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SCALE DIMENSIONS

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SCALE SQUADRON OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA • THE FOUNDERS OF THE US SCALE MASTERS



Bringing home the Gold! Squadron members Tim Cardin and Frank Migliaccio brought home 1st place Expert Class and 3rd Place Pro/Am Sportsman Class, respectively, from the 2014 Gunsmoke U.S. Scale Masters Qualifier in Arizona.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

March? What happened to February? I am assuming that means we are busy building scale models as well as managing family and jobs. Aside from the rapidly moving days, welcome again to the March Issue of the Scale Dimension. Chris Greenshields our young energetic editor is constantly improving our monthly publication. Great job too Chris!

If you're a new member and we have quite a few, Welcome on board. You can always submit ideas and articles for the newsletter and they are welcome with flying photos, new plane or whatever else relates to RC Scale Modeling. Tim Cardin and Frank Migliaccio should be back from the Gunsmoke Qualifier in Arizona, and that means we had two Scale Squadron members make the trek to qualify for the 2014 US Scale Masters Championships. We will hear about the trip and event at the meeting Monday night. At the end of the month, March 22-23 is the One Eighth Scale Fly-In in Arizona. A lot of us plan to go and take the Squadrons club trailer. The flyer is in this newsletter. Let myself or Tim Cardin know if you're interested in going and need room in the trailer. We split the gas, and it is well equipped to hold your aircraft over the road with dual torsion bar axles too.

We need to arrange motel rooms for the event no. Spring Baseball training is in full swing in Arizona and the hotels and motels are full. Add the Snowbirds to that mix as well. The Scale Squadron has a lot going on this year and basically something for everyone with a scale interest. Mike Greenshields our Events Director has been scrambling to firm up the RCX show, Our Warbirds & Classics Scale Event at Prado Airpark and a one day event at OCMA. He will give us an update at the meeting along with or giant raffle. For the new members, you are welcome to bring scale aircraft in any stage of construction for the Show n Tell portion of the meeting. New products, engines and parts are welcome as well that pertain to scale aircraft. Each time you bring a Show n Tell item to the meeting a ticket with your name goes into a drawing container. At the annual Squadron Christmas dinner/party we draw names for winners of RC items and Gift Cards. So don't be shy, bring it out new or old, we want to see and it, and also offer any help you need to get the project completed. Don't forget that Mike Greenshields brings the Gray Golf Shirts to the meeting too. He most likely has your size, too. The good news is besides be-



ing a good looking shirt, it has a pocket, too!

If you are interested in a black shirt, which is the Scale Squadron's dress uniform, we are taking orders for those, you and I will pay when they are ready. We need a group order to keep the cost in check. If you thought the black shirts were part of a secret organization, they are simply our dress shirt that we wear when we are on display such as the RCX Expo, the Squadron Scale event banquet, the AMA Expo, and other functions including the monthly meeting.

Soon we will have other items for sale such as a jacket, cocktail glasses, coffee cups, and other cool items that you can buy with a credit card. Tim Cardin our Treasurer will bring us up to date on that at the meeting. This will greatly enhance our presence by offering membership, items, and pilot registration on line and with PayPal. Paul Lee our webmaster has done an excellent job with the squadron website and if you have not

visited the site yet, you need too. All the dates of events, past and current newsletters are there, plus photos of members enjoy scale modeling. www.scalesquadron.com Progress for the Scale Squadron is in the air and if you're not feeling the enthusiasm, let me know so we can find out why not.

That also means if you have a project on the shelf that needs dusted off to complete, we are here to help as well. The Scale Squadron covers all aspects of scale miniature aviation and for some like me and others it is about scale competition. For other members, just building and flying scale aircraft scratch built or ARFs is their passion. For the remainder, it is a social experience. The good news is everyone is welcome to enjoy what the Scale Squadron of Southern California has to offer.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting this coming Monday night. Trims are set, and taking off.....

Sam

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

If you don't make ANY OTHER EVENT, the Squadron's Warbirds and Classics in June is now a MUST ATTEND! Colonel Bob Thacker is our special Guest Speaker. He'll be attending the event AND speaking at the Saturday night banquet!

Put this stuff on your calendar! Digital, 'fridge, Pin-Up Girl, or other calendar, whatever you use, it's time to get these dates!

