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**Tim Johnson, Commander**  
*MY View From the Bench*

WOW! What a year 2008 turned out to be.. Starting out with the Arizona Electric Festival, the great spring rains that turned the OCMA field in to a beautiful green, California Jets flying models with a real life WWII fighter pilot, the Chino Air Show meeting all sorts of great full scale pilots, the Scale Squadron Scale Fly-In at PVMAC, the 1/8th Air Force fun fly meeting Bob Fry and the blue hat group (ha ha!), Flying with Ted Cooke listening to the British humor. So many great memories from 2008, I can't wait to see what is in store for 2009!

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to lead this wonderful club. I would also like to thank Jim Reed for a job well done in 2008. I would also like to thank the 2008 Board members that are not returning for another term. Thank you for supporting your club, and I hope to still see you at the flying field or at one of the many events this year.

The AMA convention is the second weekend of January, We (the Scale Squadron) need your help Friday,

Saturday and Sunday. Come out and share your enthusiasm for this wonderful hobby. If you think you can make it to the AMA show, please contact Jim Reed (714)905-4371. Also, I would like to thank our life time member Ken Wagner for donating another ride in P-51D Mustang, "Lady Alice". This ride will be raffled off at the Scale Fly-In This months general meeting, Wayne Spani will show part II of his "Into to Basic airplane aerodynamics". Part I really seemed to spark a lot of people's attention, and brain storming. I heard a lot of little chit-chats from Wayne's



insight, and many great questions asked. Treats will be available again this month.

January is action packed, starting out with the AMA convention. The weekend after that will be the Best in the West Jet event. I hear a real life WWII Fighter Pilot may attend. Then the following weekend will be the Arizona Electric Festival. Please keep checking back on our website for event updates. Sam will also have event dates listed in our newsletter.

The OCMA Field will be remodeled soon!!! Approval from both the OCMA Board, as well as the property owners has been given. The runway will be pushed out further from the pits, and created longer. The only down fall to this is when the time is correct the field will have to be closed for about two weeks. The upside is we get a runway that is smooth and long. That will give the large EDF pilots/ modelers a fighting chance to take off and land without sucking in a rock, or hitting a "jump" in the runway. Keep your eye on our website for more information and when the field may be closed.

The Chino Planes of Fame Museum has acquired a BF-109. Right now it is torn down to its bear metal. This could prove to be very interesting to some of you modelers. I do not have exact details on what model 109, or where it came from, but I am sure as I play "airport rat" I can find more information. There should be a picture of the airplane in this months newsletter. I will do my best to keep tabs on this full size model.

Don't get left at the bench, holding the sand paper. As a wise man once said "Today is the first day of the rest of your life". You only live once, Enjoy it while you can. I hope to see everyone at one of the fun upcoming events.

*Timothy Johnson,*  
*Commander 2009*



## Rambling Hangar Chatter

By Sam "Showbiz" Wright

Tim our new Commander summed up 2008 very well and I am sure with the economy disaster and all, we will have a great time in spite of that in 2009. It is all about attitude and sometime altitude!

Ken "Wags" Wagner our Stearman partner once again has offered his generosity for a ride in Lady Alice. We will raffle the tickets starting with the AMA Show and drawn at our Scale Fly In at the PVMAC Field in Chino June 7&8.

This year we want to reinforce our newsletter with building articles, photos and tips instead of the same 8 guys at the field. If you have a project on the bench, get us a progress

photo with some details and it will be published in front of the other newsletter fodder!

### Email Newsletter

Most of our members and guest recipients of the newsletter receive the Scale Dimension in full color by email. If you prefer the email over the costly postage black & white version, give your email address to Larry Klingberg and we will get you on the list. The email method cuts down on our monthly expenses and like big business, we are watching our dollars this year.

### January Program

Wayne Spani once again will be the featured program on the big white board. This month will be about CG and how to find or correct it. Hmm, is that about the tail heavy stuff? Wayne presents in layman terms and handles questions from the floor. Of course Coffee & home made cookies compliments of Cyndy Wolfe, Larry Wolfe & Jim Reed. One more reason not to miss the meeting.

