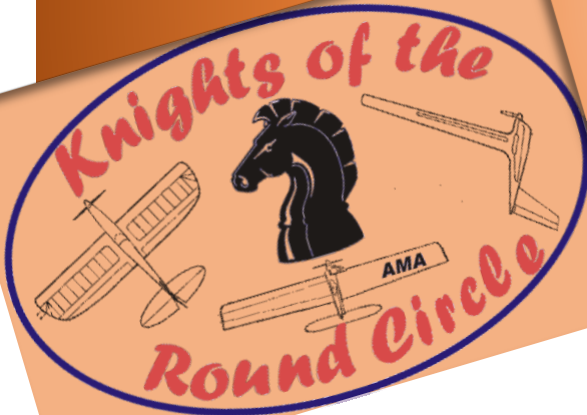


# DIRECT CONNECTION

MONTHLY



AMA DISTRICT 10  
Club Charter 2389  
[www.KOTRC.org](http://www.KOTRC.org)

**February 2019**

## Presidents Message:

Rain, rain go away!!! Come again any other day! Many of us control line modelers need the weekends to practice for the whirlwind of contests quickly approaching! As the contest season kicks into high gear, we could sure use some dry weekends here in what is usually sunny Southern California to get in some practice!

Touching briefly on the subject of club memberships and renewals I am glad to report that working very closely with club members Stan Tyler, Mike Jones along with myself, we now have a PayPal link available on our website [www.kotrc.org](http://www.kotrc.org) and Facebook [www.facebook.com/KnightsOfTheRoundCircle/](https://www.facebook.com/KnightsOfTheRoundCircle/). Over the years this convenience has been requested by many club members to easily pay for membership or renewal dues online using a credit card or your PayPal account. We are now up and running with this convenient option. So don't hesitate to join or renew now as the AMA and LA County parks parking list will be submitted in March.

In the hopes that many of our Knight members are ready for some control-line competition, we have coming up the Vintage Stunt Championships hosted by the Cholla Choppers in Tucson, AZ. VSC 31 will take place March 19-23, 2019. This prestigious contest will be held over 5 days from March 19th thru the 23rd. OTS Tuesday and Wednesday the 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. OTS IGN and Ringmaster on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Classic and Super 70s Friday and Saturday the 22nd and 23rd. For more details visit the Cholla Choppers at <http://www.ccmaconline.org/vscxx.htm> Jim Hoffman [windswept4@cox.net](mailto:windswept4@cox.net) Or by phone at (480) 897-0630 or (480) 329-3316.

For the combat contingency of the Knights itching for some competitive action we have Lee Letchworth's club, the Gold Country Flyers, holding their Gold Country Combat Duel in Lone, CA on March 30-31<sup>st</sup>. Find more details at [www.goldcountryflyers.com](http://www.goldcountryflyers.com) or contact CD Lee Letchworth at (510) 708-5322 for more details. Looking further forward in April we the Bill Nusz Speed and Herb Stockton Racing Memorial here locally at our home field, Whittier Narrows. April 6-7. CD Howard Doering (714) 394-5304.

Then Mega Madness (formerly March Madness) F2D Combat extravaganza held at Esteban Park, Phoenix, AZ April 12-14. With Outlaw Fast on Friday and the main F2D FAI event on Sat. & Sun. Contact CD Lance Matassa (480) 544-0505. This is the largest control line combat contest in the country with international contestants flying in from around the globe to participate. If you can help pit boss, judge and time at this event let Lance know.

Shortly afterwards the Knights will return back to Whittier Narrows to host the Bob Palmer Memorial in April on the 27th and 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we are hosting a control line spectacular event with Stunt, Carrier and Combat events included in this years festivities. CD Warren Walker (909) 702-1329 or Combat ED Mike Alurac (714) 414-9773.

We are always looking for volunteers to man and assist with our club activities, judging and volunteering for any of our contests. So please let us know and join the fun if you can make it out to assist in anyway possible representing the Knights. Any assistance in our worthy cause of advocating control line model aviation would be certainly met with great appreciation.

