



The Squadron 2019 Christmas party was a huge success again and more photos in this month's newsletter

## COMMANDER MIKE'S LEFT SEAT VIEW

### Hello Everyone

We've rung in a new year and it looks to be an exciting one. RCX, W&C 2020, etc. There's a lot of fun stuff to do for 2020!

After some discussion the board has, as intended in our bylaws, to adjust some of the jobs for the board. Larry, Gordy Truax, Tim C, Pano, and Ed will all maintain their current positions. However, Pano has made a BIG commitment to take over the newsletter editor position. The transition will take 1-2 issues but we will very soon see what Pano has to offer.

The big news is that I will remain on the board but will no longer be the Commander. Congratulations and appreciation to Sam Wright for stepping into the role. He has done this SO many times before and I expect this year to be a good one with Sam leading the charge.

This will give me the time to fill plenty of support roles from Website editing, W&C registration (online) organization, Email message distribution, and even bringing the cookies and coffee to most of the meetings.

This is a great club, I hope we all get the word out that we're welcoming new members, and I hope we see growth combined with tons of fun events over the next year.



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## SCALE SQUADRON MEETING MAP & DIRECTIONS

Address: 17250 Los Jardines West - Fountain Valley, CA

**Next Meeting: Monday January 13, 2020 7:00PM**

Copy the Link below and paste in your Browser for directions

<https://www.mapquest.com/search/result?query=17250%20Los%20Jardines%20West%20-%20Fountain%20Valley,%20CA&boundingBox=45.73685954736049,-117.90527343750001,30.524413269923986,-78-.0908203125&page=0&index=0>



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Thank you all so much for your support over the last years as we guided through this club through a vastly changing R/C world. Today we are poised for new successes and it is YOU, Every One Of YOU, who made that happen, the people who make this club special. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be the Commander and support you and your hobby interests.

Let's have a fantastic year and get in a LOT of flying at our beautiful OCMA field or where ever you choose to fly!

See you soon!

**Mike Greenshields**

## EDITOR'S NOTES & COMMENTS:



### Editor or Commander?

First to all, a very Happy new year, healthy, prosperous and a lot of scale building and flying to all.

What does that heading above mean? I was elected to be your Commander for 2020, a position I have held before so on the job training has been waived. Fortunately, Pano Coromeles has taken on the task as newsletter editor and you will see his face and copy in this space in February. Pano is very competent, an avid builder flyer, and I am sure he will carry the tradition of a great newsletter for the Scale

Squadron.

I want to also thank Mike Greenshields who will reside on the board as Past Commander and who also has held that position twice for several years each time. It is not easy to steer a group of scale modellers with varying interest and Mike has managed to keep our group excited and growing. Thank you Mike for a job well done again!

You know, I had to look back on our history a bit, especially when I got involved with the Scale Squadron. I remember Harris Lee, Bob Olson, Jerry Ortega and Bert Baker forming the group and I was not quite a member of the squadron. I was invited to a meeting by none other but, John Elliott. That goes back a ways and after the first event at Mile Square Park, I then jumped in to announce the event, and that was well over 30 years ago. During my first years at the meetings at Mercury Savings and Loan off of Beach Boulevard, I was the scared kid in the corner looking at the works of art for Show and Tell from guys like Gene Barton, Denny DeWeese, Gordon Truax, Rick Lewis and a lot of other notable builders. It was with the help of John Elliot, Larry Wolfe and many others that I slowly put my foot in the water and started building scale modes.

I have announced events all over the country for the last 30 years and what a thrill for me to meet all the names you hear about and see their craftsmanship. It wasn't until a few years ago that I actually took a Kyosho P51 that I converted to electric to the Gunsmoke in the Sportsman category. I was scared to death and after my first round could of used a dry cleaner. By the 3rd round I was settled in and didn't take any gold home that weekend, but I was in and accepted by the other competitors.

Of course none of that would not have happened without the help and support of the Scale Squadron

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members. I knew I wanted more and finally attended the US Scale Masters in Davis, California with Tim Cardin and Larry Wolfe. What a blast to meet everyone and get out there in front of the judges. You bet I was scared, but I did it, and you can too. Larry Wolfe was my caller and even in high winds I wanted to land and abort the round, but Larry said" your not landing!" so I finished the flight and had so many good memories.

So when you see that statement on top of our newsletter "FOUNDERS OF THE U.S. SCALE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS", be ever proud that such a great event grew out of your club. That is our heritage and will be forever. We as a club always suport the Scale Masters and even Gunsmoke to help the events survive and also be part of it as well.

