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MY VIEW FROM
THE BENCH

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THE SCALE SQUADRON
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



*What a great month
of flying!*

There is nothing more exciting in modeling than a maiden. Especially when the tail of your new model comes up, and some how you know right away you did a good job building your model.

Then your model rises off the ground and you grab for the gear switch and apply more power, pulling out so your

model can join with the hawks flying over your field. What a rush! (Included are photos of the maiden flight! Tim did a great job with his electrified Sea Fury)- editor

On to some sad news, John Elliot Jr. passed in the middle of June this year. Although I did not have much opportunity to fly with John, I sure do hear wonderful stories from people that have. My deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends. In this newsletter there will be a tribute in John's honor.

Southern California's newest scale club named California Scale Modelers Association will be having their first event at the OCMA field in Black Starr canyon July 10, 2010. I hear the event will be a good one, especially with the wonderful mountains in the background. I hope to see you there.

The Squadron's Cessna 310B / U-3A project is coming to a close.

The airplane was built by Mike Greenshields, Larry Wolfe and Tim Johnson, at Larry Wolfe's house. The airplane was then sent over to Phil Gross to be covered.

Roger Bitzer from the Grissom Air Museum in Indiana was kind enough to mail pictures of the U-3A they have on display. Enclosed with the wonderful pictures, a neat treat of documentation, color numbers, and the serial number of the U-3A on display at their museum.

The U-3A was transferred to Paul Lee's hangar to have the electronics installed. After ground checks, everyone involved with the project had a meeting at the PVMAC field to get a chance to maiden the U-3A, and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Everyone's thoughts about the airplane during the build process have been shared with Mike, to be sent to Model Airplane News to be published in their magazine. This was truly a neat experience to do



Commander's Message Continued:



with the club. I hope all involved enjoyed their role in the project. I can only hope that others will want to join us when the next project comes along.

If the Squadron continues to do these types of projects, we could end up with nice fleet. I would like to thank everyone involved with the project. I hope you enjoyed the experience and willing to do a project like this again, with perhaps a bigger airplane.

It really is neat to see people fly at all times of the week. I ventured out to OCMA one late afternoon a few weeks ago, and to my shock, at

5pm people were flying! I ran into Squadron members Phil Gross and Dick Churchill. They were training a young family member. It really is wonderful to see our members enjoying the field at all daylight hours.

I hope to catch you at Black Starr Canyon, or PVMAC flying your model.

-Tim Johnson
Squadron Commander



**EVENTS, ACTIVITIES
AND OTHER EVENTS
OF INTEREST**

July 12
Squadron Meeting 7PM

July 23 to 25
LA JETS Summer 2010
Apollo Field

Aug 9
Squadron Meeting 7PM

Aug 27-29
Central Cal. Scale Qualifier

Sept 10-12
West Coast Big-Jolt Electric FlyIn
PVMAC - Contact Sam Wright
pvmac.com

Oct 23-24, 2010
Scale Model Fly-In
1/8th Air Force
Adobe Mountain Park, Phoenix AZ
oef.org

Nov 13-14, 2010
Wings Over Chino Scale Fly-In
PVMAC pvmac.com

Nov 20, 2010
Prado Swap Meet PVMAC

Online RC Event Schedule:
<http://rxforfun.com/rccalendar>

U2 Spotted Over OCMA Field!



Tim Didn't just maiden his Sea Fury! He flew Mike Greenshields' new prototype Foamy U-2 on its maiden voyage too! (Thanks to Don Aitken for another cool photo!)

Tribute to John Elliot



“Big John” - John Elliot Jr. 1931 - 2010

Dear Friends:

Our hobby has suffered the loss of another long-time friend and modeler with the passing of John Elliot Jr. of Huntington Beach, CA.

John was born September 3, 1931. John was an icon in the model aviation industry and will be missed by all friends and associates. John was a member

in good standing in the Orange Coast Radio Control Club and the Scale Squadron of Southern California for years and many other local clubs in the area.

John loved to talk and shared the mike with long time friend Sam Wright.

John worked in the model industry for years, and he built many

scale models, he was a Scale Master Judge and participant in many events at Mile Square Park.

With Heartfelt Sorrow,

Joni Whitsitt, Secretary
Orange Coast Radio Control
Club and Scale Squadron



Tribute to John Elliot

Excerpts from a Letter from Sam Wright:

I met John in 1979 at the Escape Country flying site not far from my present home. He then talked me into coming to a Masters event at Mile Square Park where I met Frank Tiano and Dave Platt. That was the time Frank stomped a red Mig into the ground. I have been a Squadron member ever since.

I usually picked John up to go to an event or an AMA Cali-



fornia Air Show performance as we were both team members. He only had one car and the kids needed it or it was down for repairs. We always worked around it and it was a chore for John to get his long legs into my van. We flew on Friday nights with an old COX foam Cessna's at the La Pata dump site road.

