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## **CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

#### Bernie Boland USSMA National Chairman

Bernie was overwhelmed and unable to contribute to this Quarter's newsletter.

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## WEST VP REPORT:

By Curtis Kitteringham

Here we are some 5 months from the 2013 Champs and it seems like yesterday I was driving 4700 miles round trip to the 2012 Champs. They say time flies by fast when you are having fun. The person that came up with that statement hit it on the head, for I have been having a ball. Two Qualifiers behind me, three Qualifiers to attend before the Champs, three uncontests behind me with possible two more before the Champs and that does not count what else I have lined up to promote this GREAT hobby of ours.

Yes not one thing I do could be done with out a lot of GREAT help from friends, contestants/pilots and of course my wife who is always up to her elbows with work. I do at times need to ID myself before I can come into the house, being gone almost every weekend and four club meetings a month I am not always recognized at home.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Woodland Davis for the 2013 Champs, Jeff and the Aeromodelers club are working hard to give you the best location possible. Check the website for information that is now being posted, we have a good chance to have a big turn out. With the new Qualifier score program more contestants are qualifying. At GunSmoke half of the contestants qualified, SoCal all but one qualified. This is putting us in a great position for numbers at this years' Champs with the 2014 Champs to follow with the same numbers.

Earlier this year I asked that you help introduce someone new to scale contest flying, I sure would like to hear how this is going. Contact me or your local AD give an update or just ask how to set the hook that's the start. Getting them on the deck can take sometime but that's what this is about, a lot of great people worked very hard to give us this hobby/USSMA and we need to keep it growing as strong as possible.

Thank you all for your hard work

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#### AZ Area Director

By Michael Peck

The 2013 Gunsmoke Scale Qualifier was held in Mesa, AZ on March 1 - 3, 2013 and it was quite the event. The weather was absolutely perfect with very light wind and unusually warm temperatures for that time of the year (even in Arizona). There were a total of 30 entries in the contest; 6 in Expert, 3 in Team, 8 in Advanced, 7 in Pro/Am Pro, and 6 in Pro/Am Sportsman. We expected to see a higher turnout because the Championships will be in the west at Woodland-Davis this year, but for some reason the Expert & Team Scale classes just didn't get the participation we expected.

Pro/Am Sportsman did very well and we were encouraged to see some of the contestants who flew in the two Starter Scale contests in this area competing at the qualifier. Gunsmoke has always had somewhat of a reputation for fairly tough static judging, but this year the pendulum swung the other way. Static scores were all relatively high, but you couldn't buy a flight score... we couldn't even rent one. The highest flight score earned in any round was 92.75. All in all, it was a fun event and everyone had a good time catching up with old friends or making new ones. Congratulations to the winners; Tom Wolf in Expert, Bill Adams & Wayne Frederick in Team, Bob Frev in Advanced, Bill Adams in Pro/Am Pro, and John Deacon in Pro/Am Sportsman. Thanks to Austin Goodwin, contest director, for putting on a first-class event, and we also want to thank all the judges that worked tirelessly to make the qualifier a success.

I'm still looking forward to seeing some of the other Arizona r/c clubs step up to host a Starter Scale contest. The busy spring-time event schedule should slow down after the end of April and we will see about getting some interest going in new scale competition venues in the state. That's all for now, guys & gals.

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#### NorCal Area Director

Randy Warkentin

First off I want to give Jeff Whitney Kudos's for his Starter Scale Event that he and SACRC put on. http:// www.sacrc.org/ The weather was perfect everything went well and basically no tragedies. All the planes went home in one piece even though there was a close call. One pilot found himself closer to a tree than he thought he was. He had just finished a roll when his wheel pants went through the tree hitting not only one branch and surviving but then hit another. He never panicked but just finished his routine. Upon landing there was a twig with leaves hanging from one wheel pant. It was a good laugh at this point. Another pilot came in long on a landing approach and forced the plane to land which didn't turn out quite as expected. Other than a broken bungee and a snapped off spark plug he was good to go with no real damage to the plane. Remember no event or score is worth damaging your plane. The Pilot later said he should have just gone around and will try not to make that mistake again. I told him it is easy to get caught up in the moment. There was good feedback from all who attended and heard more than once that they were not so scared to go to a Qualifier now that they could see how everything works, so a great success to the event. This was my first time at SACRC's field and found that the runway is made from Astroturf, which appears to of come straight from the football field with 20 yard stripes and all. It looks like a very forgiving runway in that if you had to belly in or drag a wingtip there would little to no damage, kind of cool. All in all there were a lot of new faces which is a good sign of growth. Jeff told me that he was thinking of having another Starter Scale Event and hope that it works out.