Now that I am all grown up, going to an event is a blast and look forward to it including the Gunsmoke Qualifier in March of this year. I hope you will join Tim Cardin and I as well a few others this year. We will get you through it and you will enjoy every day!

There will be unique program that I will present on making lead weights. Many of us use lead wiewghts to hold wing skins down and other uses on our building tables. I will melt down lead and make ingots in front of you. So gather up those tire and fishing weights and other unsued lead.and lets melt them into ingots.

See you at the meeting this coming Monday January 13, 2020. Dont miss the inaugral meeting for the New Year. I will do my best to keep you entertained and with good content.

Next time you hear from me will be on the front page as Comander,  
**Sam Wright, Editor**

## **Pano's P51 Build Continues with more progress:**

Pano Coromeles, has stayed the couse on this battered P51 formerly owned by David Morales. He is in the home stretch and if you remember from last month this was a wood built up and glassed Bud Nosen P51. Graphics are from Calle Graphics and wings are next. Expect the final assembly photos soon and then the

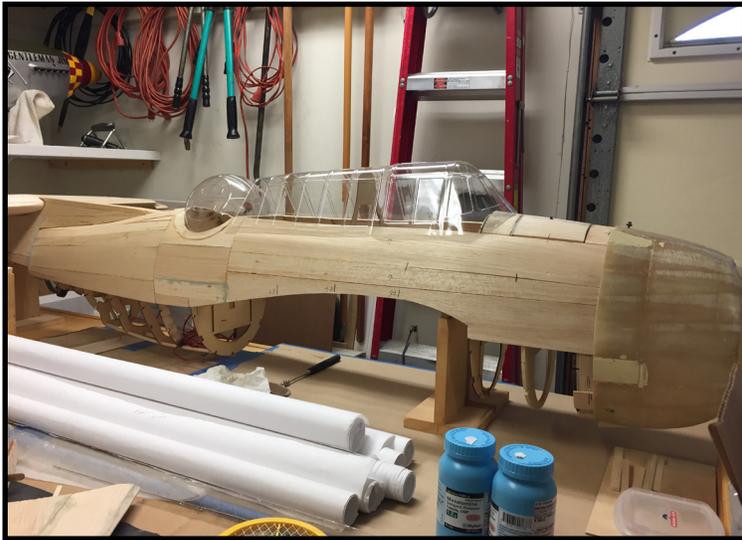
maiden flight. R.A. Bob Hoover would be proud!



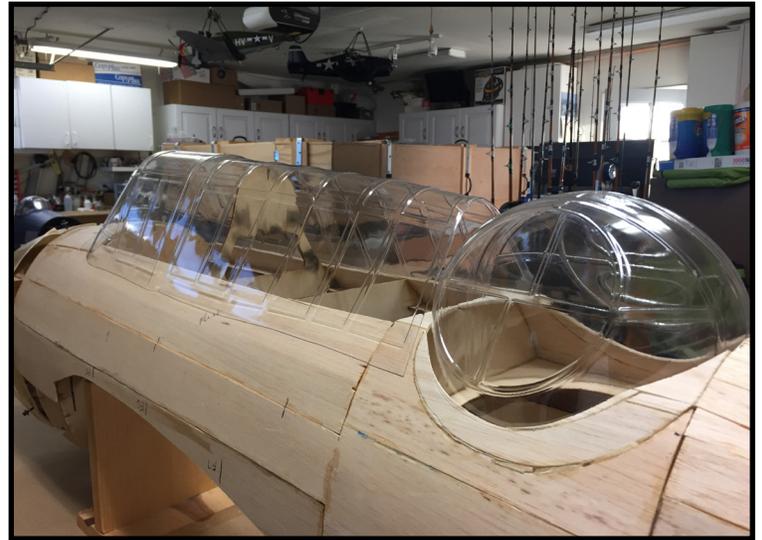
# MEMBER BUILD: GRUMMAN TBM AVENGER

Squadron Member, Joe Trama has been diligently building a TBM Avenger from Nick Zirolis Plans. This is an all wood built up aircraft which will be glassed and painted. Originally designed by Charles Kellogg and sold to Zirolis Plans. This is a big model with a 108" Wingspan, the fuselage is 80" long, and powered by a DLE 85.

The Avenger entered U.S. service in 1942, and first saw action during the Battle of Midway. Despite the loss of five of the six Avengers on its combat debut, it survived in service to become one of the outstanding torpedo bombers of World War II. Greatly modified after the war, it remained in use until the 1960s.



