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# 2014

## IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT ONE!

OUR NEW  
COMMANDER  
SAM WRIGHT!



# COMMANDER'S NOTE

A Healthy Prosperous Happy New Year to all of you. I predict another great year for the Scale Squadron of Southern California. We have a lot going on and I am hopeful all of you will get involved in some way or another. First I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me as Commander. I will do my very best to meet your expectations. Fortunately, no on the job training is required as I held this position in 1998 and 1999. That tenure was preceded as Program Director, Vice President and the newsletter editor for 18 years. Following in Mike Greenshields footsteps is a tall

order. Mike brought new ideas and enthusiasm to the Scale Squadron promoting scale modeling and competition. His passion for bringing in the newcomer or the little guy is never ending and is the reason the Scale Squadron enjoys the respect and position it has today. A special thank you goes out to Mike Greenshields for a tremendous two years as our Commander.

Mike will remain on the board of directors as Past Commander where we all will be able to draw from his experience. Along with that Mike has been appointed as our Scale Squadron Events Director. Mike will be using his well-polished management skills to promote and manage our events for this year with the AMA EXPO, followed by the RCX Show, Our Scale Fly In at Prado and Un-contest at OCMA. Our main focus and Mission Statement will always remain promoting and encouraging the modeling of RC scale aircraft. To achieve that goal we will continue with the successful show and tell of new

projects at our meeting and will include, progress on a model and finished projects. We will also have the opportunity for some real "How To" programs. I personally will be encouraging you to participate in the US Scale Masters and other Scale Qualifiers as a group. We have a beautiful well equipped club trailer and several of us can tow it to an event with yours and about 8 others aircraft on board. I survived the 2013 US Scale Masters in Woodland Davis with an ARF in Sportsman Class. I was a nervous pilot and held together by Larry Wolfe and Tim Carden. Now I am ready with a real scale



aircraft this year and want you to be there with us as we plan to compete in 2014. Our first meeting for the New Year is Monday January 13. This will be the Monday following the AMA EXPO and I hope to see you all there. You will hear me as I am the announcer for the AMA again.

I know those of you that signed up for booth duty at the Expo will make the squadron proud and represent our club in a sincere effort while supporting true scale modeling. I am particularly proud that Ted Cooke, our UK Scale Squadron representative and member will join us at the AMA EXPO. Thank you all and see you there in Ontario.

*Sam Wright, Commander*

# CONTRIBUTING ARTICLES TO THE NEWSLETTER

The Scale Dimensions Newsletter goes out to people all around the country every single month. With so many people reading our publications, we as a group want to improve this newsletter to be all that it can be. That means that we need to add content. This year, I am asking our club members to contribute articles to the newsletter. When you go to an event, or even just go flying, take some pictures and write a little bit about what happened, who was there, and anything that you feel was interesting.

This is your club and you are what makes this club so great. All Scale Squadron members have so many experiences and continue to be involved in so many events. I am asking that you share those experiences. E-mail me your articles and photos and I will put them in our newsletter.

The Squadron is an active club. Let's show off to the world how active we really are!

-Chris Greenshields, Newsletter Editor  
Chris\_Greenshields@yahoo.com





# 2014 Board Positions



Sam Wright- Commander

Randy Wilbur- Executive Officer



Tim Cardin- Treasurer



Ed Woodson- Secretary



# 2014 Appointed Positions



Mike Greenshields- Event  
Coorodinator/ USSMA REP

Chris Greenshields-  
Newsletter Editor



Larry Wolfe-  
Programs



Paul Lee- Webmaster



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Larry Wolfe enjoyed himself at the party.



The Big Turnout was great.



Nancy, Sam, and Joshua enjoying their dinner.



The Cardins had a great time.



We even had visitors from England.



Mike Greenshields accepts an award



# LARRY WOLFE

Received an award at this years Jet Rally for his 25 years of service and participation. It's great to see others recognizing Squadron members for their continued support of all things scale. Great Job Larry!



Thanks to Ted Cooke for sending in these pictures and info about Larry's Award.

# CALENDER OF EVENTS

Hi Everyone!