Our first Qualifier in Northern California is the 49er at the Woodland/Davis field <a href="http://www.wdarc.org">http://www.wdarc.org</a> May 4-5 hope to see a good turnout. This is your chance to get a feel for the field where the 2013 Championships will be held at. 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Dan Sullivan Memorial at Ukiah <a href="http://www.ukiahpropbusters.org/">http://www.ukiahpropbusters.org/</a> June 1-2, and 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Central California at Fresno <a href="http://frcm.org/">http://frcm.org/</a> June 22-23. I challenge you to go to all three and show your support so that these clubs can keep putting these events on.

Randy Warkentin NorCal Area Director

# Meet your Area <u>Directors</u>

Check out the web site for introductions to your area directors.

#### **SoCal Area Director**

Tom Mulder

The last couple weeks have been busy in Southern Calif. On Sat 3/30 Hobby People's Mike Greenshields put together a "un-contest" to encourage participation in USSMA events. The event was held at the Victor Valley RC flyers field and several current USSMA members were present to provide guidance and answer questions about competing in scale flying events. Curtis Kitteringham, Gordy Truax, Tim Cardin, Sam Wright, and Larry Wolfe provide instructions on model presentation and flying the maneuvers guidelines. Tim, Curtis, and I provided live and hands on flight instruction to interested members. Overall the day was a success and the event inspired at least 3 participants to attend the next qualifier.

The Southern California Qualifier was held on April 19-21 at the Hemet Model Masters Field. There were new members from the Victory Valley RC Flyers "Un-Contest", 1/8 Air Force, as well as other new members recruited from the AMA show. The new ProAm classes attracted a number of participants and the weekend saw 15 of 16 pilots qualified for the championships at the end of the event. A few seasoned members showed up in new classes, John Geyer flying a Church Midwing in Expert, Mike peck flying and placing first in ProAm Pro with a ¼ scale Cub, and Cory Dail flying a B-17. The weather was fantastic and the event was a total success.





On June 29 there will be another "un-contest" at the San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League Field. This event is being put together by Hobby People and Mike Greenshields.

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#### **OR Area Director**

by Scott Enochs

Last quarter I reported that the traditional Evergreen Qualifier sponsored by the SkyKnights was at risk this year. This event has been an Oregon tradition for nearly 20 years, and has been the only USSMA qualifier in Oregon. Sadly, it is true that Evergreen will not be held this year. This does not mean that Evergreen is gone forever. The SkyKnights will re-assess next year.

On the positive side, we are looking at a new event that could become the next Oregon scale tradition. The Oregon Scale Fly-In & USSMA Challenge is officially on the schedule for September 14-15, 2013 at the Fly-A-Ways field in North Plains, OR just off HWY 26 at the Dersham Road exit. This event is an experiment. It will be a combination scale fly-in (aka fun fly) and USSMA qualifier. I believe that there are many regional RC pilots who are addicted to scale modeling, but don't choose to participate in scale competition for a variety reasons. This event is an attempt to get the competitive and non-competitive flver together at the same event. Two flight lines will be reserved for all day open flying of scale models. Two flight lines will be reserved for the USSMA qualifier. Pilots can choose to participate only in the Fly-In or in both the Fly-In and Qualifier. Those pilots entering the Qualifier are also allowed to fly from the open flight stations. All pilots will be required to fly with a spotter and to "fly the pattern", so I don't see any greater risk to the models as exists in any event with four operating flight lines.

Northwest qualifiers have traditionally been the 3-day format, with 2-day contests being more common in the east, south, and parts of California. Part of the "experiment" is to have a 2-day contest rather than the 3-day. I believe this might increase participation, as many flyers might not be able to get vacation time to participate in a contest that requires Friday attendance. Others just might not want to commit to a 3-day event, especially those wanting to try scale competition for the first time. I hope that those pilots who love scale and don't elect to participate in the qualifier will thoroughly enjoy the weekend. I also hope those same pilots might become intrigued with what's happening on the competition flight lines and might choose to participate in competition in the future.