A great view of the planking required to cover this big model. Joe likes building with wood and his Grumman Wildcat won an award at the AMA Expo a few years ago. Now owned by Brian Young.



A rear view of the planking to cover the TBM. It looks rough now, but once sanded it will be smooth and then ready for fiberglass. Note the large amount of glass for the cockpit and rear bubble gunner.



The front business end of the TBM. The cowl and cockpit glass is available from Zirolis Plans too. Building with wood is a lot less expensive than buying an all composite almost ready to fly model.



The scale retractable tail wheel, and most likely from Sierra Giant Scale. Hopefully we will see more progress photos from Joe as he progresses with this really nice build..

# Back to Basics

By Tim Cardin



I don't know about all of you, but I am happy to have survived this last year. Now, we are starting a new decade and I find it's time to get back on track with the hobby I've loved all my life. My main focus has been scale aircraft since the day my trainer aircraft starting lasting more than 30 days. It was then I decided all of my models will be of full scale aircraft, no more box fuselages for me. With little exception this has been true ever since.

Last year was one of those years when life got in the way of the pursuit of modeling and competition, now I'm rearing at the bit to get on with it. First is to reacquaint myself with the projects underway and get those solved, finished or otherwise addressed. I finally have the Saito FG19's running in the Bamboo Bomber and it has essentially returned to the air after a couple years off line. I also realized that it has been around the block, competed in multiple arenas and made the cross country journey to Top Gun two years running. It is no spring chicken with 56 flights in the logs it is showing significant wear and damaged. Each time I take it down the stress and damage is greater. On the last outing, I noticed how much the stress damage has advanced and realize that the only way to bring it back into top competition shape is to completely peel it, repair the damage and refinish. Considering this model is built from Don Smith plans and is constructed more like a giant Guillows stick and tissue, I am reluctant to do anything with it at this time. I've decided to give it a place in my Hangar where it can oversee everything that's going on. You know, our models are "little people" and our job is to listen and respond when they are talking to us. Paying attention to them is no simple task, but I like to think I'm getting better at it. I would much rather enjoy the T50 in my hangar than risk losing it to a stupid mistake. One day I'll take it down and do what is necessary, but for now, there are too many other projects.

With that done, it's time to plan out the year. First event on my schedule is "Winter Warbirds" in Phoenix at the Sun Valley Flyers field off Jomax Rd. It's in a couple weeks, January 24, 25 & 26, a great event and draws great people with magnificent aircraft from all over the country. I'll be taking old reliable Byron Originals P51d, Man 'O War and enjoying the weekend with friends and airplanes. It's a great way to kick off the year by attending a fun event like this.

In the meantime it's back to work on my CompARF P51, Lady Alice. It spent most of last year wondering where I was. Once in a while I would put some new components on the pile, but that was about the extent of it. I'm realizing that there are only a couple of items missing to complete it. They are on order now and should be here within the week. The first Scalemaster competition on the schedule is Gunsmoke, in Phoenix at the Arizona Model Aviators field, Superstition Airpark in Mesa. It's on March 13, 14 & 15 and always a ton of fun, an event I always look forward to.

With that in mind, deciding which aircraft to take is the task. I've got an 'Advanced' entry RTG, my Hangar 9 P47D that I bashed a couple years ago. It's been examined, flown and hung back up recently. I'll just need to take it down a few weeks prior and give it a thorough exam to make it ready for the event. This is my fail safe as it were. My goal is to have Lady Alice done in time. True, it's a lofty goal but it is attainable and gives added motivation to the project.

I just discovered that there will not be an OEAF Spring event this year. Because they will be heavily involved with charity Fun Fly a couple weeks after Gunsmoke, March 27, 28 & 29 at the Arizona Model Pilots field which all proceeds will go to St. Jude's Hospital.

So back to work on Lady Alice! Each flight is a practice scale flight, every time, that's simply the way I roll. With that said it's time to dust off your models, put the finishing touches on them or whatever else is required and get out to the field to practice! The Scale Squadron will be putting on more scale practice events at OCMA over the next couple of months. Stay tuned!

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## More events to visit or participate in coming up in 2020!

**January 11, 2020 Saturday - 9:00am Sharp OCMA Safety Meeting.**

Bring your paid application, current AMA and FAA Registration to receive your 2020 Badge and new gate key. Field Gate is locked at 9:00am promptly!

**January 18, 2020 Saturday Only Coachella Desert Warbirds Event**

**January 24-25 Winter Warbirds Sun Valley Flyers Field**

**March 14-15, 2020 Gunsmoke Scale Qualifier**

**March 27-29 2020 Wings Over Arizona**

There is no shortage of events to attend even if to just be there. It is always more fun than watching and most are casual, fun and very relaxing.

