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DEC. 25, 1932 – AUG. 27, 2011

THE FIRST COMMANDER OF THE
SCALE SQUADRON OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Scale Squadron of Southern California was formed in the summer of 1976 and Don Lien was elected Commander. He had the drive and leadership that our new club needed, so therefore he was re-elected to Commander in 1977. He set goals for the club, which we still pursue to this day. He was also a great scale builder, and being in the automotive body repair business, he knew that a great finish was required for a winning model. In those days, scale modeling was beginning to change and sport scale was beginning to improve to a point that there was a need for change.

Don, and with the help of other Scale Modelers, some changes were made in the Scale category’s. Don built and flew many award winning models and placed high up in contests. Services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011 and the Squadron was represented by Gordon Truax, Larry Wright and Sam Wright.

MAY THE WIND BE IN YOUR FACE, AND THE SUN ON YOUR BACK, AND HAVE MANY HAPPY LANDINGS.
You’re Cordially Invited to our Exclusive

Club Night Special Event

Open to the following Clubs:

Scale Squadron Members and Their Guests
Orange Coast R/C Club and Their Guests
Harbor Soaring Society and Their Guests
OCMA Members and Their Guests

Club members only: join us for an evening of food, fun, information, and private shopping at our Fountain Valley Location.

When: September 21, 2011
Starting at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Hobby People
18475 Pacific St.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Festivities:
★ Meet the Hobby People Management Staff
★ Have a Hot Dog and a drink on us!
★ Presentation on New Hobby Products at Hobby People
★ Free Giveaway – attend and be entered for your chance to win!
★ Special Hobby People Club-Only shopping event
★ Radio Trade-in Program. If you missed the trade-in sale Labor Day weekend, here’s a chance to retire old equipment and get a GREAT price on a new Airtronics Radio!

Schedule of Events:
★ 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. — Join us for Hobby-Dogs on the GRILL!
★ 6:45 p.m. — Introductions and welcome!
★ 7:00 p.m. — Parade of Products Presentation followed by the Club Raffle Giveaway!
★ 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. — Private club-only shopping in the Fountain Valley store.
★ Closed to the general public. This event is just for you!

No need to RSVP, just bring your club ID Card!
Any questions? Send us an email at: mikeg@hobbypeople.net

Mike

Mike Greenshields
Vice President
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HELLO SQUADRON!

I was out flying this week at OCMA, testing an engine prototype for Magnum. We have a big group at OCMA (HUNDREDS of MEMBERS!!!) however the day I was out, it was more like being in a small town. Everyone knew each other or at least “knew of” each other, everyone was respectful, followed the rules, and flew safe. It made flying a heck of a lot more fun. That comes from good leadership and dedicated members setting a good example. That work goes a LONG way toward better flying for everyone.

The Scale Squadron “official” delegate to the OCMA is now Sam Wright. If you have any questions or concerns about OCMA, this is the right person to ask. He is YOUR official representative to the OCMA board. HOWEVER, never forget that YOU can participate with the OCMA anytime you like. I am sure Tim Cardin, who is in charge of OCMA these days, would appreciate the help!

Don’t forget the OCMA Fun Fly is November 12th. Please plan to come out if you can for a fun day of flying! IF you can help too, please contact Ron Novak by email movaksr@ix.netcom.com or call and leave a message at 714-554-9395. Ron is the official event CD.

There’s a ton of other stuff going on too in the next month.

First up: Hobby People “Club Night”. You’re invited! Details can be found on the flyer in this newsletter. If you like private shopping, free food, and a chance to chat with HP management, don’t miss it. It is SEPTEMBER 21, starts at 6pm.

Next up are 3 events in October!

Scale Masters October 6/7/8/9 We have club members going, so be sure to wish them “Good Luck!”

A Hobby Swap Meet, Open to the Public, Sponsored by Hobby People. October 15 See their website for details.

And if you’re ready to go to Arizona to “Represent So CA and the Squadron”, don’t miss the 1/8th Air Force Fall Event! October 21/22/23

Last weekend was another special flying event, the “Big Jolt” hosted by the PVMAC and directed by their official CD and one of our own, Sam Wright. It was very hot, and yet everyone managed to keep their cool and it was a GREAT weekend of flying. If you don’t have a fun night-flyer, you need to get one. Friday night Night-Flying is a cool thing and many clubs are starting to have this activity. But that was a small part of tons of impressive planes and great flying witnessed all 3 days!

I want to say THANK YOU to Sam Wright and other Squadron Members doing their part to help out! I saw Nancy Wright, Debbie Justus, Larry Wright, Gordy Truax helping out in one way or another all weekend. And, on the MIC announcing was Tim Johnson! We even had a very cool Fly-By when Ken Wagner (PVMAC Member and Squadron Life Member) in his Airshow quality P51D Lady Alice buzzed the field (of course that was with Chino Airport permission, we go by the book here following AMA and FAA rules!) We are very fortunate to have the PVMAC allow us to host an event there each year (our own Scale Squadron Fly In) and it’s nice to see Squadron Members also active in the PVMAC helping out! And even though it was 110 in the shade, the PVMAC crew worked HARD. From the Goodwine Family (Once again Phil and Beth Goodwine worked very hard so that modelers could enjoy the Big Jolt) to plenty of other Club members like Tom Marcure and his fellow club members running a perfectly organized flight line this year! PVMAC put on a GREAT event! They should be proud of this accomplishment. The Big Jolt, 110 degree heat and all, was a super success.