And yes, this event will have community involvement. We'll be inviting the Shriners to operate the concessions and offering the Civil Air Patrol Cadets a share of the visitor parking in exchange for their service as parking attendants and score runners. I'm excited, and think we could have a total pilot participation of 50 for this event.....could be a great experiment. No matter what, when it's scale it's fun!

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#### **Finance Director**

by Richard Barndt

From the Treasurer,

Today is April 15, so I'll start with the club's tax return status. I filed the required IRS Form 990 with the IRS today. I also filed the Oregon CT-12 today. Basically, these forms are informational forms and no actual tax is paid, although Oregon has a Revenue Fee of \$10 which had to be paid. So we are good for another year.

With regards to our fiscal health, I am guardedly optimistic. Generally we want to have a year end balance of \$####. At the end of 2012, our balance was \$#####. Our balance as of 03/18/13 was \$#####. Since the new year, there has been expenses, but there also has been new and renewing membership funds coming in. Of great interest to me is how the upcoming 2013 Championships will effect our 2013 year end balance. Hopefully we will be closer to \$#####.

In that regard, I am scheduled to travel to northern California the first weekend in May. I will meet with representative members of the host club, and will finalize a contract with them. Curtis Kitteringham, the West Coast VP, will travel with me and participate in the process. I am hopeful that an arrangement that is fair to both the USSMA and the host club will be the result of our efforts.

Since it is getting closer to summer now, it would be a good idea to start thinking about sponsorships for the 2013 Championships. It is never too soon for us to receive sponsorships funds. After my visit in May to the host club, I will have a better projection of revenues that can be reasonably expected from the Championship event.

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For the complete report with actual numbers, see the website:

Link To Post and Full Article

## EASTERN VP REPORT:

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East

Hi Scale Masters members and scale modelers, I hope you have been able to complete your winter projects for the contest season. Maybe you just buffed up your old model from last season. If so don't forget your check list before flight. I just went through the AMA Large Model waiver program and the importance of the check list is very prominent in the process. My 36 % T-344-B is complete and has been flown and all this before we headed for Florida and Top Gun.

The East Coast contest schedule has been completed and we have a couple of new qualifiers on the horizon. First is the Top Gun event, even though it is an invitational event it is a qualifier. Dates are May 1 thru 5 in Lakeland FI. Hope to see a good turnout. Second event is Ed Terry's scale contest in Alabama. I apologize but I don't have all the info I know it is the second week of May around the old Mint Julep time. Please see the ad in Model Aviation for the exact info.

Third event will be the Mint Julep one of the oldest scale contests in the US. The big change this year is the venue. The Ohio River View Fliers will host the event at their great field in Rosewood Indiana. The dates are June 7 thru 9. Again see Model Aviation for details.

Forth event will be the AMA and NASA Scale Nat's. This is the oldest scale competition in the US and probably the world running 86 years. The good thing about this contest is that it is held at the AMA flying site in Muncie In. This is our site as AMA members and you should plan a trip to see the museum and 900 acres of flying excellence. The event dates are July 12 thru 14 with all kinds of fun stuff after the flying and static. We have our own event planner Shannon Ort. She does a great job of putting together a banquet and other activities. NASA is running a raffle of a built scale plane a Tiger Moth the proceeds go to help fund the Nat's competition. See you there for some scale flying and fun.

The fifth and final event will be the Columbus Scale Classic in Ohio. I will be the CD of this contest and our club field will be open three days for practice and competition flying. The dates are August 17-18 with practice and static judging Friday August 16. We have a grass runway 900' X 75' totally unobstructed check out our web site <a href="https://www.wmaa-wags.org">www.wmaa-wags.org</a>. We have a lot of club activities and I want to thank the other 160 club members for giving up the weekend to the scale modelers.

That's all I have for now I hope you support the Masters and fly in a qualifier.

