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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Curtis Kitteringham

USSMA National Chairman

As I write this article for the news letter I am thinking back on how many times I have talked about what we need to do for the USSMA to have it grow. The growth would include the ability to help cover the cost for judges from out of town, help lower the hotel expense for all, increase our working capital and possibly giving prize money out. The USSMA has been working toward this; we have come close in recent years with major sponsors. With this said we have been working with a supporter for three years now, when I say close to a sponsor it has been with his help. We have now put this individual in place as the new Marketing Director for the USSMA, he is well know on the West Coast, lives in the Bay Area, he is involved in many activities in the San Francisco and San Jose area. I welcome George Ellison to the USSMA family. With George's help I think we have a good chance to reach our goals. We

are going to refocus towards multiple sponsors instead of the one or two large sponsors we were looking for. We think this will make our sponsor market a broader base.

The USSMA and our 2015 Champs host have been working hard to get the ball rolling, this month we have made gains on this. We have a host hotel now and this will get posted on the web but here is the contact information. The Headquarters will be at the Country Inn & Suites, we have a web address for reservations.

<http://www.countryinns.com/u.s.scalemasters> Group code "1510MASTERS". Phone (281) 644-4600 address 25218 Market Place Dr, Katy TX 77494. I know many of you along with me have the Bomber Field on your bucket list, now is your chance to go and compete at the 2015 Champs.

The Qualifiers are well underway for this year, so do not wait for that one Qualifier near you; make the trip to more than one

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West VP Report:

By Randy Warkentin

Well the first California Qualifier has come and gone. The southern California Scale Qualifier I felt was a great success. I was impressed this year with the quality of the models. It was a real good turnout. The wind was much less in the afternoon than usual but was definitely a bit of a cross wind most of the time but Tom Wolf sure didn't have any problem with it and his big Mossie didn't either which got him a first place finish in Expert. One thing that I noticed Saturday morning: we had a few new faces competing which was good to see. One was Ed Becker all the way from Livermore, CA with his MKIVX Spitfire. Though not new to USSMA it was his first time at Hemet. Another thing I noticed was a lack all you guys from AZ. Except for John Geyer who made the trip and flew his Ultimate. Just want to say congrats to Curtis and the Judges and all who helped we all really appreciate your efforts.

Next Qualifier in CA is up in Ukiah. If you can make this you will not be disappointed. The Ukiah Prop Busters really go all out with Gus Stutsman leading them along. They have a really nice field with lots of grass a real park-like setting. We all have a blast from morning all the way through the night; something I look forward to every year. My only wish is that I had started going to the event much sooner.

Though not a USSMA event I just want to give recognition to a couple of long time USSMA competitors who competed at Top Gun (pictures at right). Tim Cardin from Southern CA received runner up for Best Civilian with his Cessna T-50 painted from the TV show Sky King. Another is our East Coast VC Mike Barbee with his new model a Grumman Wildcat which received best Military award and Third Place Expert.

That is it for now. Make sure you check out the rest of the West Coast reports. Time for more wood and glue.

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Tim Cardin's Cessna T-50



Mike Barbee's Wildcat

AZ Area Director:

By Michael Peck

Nothing from Mike this month

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Bob (Gus) Stutsman

The 2015 flying season is off and running and hopefully everyone has completed and test flown their new projects. At this time it looks like the only qualifier in our area will be the Dan Sullivan Memorial. I am the CD for this event and it is one of the oldest scale events running, this will be the 39th year. I am receiving a lot of interest so I think we will have a good turnout as usual. I know we will have a lot of FUN as usual. We pull flyers from all over California and Oregon. This year's event will be held on June 6th and 7th. The field will be open starting on June 2nd for practice flying. Our field is in a picturesque setting of Northern California with vineyards all around. Our runway is 100ft X 1000ft (Ed. short, but REALLY wide) of low cut grass. I was hoping to see some more scale events here in Northern California this year. However it looks like this will be the only qualifier in Northern California again this year.

I am sorry to say that I was unable to attend the qualifier in Hemet Ca. as I planned. That four letter word (Work) got in the way again. I do understand from those who attended that they had a good turnout and everyone had a good time. I was able to attend the West Coast Giant fly in at Castle Airport this past weekend. I did not fly there but was able to spend a lot of time with good friends and fellow modelers. While this is not a competition there were still a lot of beautiful scale models there. Including Larry Sutherlands new Val, what a beauty and looks like it fly's very well. Hope to see Larry's Val in competition later this year.

I hope to see everyone out there at one event or another this season (Keeping the Dream Alive).

