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CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Curtis Kitteringham

USSMA National Chairman

I hope this newsletter finds everyone getting ready for the 2016 Championship in Davis Ca. at the Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Club, their web site is www.wdarc.org they will be posting info as we work them out. At the 2013 Championship we had a great turn out, 72 contestants signed up with 63 competing. We had models from several time periods, starting with WW1, WW2, Golden Age, Jets and general aviation it was one of the most interesting Champs I have been to.

We will be at the Holiday Inn Express same hotel as 2013 for the Champion-

ship, the date is Sept 28 - Oct 2 - 2016 we are looking to have less wind with these dates. The Qualifiers are now starting with new ones on the East coast and Central area of the country, so check the USSMA web site for dates. Some of the Qualifiers are posting on other sites, so if you do not see a qualifier on the USSMA web check out other sites. As for you CD's: please use the USSMA web site to post your qualifiers as there are a number of us that do not go to all of the web sites that have event postings.

It is time to renew your membership with the USSMA your membership helps pay for the expenses of the Champs. One of the items the board will be looking into will

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West VP Report:

By Randy Warkentin

Hello all hope you have had a good winter. It may not be over just yet but we have the contest season beginning. First up is Gunsmoke March 18-20th.

I would like to bring up that this year is the 40th continuous Scale contest that has been held at Ukiah CA. They were part of the notorious North South Challenges that were held in Fresno. This was before Scale Masters were even thought of. This field is like a park like setting with a club that supports the event very well. Camping is not only permitted but I can say the best way to go. Either with a tent or RV everyone has a great time. I have heard that this year they will have breakfast even Saturday morning. This is still a rumor but for sure they have great food there with a Dinner Friday and Saturday night that is great and of course lunches and a breakfast Sunday morning. Want to bring up our Chairman will have his event in Hemet which is always fun and Curtis yelling to get us going (ED—moved to Gilman Springs). It is a great field and Curtis does it well. Up in Woodland we Jeff Lovitt who also will be putting on the Champs this year bring back the 49er Qualifier. So look at the flyers that Ken produced and see what if not all you want to attend.

I want o bring up that we have lost a long time Scale competitor and here is what his wife has sent to us through Roly.

“Informing you my husband Earl Thompson, passed away last August. He loved competing in all the scale events . The masters was always a favorite contest. I still have his first place trophy from the first scale contest. Thanks for all the good flying years.”

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By Dale Arvin

The good news is, the Mint Julep Scale Meet is moving back to Rough River Dam State Park in Kentucky.

The meet will now be sponsored by NASA and will be the tradition third week end in May.

All the same categories as before with the addition of Open scale. I hope to see everyone there.

We also have a new up and coming contest in Seymour, IN at the old Freeman Field site.

This is the Hoosier Scale Classic Aug. 5-7. Great site and has a museum with several artifacts from old WWII war planes.

See you at the field!

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We have lots of excitement in scale modeling this year in Northern California. Our local flying club is holding their 40th Annual Dan Sullivan Memorial & Scalemasters qualifier, the first week in June. We also now have the 49er qualifier in Woodland and the Scalemasters Championships being held at the same field later this fall. While not a Scalemasters event we have the Giant Scale fly-in at the Castle Airforce base on Memorial Day weekend. This being said we have a lot more scale activity going on than normal, some old friends building new aircraft and some new faces getting into building scale aircraft. We have had a lot of rainy days here and the flying has been pretty limited, but we can use the rain. We just got spoiled the past few years being able to go out flying almost every weekend. However this has helped bring about more building being done and less flying. Our local flying field is a grass runway in the middle of a huge vineyard. While it is a picturesque setting it limits you to what aircraft you can build and fly. Most of our scale modelers in our area build WW1 scale aircraft.

I hope to be able to attend all the local events and some not so local this year. Also I hope to have my new Jerry Bates Oscar finished to fly in competition later this summer, but for now it will have to be my old standby Proctor EIII Ein-decker. I know Jeff Whitney and Randy War-kentin are both working hard to finish their new aircraft for the upcoming season. I am not sure what Larry Sutherland will be flying this year after the loss of his beautiful Val last fall, but I am sure it will be stunning as usual. Also I have been following the construction of a 1/4 scale Demoiselle, by a local member getting back into

scale competition this year. In all it looks like we are going to have a very exciting and fun year in Northern California for scale modeling. I am looking forward to getting out to the events this year and spending time with old friends and hopefully some new ones. If you are anywhere near Northern California the first week in June stop by the Dan Sullivan Memorial, I will guarantee you will have a great time and see some beautiful models.

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by Scott Enochs

Ah yes...it's that time of year in the Pacific Northwest. Football's over, pitchers & catchers are just getting ready to report for early spring training, and the field's still just a bit too wet for the fair weather flyer (that means me J). That's ok with me. It means more shop time, whether spent on a new build or making repairs and performing maintenance on some of my favorite models. I've been having a blast learning some more building skills, from the use of the English Wheel to form sheet metal panels to using an end mill to make fittings and dummy disc brakes for my 1/3 scale Fly Baby project. I hope you all find time to dig in and enjoy our hobby in whatever way pleases you.