Mike Barbee

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#### **TX Area Director**

by Lawrence Harville

We are just beginning to start the Scale Contest season down here in the south and are sending out flyers to clubs and gathering up the workers for another Texas Scale Championship/Scale Masters Qualifier contest. The Qualifier will be hosted by the Greater Southwest RC Club in Fort Worth. It will be held on June 8-9. We moved this year to get out of the rainy-dry – hot - windy (take your pick) season. I can guarantee these dates will be the best ever—I got it from the local weatherman (when have they ever been wrong) Put it on your calendar and come compete for the title. We have had only one year when someone from out of Texas won the Championships, that was Olen Rutherford from Arkansas, so come on down and show us someone who doesn't live in Texas can actually fly a scale plane—YES consider that a challenge.

Judging from the emails and calls I have been receiving, here has been considerable interest in our upcoming contest-I just hope they all show up. Our contest is getting a little bigger each year and it would be nice to have some NEW guys show up to enjoy the planes and friends.

I am always looking for someone from the surrounding states to step up and host a scale contest-but seems like a lot of guys are all talk and not much help—everyone wants to talk about scale but few step up to actually run a contest.

The South Central Region needs a qualifier in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico. Texas has enough scale pilots to have a couple throughout the state this year, if you would like to CD one, I can give you the paperwork to make it very club friendly and the club could make money. All it takes is ONE person to get it started. You will be supported by the South Central Region and the Scale Masters Organization, give me a call and lets get a qualifier in your area, its not tooo late for this year.

The season is coming, get ready and let's have a great time this year and start making your plans now to attend the Scale Championships this year.

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#### From the Director of Admin,

By Mitch Baker, Admin Director

Forward progress within USSMA is underway. We are well into the qualifiers and seem to be keeping up with publishing things on the web site.

Planning for the 2013 championships in Davis CA. is well under way. Thanks to Jeff Lovitt and the Woodland Davis Aeromodelers for stepping up when we lost NAS Alameda.

Membership is up to a little over 80 folks and published regularly on the web site.

There have been major revisions to classes that allow ARFs to help foster the dream for the novice competitor. For those who have not heard, Fun Scale is now ProAm/Sportsman. This is a completely novice class and for the first time a championship event. Open class was renamed to ProAm/Pro. Entry restrictions have been removed. Both these classes have a picture proof static score. Also we have changed the qualification. Each class has a minimum qualification score. Score above and you qualify for the championships. Check out the latest version of the competition guide for complete details. <a href="http://usscalemasters.org/forumsmf2/index.php?">http://usscalemasters.org/forumsmf2/index.php?</a> action=tpmod;dl=get111

Championship planning is in full swing. Finding sponsors is a major task. Here is a list of the Best of awards given out at the championships. We are looking for individuals or groups to sponsor one or more awards. The cost is \$150.00.

Best Golden Age- Chuck Maitre

Best Biplane-

Best Scratch Built- Gray & Gloria Norton

Best Multi-Engine- Curtis Kitteringham

Best Radial Engine-

Best WW11- One Eighth Air Force (Pledged)

Best WW1-

Best Documentation-

Best Military- One Eighth Air Force (Pledged)

Best Jet-

Engineering Achievement-

Best Civilian-

Best Markings-

Best ARF- Richard Barndt

Pilots Choice- One Eighth Air Force (Pledged)

Best Builtup Kit-

High Static- Ohio River Valley Flyers - PAID

Best Mission Expert-Airtronics High Flight Expert- Kent Walters Most Realistic Flight Expert- Airtronics

Best Mission Team- Airtronics High Flight Team-Most Realistic Flight Team-Airtronics



Best Mission Advanced-Jim Reed High Flight Advanced- Hemet Model Masters Most Realistic Flight Advanced-

Best Mission Pro Am Pro-High Flight Pro Am Pro-Most Realistic Flight Pro Am Pro

Best Mission Pro Am Sport-High Flight Pro Am Sport-Most Realistic Flight Pro Am Sport-

If there is a name beside the award, these are long term supporters who have first shot at sponsor. Those listed as pledged or paid are currently taken. If you wish to sponsor an award contact Curtis Kitteringham <westcoastvp@usscalemasters.org>

Enough for now.

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Please consider a donation to USSMA. Your gift will help us to 'Keep the Dream Alive' for your organization.