I've been demoted to events coordinator... Seems like it might be more work than my old job here at the Squadron! Just kidding! I have no complaints and I'm looking forward to a fantastic event-filled 2014.

We're starting the schedule of events for the year with the dates that are firmed up and give a little explanation of the event as needed . Each month, the newsletter will be updated with new event information, comments, and hopefully some great event coverage! We're getting started with the first 6 months.

## January

### **Board Meeting, Jan 6.**

**7pm.** Hobby People Corporate Office. This is where we get the business of the club done and subject matter ready for vote, etc. General membership is welcome to attend. No public or guests.

**AMA Expo!** Tell your friends, tell your neighbor, tell your sweetie as long as your wife doesn't find out! The AMA Expo is **Jan 10, 11, and 12!** We have a booth! I hope you're working it at least for an hour or two to help out! Official volunteers get in free! See flyer in this newsletter for details.

### **General Club Meeting,**

**Jan 13. 7pm.** This is our first meeting with our new head-honcho! We're looking forward to some great work from our new Commander Sam Wright. I expect this will be a fantastic meeting to kick off the new year! Don't forget the general meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month! Map and address are in this newsletter and on our website!



## February

### **Board Meeting, Feb 3, 7pm**

Details tba.

### **General Meeting, Feb 10,**

**7pm** Don't forget the general meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month! Map and address are in this newsletter and on our website! Details tba.

### **Gun Smoke, Feb 28 to March**

**2.** Our buddies in Arizona are at it again. The 1/8th Airforce will host the first local scale masters qualifier of 2014 in Phoenix, AZ. See their website for more details. [oeaf.org](http://oeaf.org)

## March

### **Board Meeting March 3, 7pm**

Details tba

### **General Meeting, March 10,**

**7pm** Don't forget the general meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month! Map and address are in this newsletter and on our website! Details tba.

### **1/8 Air Force Spring Scale**

**Fly-In March 22/23.** Flying with our buddies out in Arizona is a ton of fun. We'll see you back in AZ for the Fly-In! Details on the website. [oeaf.org](http://oeaf.org)

## April

### **Board Meeting TBA**

General Meeting, April 14, 7pm Don't forget the general meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month! Map and address are in this newsletter and on our website! Details tba.

## May



### **Board Meeting TBA**

### **General Meeting May 12**

**7pm** Don't forget the general



meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month! Map and address are in this newsletter and on our website! Details tba.

### **RCX Battle of the Builders!**

**- May 17/18** (setup on the 16). NEW LOCATION: OC FAIR GROUNDS! We are once again the show organizers for this



special event. Signups are open now at [RCFightDeck.com](http://RCFightDeck.com) and will be linked to RCX momentarily. Links to RCX and to signups, as well as a promotional video can be viewed at the Squadron Website.

### **June**

**Board Meeting June 2, 7pm,**  
Hobby People Corporate Office

**General Meeting June 9 7pm**

Don't forget the general meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month! Map and address are in this newsletter and on our website! Details tba.

### **Squadron Fly-In! Jun 20 to 22.**

PVMAC Prado Field, Chino CA. This is our 8th year of hosting what I think is one of the top-notch scale fly-ins anywhere. Anyone with a scale model can fly and you can bet there will be some beautiful airplanes this year!

If you're a member reading this, we need you to volunteer for this event! Mark it on your calendar now and get ready for a spectacular club weekend. For our club, this is the most important event we do, by far and we'll need everyone on deck this year to make it great!

So there you have it, events for 2014 thus far that are already confirmed! As we confirm more events we'll post them here AND on the website!

One last thing: **STAY IN TUNE WITH THE SQUADRON, SIGN UP FOR WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENTS SENT STRAIGHT TO YOUR EMAIL AT [SCALESQUADRON.COM](http://SCALESQUADRON.COM)**

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We're working on an exciting 2014! If you have updates, recommendations, or new event information, please contact me! [mikegreenshields@gmail.com](mailto:mikegreenshields@gmail.com)

Happy Landings!

-Mike

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# OCMA Meeting

December 17, 2013



2014 is going to be a wonderful year. OCMA is off to a good start with plans to resurface not only the runways, but the pit areas of both the hellie port and main runway as well. This project is scheduled for sometime in February. This of course depends on the weather.

