

Newsletter

SCALE MASTERS REVIEW

The Helicopter Scale Masters fund raiser for "Autism Speaks" was held September 24, 25 and 26, weather was warm but not above the century mark, temperature and wind level cooperated. 17 pilots participated in the 5th annual event with Rick Gonzales winning the distance traveled by



coming from San Antonio, TX. Pilots came from the bay area, Washington State, Oregon, Southern California, and Arizona. The noon time flight line had an impressive lineup of about 35 models for the crowd to view and vote the people's choice. Awards were sponsored by RC Aerodyne of Kent WA, Vario Helicopters of Germany and Approach Engineering of Ridgecrest, CA. Military flybys were performed with Cobras, Kiowa and a Huey which made a great demonstration. Jim Sikes brought his HH-53 with him from Arizona, the turbine sound bites had me believing it was turbine powered. This is an impressive model.



The quality of the models has certainly increased over the past 5 years with award decisions becoming complicated by the models high quality. Both military and civil aircraft seemed to equal each other in the detail and finish.

Rick Gonzales brought a Vario Notar turbine powered that also has a spray boom, the flying quality Rick

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THIS MONTH

Meeting Minutes.....Mike O'Kane
WDA Calendar
From the Circle Pete Cunha
Indoor Fun Fly Flyer



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2015

Members present: X Ed Morgan, X John Eaton, X Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane, Jeff Lovitt, X Rich Geertson X Doug Barton _ _ Randy Sizemore Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by John Eaton.
Last month's minutes reviewed, motion for approval, 2nd, and passed unanimously.
Recognition of guests and new members.

Officer reports:

President:

Vice President: Ed Morgan recapped the Board Minutes listed in the Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Jim MacDonald reported on Club account.

Secretary: Mike deferred comments until the events reports

Chair Reports:

Membership: Monte Pate reports 6 new members since the last meeting

Safety: John Lett does not have any items to report

Field Chair: Bill Freidrick reports the tree wheel mower is leaking oil.

News Letter: Glen Spaulding is not present, consider sending articles to Glen's attention for inclusion in the NEWS Letter.

Points Chair: Points posted on the WEB page are current

WEB PAGE: WEB page is current, Kerry is not present tonight

Events Reports:

Old School event had 14 participants w/ 22 aircraft

Golden Age event had 9 participants

Helicopter Scale Masters scheduled for September 24, 25, and 26.

Float Fly October 2nd and 3rd.

November 7th is the Toys for Tots

Old Business:

South Flying Pad, no comments received, Board

considering halting further development.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Forrest presented a CE-195 made by Ecom, this is a large scale aircraft he intends to fly with an OS twin cylinder. Forrest has stripped the aircraft down to the wood and is in the process of applying filler and sanding, final covering will be Brushed texture Ultra-Coat.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members present: X Ed Morgan, X John Eaton, X Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane, Jeff Lovitt, X Rich Geertson, X Randy Sizemore Doug Barton, Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by Ed Morgan

Meeting agenda as posted on the Club forum with any following additions.

Old Business

Letter needs to be sent to Woodland Democrat News Pa editor Jim Schmidt for WDA support. Letter prepared and sent.

New Business

Letter needs to be prepared and sent to the Davis Enterprise editor Debbie Davis for WDA support

WDA 2015 Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov 7	Toys for Tots
Jan 1	Chilly n' Chili Fun Fly & Pot Luck

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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provided was excellent. Rick fought a plugged fuel tank filter for the first day and found the Field density numbers late in the afternoon a challenge. He worked through the issues and had some great flights. Rick was awarded the Engineering Excellence and Best of Show for the turbine powered Notar w/functional spray boom.

Mike Skinner brought a Vario Skycrane, still in the build mode that is electric powered, he flew Vario main rotor blades and custom tail rotor blades. Mikes flight line was filled with UH-60 Blackhawk, Bell 429, the Skycrane and about 10 other models EMU 309 full-scale Huey arrived again this year and provided great flight demonstration on the



arrival and departure. They spent the day providing static display and answering all questions about the ship, EMU, Inc. is an impressive group of people. Check out their WEB site and consider supporting their efforts. www.hueyvets.com

Don Lowry of Stockton brought his Kiowa , Turbine Lama and Huey displaying the EMU 309 paint scheme. These aircraft had significant detail.



Jim Davey from Sunnyvale won the Best Paint Marking for his Vario Westland Lync, the markings on this helicopter are flawless. The gear on this aircraft are turned out 45 degrees and the nose gear is released to swivel which allows for ground crews to rotate the aircraft for hangar alignment after landing aboard the ship. Once aboard a center point cable is attached and the ground crew rotates the aircraft about the center point.

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Through Gonzalo's efforts the Autism Speaks event has raised over \$60,000.00 over the past 5 years, much of this from corporate sponsors and gifts. Gonzalo has handed the lead of this event over to WDARC and Mike O'Kane has stepped up to lead next year's Helicopter Scale Masters.

This year's awards were:

- ♦ Best Military Flight Demonstration (Approach Engineering Prize): Jim Spice
- ♦ Best Paint Markings: Jim Davey
- ♦ Engineering Excellence: Rick Gonzales
- ♦ Best Scale Flight: Rick Jow
- ♦ People's Choice: Dan Lowry
- ♦ Al Wert Excellence (Vario Prize): Mike O'Kane
- ♦ Best of Show (RC Aerodyne Prize): Rick Gonzales

A big thanks to the Field Committee that did a great job prepping the field for the event, thanks to Ben Ponzo for help in the snack shack and Rich Geertson as head chef for the Saturday night awards dinner banquet.

We are working on the 2016 schedule that should be about the same time line in late September and a Thursday through Saturday duration. See you all next year.

Thanks again to all who helped

- Mike O'Kane



FROM THE CIRCLE

October...at last, and we have survived another season on the circle(s). It's raining outside so Doug won't have to worry about setting the sprinklers for awhile. Another benefit of the fall and winter season is that the grass will grow slower so mowing won't have to be done as frequently.. On the negative side the field can get soggy and muddy however activities will continue with U/C sport flying, glider, SAM, and electric flying as well as the occasional helicopter fly through.

The control line flying season wrapped up with the highly anticipated "Meat and Meet" control line stunt contest and BBQ. This event includes the world famous "Fox Hurl" where contestants throw a Fox 15 engine as far as possible. Since this is the most important part of this contest I'll cut to the chase: It was won by San Jose resident Larry Fernandez who logged an impressive 209" for a new world record. