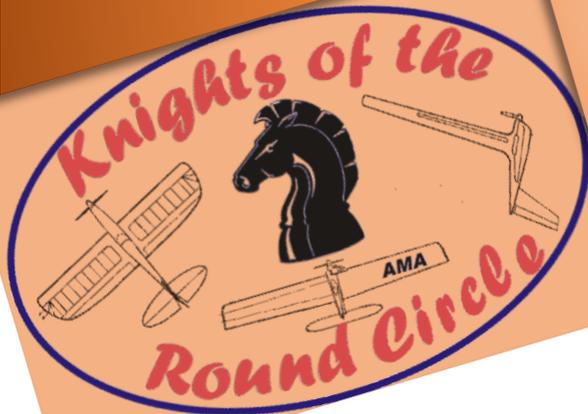


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**August/September 2021**

**President's Corner for August/September 2021**

*by Clint Brooks*

The 2021 Knights Joust is in the history books, and for the record, it was a fun and well attended contest. We had forty signups on the AMA Registration sheet, and that was more than expected by a fairly healthy margin. We were hoping for thirty, and would have been happy with twenty. As it was, the area filled up with fliers and participants from the local areas, Las Vegas and Phoenix. John Wright took on the Contest Director role, and had Warren Walker and Mike Alurac as Event Directors for Stunt and Combat respectively.

We had Larry Renger, Al Hieger, Warren Walker, Joel Chesler, Dennis Coleman, Steve Harris and Joe Brownlee as stunt judges. Combat judges were recruited from the participant pool and other interested individuals, so all the technical bases were covered for the event.

Other thanks go to Sally Yee, Sharon Shorey (who indulged us with a batch of her great potato salad each day), Pat Ackers and Janette Renger for covering the tabulation and scoring totals for everyone.

And lastly, I want to thank my daughter Allison and her dog Ruby for keeping the lunch line organized and running as I had agreed to work this detail. Keeping everyone fed is a fun and somewhat intense job. In that regard, thanks go to Wanda Jenson who along with Sharon's potato salad provided her special macaroni salad to compliment the

party sub slices we were serving. Others helped along the way and if I have not named you, I apologize. Your efforts were appreciated by all of us.

Coming up is the F2D Combat contest for November 12 through 14, also at Whittier Narrows. We need club support for judging this as well, and there should be significant turnout for the event according to CD Bill Maywald.

Shifting gears, we continue in the no status holding pattern for the combat pilot circle project. Also, I have no news to report on the application for the club to be considered a Community Partner under the L.A. County use fee plan now in effect. This is causing a lot of consternation with the membership as to what next year's contest schedule will require to support financially. Current fees for "non-Sporting" events (which the model airplane area is considered by County Park management) are fairly exorbitant, and don't present a viable business case to clubs such as ours to support. So, we will see where this ends up eventually-it's certainly not a comfortable feeling for any of us.

On to other business, we have some club officer positions about to change. Larry Renger has asked to be replaced as club Treasurer, and the Vice President position is going to roll over as well. Nominations and voting will probably occur in the October General meeting, and the new officers installed at the end of the year at our Christmas gathering, which is looking like a brunch at Flo's Café at Chino airport followed by a tour of the Planes of Fame air museum after for those interested. Speaking of the air museum, the airshow for the end of October has been scrubbed. Ronnie Espolt has been coordinating with the museum management about creating a model aviation activity at the museum and also getting local clubs involved with flying demonstrations at the airshow, to which we had agreed to in the July General meeting. More news to come as I think the model aviation activity thought has taken hold for the museum staff and planning for the future, according to Ronnie.

Until next time, keep building and flying-I'll see you at the field!

Below are pictures from the Joust courtesy of Clint:







## The Calendar

**Contest Calendar-extracted (aka stolen) from Alan Hieger's Nag.**

His best information on regional competition for the balance of 2021

## Golden State Stunt Championships

October 23-24 on the parking apron at Madera Municipal Airport. The state champs follow the Saturday Classic/OTS, Sunday PAMPA skill class format. Early preregistration and hotel reservations are recommended *and* requested. Official contest literature can be found in AI's last issue!

**Las Vegas Stunt Challenge: November 6-7, Bennett Airfield--Precision Aerobatics. Complete details appeared in the September 27 issue.**

**FAI (F2D) Combat Contest: November 13-14, Whittier Narrows-- we have no further details.**

**Tony Naccarato Memorial: November 14, Apollo XI Field--1/2A +Small Engine Fun-Fly & ???**

**Toys for Tots, CL Component: December 4-5, Whittier Narrows--Until now, we've been unable to provide much in the way of detail. Apparently, Al received "official information" and attached it to the bottom of his last issue**



**Blast from the past**

**None this issue due to coverage of the Joust/Palmer**



## **BITS AND PIECES**

**No bits No pieces (notice a theme to this issue?)**

## The 2021 Knights Joust & Palmer

The Knight Joust & Palmer was held (finally after a year and half delay) Aug 28&29. The weather cooperated and the turnout was adequate considering the increased entry fees due to an increase in park fees. Saturday went off smoothly with only 3 in OTS and about 8 in Classic. Sunday was another story. Expert went off without a hitch but Adv, Int. and beginner were all lumped together in the south circle. The problem was late entries. I had to process these entries, make up the clip boards and get flying started alone. The result was over an hour delay in starting on the south circle. More manpower is needed at the registration table. We finished up stunt about 2:30 and the general consensus was that the contest was successful.

