

DIRECT CONNECTION



January 2023



President's Corner for January 2023 by Clint Brooks

Welcome to 2023 Knights! Hopefully your holiday season went well. Mine was marred by contracting Covid shortly after we had our Flo's Christmas luncheon, but it did not really affect me much physically. I mainly had to hide out until I tested negative, which happened right before Christmas. So, I hid in my garage during the day and have managed to complete the *Fierce Arrow 400e* model design I had shown the drawing of in one show and tell during 2022. More on this in the future.

An update and news flash. We have access to the AFI building at Fullerton Airport once again. Our first 2023 meeting will be January 10th starting at 7 PM. And the new key works great, so no fumbling and cursing trying to open the door from now on! Come prepared to show and tell and finish the remaining club officer vote we didn't complete in 2022.

As for the Christmas luncheon at Flo's, it was about as good as the one from last year. Flo's has a busy schedule each weekend and it takes a while for them to get enough table space to seat everyone, so aside from that awkwardness it was a lot of fun with a group of around 30 Knights and better halves showing up to chow down. Afterwards, I announced the club would pick up the tab for anyone wanting to tour the Yanks Air Museum just around the corner. Last year we toured The Planes of Fame. I had never been to Yanks, and so I was going to be first in line for access. But before that happened, Bill Maywald presented the club \$500 from proceeds of the November Money Nats combat contest. Thank you very much Bill! From all accounts, it was a well-run and well received event, which will probably happen again in 2023. Combat just keeps growing for participation.

Yanks has a display area that in addition to WWII and later aircraft on display, there are also some carnival ride displays scattered around. I was not aware of the history of these, but obviously the museum has some passion about collecting and displaying old rides and gaming machines. The cool part of the museum for me anyway, was the ability to visit their restoration area and access the tarmac area where there are lots of aircraft hulks stored, including an intact USAF Super Constellation you can walk up to and closely examine from beneath. There were engines and airframes all over the place, including a CG-4 cargo glider that looks like it is being restored. I didn't realize how big these were, having never been next to one. It felt like the fuselage was nearly as big as a DC-3/C-47. Just rag and tube, with benches for troop transport. Not a comfortable feeling to be flying on board one of those I bet. Knowing what I have read about the Glider Corps, it was the closest thing to a kamikaze mission the US Army ever came to. It was not for the faint-hearted, that is for sure.

See you at the field soon-Happy New Year!



KOTRC Yanks Air Museum tour group after Flo's-a good way to spend the afternoon



A good portion of the Knights food sampling team filling up the back of Flo's Airport Cafe



The Calendar

January 10th 2023 KOTRC meeting 7PM AFI building Fullerton Airport

February 4th - 5th 2023 Southwest Regionals (See attached flyer)

March 15th – 18th 2023 Vintage Stunt (See attached flyer)



Our last Blast from the past



Warren Walker
2012 Barton Award \



John Wright at the
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No Formal December meeting minutes to report. However, more information will be available in the next newsletter. Speaking of future newsletters; Clint Brooks will be creating/distributing future Direct Connections. There may be a couple of hiccups during the transition, so please be patient. Pam and I hope each of you and your families/friends have an outstanding and healthy 2023.

The following information about the upcoming contests was published in the latest NAG. Thanks to Don Barrett for assuming the job of publishing the weekly NAG!

**Southwest Regional CL Championships
Christopher Columbus Field
Tucson, Arizona
February 4-5, 2023**

The 2023 competition season kicks off with this AAA contest in Tucson. This time, the categories included are Combat, Navy Carrier and Precision Aerobatics. Full details are included in the official contest literature, which you will find attached at the bottom of this issue. This is the 73rd (!!!) edition of this venerable contest.

Vintage Stunt Championships XXXIV
Christopher Columbus Field
Tucson, Arizona
March 15-18, 2023

What we believe to be the biggest all-stunt contest west of the Mississippi returns in March for its 34th edition. Declining entry levels over the past few years have forced a contraction of the meet to four days from its five-day peak, but there remains more than enough stunt action for any prospective entrant.



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