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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Bernie Boland USSMA National Chairman

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

Best regards,
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WEST VP REPORT:

By Curtis Kitteringham

It's now August and the 2013 Champs are just around the cornier. I do hope that all if not most of the qualified contestants so far this year are planning on being at the Champs with their model. Randy W. and I have been trying to attend as many Qualifiers as possible. For me it will be five Qualifiers and three scale seminars so far making it a very busy year. I would like to hear from you the USSMA group as to what you are doing to enjoy and promote scale interest and competition in your areas. I know at times it seems impossible to get a modeler that has a nice model that could compete to give it a try. Then at other times you can have more interest in scale than you can handle, which is a good thing to have. The planning for the Champs has started so for you contestants that are planning on going too the Champs, watch the wed site for updates and the posting for static judging times. Pilot packets will be going out to all in email form for the Champs. The Woodland Davis Club is a new flying site and they are working hard to get it ready for us, they have a very large over fly area for the bigger/faster models room for all to enjoy the Champs. While writing this article I have been sending out emails to sell our Best of Awards, pricing shirts/hats and pricing the plagues. Multi tasking is not always one of my hats to ware, but this group and the interest to keep it alive; to stand on its own is very important to me alone with many of you. So let's make this 2013 Champs the best we can.

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AZ Area Director

By Michael Peck

Arizona is in the middle of our hot summer months and monsoon season, so contest activity has largely stopped. Flying is still possible if you are willing to get up at oh dark thirty, be at the field by 6:00 AM and pack it up before 10 AM. It's Ok; we gladly accept these conditions in exchange for our winter flying weather.

The US Scale Masters Association is looking for a member to take on the position of Technical and Training Director that was vacated last October by Chuck Adams. Chuck gave years of faithful and dedicated service to the job and established an excellent static and flight judging process as well as the judge certification process and testing protocols. The short version of what the job entails is as follows: Designs, simplifies, and promulgates a consistent judging process while creating and implementing training programs and managing the judge certification process. Basic computer skills are desirable. If you or a Scale Masters member you know might be interested in this position, please contact USSMA Chairman Bernie Boland, West Coast Vice-Chairman Curtis Kitteringham, East Coast Vice-Chairman Mike Barbee, Director of Administration Mitch Baker, or me. The telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the USSMA Guide on the Association website.

In the interim, I have agreed to fill in as acting Technical and Training Director and will manage the judge certification program. If you or someone you know wants to become a certified static or flight judge, my e-mail address is: peckster1@msn.com, or use the ScaleMasters website e-mail link: judgeinfo@usscalemasters.org and I will provide the application form and testing documents. If the applicant does not have computer access, they can call me at 623-872-0176 and we can conduct the necessary business by snail mail.

Some of us Arizona pilots are planning to attend the new Qualifier at Hisperia, CA on August 24 & 25, 2013. It will be good to practice flying in front of judges and some of us still need to get qualified.

Speaking of those who are qualified, the Championships are on the horizon & scheduled to be held Oct. 10-13, 2013 by the Woodland Davis Aeromodelers in Davis, CA. I hope all of you who are or who will become qualified in the next couple of months are planning to attend and compete. The Championships will have all five classes available for qualified pilots so you and the model you bring will

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NorCal Area Director

Randy Warkentin

So crunch time is here. For me this article for others it is to get the last minute things done on their contest airplane. Actually for me it is both. Funny how life can get in the way of a hobby but we still find the time somehow. Those in California who have not yet qualified you still have one more chance. In fact it is called the "Last Chance Scale Masters Qualifier" being held in Victorville Ca, hosted by Victor Valley Radio Control Flyers. Here is the link from the Scale Masters Website. This is a good chance to show support to this new event and to also get some good practice for the Champs. .http://usscalemasters.org/forumsmf2/index.php?topic=932.0

This year I decided to attend every Qualifier in California as either a contestant or to help and so far I have been able to do that with just the "Last Chance" to go. It has been great fun and a chance to fly with guys that I really enjoy being around. I challenge each of you to get out more and support these events. Besides where else can you get the practice and fun with pilots just like you all at the same time.

The staff from both the Host Club and Scale Masters is getting things in order for the Championships not to mention I have heard some Contestants from around California have been checking it out and getting in some practice there. See you all there in October.

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have a class to compete in that fits your particular flight skill level as well as the quality level of the model you bring. No excuses; support the ScaleMasters program by your participation or we may all end up with nothing but club level scale contests or fly-ins.

