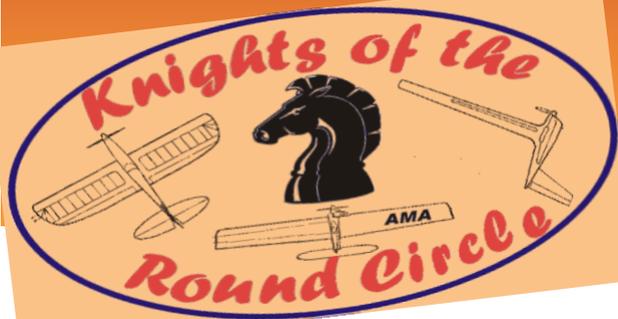


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Presidents Message:

A few points to consider as we enter the last quarter of 2018.

Please attend/support one of the numerous contests listed below and in Joe Brownlee's meeting minutes. Joe does such a great job of taking notes at the meetings, I have to believe he was a cub reporter for the Daily Planet. The Valley Circle Burners will host the Hi Johnson Contest at Sepulveda Basin during the weekend of October 12/14. Locally, the speed/racing groups will be doing their thing during the weekend of October 21/22 at Whittier Narrows,

This year, Mike Alurac and I will "term-out" as Treasurer and President respectively. Therefore, we will be looking for nominations during our October 9th meeting for election night -November 13th.

Our annual Holiday Dinner/Club Meeting will be December 15 at the Black Bear Diner at the intersection of Knott Ave. and Orangethorpe in Buena Park. There is a separate covered patio with propane heaters. Since we are expecting 40 to 50 people, the manager encouraged us to limit menu selections to 5 or 6 entrees, to ensure they can serve everyone in a timely manner.

Please remember the AMA West Expo will be November 2-4. There seems to be little interest in helping with the free, public training sessions using the Electric Trainers. We won't be able to inspect our designated flying area until the LA County Fair ends. Plus, I understand a major combat contest is also scheduled that weekend; so, several members won't be attending the Expo. Without VCB assistance, it appears we won't be displaying or flying at this year's Expo. Even I have to admit that all of our efforts over the past several years have failed to add one new member to our club. Please share any thoughts you have about the expo with me.

Pam and I are heading to Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona next week. Naturally, we intend to play twister at the Four Corners Monument. If we are not in intensive care after Four Corners, we'll return before the October meeting. Have fun, but fly safely.

Mark your calendar:

Contest and Events Schedule as of September 2018:

September 29-30 Karl Marschinke Memorial CL event, Phoenix AZ
October 9th – KOTRC meeting
October 12-14 – Hi Johnson Memorial Stunt and Carrier, Sepulveda Basin.
October 20-21 – Golden State Stunt Champs, Madera, CA.
October 20-21 – Virgil Wilbur Memorial Speed, Racing and Combat, Whittier Narrows.
November 2-4 – AMA Expo West, Fairplex Exposition Center, Pomona
November 10-11 – Las Vegas Stunt Contest, Las Vegas, NV.
December 1-2 – Toys for Tots Speed, Racing and Combat.
December 15 - Annual Holiday Party

Dale Kirn Fun Fly:

On August 25th, we remembered Dale Kirn's contributions to our hobby and our club by having a "Fun Fly" at Whittier Narrows. The weather was cooperative and around 20 people enjoyed a great day in the park with many different types/sizes of aircraft. Thanks to Warren Walker who prepared enough of his world famous Paella to feed us and the homeless who flock to WN on "take a shower" Thursdays. Thanks to Paul Wescott for coordinating the poker fly. Due to the number of flights, Paul changed the rules. A max of 3 cards were drawn and 2 cards became common cards for everyone to use. Russ Wilcox won the gas card prize.

A special thanks goes to Dale's son Joe; and to Joe's wife Nancy, for joining us. Joe displayed his flying skill by making a couple of flights with one of Dale's mono-line designs that Stanzel manufactured as a kit once upon a time.

As much as everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the fun fly, I believe KOTRC will host a full-fledged Joust next year. All it takes is commitment and volunteers. Where have I heard that before?



Paul Wescott, poker fly coordinator, confirms Larry Renger doesn't have a secret card up his sleeve.