Gus Stutsman

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British Columbia – Area Director – Roly Worsfold

Hopefully you have attended or plan to attend one or two qualifiers in your area. If you don't have any close by consider a 'Starter Fun Scale' event or club activity with one flight station provided for the "opportunity" to be judged while the other flight lines are for open Scale flying. This will attract experienced contestants and judges who want to practice.

It's a good way to get together to share ideas and make the outing a 'Fun Time'.

Also promotes Scale as a fun activity where the participants do not have to be judged and those so inclined can be judged.

I encourage those who are qualifier contestants to help organize and participate in these activities.

"How To" information can be found here: <http://www.nwsam.org/scale-event-abcs.html>

A slide tape video for promoting interest in RC Scale competition

<http://www.nwsam.org/scale-event-abcs.html>

'Model Aeronautic Association of Canada' has some funding available for 'New' Competition events - those with competition elements (Flying and Static Judging) qualify.

British Columbia RC Scale Events

British Columbia Scale Classic - July 17 – 19, 2015 -

<http://britishcolumbiascaleaeromodeling.weebly.com>

Joel Clarkston Memorial Scale Fun Fly - July 25, 2015

http://www.maac.ca/events/event_details.php?eid=4714

PDQ Flyers Scale Event – To Be Announced
Events Page -

<http://www.pdqflyers.com/event-schedule.php>

Location - <http://www.pdqflyers.com/field-locations.php>

Alberta Events

June 27, 2015 – Edmonton - ERCS Scale Rally / Fun Scale

http://www.maac.ca/events/event_details.php?eid=4819

August 21, 23 Prairie Patrol WWI & WWII Scale, Ft. Saskatchewan, Alta.

Scale Aero-Modelling contests/qualifiers continue to grow in the States and Provinces surrounding British Columbia - hope to see you on the flight line this summer.

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OR Area Director

by Scott Enochs

Oregon Area Report
Jan-March_2015

The competition year is just getting started in the Pacific Northwest. The first qualifier of the year is May 29-31 at Sanderson Field in Shelton, WA. This new event replaces the qualifier previously held in Snohomish, WA.

With the beginning of the new competition year I wanted to help make everyone aware of a new score sheet option and flight judging feedback symbols. I have made a post on the USSMA website in the Forums. A copy of the optional score sheet is also included in the 2015 Competition Guide. It's very important to note that this is a change to the score sheet only. It does not change any of the scoring content/criteria for maneuvers 1 - 9 or maneuver 10 Overall Flight Realism. Also, it is an OPTION....no one has to use it if they prefer the traditional score sheet. It is intended to help judges provide better feedback to pilots and for pilots to better understand the scoring content. I also hope it might help judges to more accurately score a maneuver and aid in consistency between judges. (Ed. Note: The score sheet and feedback symbols can be found at [LINK](#)).

For each flight maneuver the score sheet has a column for Precision, Placement, and Realism, and Options, Power, and COF for Overall Flight Realism.

The score sheet could be used in different ways. For Flight Maneuvers 1-9:

1. The component columns could be totally ignored and a judge could just put in a total score for the maneuver. (Definitely not the preferred method).
2. A judge makes a tick mark (in real time) in a specific column for each 1/2 pt downgrade. Again, that's done in real time so there's no trying to remember something later. The total maneuver score is 10 minus 0.5 X the number of tick marks. This could be very fast and it would certainly give a good indication for cause of a downgrade. The total maneuver score could be calculated after the flight.
3. A judge enters the total maneuver score and puts symbols or comments into the appropriate columns for any downgrade. I think this would be great feedback to the contestant and make the judge think more about what is being downgraded and how he/she arrived at the score. It could also aid in helping a judge to be more consistent. This score sheet has much more space to insert symbols than the traditional score sheet. Revised/updated symbols for different judging elements that go into Precision, Placement, Realism....and Options, Power,

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Finance Director

by Richard Barndt

The current balance in the USSMA checking account is \$17,539.88, but \$1,000.00 of that amount is to be applied to the 2015 Championships (thank you Gary Norton). So effectively, our general account balance is \$16,539.88. So we are holding steady and fluctuating between \$16,000.00 and \$17,000.00. I would still like to see some definite movement upwards to \$20,000.00, but it will take more time.

Usually, the Championships is an opportunity to bank some profit, not guaranteed, but a chance. However, this will not be the case for the 2014 Championships. In my last treasurer's report, I reported that the discussions between USSMA and ORVRCF were not final, but I was hopeful that our profit would be around \$935.02. Unfortunately, due to an impasse, we will instead have a loss of \$423.35. Here is what happened.