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Meet your Area Directors

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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 flyer 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 the visitor parking donations in exchange for their service as parking attendants, score runners, and assisting the Air Boss. 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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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



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TX Area Director

by Lawrence Harville

Lawrence sent an extensive report on the Texas Scale Championships. The report is posted on the USSMA Web Site: <u>LINK</u>

Here are the final standings:

TSC 2013 Champion: Lee Rice

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Expert	Place	Aircraft
Lee Rice	1	Corsair
Lawrence Harville	2	Skyraider
Tim Lovett	3	Spitfire
Woody Lake	4	SE-5a
Max Ficken	5	P-47
Advanced		
Ed Couch Darrel Abby Steve Nicholson Lane Crabtree Bruce Landsman	1 2 3 4 5	P-6E Hawk Corsair BV-141b Hellcat P-47
ProAm/Pro Civilian Tm Lovett Mike Kopf	1	Yak
Mike Kopi	2	Cessna 182
ProAm/Pro Military Sonny Coleman Paul Curry Lupe Cordera Jr Vic Larsen Darrell Abby	1 2 3 4 5	Me-109 Zero Aichi D3A1 Val Tiger Moth P-47

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From the Director of Admin,

By Mitch Baker, Admin Director

The Annual Board Meeting will be at the Headquarters hotel and will be open to the general membership and is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday at 7PM . Check the USSMA website for any changes. No live questions or comments will be addressed at the meeting but you may email questions to Mitch Baker at <a href="dictorage-dic

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For the list of qualified pilots see the website: LINK

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USSMA is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. This means any amount of funds donated can be deducted on your tax return.

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

August and the days are getting shorter - time to pick up the pace and finish off those past winter projects?

We have had a very good summer for Scale Aero-Modelling activity in the North West;

Completed events;

Cascade Scale Rally

North Idaho Scale Qualifier

British Columbia Scale Classic

Scale Aero-Tow in Alberta

- 2 Fun Scale in Alberta
- 2 Scale events on Vancouver Island

Several Fun Scale events in Washington and Oregon

Of note the event attendance is up at the Scale Masters Qualifiers - activity is picking up.

Events to come:

The next 2013 event is the **Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers Scale Rally & North West Scale Championsh**ips in Wenatchee, WA - August 16 - 18. Hope to see you there.

Oregon Scale Fly-In & USSMA Challenge - September14,15- this event is for everyone - Fly competitive or non-competitive; http://www.nwsam.org/uploads/7/4/8/8/7488280/2013 oregon scale fly-in ussma challenge flyer.pdf

Upcoming Qualifi-

<u>ers</u>

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http://britishcolumbiascaleaeromodeling.we ebly.com/

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Champs/Qualifier

CD: Dean Nichols Aug 16-18, 2013 (509)679-8402

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Check website for

updates to list and

details on each.

Sept 14-15, 2013

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- Let me know if you have any Scale events you would like us to advertise.

NWSAM events page: http://www.nwsam.org/events.html

Check your AMA or MAAC mag. for scale events in your area.

I can't say enough to thank <u>the Judges</u> who participate in the Scale Programs. They are so important and should be treated on the same par as the pilots. Both are so important without them we would not have a program.

<u>The World FAI Championships</u> is being held in World Championship for F4C, RC Scale, is scheduled for 18 to 27 July 2014, in Marmande-Virazeil, France. The Canadian team is due to be selected in October.

Importance of US Scale Masters Qualifiers:

Canadian World Championships Team Selection;

In the past the team was selected by a selection event which meant people would, in some cases required travel up to 8 days or more to and from the event.

Now the team can be selected by a "resume" sent in to the team selection committee.

Experience and results from USSMA qualifiers can be sent in to the committee.

<u>Safety:</u> If you haven't checked out your radio's "Fail Safe" - try it out (2.4GHz radios have this preprogrammed):

Turn on your radio Tx & Receiver then turn off the transmitter, throttle should go to minimum or close.

Try it with the engine running, have the plane secured.

In the future this may be a required safety check at AMA & MAAC sanctioned events.

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From the Editor's keyboard:

As I look back on what has happened so far this year I think that things are pretty good. A lot of Qualifiers, but some of the Qualifiers in the Eastern region were not run due to storms and other issues.

But I also noticed that some of the Qualifiers had less than stellar attendance. Just because you may have qualified early does not mean you should slack off and stay home.

I understand that no one wants to risk their best airplane when you don't need to, but if you want the Scalemaster's program to continue (e.g. if you enjoy participating in contests) then it behooves you to go support those other events. This year I made it to 3 qualifiers, 2 as a contestant and one as a judge. I consider it time well spent. I was sorry to see the lack of participation at the last one though. It is hard for a CD to go to a club and justify closing the field and supporting an event if hardly anyone shows up.

I know several guys in my area that did not attend more than one qualifier and shame on them! If it turns out there are no more Scalemaster Qualifiers in the area who do you think should get the blame?

Along those lines, you may have noticed a lack of information forthcoming from the National Chairman and the Eastern Region—members living in the Eastern Region that want to find out what is going on should address inquiries to Mike Barbee, and everyone should address Bernie Boland for his input

Of Note:

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See you at Woodland! Jeff

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