Membership renewal is underway and needs your attention for the New Year. Your membership will go to help resurface the runways and maintain the lawnmower. The OCMA is also adding another porta-potty to make your flying day more enjoyable. Along with renewing your membership, a mandatory safety meeting is required. Two dates have been set for this. The first is on **Sunday, February 2**, and the second date is Saturday, **February 8**. New gate keys and updated field rules will be handed out at that time.

The club T-28 pylon races are still happening one weekend every month. The next race is scheduled for **Sunday, January 19**. Following races will be on Saturday, February 15 and again on Sunday,

March 16. I have not been able, due to my work schedule, to get out and enjoy the excitement of these races that I hear have been a lot of fun. Food and prizes have been provided by OCMA for all of these events.

I hope everybody is planning on attending the AMA convention in January. That event is scheduled for the **10th, 11th and 12th**. Following that event on **May 17 and 18th** is RC Expo. This year the Expo is being held at the Orange County Fairgrounds, which should make for easier parking and a larger venue. Please keep these dates in mind, as 2014 will once again fill up very quickly.

I encourage all of you to join us at an OCMA board meeting. The dates and times are listed on the OCMA website [flyocma.com](http://flyocma.com).

I wish you all well and happy flying.

Randy Wilbur  
Scale Squadron OCMA Rep.

