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### CHAIRMAN UPDATE

**Curtis Kitteringham**

**USSMA National Chairman**

Well we are on the home homestretch to the USSMA Championship September 29th-October 2nd with registration at the club Sept. 8th. The hosting club has the hotel and banquet locations in place. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn in Woodland, for those that attended the 2013 Champs you will remember the location easy drive too the club. Hotel contact info:

[www.holidayinn.com/woodland](http://www.holidayinn.com/woodland), phone reservation (877) 320-8454, when making reservations mention you are with the U.S. Scale Masters. Looking forward to a good turn-out for this year's Championship, we will have a number

of return contestants from 2013 with maybe some from the Midwest/East coast. For you West Coast contestants that know qualified pilots from Eastern location get on phone and make contact to get them to come out.

We will be sending out he invite letters this month. Here is the trouble: we have not heard from all of the qualifiers with contestant information or incomplete information. Contact me with your information name, email, contest flown at, class, score this will go a long way towards ensuring you get your invite. We go through this each year, from getting the correct information or no information period. You the contestant should make sure that you know the outcome of your qualifier and that the information

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## West VP Report:

By Randy Warkentin

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Hello Everybody. I will keep this short this quarter. Not a lot of new info going on. I did visit the Woodland-Davis club field for this year Championships this last weekend to see they are doing work on the field to get it ready for the Champs. Looks like they had mowed the entire field so the Rv area had no high weeds and should be ready to go. I have no doubt that they will do a great job. We still have a few Qualifiers on the calendar so if you have not done it yet you still have a chance. Also I know that with travel and other expenses Pilots will wonder if they can afford to go to the champs. I know that Curtis has said this before but I want to remind this again. A good way to reduce expenses is to buddy up with another pilot in traveling to the Champs and sharing a Hotel room. Basically cutting those expenses in half plus it is always more fun to have a travel friend. That is all I have, Champs will be here before you know it and I will see you there. One last thing if you have a rule change you would like to see you need to send that in to Jeff Whitney before the Championship weekend.

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## IN Area Director:

By Dale Arvin

Scale is alive and well in Southern Indiana and Kentucky.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mint Julep Scale Meet was moved back to the Rough River Dam State Resort Park this year and in spite of a dismal weather forecast we had 38 contestants from as far away as Florida, Louisiana, and Texas.

Contestants started arriving on Thursday for early practice. Static judging on Friday was interrupted occasionally by a light shower.

After the first round on Sat. the sky fell and we called off flying for the day although later in the day it cleared off and several flyers got in some flights.

Sunday was beautiful and the remaining three rounds went off without a hitch.

Many thanks to all those that came to support the Mint Julep.

The newly renamed Aeromodelers of Southern Indiana (Formerly Ohio River View RC Modelers) held their 3rd annual Falls City War Birds Rally at Beach field in Rosewood, IN.

31 pilots enjoyed two great days of scale flying and fellowship at one of the best flying fields in the country. Pilots came from Wisconsin, Texas, California and Arizona as well as the surrounding states.

Everyone should plan on making this one of your main events next year on the first week end in July.

Dale Arvin



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# NorCal Area Director:

Bob (Gus) Stutsman

Both Scale Masters qualifiers in our area have been held. The first being the 49er held at Woodland Davis and CD by Jeff Lovitt and the second being the Dan Sullivan memorial held at Ukiah CD by me. The 49er was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Jeff and his crew did a great job of running this event. Saturday started out a little rough with some high winds but the winds settled down a little in the afternoon, Sunday was much better. I was unable to complete my first flight on Saturday as I could not get my wing warping Eindecker to go where I wanted it too in the winds. However I was able to get a decent flight on Saturday afternoon and two great flights on Sunday. We had some great competition in all classes especially the Expert class where Dave Lovitt took home first place with his outstanding Nieuport 28, followed by Tom Wolf and his Mosquito in second and my Eindecker EIII in third.

While not a Scale Masters event, on Memorial Day weekend every year there is a Giant Scale fly-in at Castle Airforce base. This year's event was well attended with a lot of excellent scale aircraft and a lot of great flying. Also on Saturday night Jeff Whitney organized a dinner with members of RC Scalebuilder.com. Everyone had a great time and it was good to put faces to other members of the RC Scale builder family.

