes of General Meeting Nov. 20th

The fixed wing sunshade project has been completed. All sections are 325 sq. ft. or less, making it county legal. The new wood still needs to be painted to match existing material. The heli sunshade still needs to be completed by the end of the year.

George presented a plan to put together a Boy Scout Jamboree in the spring of 2009. The Jamboree would include troops from San Diego and at least one troop from another county. The Scout Jamboree and finishing the chain link fence at the front gate are the only formal projects scheduled at this time.

Tickets for the Xmas dinner are available from Dave Truax, 1312 Shadow Hill Dr San Marcos, Ca. 92069. Please make checks payable to PRCF. We need a final head count for the caterer by Dec. 15th.

Bill Hill got 2nd place in the inter club Fun Fly to lead our club team to 1st place overall. Team members are Bill, Bob Peterson, Butch Abongen and Gary Thompson.

Ron Peterka told us about the cross country trek he and Curtis Kitteringham and Ron's trusty Stinson SR-9 took to claim the Scale Master's Championship in Team Scale. A great accomplishment in a very tough competition. Jan 9th-11th will be the dates of the AMA Expo at Ontario, Ca .

Joe Buko's treasurer's report;

Checking:	\$837.56
money market:	\$6790.43
Total:	\$7627.99



Model of the Month:

Crawford Meeks showed his E-power Conversion of a Global J-3 Cub A good-looking match of plane and power. Terry Harner brought in the plug that he and Butch Abongen will be using to pull the fiberglass fuse for their SSC combat Spitfire. Ren and Robin Solomon won this month's plaque with their giant-scale F-W 190. The fuse and wings are all composite construction. It is powered by an electronic ignition G-62. Don White brought in a Cermak F-16 that weighs in at 10# and is powered by an O.S. .91. Don scuffed the plane badly on it's first landing and was prepared to junk it, but Jimmy Mazurek volunteered to repair it and he did a beautiful job. He told Don he will repaint the ship when Don learns to land it! After the meeting, George M.C'd an auction of donated items to raise money for the prize raffle at the Xmas dinner. A total of \$125 was raised by George's enthusiasm. I paid \$8.00 for a partially completed kit I already have at home. George is very persuasive. Look for the video on You Tube.

No minutes were submitted for the Board of Directors meeting this month since the Secretary was unable to attend.

MODEL OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 08



This model by Kondor Model Products has a wingspan of 71 inches, weighs a little over 17 pounds. It is powered by a Zenoah G-26 with electronic ignition, recently we have purchased a 3 bladed prop and spinner. The Kondors air retracts that were specially made for the FW-190 keep the airplane up and looking good. It has not flown yet, but I am planning on flying it soon after it gets checked over.

Combat Corner

PEARL HARBOR CLASSIC 2008





PEARL HARBOR CLASSIC

The two day event was conducted without a hitch and all participants had a great time. Attendance was down somewhat due to a marginal weather forecast but competition was stiff and lots of fun. Curtis arranged for some great food provided by "Chuck Wagon Catering" (I think that's the name!!) There seems to be a lot of interest developing for combat and 2009 should be a great year. Several people have begun to build planes at our Build-a-thons but never quite made it to the actual events for one reason or another. I would like to strongly encourage you to renew your efforts, you'll have a blast and there is always a lot of help available if you need it. We will have an aggressive schedule for 2009 and more build sessions. See you there.

Todd Melton has created a web site strictly for local combat news. Check it out at:

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Do You Recognize this Plane ??

This is the story as far as I know about it.....