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#### **BC** Area Director

Roly Worsfold

I hope you have had success with your winter projects!

Again, I encourage each of you to approach your club to see if they would consider having a Fun Scale event; A one or two day event where people can bring and fly their Scale Airplanes; makes a good excuse for a "club social".

These gatherings do not need to interfere with regularclub flying, just need to dedicate one or two pilot stations.

NWSAM EVENTS - Check NWSAM events page; http:// www.nwsam.org/events.html

#### The NW Championships;

Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers Scale Rally and North West Scale Aero-Model Championships;

Two events running as one with two different results.

Poster; http://www.nwsam.org/

loads/7/4/8/8/7488280/2013 nwscalechampionship \_poster.pdf

NW Scale Aero-Modelling Championships – Guidelines http://www.nwsam.org/uploads/7/4/8/8/7488280/2013\_nw\_ championships\_rules.pdf

#### Upcoming events;

North West first 2013 qualifier event is the 4th Annual Cascade Scale Rally - Snohomish, WA- May 17 - 19 - this is a fun event- bring your Pride and Joy- ARF, Ready to fly or a plane" built by anyone" to enjoy the flying and Social Aspects of the event. Support our National Scale Programs by participating in this event.

#### New Events

North Idaho Scale Masters Qualifier – June 21-23, 2013-Athol, Idaho, 27843 U.S.-95 -

http://www.nwsam.org/uploads/7/4/8/8/7488280/2013 no rth idaho scale masters qualifier.pdf

Google shot of site;

http://www.nwsam.org/uploads/7/4/8/8/7488280/north\_id aho\_qualifier\_\_sm\_qualifier\_site\_-\_2013\_google.jpg Sanderson Field Scale Fly 2013 - Shelton, WA - July 13th, 2013 -

http://sfrcf.quintex.com/Download/Sanderson%20Field%2 OScale%20Flyer%202013.pdf

Wishing you a good Scale RC summer - help to support/promote Scale Aero-Modelling in the North West which supports our National programs.

Scale Activity in the North West continues to grow – see the NorthWest Scale Aero-Modellers News Letter http://www.nwsam.org/newsletter.html .

Support Scale Masters – I believe, through the Qualifier Program, it is the most active National Scale Aero-Modelling program and is making changes to meet the modellers needs.

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## **Upcoming Qualifiers**

#### 36th Annual DAN SULLIVAN MEMORIAL

CD: Tim More June 1-2, 2013 707-485-8628 http://www.ukiahpropbusters.org/ Ukiah. CA rc\_racer\_x@yahoo.com

#### MINT JULEP SCALE MEET

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#### **TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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#### Central California Scale Qualifier

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#### AMA NATS

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#### 8th Annual BRITISH COLUMBIA SCALE CLASSIC

CD: Roly Worsfold July 19-21, 2013

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http://britishcolumbiascaleaeromodeling.weebly.com/

#### NW Scale Aeromodellers 2013 Champs/Qualifier

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Check website for updates to list and details on each.



#### From the Editor's keyboard:

Well, as you are all aware by now, Alamdea withdrew it's permission to use the former NAS site due to construction starting near the proposed flying site. It did not take long to find a very suitable alternate—Woodland/Davis. The WDAM moved to their present site just a few years ago after loosing their original site. The current site is much more open and suitable for all types of models—there are even control-line circles on-site! WDAM has been working hard to make the field as nice as possible, it seems like something new every time I visit. The runway is geolon—the fabric used under roadways, with grass on the far side.

The host hotel is just a short drive up the road (it seems to take longer to get from the field to the main road than the actual trip to the Hotel!)

I was up there May 4-5 for their 49er Qualifier—it was extremely windy on Saturday, but by Sunday it had calmed down enough to get a couple of rounds in. I have to say—that was not normal weather, and by the time the Championships rolls around there will be no weather issues.

The new scoring system works great! Lots of people qualified. There is a danger of complacency though—maybe feeling since you qualified early there is no need to go to another qualifier. NOT TRUE! We need to support as many of these events as we can PLUS they are excellent practice for the real thing. So keep going to those qualifiers!

See you at Woodland! (And Ukiah and Fresno!)

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