At this year's Dan Sullivan memorial we had great weather, great food and great competition all weekend. We had flyers from Northern and Southern California as well as Oregon attend this year's event. This year's expert class had 8 entries with Jeff Lovitt coming out on top with his Toni, Dave Lovitt was in second with his Yak 18 and Joe Topper in 3<sup>rd</sup> with his Proctor Eindecker EIII. However on the last flight of the weekend Jeff lost his beautiful Toni to control flutter.

I have attached a few pictures from this year's Dan Sullivan Memorial including Jeff Lovitt's late Toni, David Phippen's Hanriot, and Joe

(David) Topper and his Eindecker EIII.



Jeff Lovitt's Toni



David Phippen's Hanriot HD 1



Joe Topper's Eindecker EIII

Now that I am qualified for the Championships I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Championship's in October at Woodland Davis, CA. It should be a great year for scale modeling in our area. Everyone needs to get out this season and help keep The Dream Alive.



## OR Area Director

by Scott Enochs

All right! Summer's officially here and there's a long list of Qualifiers to try to attend. With the Championships back on the West Coast this year I've established getting qualified as a "must happen" goal. I feel fortunate to live in the Pacific Northwest where we have 5 qualifiers scheduled. Of course, some of those would involve 15 hour drives for me, so sadly I will not be able to attend them all. I did have the opportunity to attend the 2cd annual Sanderson Field Scale rally in Shelton, WA, and am looking forward to the Oregon Scale Fly-In & USSMA Challenge in North Plains, OR and the Best in the West in Wenatchee, WA.

Craig Ferguson, a late night TV show host, used to ask at the end of his show, "What did we learn tonight?" Well, so far this summer I've learned that you always have to be ready for the unexpected and maybe a bit of disappointment. After 3 years on the work bench I finally got my 1/3 scale Fly Baby in the air....briefly. I did have 7 flights, but each flight involved some difficulties with the big OS FF-320 Pegasus engine I have in it. It survived the first 6 flights, but unlucky number 7 found the engine losing power with a stiff tailwind. You got it....stall....crash. I hope to have it back in the air again in time for the Best in the West and of course the Championships. What else did I learn? 1) ALWAYS make sure you filter your fuel as you fill your tank and use an in-line fuel filter or use a sintered brass fuel pick-up; 2) ALWAYS make sure you have adequate fuel flow/feed to your engine; and 3) After spending 3 years building a model the rebuild goes 10 times faster because you previously figured out how to do all the hard stuff....and if you're lucky you can salvage most of the detail parts.

Looking ahead I'd like to put out feelers for someone to take over as CD for the Oregon Scale Fly-In & USSMA Challenge, or to start a new event in Oregon. It would be great if someone a bit younger than me and full of energy could take charge as CD for a regional event and recruit and train a fresh batch of contestants

and judges. Scale is evolving. We're seeing more and more quality ARF's. Competition seems to be evolving towards more emphasis on flying and less on modeling. I'd like to ask those that embrace the evolution to lead, and let the dinosaurs play for awhile then rest a bit before they turn into oil. Don't be shy! I'd be happy to advise and work with anyone interested in the challenge.

Onward to the Championships!

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Mike had nothing to say this month., as usual.

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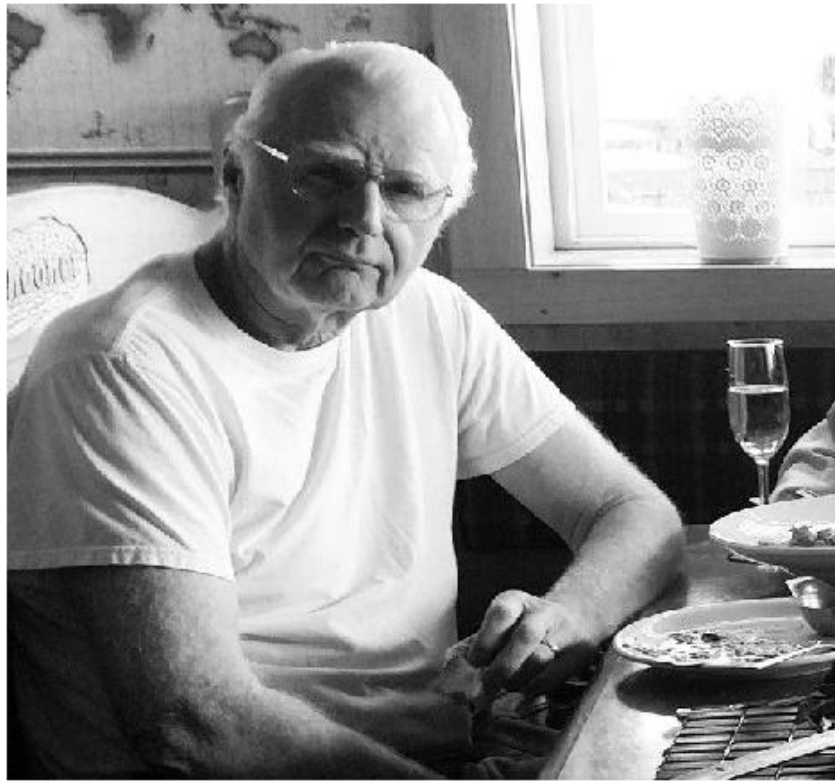
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## TX Area Director