# Scale Squadron Blast from the Past

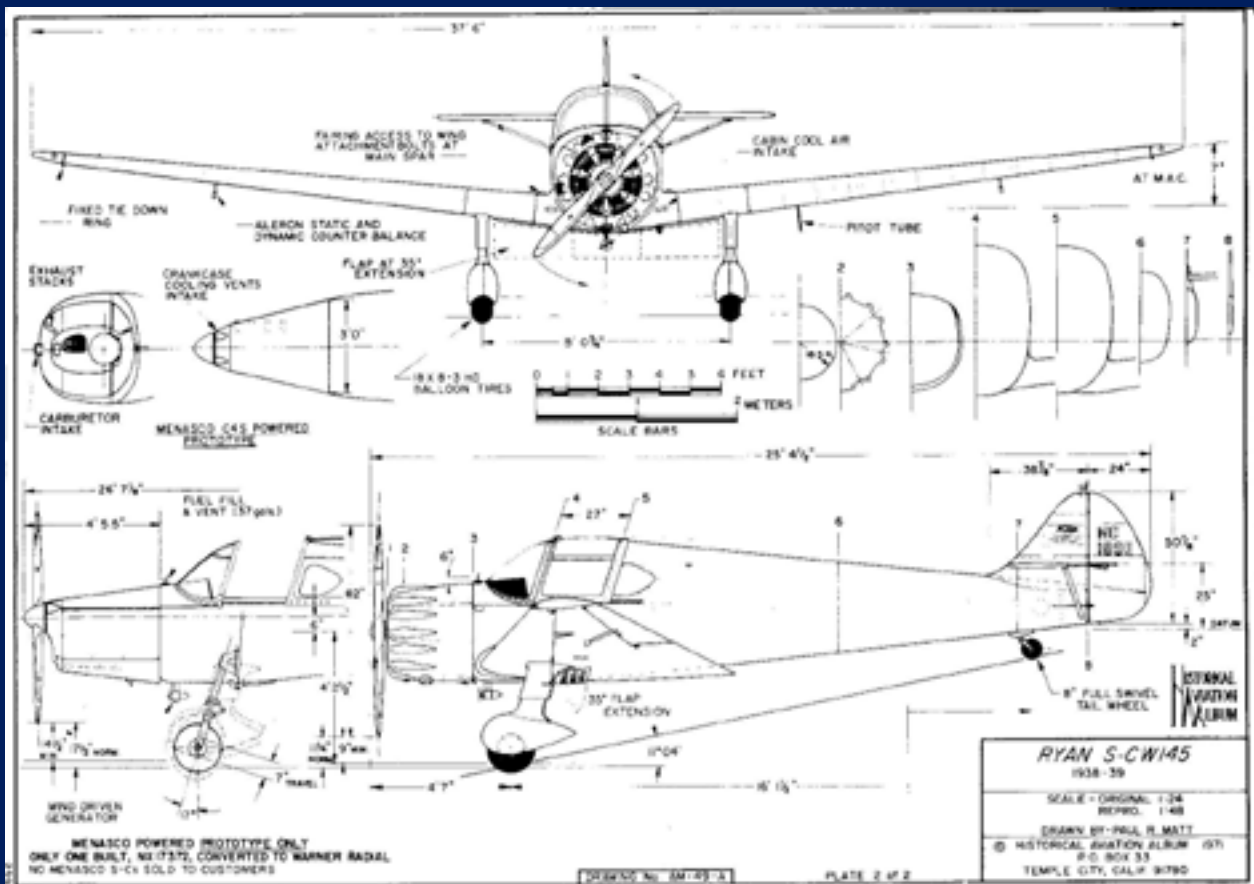


**Chuck Fuller June 19, 1994  
Mile Square Park, Fountain  
Valley, California.  
Scale Squadron Qualifier**

Chuck Fuller, a devoted Scale Squadron Member from Northern California. Chuck showed up for every Scale Squadron event including Fun Flies, the annual air show, full size air shows and scale qualifiers.

This photo was taken at Mile Square Park June 19, 1994 at the Squadron Scale Qualifier. The aircraft is Chucks 72" scratch built Van's RV4 Experimental homebuilt aircraft replica. Power was a Sachs 3.5 gas oil two stroke.

The covering was aluminium finished Monokote. The two scale pilots are unique in that the rear guy is a hand-crafted version of the full size Chuck Fuller. Chuck always sported a great smile, as well as a great scale builder and pilot. Chuck also performed with the California Air Show Team under the guidance of George Normington, which had its beginning in the Scale Squadron. Both fine gentleman are at that great flying field above. Chuck's enthusiasm generated a lot of that "Go build something attitude" and was a great motivator in keeping the Scale Squadron spirit alive..... *Photo courtesy of the Sam Wright collection*







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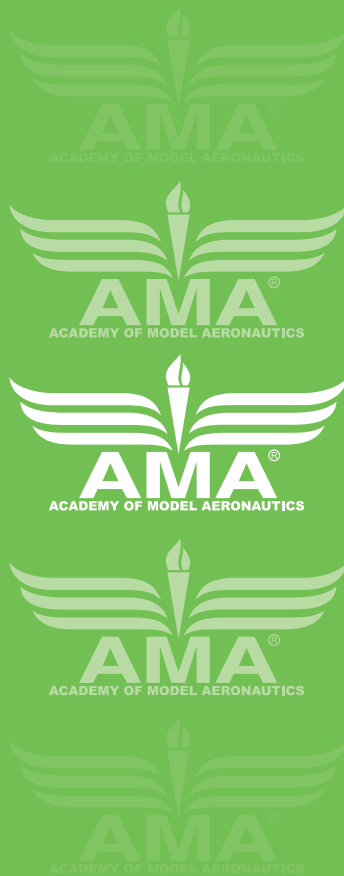
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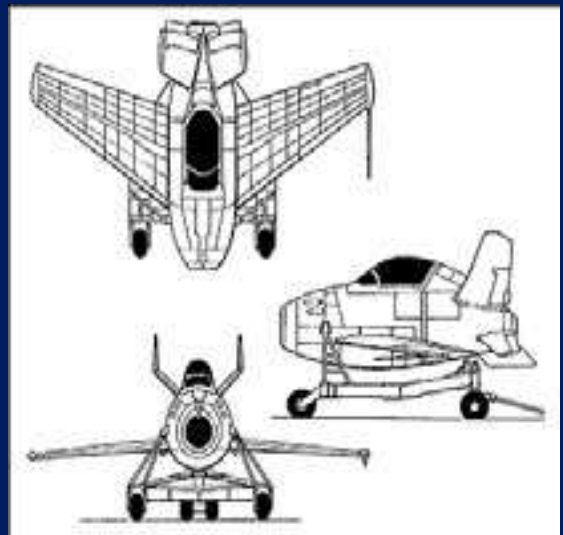




# PLANE OF THE MONTH



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