I warned you flying season was going to be busy, and it’s going to stay that way maybe all the way through to Christmas!

We’ll see YOU at the next club meeting!

-Mike
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SCALE SQUADRON OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Described as one of the best-kept secrets of World War II, the Airacomet was the first jet-propelled airplane in the United States. It was such a hush-hush project that hundreds of flights had been made in the radically new machine before it was announced to the public in 1943.

The P-59 had its inception on August 28, 1941, when Lawrence Bell, President of Bell Aircraft, was summoned to Washington, DC, for a conference. He had been called to the nation’s capital by General Henry “Hap” Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Force, to discuss the possibility of designing a single-seat fighter around the jet engine that had been evolved by a Royal Canadian Air Force officer, Group Commander, Frank Whittle. Mr. Bell replied that he was definitely interested in the project and would put his design engineers to work on the plane without delay.

At that time the Bell company was working on a new twin-engined fighter for the Air Force, under the designation XP-59. In order to preserve the cloak of secrecy, the original project was canceled and the new twin jet fighter was given the same designation.

Bell Aircraft engineers immediately began design work on the new project, and by March 1942 they were ready to start construction on three XP-59-As. The planes were to be powered by two 1,250 lb s.t. turbojet engines built under license by General Electric. The first XP-59A was shipped in secrecy to Edwards Air Force Base in California, where it was flown for the first time on October 1, 1942, by Robert Stanley, Bell’s chief test pilot.

During the test program, a formation of P-38 Lightnings, on a training mission over the Mojave Desert was overtaken by an Airacomet. The P-38 pilots were puzzled when they saw the plane with no propeller. Stranger still, the Airacomet pilot was wearing a derby hat and had a cigar in his mouth. After a few seconds, the jet pilot tipped his hat politely and pulled away from the formation. This was the first time that Air Force personnel, except for a select few at the test base, had ever seen a jet propelled airplane.

Following the test program, the Air Force ordered 13 YP-59As. Next was a contract for 80 P-59As. Only 30 of these had been delivered when the contract was canceled on October 30, 1943. Unlike the Messerschmitt Me-262, and the Gloster Meteor, the airplane had been successful as a test vehicle, but it offered only a small advantage over conventional piston-engined fighters. No P-59s ever entered squadron service, but were used for test purposes and as trainers for jet pilots.
Larry Klingberg showing off his wings of his 1/2 scale Church

Art Rossene giving us a progress report on his Banshee

Paul Lee showing off the progress of the Squadron club project

Sam Wright giving details on about his A-26 molded part.

Mike Greenshields showing off a prototype Panther

Bob Wood sharing his experience with a Birddog
MEMBERS AT LARGE
Photos by: Tim Johnson, Don Aitken

Randy Wilber and Steve Penn breaking in a new engine at the OCMA Black Starr field.

Ed Woodson caught at the OCMA Black Starr field.

Scott Rais at the Compton Airport Performing Jet Aircraft Demos

Larry Wolfe, Gordon Truax, Mike Greenshields working hard on their projects

Tim Johnson’s Birddog on a low fly-by at the OCMA Black Starr Field

Sam Wright happy after a successful maiden flight with his new P-51 “Gunfighter”
Can you identify this airplane? That is great, but don’t tell your buddies. At the next general meeting we will give you a piece of paper for you to write your answer on. Your answer will go in to a drawing for the night of the meeting. In the past Hobby People have donated prizes for this drawing.

The next Squadron newsletter will contain detailed information about this airplane for your reading pleasure.
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Join in on the fun and either sell your stuff or get great buys at the 2011 Hobby People Grand Swap Meet.

It's all happening Saturday, October 15, at Hobby People, 18475 Pacific Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

This is your golden opportunity to clear out the old workshop and make some money, maybe score a real deal on a model airplane, car, or boat! There is a $10.00 table reservation fee which is refundable by a Hobby People Gift Card when you set up. Please reserve early so we will know how many tables will be needed.

**Hurry, Limited Number of Tables!**

Tables measure 30 inches by 8 feet and there is a limit of two tables reserved by any one seller. Reservation in person, by regular mail, or by phone is strongly suggested as space is limited.

**2 Ways To Reserve:**

1.) Pick up a reservation form at any Hobby People store (or go to www.hobbypeople.net/swapmeet to download the PDF form) all the information you need will be there.

2.) If step one is not possible, please call our Fountain Valley store and speak to a Hobby People employee who will take your information over the phone. The number is: (714) 964-8846.
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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 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 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!

Thank YOU for your hard Work!

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