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View From the Canopy

Randy Wilbur, CO Commander

HAPPY NEW YEARS ALL. Yes a new year is upon us. Let's all work together and push the envelope a bit more this year.

The year is starting up quickly beginning with the AMA Convention

**JANUARY 2007
MEETING
MONDAY
Jan 8, 2007**

Green Valley
Adult Clubhouse
17250 West Los Jardines
Fountain Valley, Ca 92708

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next weekend the 12th through the 14th. I still have room for more help at the show so sign up this Monday night and help out. We have donations from Hobby People, Kyosho and others. These vendors have also donated items for the Hanger Party.

The Christmas hanger party is on January 20th. This is the Saturday after the AMA convention. Check the flyer for the driving directions and times. The Yanks museum will be open for us again to tour and photograph. I want everyone to come and party with us. These are the occasions that make it all worthwhile. Make it your New Years resolution to be one of the "click" and take in all the cool events.

Finishing off the month of January is the Arizona Electric Festival. This is the second or third year for this event. This will be the first time for me and

I am looking forward to hanging out with the guys. Electrics have come along way in the past several years and this show will be highlighting the best. Please go to their web site and check out the list of vendors that will be there. www.arizonaelectricfestival.com If you would like to join us for this event contact me and I can put you in touch with one of the guys to share a room and ride to Mesa AZ. Club dues are due so please bring your \$30 to the meeting and talk to Larry Klingberg about getting your new card.

Don't forget to check out the extensive video library we have. Ray would be thrilled to help you find the perfect video for you.

The best of wishes to all for the New Year. See you at the meeting.

Randy Wilbur, Commander



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Military Members Required!

The Joint Military RC Club aboard Camp Pendleton is seeking active and retired military or DOD (Department of Defense) members.

Membership is free.

RC Flight training is provided at no-charge on new club training models.

What's the catch you ask?

The JMRC Club is required to maintain two military members for each civilian member. The current situation abroad has taken many of the club's military members and will force the club to cut as many as 20 civilian members to maintain the base requirements for a balanced military to civilian ratio.

Retired is to mean actually a full retirement candidate from any branch of service or DOD.

Contact Sam Wright for full details.

Contact information on the return address of this newsletter.

www.jmrcflyers.com



Sam Wright
Editor

Another year speeds by and I realize that several projects are still in my shop unfinished.

Like most of you, I am constantly tempted to buy the next new model hitting the market and try vigently not to buy another ARE. Unfortunately those things are getting so good that they look a lot better and fly much better than they did several years ago.

I did make a New year's resolution to stop talking about my P-40 and finish it up. others in the famed Tiger Pursuit Squadron have slowed down while a few continue to work on their respective aircraft.

That brings me to the question, Is anyone still building? When I ask that several respond loudly, "Hell Yes!"

My hats off to you and I want to hang with that group.

I am hopeful that I will have the opportunity this year to publish photos and stories of your scale projects in this newsletter.

It is too easy to sit in front of the wide-screen and let that project in the shop drift by a few more weeks, months, and in some cases, years.

If you need some motivation call a buddy or fellow club member and you will be surprised as to how your interest will ignite again and that project may see it's first successful flight before you know it.

2007 Dates to Remember

January 12-14, 2007

AMA Convention
Ontario, Ca

January 20, 2007

Squadron BBQ at Chino

March 23-25, 2007

One Eighth Scale Fly In
Mesa, Arizona

March 31-April 1

RCX Expo, Pomona Fair-
plex

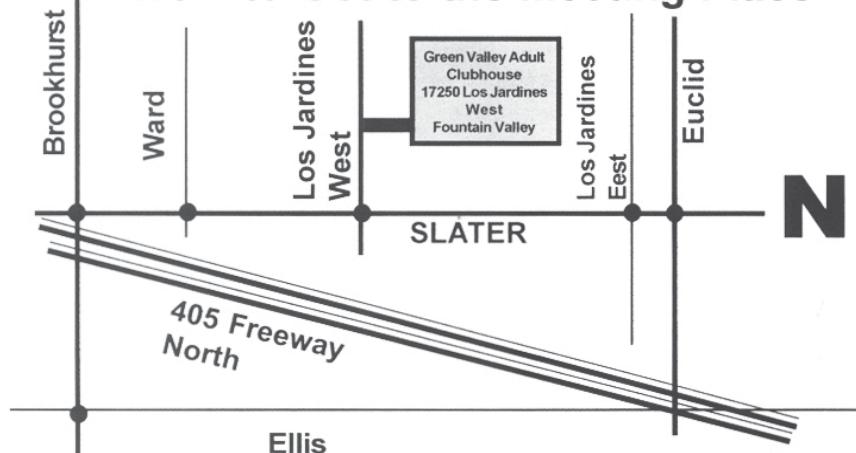
April 7-8, 2007

PVMAC Scale Electric
Fun Fly - Chino, Ca

April 13-15, 2007

Scale Qualifier
Hemet, California

How to Get to the Meeting Place



From the South - 405 North, Exit Euclid, Turn Left at end of ramp, Left on Lite at Slater, Pass Los Jardines East, Turn Right at light on West Los Jardines. Go thru Stop sign with school on left. The Clubhouse will be 1/2 block on your right