*Keep on Flyin'*  
Mike Alurac  
KOTRC 2019

## **The Calendar**

Mar. 12 KOTRC Meeting at Fullerton Airport-FAI Building (7 pm)  
Mar. 19-23 Vintage Stunt Championship in Tucson (see attached flyer)  
Mar. 23-24 Take Note! The RC club at WN will be hosting a Pylon Racing Event both days. For safety, please limit CL flying to the south circle and grass areas.  
Apr. 6-7 Bill Nusz Speed/Herb Stockton Racing Memorial  
Apr. 12-14 Phoenix Mega Madness (Combat Events)  
Apr. 27-28 Bob Palmer Classic (see attached flyer)

Editor's Note: Help us note events by telling me at the meetings or via email.  
Thanks!

## Meeting Notes 2-12-19

**Guests – none**

### **Show and Tell**

**Mike Alurac – had a big roll of thin SLC "iron-on" laminating film. He wanted anyone who needed it to take 10 feet.**

**John Wright – All American Junior. He has shown it before, but it has an entertaining variety of covering repairs. Mylar over the old covering, Micafilm on one wing, and whatever. It has a Green Head Torp .09 with microcompression. It was suggested that he should check whether it has a head gasket, as a .15 recently surfaced with a no gasket problem. Addition of a head gasket made a huge difference! John also had a Blackhawk version of the Custom Special with a Cub .09 for power. He plans to fly it at VSC for their exhibition event. Sadly, whatever he used for a finish looks like it was done 80 years ago and should have been buried long since.**

**Larry Renger – Showed the latest mods to his Super Baby Clown. It was losing line tension on maneuvers although good tension flying level. He cut 1" off the outboard flap and made it an adjustable tab. Also a smaller tank and 3 deg outthrust on the motor. The control settings seem to be getting about right. The stock Medallion .049 seems to be about right on 38' lines. He has a modified engine that could do longer lines, but get the model working first!**

**Mike Meadows – Showed a Brodak Magician with a .35 Johnson Stunt Supreme engine. It is nearly ready to fly. He also showed the rescued Veco Chief from a few months ago. It now has a gorgeous metallic yellow-green finish with incredible airbrush décor. A Torp .29 greenhead will push this baby.**

**Greg Pawloski – Displayed his completed laser-cut Lancer kit he showed last month (SIG replica of the Berkley original). Very light I beam construction. Clear Ultracoat yellow covering. Fox .35 power.**

**Joe Brownlee – Letters to and from the Model Aviation editors regarding photos on the cover that show nothing to do with model aircraft (i.e. a kid holding a transmitter with his back turned to the photographer with no model in sight)**

**Warren Walker – He showed the progress or lack thereof on the Humongous he is building. His color coats came down with a terminal dose of fisheyes! (paint runs and hides in clumps on the surface leaving the undercoat bare). He tracked the problem down to the bottle he uses to spray Windex. It originally had a silicone spray material, and enough remained on the walls of the bottle to contaminate the surface. He will have to strip the model down almost to the bottom to clean it up. Our condolences Warren! Let us learn from your disaster!**

**Mike Jones – He had a pack of vellum 11x 17 sheets if anyone wanted them.**

**Dave Kick – Sadly a smooshed Brodak Giant Stunt Master. Sorry, I didn't catch what the cause was. The wing is in good shape and only needs new fuselage, or the old one may be fixable.**

Clint Brooks – Gave some details of the Fab February freeflight meet at Lost Hills. Rain, Mud, Cold (20 to 50 deg temps) Even so there were nearly 200 entries! 180 in the FAI events.

## **New Business**

Treasurers report. Mike Jones has taken this duty back and presented a healthy balance.

Larry R, secretary, stated he needed a current, accurate roster to fill out the AMA documents for the year.

## **Old Business**

We are now set up to receive funds on PayPal. The address is [KOTRCfunds@gmail.com](mailto:KOTRCfunds@gmail.com) . This will be noted on our website and the contest flyers we send out.

The Fullerton Airport day is set for June 22, 10:00 to 4:00. This is THE absolutely vital event for our participation . We have the use of our meeting room at the pleasure of the airport authorities. And Last year they were NOT pleased with out attendance. Doing this event properly is not an option! Get your bodies out there ready for a whole day of dealing with the public. (Actually, it is enjoyable)

Whittier Narrows homeless dudes status. The park has been closing the restroom early on Wed. in prep for the Thurs influx of homeless needing this and that. Unfortunately, this means that on Wed., the guys use the walls for targets.

The park will leave the facilities open much later now.