We drank together, announced together,



and discussed scale building at great length. We spent a lot of time in my shop at the house. He was a slower builder than me, but more precise.

John never finished the PJ-235 (flown and sprayed Mennon After Shave at air shows), it was flawless and typical of John's work.

We spent many evenings at Silky Sullivan's ironing out world issues and John usually enjoyed his Black Russians.



He had a hell of a set of thumbs. He flew the scale model of the Spruce Goose for the Meyers brothers.

What most people don't know, John raced a Café road racer when he was young. His dad was a VW dealer and sponsored him. The photos I saw were funny because the fairing did not completely cover his long legs. He also spent time in the backseat of a T-33, and competed at many pylon and control line events.



He was a character, tall, stubborn, outspoken, a hell of a flyer, and loved to hang out with guys like us. I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with John. He also was a past Commander, program Director and Vice Commander of the Scale Squadron.

With pride, I am glad to have known him,

Sam Wright



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

MIKE GREENSHIELDS SCALE SQUADRON NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We've lost another modeler and friend to Scale Squadron this month. Big John - John Elliot was a bright spot in the So. CA modeling community for decades. A fantastic building with enthusiasm enough for an entire club, John was fun to be around and will be missed.

Another modeler near and dear to our friends in AZ, George Joy from Peak Electronics passed this month. George kept a lot of modeler's batteries charged with his special brand of

charger products. George was an avid modeler and a hard working member of our hobby industry. I was shocked and saddened at the news of his passing.

July has some bittersweet moments remembering lost friends. Indeed it had it's up-beat moments too that I'm sure George and Big John would appreciate.

This month saw our Fearless Leader, Tim Johnson slicing through the air on his maiden voyage of his new Sea Fury, the club leadership posted some IMPRESSIVE numbers from the Squadron Fun Fly, and this month even saw the maiden voyage of the Club-Reviewed Cessna 310 from Alien Aircraft for the Model Airplane News magazine review we are writing.

The June meeting was great fun, once again! If you don't attend the meetings, you're really missing out. From the progress on the FW-190 Tim C's building to the fun of just hanging out and talking models the Squadron meetings are a great place to be. Even Bob Rosenloff and his lovely wife are driving in from Bakersfield each

month to attend, share some tall-tales, and share the snacks at the goodie table.

I go to a lot of "other" club meetings because of my responsibilities at work, and I still say the Squadron knows how to have more fun than most clubs. For certain we're a good group of people I'm happy to know.

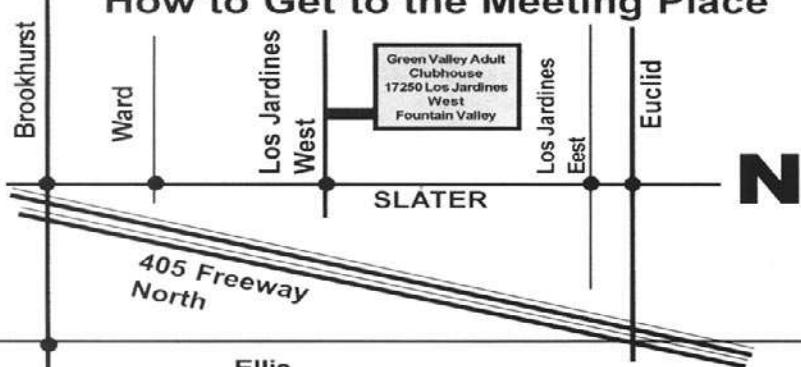
If there's a message in here, it's that life is short, modeling is GREAT fun, and the Squadron are a great bunch of guys and gals to hang out with. So stop watching TV and let's GO FLY!

We'll see you at the flying field!

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If you've flown something new, have a plane you want to show off, visited an event or flying field, etc. PLEASE provide a photo or two and/or information so I can publish it! Let the rest of the club members know what you're up to! Share your experiences and modeling projects here!

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.

MEETING
Monday
July 12
2010
7:00 PM

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



The Scale Squadron of Southern California



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in the Scale Squadron is open to all AMA members who are interested in safe, formal, and informal flying, including the research, building and flying of Scale R/C Miniature Aircraft. Membership Annual Dues are \$30.00 covering January 1 through December 31. Membership begins after verification of your current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Membership Card and receipt of Scale Squadron membership dues. Membership in the Scale Squadron includes a monthly newsletter and Squadron name tag. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

NEW RENEWAL Recomended by _____ DATE _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____ Email _____ Birthday _____

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AMA# _____ NASA _____ USSMA _____ FCC/Ham _____ EAA _____

MODELING INFORMATION

Years in R/C _____ Modeling Level: New Intermediate Expert Need Help

Interest Area: WW1 WWII Golden Age Civilian Vintage Jets

Private or Commercial Pilots License & Type Rating _____

Are you interested in Scale Competition? Yes No Would Require Assistance

How did you hear about the Scale Squadron? _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting Preferences. Check all areas that you would like to see at the monthly meetings

How To Videos Guest Speakers Scale Techniques Scale Contest Prep

Your Ideas _____

Would you be willing to assist at Scale Squadron Events? Yes No Maybe with Help

Registration Gate Flight Line Judging Scoring Cooking Radio Impound

Comments _____

NOTICE: This information is only for the Scale Squadron Data Base and will not be shared or sold to any outside agencies.