From the North - 405 South, Exit Brookhurst North, Turn Right at ramp light to Slater, turn right, Pass Silky Sullivan's on your left, FV Police Station on your right, Pass Ward, Left on West Los Jardines at the light, the Go thru Stop sign with school on your left. Clubhouse will 1/2 block be on your right .

Ye Old Pub B-17 - One Tough Bird & Crew

Charlie Brown was a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with the 379th Bomber Group at Kimbolton, England. His B-17 was called 'Ye Old Pub' and was in a terrible state, having been hit by flak and fighters. The compass was damaged and they were flying deeper over enemy territory instead of heading home to Kimbolton.

After flying over an enemy airfield, a pilot named Franz Steigler was ordered to take off and shoot down the B-17. When he got near the B-17, he could not believe his eyes. In his words, he 'had never seen a plane in such a bad state.' The tail and rear section was severely damaged, and the tail gunner wounded. The top gunner was all over the top of the fuselage. The nose was smashed and there were holes everywhere.

Despite having ammunition, Franz flew to the side of the B-17 and looked at Charlie Brown, the pilot. Brown was scared and struggling to control his damaged and bloodstained plane.

Aware that they had no idea where they were going, Franz waved at Charlie to turn 180 degrees. Franz escorted

and guided the stricken plane to and slightly over the North Sea towards England. He then saluted Charlie Brown and turned away, back to Europe. When Franz landed he told the c/o that the plane had been shot down over the sea, and never told the truth to anybody.



Charlie Brown and the remains of his crew told all at their briefing, but were ordered never to talk about it. More than 40 years later, Charlie Brown

wanted to find the Luftwaffe pilot who saved the crew. After years of research, Franz was found. He had never talked about the incident, not even at postwar reunions.

They met in the USA at a 379th Bomber Group reunion, together with 25 people who are alive now -- all because Franz never fired his guns that day.

Research shows that Charlie Brown lived in Seattle and Franz Steigler had moved to Vancouver, BC after the war. When they finally met, they discovered they had lived less than 200 miles apart for the past 50 years!

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**Chino Airport
Map
for the Squadron
BBQ Saturday-
January 20, 2007**

**See Flyer in this
newsletter.**

**Address:
7000 Merrill Av-
enue
Chino, Ca 91710**

**Hangar is on the
left on Stearman
Way**

WHO IS BUILDING WHAT IN SCALE



Rich Koehrer holding the first of the four wing panels for the Ziroli 88" Beech Staggerwing. Rich is working with an Aeroplane Works cut kit and the Ziroli plans. To be powered by a Zenoah G62 on ignition. Sam Wright, the other part of the team is gathering up electronics, gear parts and Stits Lite covering material.



After several weeks of assembly and corrections to some cut parts, N17 is starting to look like an airplane. The bottom half of the fuselage is next to be completed. The chosen color will be red with the Beech gold strip.

Rich said the plane is growing to a huge size. Lots of room inside.



Larry Wright with a Kyosho 55" wingspan Spitfire modified from glow power to electric.

Larry is flying on a 6500 milliampere lithium battery and a 50 size outrunner E-Flite motor. Larry experimented with a three bladed prop, later test proved that the two blade increased performance and climb rate.



Larry Wright closest to the camera calling for Larry Wolfe at the Prado field last Thursday.