### Show & Tell Awards

The Scale Squadron will continue

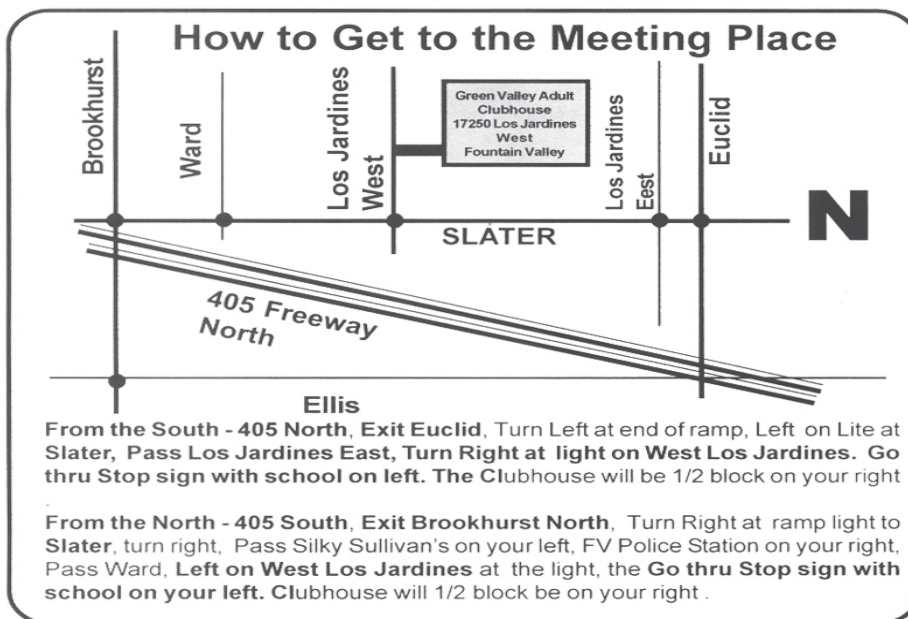
the cash cards for presenting your project in any stage. The Commander will present you with a ticket when you show your project or completed "SCALE" model. At the end of the year names will be drawn for several gift cards for hobby shops. This upcoming meeting will be the drawing for the 2008 participants, so don't be shy. We want to see what your building.

### More ZAP!

What? Yes use more ZAP. Note that many of our members are building in wood again. This is rewarding and I am also back to wood. It takes longer, but you can slam an ARF around to keep proficient. Look for more programs this year on wood construction, building and fiber glassing. Oh yes, the ZAP. ZAP has continuously sponsored our events and Fly In Friday Night BBQ for our Scale event, so when you reach for that other cheaper stuff, think of two things...quality, and our sponsor!

Lets kick off the new year right with a good showing at the AMA Show and this upcoming meeting. I hope to see you all there and at the field.

*Sam Wright, Editor*



**MEETING**  
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# Squadron December 2008 Photos:



Lady Alice and Wags will be providing another fabulous ride as a raffle fund raiser for the Scale Squadron. Tickets will be on sale at the AMA Show in the Squadron booth.



New N3N in the hangar. This is the Navy Yellow Peril, Now part of our hangar. If you need scale documentation, here it is in beautiful yellow. Full report at the meeting.



Squadron member, Brian Young's new 120" P-47 outer wing panel. Brian has been burning the midnight oil on this big baby and will be powered with a new DA 150. I am not sure how he will get it to the field?



Another view of Brian's rough assembled wing for the Don Smith big P-47. Flaps are fiberglass and the gear was specially crafted for this big Jug. Note the garage space this is taking up. Yep, he is single!

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**Sorry no overnight camping allowed**

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Additional information at the host club's web site:

<http://www.azmodelaviators.com>

A group of Scale Squadron members are going to this event in Mesa, Arizona. The foamies do not fly on the runway and the scale population has grown immensely. If we have a large enough group, we can tow the club trailer with the aircraft. This makes car pooling easy along with sharing rooms at the courtyards at Days Inn in Mesa. See Sam Wright or Gordon Truax.

# Photos of our Members & Friends.....



No More whining about cold weather on a flying Sunday. Here is a shot of Bob Walker's club field in St Charles, IL



Bob Walker's new Fokker D7 built from a Balsa USA kit. Ready for the maiden flight before the snow.



Ken Wagner and his new EDF A4 Skyhawk from Tam Jets. Kit is an EDF & was Tam's demo unit for his new fan.



Tim Johnson equipped the new Kyosho 72" wingspan Spitfire with a three blade prop and spinner. Flies well too!



L to R: Jim Reed, Gordon Truax, Sam Wright, & Larry Wright at Black Starr January 4, 2009. Chilly but a fun day.



The new Kyosho EP 55" Ki-61 Tony fits in the back of your editor's Expedition nicely. Notice no oily rags!

# BEST IN THE WEST JET RALLY

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Announced by Sam Wright

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## **Upcoming Events:**

**January 9-11, 2009 AMA Expo**  
Ontario, Convention Center, Ca  
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**January 16-18, 2009 - Best in The West**  
Jet Rally - Coachella Valley, Ca  
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**January 22-25, 2009**  
**Arizona Electric Festival - Mesa, Az**  
[www.azmodelaviators.com](http://www.azmodelaviators.com)

**March 20-22, 2009**  
**One Eighth Air Force Scale Fly In**  
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**June 6-7, 2009**  
**Scale Squadron Scale Fly-In**  
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