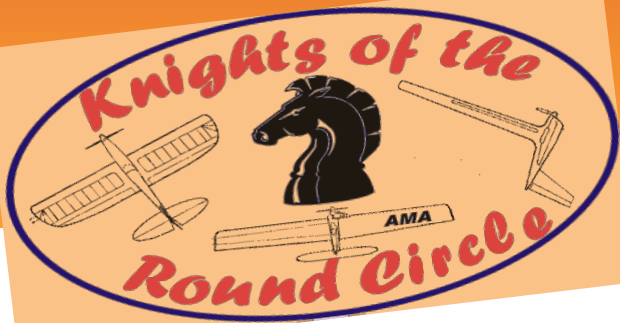


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Presidents Message:

This edition is short. The real goal of this issue is to remind you that our "Joust Fun Fly" will be Saturday, August 25th. We formally reserved the field which should mean we have 1st dibs on the paved circles, the carrier deck and the combat area. Everyone's welcome to drive over and have some fun. Warren Walker will be cooking his world famous paella with water melon on the side. We'll provide water and sodas. If enough people are interested, Warren may hold a cooking class. Who knows, maybe the Friday flying crowd will decide to wait a day and join us on the 25th. Hopefully, the free food will offset the \$6 park entrance fee and we'll have a bunch of folks turning in circles. **AND BY THE WAY,** I just confirmed that we will bring a couple of the Electric Trainers to the field and anyone who wants to learn will get "air time".

Our involvement with the AMA Expo this year is still up in the air. The new November EXPO date conflicts with a major combat contest in Arizona. Several club members focus on combat flying and will likely attend the Arizona event. That means a few of our dependable "coaches" will not be available for ET training sessions or demo flights at the Expo.

Next month's DC will have lots more information. Until then, have fun, but be safe.

Mark your calendar:

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Knights of the Round Circle Meeting Notes: August 14, 2018.

KOTRC is an AMA Chartered Club, Number 2389, with AMA Insurance Coverage.

**President - Mike Jones, Vice President - John Wright, Secretary - Larry Renger,
Treasurer - Mike Alurac, News Letter - Paul Wescott, Safety Officer - Joel Chesler**

With 9 in attendance, * Joe Brownlee lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mike Jones lead the meeting.

VISITORS:

Clint Brooks, noted Free Flight modeler and, with CB Model Designs, a kit producer, attended our meeting for the first time. He is building an Oriental with an LA46 to get back into Control Line. Clint gave us a report on the Free Flight Nats in which he entered a whole bunch of electric and rubber events, and did very well.

SHOW AND TELL:

John Wright had two old engines, an Enya 29 Mark III and an OS-58, rather rare. Both had mufflers and were quite light for reduced moments of inertia in a stunt ship.

Mike Alurac had just returned from the Bladder Grabber Combat meet in Washington State, He showed his 1/2A Combat ship with a Peco 049 (actually a destrocked 061 by Doug Galbreath) and a "Big Block" ARF Dowson foam wing combat ship with a Nelson 36. Also, Mike showed a "new" 2014 Nelson 36 Combat engine which was number 42 of 100 built.

Warren Walker showed a nearly completed Old Time Stunt Legal Humongous, designed by Ted Snow in 1949; an RSM kit with an Enya 45. Great construction and it's going to be quite light.

Don Repp showed and discussed recently acquired “glow drivers” and plug connectors from China through Horizon Hobbies: Google ON BOARD GLOW DRIVER. They are for mounting in big RC models to provide power to glow plugs. Also google what use to be Hobby People, now MIKE GOES FLYING, for more direct ordering. They are light, compact and hold a charge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Randy Hayden is doing OK.

Treasurer’s report: Mike Alurac stated that the KOTRC is doing fine. He’s always collecting money for dues.

The Knight’s Fun Fly, in memory of Sir Dale Kirn, will be Saturday 25 August at Whittier Narrows, starting at 0800. Fly all that you got. Run what you brung. This event is reserved with the Park. We do need a headcount so Warren Walker Catering will know how much food to bring. Please email Mike Jones at vintagerider50@yahoo.com.

As a reminder, Whittier Narrows fence gates have been fixed with locks. Due to actual and perceived problems with model flying and Whittier Narrows Park use, there is a lock on each gate and user groups have the secret combination. We have one of the best flying sites on the Planet and we’ve got to work to keep it that way. There have been recent observations of driving vehicles on the asphalt. Perhaps more signs and counseling are needed. (To report a problem to Whittier Narrows Park Officials, call 626-575-5526.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Again, the Whittier Narrows Park users (non-sports) meeting was informative with good interactions between Park officials and us model airplane flyers. Homeless services, electrical service, parking on the asphalt and grass watering was discussed. Electric outlets are off so as not to encourage the Homeless. “Homeless Resources Fair & Mobile Shower” events are every Thursday from 9am to 1pm at the gate by the restrooms near our flying site. There should be no effect on flying. Stay tuned.

When more information is available, we must plan for the AMA Expo West, November 2-4. Stay tuned.

A venue for the 2018 Christmas Party is the Black Bear Restaurant in Buena Park. Stay tuned.

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The meeting adjourned at 2055.

* Mike Alurac, Scot Barth, Clint Brooks, Joe Brownlee, Mike Jones, David Kick. Don Repp, Warren Walker, John Wright.