I'm also looking ahead to the competition year. I hope to make it to 3 events in the NW this year and definitely want to earn a trip to Woodland for the 2016 USSMA Championships. Time to plan those event dates! I was just on the USSMA website and see that a number of events aren't posted yet, so here's a list of the NW events that I'm aware of:

- 13-15 May - Shelton, WA - Sanderson Field Scale Rally
- 17-19 June - Athol, ID - Northern Idaho Scale Classic
- 15-17 July - Vernon, BC – British Columbia Scale Classic
- 29-31 July - North Plains, OR - Oregon USSMA Challenge (Rescheduled from Aug 5-7 due to conflict with Hillsboro International Air Show)
- 8-11 September - Wenatchee, WA - Best in the West

Get those models ready and I'll see you at the field! And remember.....if it's not scale it's just a toy!

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Eastern VP Report:

By Mike Barbee, Vice-Chairman East

Mike had nothing to say this month.

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By George Ellison, Marketing Director

Hello out there. Next years' event is looking good. I still have the same sponsors and hope to get more for next year. until then keep your gear up - at my age it is hard to do. .

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!

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Finance Director

by Richard Barndt



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First the basics, our checking account's balance as of today is \$16,872.85. So we are still hanging around in the \$16,000 to \$17,000 range. I would still like to see it back to \$20,000, but at least it has stayed steady over the past four or so years. Since we do not have any general fundraising events, we rely on membership dues (including lifetime memberships) and the annual championship event to give us a chance of a balance increase to our funds.

Which brings me to what I see as the current big issue (financially speaking, that is). Currently we only have 18 paid members for 2016. Last year at this time we had 33 (for all of 2015 we had 62 members, not including lifetime members from previous years). So I will remind those of you who intend to renew to go ahead and renew. Hopefully this year just has a slow start.

My next tasks will be to file the tax returns for Scale Masters, which will be done shortly, and then after that, start coordinating the budget for the 2016 Championships in Woodland/Davis.

Until next time, happy building and flying.

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be to look at the membership renew dates to make it easier on the membership renewals.

We are at this time selling the Best of's Awards for the Champs, this is our major way of making the expenses for the Champs, if you are interested in sponsoring a Best of Award send me an email for information. One of my goals is to have outside sponsors for the USSMA to make our Championship the contest to go too, we need to be the premier contest on every scale hobbyist list to compete at, at this time we are talking to a hand full of potential sponsors, we will work to have them on board with us this year.

At this time I have helped at one qualifier, getting ready to travel to a second to fly work and finding a new location for my qualifier which in my area is not easy now. With all the new FAA rules, the normal day to day club troubles and the need to be able to allow all types of models this can be fun. With this I have a club that has stepped up to be the host for the SoCal Qualifier. I would like to thank Mike Stone and the Gilman Springs Club for hosting the event, the dates are April 23-24th. Hope to as many of you as possible from AZ, Nevada and California.

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

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TX Area Director

by Lawrence Harville

The rumblings of activity are gearing up for the coming contest season.

So what photo do you want to be in at the end of this year? There is only ONE place you can go to be in these photos. If you're reading THIS newsletter you want to be in ONE OF THESE photos at the end of the season. Photo one is a group shot of the guys from the Texas Scale Championships Qualifier, who took home some hardware at the Scale Masters Championships.



Now for the guys from Texas who attended the SM Championships. Plus three photo bombers—the guys and gal in the orange shirts—I am sure you recognize them.



For the first time a scale contest will be held in Louisiana. The Red Stick Classic Scale Contest will hold its inaugural Scale Masters event, it is also an AMA and NASA certified contest. Jeff Pike will be the Contest Director. Events will be Designer Scale, Expert, Sportsman, Ad-

vanced, Team and Fun Scale.

The 2016 Texas Scale Championships will be held on June 18-19, in Fort Worth, Texas. The scale contest will be at the home field of Greater Southwest RC club. This event is the longest running scale contest, 20 plus years, in the Central South area. For many years this was the only AMA Scale contest held all year. Now with the Red Stick Classis we are starting to grow. Texas has long been the only remaining scale contest hotbed of activity, now we are looking for a good competition in Louisiana and hope to build on SCALE flyers.



Warbird Fly-ins seems to be popping up all over. Like most of you, I attend several of these year round. Warbirds over Texas will be held by the North Dallas RC club and it is scheduled for June 3-4, 2016 and has grown to a very large well attended venue.





The Fort Worth Thunderbirds Warbird fly-in on May 14. The longest running warbird fly-in for the deep south. Large turnout and you will see everything from electrics to twins



If your World War 1 fan, put the Dawn Patrol in Oklahoma on your must attend list, scheduled on July 8-9, some of the best you see anywhere



No matter what you fly-Make it scale—Get out and go to a local contest or fly in!!

Remember you can't get to the SM Championships if you don't COMPETE!!

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Editor:

You will notice some changes in personnel—not really, some have left for their own reasons, and we welcome back Dale Arvin who has time once again to devote to USSMA.

Also Jeff Lovitt changed jobs and also now has time to relax and devote to USSMA, as noted by the return of the 49er Qualifier and hosting the Champs at Woodland/Davis again.

Please note that the SoCal Qualifier has moved to Gilman Springs.

As noted, this will be the 40th Dan Sullivan event, it really is a great event. Try to attend or at least visit if you can.

We are looking for a new AZ Director, let Curtis know if you are interested (the worst part is writing a short column for this missive every 3 months).

See you in Woodland!

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