In January of 2014, Curtis brought up the idea of placing ads in Model Aviation and possibly other RC magazines advertising the 2014 Championships. I was agreeable as long as the expense was a Championship event expense (used as a cost of the event before the overall profit for the event was calculated). We had an ad designed.

Curtis was communicating USSMA's intent to place these ads with ORVRCF as things developed early in the process, including the following email communication before the contract was signed:

"Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2014 0:13:51 -0500
From: Curtis Kitteringham <cak11@cox.net>
To: billb@beachmold.com, 3amos3@gmail.com, c103iflyrc@att.net, edever34@aol.com, mikeandpaula2@juno.com
Subject: 2014 Champs
Cc: Mitch Baker <dirofadmin@usscalemasters.org>, east-coastvp@usscalemasters.org, diroffinance@usscalemasters.org, west-coastvp@usscalemasters.org

Gentlemen

Yes we are going with your club to host the 2014 USSMA Championship. Richard will be working on the contract in the coming week, Mitch will be setting up the 2014 Championship contact list for emails etc. The ad that you were copied on was a test to see how it would look in the AMA magazine, the date will be Sept 18-21st on the final copy. I have been working with the AMA now for sometime on getting discount pricing; that is in place now.

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Eastern VP Report:

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East

Mike had nothing to say this month.

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Marketing Director:

By George Ellison, Marketing Director

Hello out there!

My name is George Ellison, I guess I missed a phone call or a e-mail or a meeting and Jeff Whitney and Curtis Kittingham made me Marketing Director.

I have been doing RC for 30 years. I have been able to get Best Of sponsors for the last 3 years.

I love getting people to give me money for flying events. If you have any questions feel free to call me or e-mail me at 510-763-6769 or longshot50-1@att.net

Happy Landings!

George Ellison

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TX Area Director

by Lawrence Harville

Guys this is just a reminder we will have the 2015 Texas Scale **Championships**/ Scale Masters Qualifier on June 6 and 7th 2015

An even bigger announcement is the **National US Scale Masters CHAMPIONSHIPS** will this year be held at Bomber Field, in Houston. If you have ever wanted to qualify and go to a **NATIONAL** event this is the year, it is in our own back yard. So start getting those planes ready --if you need any assistance contact me.

The Texas Scale **Championships** has 7 different class that cover all levels of scale from Team to Expert to first time competitor. At the qualifier and the **National Championships** there are classes for ARF planes. Come get your feet wet with us, Qualify for the National SM **Championships**.

There will be more on this later. But make your plans to come and compete or just watch. Even if you don't fly be sure to put our Qualifier and the National SCALE MASTERS **CHAMPIONSHIPS** ON YOUR MUST SEE LIST.

This is the FIRST time the Scale Masters **Championships** have been in the Houston area-- Lets make it the biggest Scale Masters **Championships** ever.

Love to see about 50 TEXAS flyers qualified for the **Championships**--We all know there are 5 times that number in Texas alone lets all go.

Because the Scale Masters **Championships** are going to be at Bomber Field there will be another Texas Qualifier, August 1st and 2nd.

Get building, Get Flying Lets have some fun this summer

We are selling shirts for the event--contact me

\$19.00 Light yellow golf style with a pocket can be shipped to you if you cant attend

Link to the host club and the flyer for the contest

<http://www.flygsw.org/>

(Ed. Note: we have received word from Lawrence that due to the recent flooding the Texas Scale Championships will be postponed until June 27-28. We wish all those affected by the flooding well.)

Lawrence Harville

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Continuity would be provided to judges and contestants for reference. These would be on a sheet separate from the score sheet so the symbols are not lost as the scores for each round are torn from the sheet.
For Maneuver 10 Overall Flight Realism:

The competition guide is quite specific that scoring for Overall Flight Realism is for "how well the aircraft maintains a general realistic appearance on the ground and in the air before, between, or after selected maneuvers." Section 9.10 Flight Realism and Score Sheet Review in the Guide says: "After the flight has concluded, the flight judges shall confer to review the numerous Overall Flight Realism qualities as described in this Guide. Identical flight realism scoring is not required. Individual judgment scores will still be of value for statistical averaging similar to others. Any zero scores given for any maneuver shall be mutually agreed upon by both flight judges and both will give identical scores of zero."

This is also the time to review any automatic downgrades. List of Automatic Downgrades are as follows:

- a). No Retracts. If the model does not have retractable gear when the full size did, then deduct 4 points from the Overall Flight Realism score.
- b). No Flaps. If the model does not have or the pilot does not use flaps during the flight where applicable, deduct 2 points from the Overall Flight Realism score.
- d) No Pilot Figure. A pilot figure must be visible during flight (if the full size was visible) or the score will be downgraded by 2 points for Overall Flight Realism.