by Lawrence Harville

The day started out very busy for the workers and contestants, almost no wind all day long. The comment was made several times that this was the best they could remember. YES IT WAS HOT, but NO rain, NO wind, it was just HOT—wait a minute I just said that. I have to complement the Greater Southwest Aeromodelers members who came out to help can't do any event without club help.

The singer James Brown had the title "Hardest working man in show business." The same can be said of our Flight Judges, they are the "Hardest working men at the contest". We ran 2 flight lines and had 2 airplanes in the air almost all day. We flew 59 flights in one day with only One Crash = great day for everyone. We kept everyone moving and flew two complete rounds before the lunch break. You guys put



this on your schedule for June 3-4- 2017!!

Darrel Abby, USSMA finalist in 2015, won the title of Texas Scale Champion 2016

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## Finance Director

by Richard Barndt

Thanks in large part to a donation from Gary Norton, our current balance in the bank is \$20,878.07. So now we are back in the \$20,000 range of a few years ago. Hopefully we can maintain this balance in the future.

There has been no other substantial financial activity since my last report. I am now looking ahead to the Championships in Woodland/Davis. I just received a request to pay for a deposit for the intended banquet location, so things are starting to happen. Anyone who will be sponsoring a "best of" plaque or wants to make a contribution in any other way, please step up and be heard.

That's really all I have for now. I'm still looking for raffle prize ideas. If anyone has anything they want to donate for a raffle price, I am not being picky.

Until next time, happy building and flying.

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is sent to the USSMA proper. Maybe step up and help the CD in the task, I know by the end of a contest the CD can be burned out and looking for help with this.

For this year's New Years resolution I made a promise to start flying my models more. I have made this statement for some 10 years or so. Well this year it is actually happening and I can say it is a strange feeling to get up and pack a model with all that is needed (if I remember what's needed) to go flying. Stop at the donut shop for a bear claw or apple fritter and coffee and head out for the hour, hour and a half drive to one of the clubs. I'm telling you its good times, this has all so been a help in doing something that has been on my list for some time now.

That is to locate a sponsor/sponsors that will commit to a major sponsorship too the USSMA for 5 years, this a 15-20 thousand dollar a year goal. Yes I have made contacts for moving in this direction. One step was to locate a club that would host an event for a special interest group in the area under the USSMA flag, this has been done. I would like to say the deal is done but that would be way too easy, we are looking more for the 2017 Champs. There is a long list of items I have and the board has that with a Major sponsor we can full fill. It's not hard to come up with items and I know you the members/contestants have your own list. Believe me I know what the list is and it has been my goal to fulfill the goal. We have come close a few times but something has shot it down each time. I think we are going to have a good chance this time. Part of the plan is to work with business owners outside of the hobby where the owners enjoy the hobby as part of their lives. The reason for this approach is that the hobby companies are being pressured to support more and more each year and the money is just not there for us. We will keep you informed you as this moves forward for us.

Some pictures of a Cub day at a local club, small turn out still had lots of fun. I have been flying in Team at the USSMA since 2000, started with my builder 1998, at this fly in we were able to fly our clubs in formation for the



second time. It's only taken 18 years to get to this point.

Make this hobby about fun/friends and learning about competition together.

See you at the 2016 USSMA Championship in Woodland/Davis Ca

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