Mar 22-23 - 1/8th Air Force Fly-In (AZ).
Don't want to compete, go fly for fun!
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Mar 31 - Board Meeting (See Sam for Details)
Apr 14 - General Meeting 7pm, public welcome, Bring your PROJECT!

Apr 19-20 - Hemet 2014 Scale Masters Qualifier at the World-Famous Hemet Model Masters Flying Field. www.hemetmodelmasters.org

May 12 - General Meeting 7pm, public welcome, Bring your PROJECT!

May 16-18 - RCX BATTLE OF THE BUILDERS! Sign UP on RCFLIGHTDECK.COM (link's on our homepage too!)
http://www.rcflightdeck.com/event_details.cfm?event_id=2680

Jun 2 - Board Meeting - Final Planning for the Fly-In!
Jun 9 - Last GENERAL MEETING before the FLY-In! 7pm, public welcome, Bring your PROJECT!

June 20-22 - Warbirds and Classics, Featuring Colonel Bob Thacker! PVMAC Field! Sign Up on RC FLIGHT DECK!

This is our schedule up to the Fly-In! I hope

you're READY FOR ACTION!

-Mike Greenshields
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Don't forget to sign up for events on RC Flight DECK dot com, visit us on FACEBOOK too!

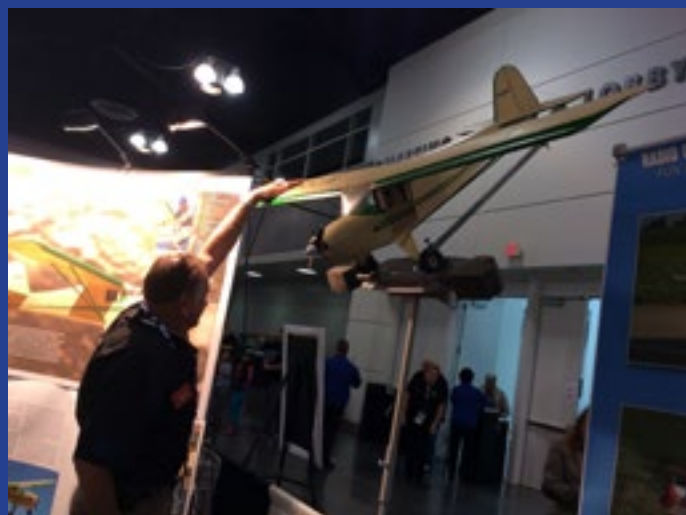


AMA EXPO PICTURES



Our Squadron booth at the AMA Expo in January contained some beautiful scale airplanes including Tim Cardin's Bamboo Bomber and Mike Greenshields' F-16.

Godie points out some scale details about the Club Project Taylorcraft at the AMA Expo that appeared in Model Airplane News. Many spectators remembered this great looking plane in the magazine and asked many questions about the kit and how it was built.



This gorgeous SBD Dauntless was one of the many scale models that was entered in the static competition at the AMA Expo. This model caught a good amount of attention and received high praise from many spectators.



Left: Anand Patel brought in his Piper Cherokee Aero he brought back from the grave.

Below: Tim Cardin showed us all some scale details he added to his Bamboo Bomber including a working door and a scale cockpit.

FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES



Left: Brian Young brought in his Giant Scale LA-7. This beautiful and rarely seen bird is full of scale details that are perfectly done.

Thank you to everyone who brought something to the February meeting for show and tell!