The San Gabriel Valley Flyers has given us their schedule for this year:

March – Pylon racing 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>

May – Poker Fun Fly 18<sup>th</sup>

July - Club fun fly 27<sup>th</sup>

September – Warbirds over Whittier 21<sup>st</sup>

October – Pylon racing 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

December – Toys for Tots Fun Fly 7<sup>th</sup>

Next up is the problem of the Tether guys driving on the Asphalt. Joe Brownlee plans to implant sockets along the edge where we can post signs warning against driving on the asphalt.

John Wright gave a review of the events at the Southwest Regionals in Tucson. Hopefully he will do a full report, as I didn't catch all the details (Sorry!) There was a discussion of the upcoming Palmer event. Larry R to do a flyer ASAP. A raffle was discussed and \$500 was allocated for it. 1 ticket per event. Gas cards, Amazon Cards to be the primary prizes, since everyone has more junk than they can ever use! Trophy format was discussed, and Warren will arrange them.

August 17<sup>th</sup> is National Model Airplane day. We discussed having the Joust on that day as a fun fly.

August 9-11 is the Bladder Grabber Combat meet.

## **Interim Final Rule for FAA-issued registration (from the editors)**

If you missed the February 20 AMA Today email describing the Interim Final Rule, you can read it at [publicrelations@modelaircraft.org](mailto:publicrelations@modelaircraft.org). From our point of view, the following Q and A summarizes the situation:

**Q: Do only drones and multi-rotor operators need to register?**

**A:** Anyone who flies a model that can freely navigate in the air and uses a remote control device (e.g. RC transmitter) is required to register. This includes drones, traditional fixed wing model aircraft, model helicopters, and other remote controlled model aircraft. **If you exclusively fly models under a half pound (250 grams or .55 pounds), indoors, control line, or free flight models – you do not need to register.**

**Q: Do I need to list both my AMA number and my federal registration number on my aircraft?**

**A:** Yes, you need to list both your AMA number and Federal registration number on your aircraft

**Q: Should clubs, contest directors, or event leaders require all pilots be registered?**

**A:** No, we are not asking our clubs or contest directors to police UAS Registration. That decision is up to each individual club and event leader.

**Q: I only fly CL, FF, or indoors – do I need to register?**

**A:** No. If you exclusively fly indoors, FF, or CL you do not need to register.

## **Lenny Waltemath Memorial Speed Contest 16-17 February 2019**

**Whittier Narrows Park, South El Monte, California**

**Joe Brownlee NASS-34**

Southern California weather this year has been weird: rain, cold, snow. The weather forecasters have been accurate most of the time and those speed flyers in Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Northern California read the predictions and did not travel to our first contest of 2019. They were right, but we did fly.

Saturday was cold, but Howard and Joe setup the air compressor and the Transitrace and waited till we had enough people to fly. Ron Duly came and recruited a racer Greg Kovach, and we flew Howard's 21 Proto with a Nova Rossi. The Transitrace recorded some weird speeds but we deduced the average at 121.95mph. This was the only speed flight Saturday 'cause the wind blew and it got colder, and we just huddled in Howard's motorhome and called flyers who weren't present. John Moll said that it was 28° and snowing in St. Louis, so we felt a little better but we weren't flying.

Sunday started out cold but warmed up and we flew Jon De Fries special built Fox 35 Speed at 65.02mph. Then Jon and I launched Howard's OPS 29 monoline B for 146.28mph. I flew my Torquette and the predicted rains came.