I bought this 25 lb. Travelair biplane from Jimmy Mazurek, who bought it from Robin Solomon, who bought it from (doesn't remember), and so it goes on all the way back to the builder who is believed to be Eldon Keele according to Joe Buko's research. The year Eldon is believed to have built the plane is around 1973 making the model 35 years old. I replaced all the electronics and had the Quadra 52 gas engine with magneto ignition repaired. When it came to installing the wings, one or more rigging wires broke and the project was back on the shelf. Then Joe Buko generously offered to help rework the rigging and after a day and a half, we had a biplane together ready to fly. I greatly appreciate all his time & help. Joe also declared that the plane would now stay in one piece since that rigging job could not be repeated every time at the flying field. So while the model was ready to fly, it was not ready to be transported to the field since my van and the neighbor's full size van are too small for the 9 ft. wing span by 6 ft. long plane.



Another neighbor and Palomar RC flyer, Dave Bracci had a trailer that was just barely big enough if I removed the propeller. So after maybe 30 years the old Travelair is flying again and delights with a very scale like and stable flight. It is a replica of the late 1920's Travelair biplanes that for years took passengers on rides from Palomar Carlsbad airport, and are now stationed at Montgomery field. If anyone knows the model's history or whereabouts after Eldon built it until Robin Solomon acquired it, please contact the Transmitter.



Bill Hill is a busy guy. He has just put together a new plane with a parachute jumper for the Fun Fly. It is a Stick 40 electric ARF. He uses a Spectrum receiver with Hi-Tec 225 servos, Sim prop 28x40 geared 4.4 to 1 with a 13x6.5 prop, 450 watts. It weighs 4 lbs. 6 oz. Test run went very well from take-off to delivery with accurate drops & recoveries.

Here is Ernie Emery with a new LA-40 ARF. Plane flew the maiden flight powered with a Magnum 53 2-stroke glow engine. He is running Hi-Tec radio gear. The airplane and the engine were both won at the Club raffle.



NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP KEEP OUR TABLES CLEAN

Please, everyone should try to keep the aluminum covers to our field benches clean. The chemicals in the glo- fuel will attack the aluminum over time and make them rough and even more difficult to keep clean. So when you're finished using a table just wipe them off with your paper towels , or whatever, and dispose of the towels in the trash bins. Your cooperation in this matter is needed

ASSEMBLY INSPECTION

- Check Security - Engine, fuel tank, wheels, receiver, battery, servos.
- Pull Test - Linkages and control surfaces.
- Receiver Antenna - Fully extended and away from metal.
- Verify Center of gravity location.
- Conduct Range Test - with transmitter antenna collapsed.

PRE-FLIGHT(EACH FLIGHT)

- Check receiver voltage under load.
- Check transmitter power level.
- Check engine high speed, nose up.
- Check engine idle, nose down.
- Extend transmitter antenna.
- Check control surface direction and response.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Battaglia has agreed to fill in the spot as the Newsletter editor. I will assist him if he needs it until he is comfortable with the job. So starting in January all Newsletter material should be directed to Frank at:

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Meeting Notice:

The December club meeting will be replaced by the Christmas Dinner on December 20th at the San Marcos Joslyn Senior Center, 101 Richmar Avenue, San Marcos, CA. The next club meeting will be held on January 15th.

January**February****March**

Start Monday night instruction to continue until Sept 29th

April

20th Fallbrook Air Show (tentative)

27th COMBAT - Hunt for Yamamoto (Open B and SSC)

May

3rd - Carlsbad Mall show

4th - Swap Meet and Open House - Johns on Field

9th - 10th - 11th - San Diego Helicopter Fun Fly sanction C

June

21st Flights of Fancy

July

4th Club Picnic

20th COMBAT Open B and SSC

August

2nd ELECTRIC SCALE contest

9th FUN FLY

24th COMBAT (Battle of Britain) Open B and SSC

September

13th Dawn Patrol WWI fly in

20th Mall Show North County Fair

21st Air show and Swap Meet

October

Date TBA Miramar Air Show

25th Pylon Race - Quicke 500, sportsman and Open B

November

22nd - FUN FLY Palomar Turkey Shoot

December

6th and 7th COMBAT (Pearl Harbor Classic) 25/48 Open B and SSC

20th Club Dinner and raffle