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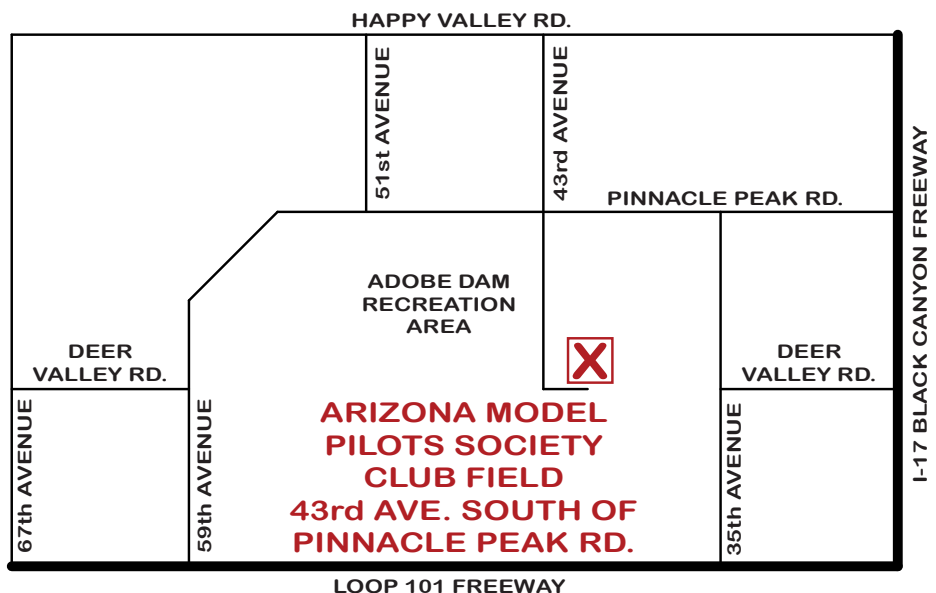
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BLAST FROM THE PAST- Model Airplane News Article about The Scale Squadron from April 1979

MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS APRIL 1979

"California's scale contests seem to be the trend-setters for the rest of the country. Last year the first West Coast "Un-contest" drew over a hundred participants. The group responsible for such advanced thinking is the Southern California Scale Squadron.

This small group has already trained it's own static judges and founded AT-6 scale racing, in just a little over a year as a club. With all these feathers in their caps is it any wonder that the Scale Squadron's 4th Annual Contest was a major event.

Typical sun-drenched and cloudless skies prevailed at Mile Square Recreational Facility during the big weekend. The contest site would make any modeler drool, with runways at least a quarter of a mile long. A complete park with ponds and barbeques is nestled along the perimeter of the flying field.

Heaven, you say? Even the brightest diamond has a flaw, and this superb facility unfortunately is only a stone's throw from a golf course, i.e., a strict 83 db muffler rule is enforced.

This near-idyllic setting frames a scale contest unlike any other, for the Scale Squadron's affairs seem to exude a certain atmosphere that makes it good "vibes" for contestants and spectators alike.. On the other hand, there's some tough competition, with some of the finest builders and fliers imaginable; yet the tenor is casual and at-ease, so you almost feel as if you're at a fun fly.

One feature that contributed to the informal atmosphere was that the members of the host club seemed as if they were on vacation--no one seemed to be doing much of anything! Surprisingly, every contestant was registered, judged and ready to fly on time...the Scale Squadron members were just cruising through a very well rehearsed scenario. Everyone knew his job and did it..

The judging team performed flawlessly, under the watchful eyes of Noel Allison. Each plane was static scored in less than ten minutes. With 52 planes registered, such uniform judging made the training worthwhile.

Sport Scale, with 33 entries, dominated the weekend. Two veterans were on hand, with perennial winner John Lockwood defending California's honor against Arizona's Kent Walters.

By the end of Saturday's flying, trophies were teeter-tottering among a half dozen hopefuls.. Granger Williams, Martin Baker, Joe Zdankiewics, Bob Frey, Mas Taota, George Kelleen, Larry Wolfe, Buzz Watson and Dennis Osborn.

The entire contest continued the trend setting ways of the Southern California Scale Squadron, as it reinforced the high level of planning skill and dedication that made this 4th Annual Contest a successful event. Next year's big fete is already in the planning stages, and there's some talk of changing the name to the Western Scale Nationals. No matter what the name, the Squadron will guarantee that this is one weekend of scale flying you won't want to miss."



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The Battle of the Builders is open to any competitor with a flying RC scale model including fixed-wing, ducted fan, EDF, turbine, helicopter, and sailplane. All R/C models are welcome, And for those who like to modify Scale ARF's, the Battle of the Builders has classes for you, too (just remember, they need to have scale or detail improvements to their outward appearance).

The Scale Squadron, Founders of the US Scale Masters, encourages scale modeling and is looking forward to this year's Battle of the Builders! The Scale Squadron will be the organizers and judges for the contest. For more info on scale modeling, be sure to visit the club's website: www.ScaleSquadron.com

Entry is FREE: Go to RCX.com and look for "Battle of the Builders." There you'll be able to sign up and reserve your spot! There you will find details on setup and pickup of your airplane, registration, and other contest details.

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