I will be requesting the judges at my Qualifier in July to use and evaluate the new score sheet and flight symbols. I hope others will either precede or follow with an evaluation also.

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The ad will run in the AMA magazine and on the web version of the magazine, we are looking at May to August for the magazine with the web version possibly 5 months long this add will be a little different. I will again work with the AMA to have a rep. at the event to do an article on the Champs. Let me know what you think about what was done for us with the 2013 Champs, video, article and Dist. 10 website. I will put the Best of's list together and attach it to the 2014 Champs list when that is put together. Thank You for steeping up as the host club.

Curtis Kitteringham
USSMA National Chairman
[phone number omitted]"

So I modified the contract to including the following paragraph to be consistent with the objective of placing magazine ads, and the contract was signed by ORVRCF on 3/16/14.

"20. Both USSMA and ORVRCF may arrange for magazine ads for the event in various model aviation publications per the approved budget."

USSMA paid AMA the amount of \$336.74 for the ads on 3/27/14, 5/27/14, 6/26/14 and 8/4/14 and \$351.00 on 6/27/14 for one Fly RC ad, total \$1,697.96. But after the 2014 Championship event, when the numbers were being shared, ORVRCF took the position that the magazine ads should not be an event expense.

With the magazine ads included as a championship event expense, the total profit would be \$4,675.10 (\$935.02 (20%) for USSMA & \$3,740.08 (80%) to ORVRCF). However, excluding the magazine ads as a championship expense, the total profit would be \$6,373.06 (\$1,274.61 (20%) for USSMA & \$5,098.44 (80%) to ORVRCF). But from USSMA's profit of \$1,274.61, we need to subtract the magazine ads of \$1,697.96, leading to a USSMA loss of \$423.35.

Obviously as your Treasurer, watching every dollar, I am disappointed with this outcome, but the USSMA board of directors decided to not pursue the issue further.

So now I will look to the future and to the 2015 Championships. I am excited about having the Championships in Texas (more central location) and hope that it will attract many more contestants. We are at the point of looking for raffle prizes, best of sponsorships, and general sponsorships for the event, as well as commitments of contestants to compete as the event. So until next time.

HANSEN SCALE AVIATION VIDEOS

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Editor's Notes:

The big news is that due to the recent flooding in the Texas area the Texas Scale Championships have been postponed until June 27-28. Sure hope everything goes OK for them!

Additionally, at a request from Curtis the Rules Advisory Board took a look at updating the Flight Score sheet. After a LOT of discussion the RAB decided to stick with what we have in place BUT (thanks to Scott Enochs) we have added an OPTIONAL score sheet and revised feedback symbols. These have been added to the 2015 Guide as an appendix. Check them out and give them a try. Scott put a lot of thought into his revisions and we would like to hear back from you as to what you think.

You can contact Scott (email at the end of his report) or me (newsed@usscalemasters.org) or you can post your thoughts in one of the forums on the website.

I decided to paint my 1-1/2 Strutter with latex. A lot of people have been doing this lately with good results. Since the Strutter is glow powered, I need to clear coat with something so I decided to use Klass Kote.

I am using Valspar from Lowe's; others are using Behr Ultra plus. Comparing notes, it seems that the Valspar is a little thinner than the Behr and needs less water. I wound up using 1.5 oz paint, 1 oz water and a touch of Floetrol (don't need much) Still playing around but it is going well.

Jeff



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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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as this will insure you will have a better chance on making the Champs list. I try and make it to three Qualifiers a year. There will be two Qualifiers in Texas this year, one being the Texas Scale Championship, with Lawrence Harville as the CD. Lawrence has been heading this event for a number of years and is looking forward to a good turn out of contestants this year. The next one will be at the Bomber Field in August - still working on the dates for this Qualifier.

We are looking to increase the number of judges on the USSMA roster, if you have an interest in leaning how to judge a USSMA event contact us from the web or contact me to get started. By increasing the number of judges on our roster this will make filling needs for the Champs/Qualifier a little easier. We are currently looking to fill position (judges) for the 2015 Champs.

This year there seems to be a renewed interest in scale competition, the two Qualifiers that I have been a part of have been attended by several new modelers for the first time. All showing a real interest in learning what the USSMA is all about and finding a class to learn in. This is all positive growth for us for the future.

I hope to see as many as possible at this years Champs.

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