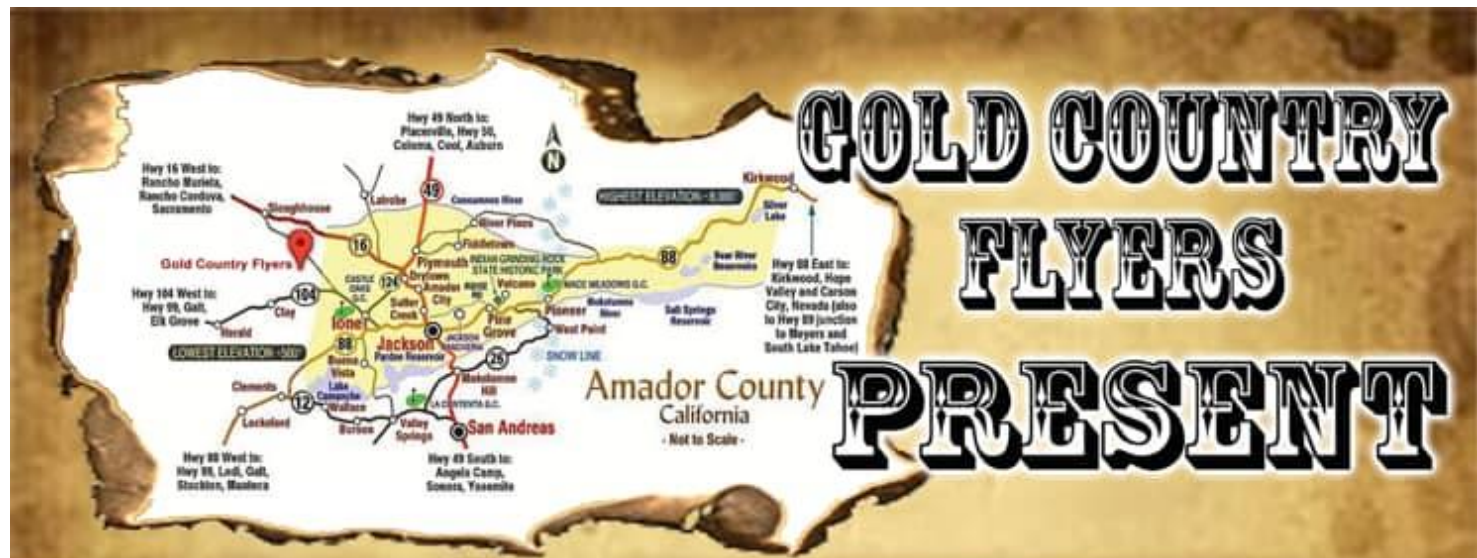
Lessons Learned: We need more Transitrace experience, and be sure to deploy the swimming pool foam plastic noodles as dolly catchers any time you fly within our fenced circle. Howard's B-Dolly suffered damage when it hit the fence hard.



Warren's Humongous/Greg's Lancer



Mike M's Veco Chief



# GOLD COUNTRY FLYERS PRESENT

# GOLD COUNTRY COMBAT DUEL



Located at Spiva Feild, 5 miles north of Ione Ca. On Ione Road/Michigan Bar Road.



N 38.412294

W -121.034181



Saturday: 3/30/19 #330 High Performance  
1/2A Combat and #329 80MPH Combat  
both Double Elimination.

Sunday: 3/31/19 #328 .15 FAST Combat  
Triple Elimination.

Pilots Meeting at 9:00am

Lunch provided both days

[goldcountryflyers.com](http://goldcountryflyers.com)

(AMA) Sanction # 7461





**The Knights of the Round Circle  
Invite you to**

**The Bob Palmer  
2019 Memorial  
Stunt Meet  
April 27th & 28th 2019**

AMA Sanction # 19/7091 AAA rated contest

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY**  
Old Time Stunt  
Classic Aerobatics  
Profile  
Beginner Stunt (Free!)  
Combat - 80mph

**SUNDAY**  
Pampa Aerobatics:  
Intermediate  
Advanced  
Expert  
Combat - F2D Fast  
Carrier % Record

**SPECIAL TROPHIES**  
  
Palmer  
Championship  
  
Spirit of '52  
Spirit of '69

Pilots' meeting at 8:00. First flights at 8:30  
Saturday, free Warren W Paella lunch! Party at Warren's Sat. Night!!  
Sunday, drinks and leftover goodies free. Pilots' Raffle for stuff.

Aircraft are to be weighed at registration. Current AMA pull test rules will apply.  
All appearance judging after pilots' meeting, prior to first flights.

Go to KOTRC.org for further information. Event is held at Whittier Narrows Regional Park

**EARLY REGISTRATION REQUESTED!**

Entry fees: Pre-registered - \$15 for 1st event, \$10 for 2nd event, \$10 for 3rd, \$35 maximum fees.  
First event registration rises to \$20 at the contest. \$40 maximum fees.  
Juniors \$5 maximum! Beginner Stunt is free. Refunds given for no-show.

EVENT 1.....	EVENT 4.....	Send checks payable to KOTRC to: KOTRC Box 6115 Anaheim, CA 92806
EVENT 2.....	EVENT 5.....	
EVENT 3.....	EVENT 6.....	
NAME: .....		Total: \$.....
ADDRESS: .....		AMA # .....
STATE: .....		CITY: .....
ZIP: .....		E-address.....

For additional information, contact Warren Walker  
wrrcs@verizon.net