Your information may be used in a Scale Squadron Membership Guide available only to paid members.

Club Meeting - June 2010

Sheeting, Show-n-Tell, Recap of Our Successful Fun Fly

The Squadron Fun Fly was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. The numbers were staggering this year with over 80 pilots. Randy's feet are still tired from all that running around!



This month's meeting featured Sam Wright's sheeting/edging sanding machine. It's a tool that is open for use to the club members.

Thank you Sam!



Tim Johnson brought in his Sea Fury after its successful maiden flight. It's electric powered and flies great.

Mike shows off the covering work of Phil Gross on the Cessna Project Complete Coverage: Next Month's Newsletter



Club Meeting - June 2010

Welcome Guests, Update on the Ortego FW - Build, Cessna



Tim Cardin is making GREAT PROGRESS on the Ortego FW-190. Engine will be an OS Twin 120FS!



Larry Klingburg can't be held down to one hot model! So, he's got two! (shh don't tell his wife). In his hand is the fuselage to a Curtiss Robin. He's also working on a custom Sikorsky S-29. His version will be modeled after the modified S-29 from the Howard Hughes Movie Hell's Angels

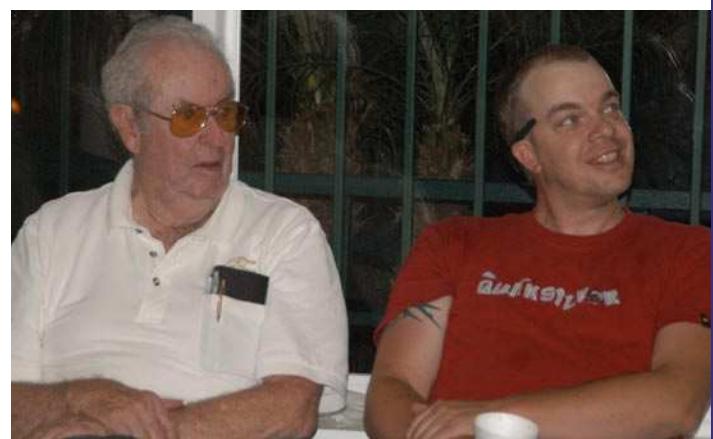


Larry's custom "bombs" are really a round promotional Cola bottle! Don't worry they're just for show!

WELCOMED GUESTS! THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING



Phil Gross brought a friend, Gary G. - Guest and Modeler,



Bob Richards brought in his grandson Paul.

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Many people from all walks of life find it fascinating to produce a miniature working replica of a full size object be it a doll house, sailing ship or operating steam locomotive. In our case it is our passion for Flying Machines that motivates the Scale Squadron.

Our members have diversified interests in all facets of aviation history, from the first aircraft to fly at Kitty Hawk to the modern day jet. Advancements in technology have provided us with ready-to-fly kits, on-board cameras, in-flight telemetry, multi-cylinder engines as well as high powered miniature jet turbines that burn real jet fuel. Today as scale modelers we pursue nearly every possible aviation subject with the confidence that not only will our project be successful, but that it may out perform that of its scale counterpart.

Squadron members delight in the pursuit of authenticity for scale projects. This requires research and documentation of specific aircraft and their variants. Many of the flying replicas thus created are of "Museum Quality" and our members take to the skies with these flying miniatures regularly and successfully. On the other hand, not every member makes a scale masterpiece. That's OK too! Whatever pleases you is what counts. Whether

club that embraces all facets of scale aviation R/C modeling and the related community.

Scale Squadron Club Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Green Valley Adult Clubhouse, 17215 Los Jardines West (just north of Slater) in Fountain Valley, CA. The meetings start at 7PM and last about 2 hours. Our meetings throughout the year include

the usual club business as well as Member Show-and-Tell, Modeling How-To's, Aviation and Industry Presentations, and good ol' time social gathering to help enlighten and encourage our membership to push the boundaries in the art of Miniature Aircraft

Replication. Like-minded visitors are always welcome. All members and visitors alike are encouraged to bring their latest scale models and projects!



you're kit-bashing, volunteering at charity aviation events, or making molds from scratch for Scale Masters or AMA National Championship competition scale aircraft, Scale Squadron is a



Jerry Ortego, Squadron Founding-Member after a nice flight with his FW-190 at OCMA Field



Larry Klingberg, Squadron Life-Member and Legendary Scratch-Builder



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