Another Saturday in the park

Whittier Speed Report for 9/09/2018 by Joe Brownlee

The Speed contest last Saturday 9 September was really a first operational test of the Transitrace optical speed timing and computation system. Invented by Goran Olsson of Sweden and our own Pete Soule, it's been operational since 2003, but us speed flyers acquired Pete's unit just some months ago. With the help of Robert King, who flies RC Pylon, we now have an old laptop to run DOS. Howard flew his 21 Proto and his Sport 21, but the Transitrace gave weird inconsistent results. On Sunday we set up at the racing circle and tried to time the Scale Racers, but with similar problems. After some garage tests we sent the sensor to Goran in Sweden. Thanks for the help of John Wright, Ron Duly and Jon deFries. Stay tuned.



Whittier Racing Report for 9/09/2018 by Dave “McSlow” Hull
Got together for some racing. We mostly flew .15-sized Goodyear racers to the So Cal rules, although some of the planes flown also complied with the engine and venturi rules championed by the Dallas group. (Nagmum Bloohead) [sic--ed.]. There were at least eight planes ready and in the pits. We worked out the match-ups so that similar planes (ie. similar power setups) went head to head. That left at least one plane orphaned because it just goes faster. A battle between an OS .15FP (Nemesis; John Wright) and an OS .15LA (Cosmic Wind; Dave Hull) went to the LA. The difference was mostly the needle setting and economy (laps). Maybe the prop selections had a bit of influence as well. When in tune, the airspeeds were pretty similar, making the pitting much more interesting! John executed a perfect pass on my plane with great handle position and footwork. Nice!

Among the faster planes, we ran three different ones against each other—all with Nagmum Blooheads [really sic--ed.]. Two were pretty much brand new engines. I know I broke mine in with a few runs right

before the racing started. I had it in another “trashcan special.” This was an old SIG Buster of unknown vintage, except that the most recent owner got it in a big box full of planes shipped down from Nor Cal by Mike McCarthy. It was busted up (sorry) so Doug Mayer tried to give it away last year at a contest. No takers. But, before I left, I decided I would see if I could splice the fuselage back together without too much work—so I took it out of the garbage can. We all have to do our part to recycle and avoid filling up the landfills.... Anyway, it flies just fine after the repair. The Nagmum gives it decent airspeed. So I may have to paint it and turn it back into a respectable Goodyear.

The Lil’ Quicky (Ron Duly, another Bloohead) got a couple of laps and blew a plug? Plugs were back in the truck, so he scored a DNF. (Did Not Finish.) Doug Mayer ran a nice looking Outrageous, again on a Bloohead. Now here is a racing plane. It does all the right things and none of the wrong ones. Glides fast. Shutoff works. Gets laps—a lot of laps—out of the mandatory 1 oz. tank. Shakes down good. Lands good. Everything a competitor should ask for. I got lucky and got to fly it. He pitted. He found out right away that the Blooheads like to be hosed down before a restart. Old trick, but normally not needed on ABC engines. But, the Nagmum is an economy motor....so bring your water bottle.

The final entry we saw was Tristan, Doug’s son. He warmed up on some Mouse flights, and then decided he’d try a Fox-powered Goodyear. Did a great job of piloting. Caught a torque roll on his first takeoff and straightened it out. Very smooth flying. In fact, the faster the plane went, the better he held it in the racing groove. A bit more work on landings and he’s going to be there. The challenge right now is pitch control while whipping back to the pit.

Timing and contest help by Paul Wescott, Dirty Dale Long, Howard Doering, and Joe Brownlee. Fuel and equipment setup by Ron Duly.

Lots of fun had by all. I don’t have the scores—I just know that we all won. Tristan and his Fox beat my Cosmic Wind, for sure. Lots of room in the pits for another plane or three. Build one, buy one or even take one out of the garbage if you have to and bring it out to fly. This event is easy. I note that we had five self-professed pilots at this race and zero guys who claimed to be pitmen. This is unheard of around the country, where most of the guys that show up have some planes, and can pit them, but are desperately looking for a pilot to team up with. Join in!"

To add to the story, this is what is shown in the pictures:

- 71 Ron Duly's Lil Quickie from a Kenn Smith kit with Magnum 15
- 42 Doug Mayer's El Bandito with Fox 15
- 3 Dave Hull's Cosmic Wind with OS 15LA
- 20 Dave Hull's two Busters one with a Magnum and one with a OS 15 CVA (the "fast" one he didn't enter)
- 3 John Wright's Nemesis with OS 15 FP
- 12 Doug Mayer's Outrageous with Magnum 15

As for times:

Mayer/Mayer	5:46.2	Pilot Tristen Mayer, 9 years old
Mayer/Hull	5:54.32	Pilot Dave Hull
Hull/Mayer	6:09.77	"
Hull/Mayer	7:18.71	"
Wright/Duly	11:47.99	Pilot John Wright
Duly/Wright	DNF	"

So, you might ask, how did a nine (9) year old beat the old timers? Well, we kinda made up our own rules and timed him for 25 laps and multiplied that time by 4 to get a 100 lap time. Ok, we didn't account for pits but the sheer joy on Tristen's face made our day. He was a winner for sure!