Anton Kephardt took the Palmer trophy hands down as he was the only flyer to fly three stunt events.

John Wright CD

Thanks to the Weekly Nag, we also have the event scores.

All entrants posted official scores, and every flight slot available was used. No sandbagging here! The head count might not equal numbers from a decade or more ago, but there's no question that the people turning out to do battle today are a dedicated bunch.

Old Time Stunt

Judges: Dennis Coleman and Al Hieger

1) John Wright	Big Job	292.5	276;5
2) Jim Hoffman	Galloping Comedian	269	282
3) Antone Kephart	Adams' Special	279.5	269

## Classic Stunt

Judges: Joel Chesler and Steve Harris

1) Bob Harness	Thunderbird II	572	584
2) Antone Kephart	Cavalier/P-51	464.5	555
3) Steve MacBride	Patriot	548	541.5
4) Emil Opffer	Smoothie	546	547.5
5) Warren Walker	Gypsy	524	508.5
6) Gary Akers	Oriental	244	523.5
7) Fred Staley	Shark 45	312.5	501
8) Scott Danner	Prof. Cavalier/Me-109	447.5	463
9) Al Shorey	Humongous/P-26	336.5	Pass

Over on the grass circle, the Combat guys were having themselves a triple-elimination go at 80 mph Speed Limit. They were still going at it well after the Stunt gang finished for the day, but ultimately the field of thirteen was whittled down:

- 1) Russ Wilcox
- 2) Don Jensen
- 3) Greg Carter

## Expert

Judges: Dennis Coleman and Warren Walker

1) Steve Harris	Risky Business	562	590.5
2) Tim Just	Delroy (?)*	569	575
3) Scott Dinger	Dreadnought	565	Pass
4) Jim Hoffman	Predator	562	388
5) Antone Kephart	Cavalier/P-51**	555	554
6) John Wright	T-Rex/P-47	548	Pass
7) Osvaldo Campos	Original Design***	540.5	547.5
8) Mark Wasnick	Thunder Gazer	523	523.5

The judges on the other circle Sunday were Al Hieger and Larry Renger.

## Advanced

1) Steven MacBride	Patriot	512	373.5
2) Chris Forbes	Big Red	409	435
3) TerryThorkildsen	ProfilePathfinder	427.5	413.5
4) Al Shorey	Brodak P-40	361	374.5
5) Fred Staley	Miss Candace P-51	357.5	370.5
6) Charles Carter	Strega	0	16

Intermediate

1) Mike Meadows	Challenger	324	76
2) Scott Danner	Profile Cavalier/Me109	260	289.5

Beginner

1) Clint Brooks	Profile Smoothie	261.5	253
2) Don Barrett	E-Oriental	238.5	239.5
3) Steve Minchella	Gotcha Streak	162	66

The Bob Palmer Memorial Trophy, awarded for best performance over the two-day period, went this year to Antone Kephart, who reached the podium in each of the three events he entered.



Knights of the Round Circle EVENT

# EXPERT

SCORE	PLACE	PILOT	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	HIGH SCORE
5	1	Steve H	562	590.5	590.5
	4	Jim H	562	388	562
	5	Anton	555	554	555
5	7	Oswaldo	540.5	547.5	547.5
	6	John W	548		548
5	2	Tim J	569	575	575
	8	Mark W	523	523.5	523.5
		Steve W			
	3	Scott L	565		565

Knights of the Round Circle EVENT

# ADVANCED

PLACE	PILOT	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	HIGH SCORE
5	Fred S	357.5	370.5	370.5
2	Chris F	409.5	435	435
6	Charles C	←	176	176
4	Albert S	361	374.5	374.5
1	Steve Mc	512	373.5	512
3	Terry Th	437.5	413.5	437.5

Knights of the Round Circle EVENT

# OLD TIME

PILOT	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	HIGH SCORE
Jim Hoffman	269	282	2
John Whacker	292.50	296.50	1
Anton K.	279.50	269	3

Knights of the Round Circle EVENT

# CLASSIC

PLACE	PILOT	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	HIGH SCORE
	Anton K.	464.50	555	2 *
	Gary Arak	244	523.5	6
	Bob Harves	592	584	1 *
	Scott Dm	447.50	463	8
	Steve M	548	541.50	3 *
	Al Horox	336.5	out of ?	9
	Warren W	524	508.5	5
	Fred Stat	312.5	501	7
	Emlop	546	547.5	4



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## **Secretary's Report**

**Meeting Minutes Regular Club Meeting Sept. 14, 2021  
AFI Pilot Training Center Fullerton Airport**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Clint Brooks  
Officers present - President Clint Brooks, Treasurer Larry Renger, and  
Secretary Mike Alurac**

**Attendance – 13 members attending while maintaining Covid safe  
protocols and social distancing.**

**A quorum was met.**

**Pledge - No guests this evening.**

## **Show & Tell**

**Willie Castillo – Another beautifully built piece showing a scratch built  
Road Runner designed by Bill Multon in 1959. using Model Airplane  
News plans he built this 54” wingspan with 620 square inches coming  
in at 44oz. This build took 9 months and is powered by an OS LA 46  
swinging a Zinger 11-5 prop. Silkspan and dope finished fuselage with  
Ultracoat covering for the wings.**

**JohnWright – Winnie Mae plans, Platypus Nancy Glider and Sopwith  
Pup plans.**

**Al Shorey** – Al brought in a Brodak 40 powered ARF Nobler obtained from Anton Kephart.

**Fernado and Franco Garetto** – A recently finished rubber powered Guillows Stuka Free Flight model.

**Mike Meadows** – Shoestring stunter in progress building he is building for a friend. Slot car motors along with a brand new in the box Fox Super Stunt 35 -60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary engine!

**Howard Doering** – Howard wore his show and tell, a Knight's Joust early '90's red club t-shirt!

**Treasure's Report** – The current balance was read aloud to all in attendance. We are doing OK and the recent Knight's Joust expenses were fully covered. The club remains viable and in the black!

**Old Business**– Joust recap was discussed. Crack repairs of the North circle done by the Knights appear to be holding OK. Members are hoping that more help with the asphalt maintenance from the park is forthcoming.

Combat pilot center circles, park final approval and status update is still pending at this time.

Clint Brooks is maintaining his pro activity with the park and their Community Partnership Program application looking to see how our volunteerism of field maintenance and being a community educational group best fits into one of the categories the park has created for this program. To be continued...

**New Business** – The Knight's annual holiday gathering was discussed with a suggestion from Mike Alurac to once again for this year hold it as a breakfast at a local airport restaurant and combine it with a club museum excursion. One immediate possibility is Flo's Airport Cafe at the Chino Airport with Yanks or Planes of Fame museums nearby. Further suggestions are welcomed.

The Southern California Control Line Speed Flyers Charitable Toys for Tots event was discussed. Much concern has been expressed that the park may have unknowingly priced this charity event out of existence.

**Joe Brownlee and Howard Doering are diligently working on their club's status as an 501c3 non-profit to hopefully find a place within the park's newly structured fee schedule in their Community Partnership Program. With the donation of a toy valued at \$20 being donated to the US Marines Toys for Tots program for entry, along with attendance nearing 20 total participants of all events combined, there isn't much in the way of available funds generated to continue to hold this as an official event. Stay tuned.**

**Upcoming FAI Money Nats Combat Contest Nov. 12, 13 & 14th CD'd by Bill Maywald was discussed with a call in from Bill Maywald asking for volunteers and assuring that the club that will have no club expenditures whatsoever being completely funded by entry fees alone. This event is anticipated to raise \$750 to \$1000 from net proceeds going directly to the Knights after all cash and prizes are awarded. All present were quite impressed to hear of such plans! So; if you can volunteer to help run an event of international proportion, please come lend a hand and let Bill know what you can do to help the Knight's host such a prestigious event. John Wright immediately offered his assistance at the meeting with more help expected to follow. Judging & timing, field prep, barbecuing and lunch help etc. is on the short list of needs.**

**Upcoming Sin City Combat Clash in Las Vegas at the William Bennett model airfield adjacent to ULV Sam Boyd Stadium for Oct. 15, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> has many Knight's planning on making the short trip over to participate where in the last 3 years Knights have regulatory placed in the 3 events held of Half-A, Speed Limit and F2dFast. Also a Las Vegas stunt contest is slated for Nov. 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> whereas John Wright is advocating for the Knights to participate.**

**Officer positions are opening for Treasurer and Vice-President for the upcoming year 2022. President Clint Brooks is suggesting to edit the club by laws to better define the Vice-President role to enhance its position. Or at least create some much needed help and responsibility to the position. Essentially having a VP to help with things like event planning, filling in for absent officers as needed during meetings, contests etc.**

**The meeting adjourned by President Clint Brooks at 8:50pm.**





New Membership  Information Update

# Membership Application

Renewal Membership  Life Member

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly dues are \$20.00

Make checks payable to KOTRC

Mail Application to: KOTRC

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