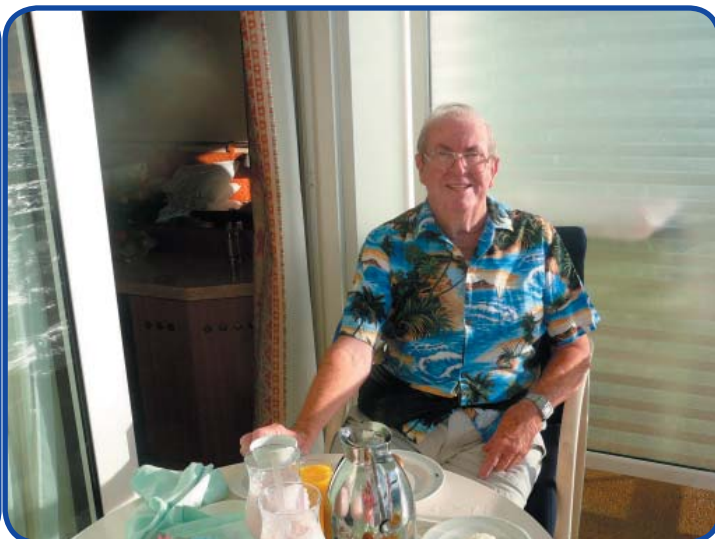
Thursday in the old Gene Barton tradition is a good day to find Squadron members at Prado.

Larry Wolfe was fine tuning his new A7 Corsair with a new JHH Electric Ducted fan unit.

**Scale Squadron Dues are due now! \$30.00 for 2007
& includes this fabulous publication each month**



Here is a gang of trouble makers at the PVMAC Prado field. Left to right:
 Ted Cooke from the UK, Bob Richards, Larry Wright, Larry Wolfe, Jerry Ortega, & Randy Wilbur kneeling begging for another flight.



No RC in this photo, but one of our "Retired" members having a leisurely breakfast at the GTS Summit in Hawaii....oh yea, we will have to be cornered to look at the photos. Bob finally bought a digital camera. Hope he printed the ones of the grass skirt demo!



The Scale Squadron European Representative from the UK, Ted Cooke. *(Even the One Eighth guys can't top that one)* Ted is visiting long time friend Larry Wolfe and was the presenter at the December meeting. Ted showed some great videos of the LMA (Large Model Association) sanctioned under the British Modeling Association. These guys are flying some really big stuff over there and it is impressive. Ted also talked about his models and flies turbine jets, scale models, free flight & electric RC.
 Notice the Squadron Shirt.



You can tell, the editor was fishing for photos this month, however this is one from last years BBQ at the hangar. Don't miss this one, good food., airplane rides, and a great raffle for RC stuff. mark the date, Saturday January 20. See the flyer in this issue and directions.

Did you know:

Dick Bong flew 234 missions in a P-38 with over 40 confirmed kills?

He received the Medal of Honor from General Douglas MacArthur in 1944. He also was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star with Oak Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with Six Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters. Bong was killed August 6, 1945 in a P-80 at Lockheed's test facility at Wright Patterson AFB. Apparently he did not engage the "Take off & Land back up switch to the electric fuel pump. Bong had only 4 hours jet time before the accident.

REMEMBER!
AMA Convention - Ontario
Convention Center
January 12-14, 2007

3rd ANNUAL Scale Squadron BBQ

**Saturday January 20, 2007 - Hangar 6 Building A240
Chino Airport - 7000 Merrill Ave - Chino, Ca 91710**

Guest Appearance by General Douglas MacArthur



**Tour "Yanks Museum"
Special \$6.00 Rate with
Scale Squadron Shirt or 2007
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Museum Doors open at 8:30am
until 2:00PM**



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Hangar Menu: (Grill is hot at 12:30pm until 2:00PM)
Jims 100% Beef Hamburgers with all of the trimmings.
Sam's Grilled Italian Sausage & Peppers on a French Roll.
Larry's Grilled Terayaki Marinated Chicken Breast.
Bush Baked Beans, Potatoe Salad, & Cookies.
Soft Drinks, Bottled water and Suds.

We need to know who is coming and your food preference before January 12

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Jim Reed	714-816-8942	tuggy007@earthlink.net
Gordon Truax	714-624-5214	gtruax@adelphia.net (new email address)

Directions: (Mapquest enter 7000 merrill Avenue - Chino, Ca 991710)

91 freeway to 71 freeway to Chino to Euclid Avenue, Pass Mens prison on left, turn right onto Merrill Avenue at the light.

The first street on your right is "Stearman Way" See Yanks museum Sign - Turn Right
Look for American Flag on chain link gate on your left and see 2nd hangar door open.
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3. Cut out and mail in this mailing list/entry form. (Valid address and information must be received by April 30th to be entered in the \$12,000.00 Giveaway.)

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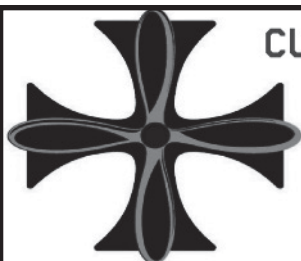
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Yanks Museum interior view. Featured tour during
the Scale squadron BBQ Saturday January 20, 2007
Visit the website for a preview: www.yanksair.com

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