Make the most of your sport and see what is going on out there and just possibly, you may want to dust an old model off and get involved. There certainly is plenty of help too!

**Scale Squadron 2020 Dues are due and you can use PayPal online at [www.scalesquadron.com](http://www.scalesquadron.com) or pay at the meeting.**

Scale Squadron Black Shirts are still available and Golf Shirts. See Mike Greenshields and if we do not have your size, they are easily ordered.

Remember to bring your Show and Tell in any stage to the meeting. You will receive a ticket for the drawing at the 2020 Christmas party for kits, prizes and other goodies!



**Military Aircraft of all eras in military schemes are welcome to fly.  
Park fliers will only be flown before or after normal flying hours.**

**Landing fee is \$40. AMA membership required**

**Flying awards for all eras of aircraft**

**Static awards for kit built, ARFs, and Craftsmanship**

**Limited camping for out of town participants. email CD.**

**Hosted by Sun Valley Fliers  
Cave Creek and Jomax RD in North Phoenix, AZ**

**email [quist23@cox.net](mailto:quist23@cox.net)**

# Gunsmoke 2020

## Scalemasters Qualifier



### Noel Hunt's Dry Land Sea Otter Under Construction

Hosted by The One Eighth Air Force March 13, 14, 15, 2020

Competition in 5 Classes:

Expert, Team Scale, Advanced, Pro-Am Pro, Pro-Am Sportsman

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Friday: Static Judging - 10AM to 3PM

Late Arrival Static Judging Saturday 8:00 AM.

Sat & Sun: Flight rounds - 8:30AM to 3PM

Awards Ceremony Following the Flight Rounds Sunday

Entry Fee: \$40 Spectator Parking \$6.00 per Vehicle

Overnight Parking available by Reservation, Thursday, Friday & Saturday night ONLY

Food at Concession Stands available Fri., Sat & Sun

Coffee & Donuts Friday Morning for early arrivals

Pizza & Wings Friday Night

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# Scale Squadron Christmas Party Photos 2019



There was food aplenty and livation beverages to enhance the evening. Thanks to Joni and Randy for the task of setting up and serving the dinner. The evening was filed with prizes for the members and wives and a good time was had by all.



# More Christmas Party Photos 2019



It was a fun filled evening for the wives and significant others to enjoy the once a year celebration. Many prizes were available for those that had Show & Tell Models during the meeting year.

Plus beautiful gift baskets for the ladies made by Cyndy Wolfe.

Commander Mike handed out appreciation certificates and at the end was presented with a giant bottle of Sky Vodka. I am sure after such a busy year he welcomed the opportunity to kick back and pour some carefully over some ice cubes.

# 2020 Wings Over Arizona



**Presented by Arizona Model Aviators**

**What:** A *Big Bird* Fly-in. For model aircraft with minimum wingspan of:

- 80" for monoplanes
- 60" for multi-wing
- Wingspan + length of 140" for jets
- Or true ¼ scale
- Glow, Gas, Turbine\*, or Electric are welcome.

**When:** Fri, Sat, Sun Mar 27, 28, 29, 2020

**Who:** Open to any modeler with AMA or CMA membership.

\*If flying a large model (over 55lbs) or turbine, pilot must show appropriate waiver/s during registration.

**Where:** Arizona Model Aviators Superstition Airpark

Big Bird flying from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. (open flying after 4:00 pm)

While oval pattern flying, and 3-D flying will both be accommodated, they will not occur at the same time.

A Dawn Patrol is planned for 7:00am to 8:00 am on the Saturday (weather permitting).

Although intended for WWI types, any model of a full-size aircraft that flew prior to the start of WWII (1939) is welcome. No size restriction. No power restriction.

Night flying available Friday & Saturday evenings – no aircraft size restriction, but “quiet power” only please.

Pilot fee: \$30 for all three days.

Spectators: \$6 per car.

Dry RV camping available for up to 12 RVs for Thu, Fri & Sat nights. No additional charge.

**Must reserve with CD/CoCD prior to event.**

There will be awards for Best Multi-Wing; Best Military; Best Non-Military; Most Realistic Flying; and Dawn Patrol recognition. Awards will be presented on Saturday afternoon.

Food vendors available for lunches

We'll have a pot-luck dinner on Friday evening. Pizza, wings & pop will be provided, but bring a dish to pass to augment these. (no charge, but sign up during registration)