All seven Goodyear 15 racers. Plenty of aircraft not enough pilots

Knights of the Round Circle Meeting Notes: September 11, 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 – Mike & Pam Jones, Safety Officer - Joel Chesler**

With 14 in attendance*, Don Repp lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mike Jones offered a period of silence to remember 9-11, then lead the meeting.

VISITORS and NOTABLES:

Clint Brooks joined KOTRC so he's no longer a visitor.

Norm Furutani has been inducted into the National Free Flight Society Hall of Fame.

SHOW AND TELL:

John Wright had the blue and white Barnstormer (McCoy 40 series 21 with Merco muffler) that was on the cover of the recent PAMPA Stunt News. Now we gotta change the words to the song, Instead of "I wanna have my smiling face on the cover of the Rolling Stone" to "I wanna have my airplane and my smiling face on the cover of the PAMPA Stunt News." John and this same airplane took third in Old Time at the first VSC and 3rd at the 30th VSC.

Clint Brooks showed his almost complete Oriental, a Brodak kit to be powered by an OS-LA46. Beautiful workmanship, covered in silk.

Howard Doering discussed his 6672 mile trip in his motorhome to the AMA Nats where he did very well in Control Line Speed. Then he traveled all over, including Schulenburg, Texas and the Stanzel Model

Aircraft Museum honoring the Stanzel Brothers, inventors of monoline and employer of Dale Kirn, who has many models in the museum.

Mike Alurac showed a 3D printed combat ship (but only 2" span) from Solid Works by David He.

Back in March, Greg Pawloski, brother of Art Pawloski, 1957 AMA Nationals senior stunt champ, brought the actual Adam stunt ship Art flew; and a new copy under construction by Greg; Fox 35 of course. Tonight Greg brought the finished new Atom. Looks good and has flown twice.

Don Repp discuss the Control Line Combat Museum in Lubbock, Texas. All known and unknown combat ships are there.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

We don't know when the next meeting with the Park will be, but we need to address grass watering and gate locks. Stay tuned.

The great T-Shirt search is on-going. Best for \$. Stay Tuned.

The Christmas Party will be at the Black Bear Dinner in Buena Park (Knot and Orangethorpe) on Saturday 15 December. Start planning.

The Joust Fun Fly attracted was 22 flyers. We'll try for a full two day Joust next year.

The AMA Expo will be at Fairplex Exposition Center in Pomona November 2-4, 2018. In our next meeting we will finalize our support.

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:

It has been proposed to the AMA that Spectra lines be used in Control Line Stunt. Pros and cons. May not be such a good idea.

There was talk about installing a concrete circular pad at the center of the combat circle. Better for fliers and no gopher holes. Will be discussed at the next Park meeting.

Contest and Events Schedule as of September 2018:

September 8-9 – Wayne Trivin Memorial Speed and Racing, Whittier Narrows.

September 22-23 – Meet ‘n Meat Stunt Contest, Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Field,

September 26-29 – Tether Car Nationals, Whittier Narrows.

October 12-14 – Hi Johnson Memorial Stunt and Carrier, Sepulveda Basin.

October 20-21 – Golden State Stunt Champs, Madera, CA.

October 20-21 – Virgil Wilbur Memorial Speed, Racing and Combat, Whittier Narrows.

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December 1-2 – Toys for Tots Speed, Racing and Combat.

April 27-28, 2019 – Bob Palmer Memorial Stunt Champs, Whittier Narrows.

August, 2019 – Knights Joust, Whittier Narrows.

The meeting adjourned at 2030.

* Mike Alurac, Scot Barth, Clint Brooks, Joe Brownlee, Howard Doering, Norm Furutani, Mike Jones, David Kick. Tom Laird, Greg Pawloski, Don Repp, Warren Walker, Paul Westcott, John Wright.

Very nice project. A Brodak "Oriental" being built by Clint Brooks



Greg Pawloski's beautiful rendition of "Atom"

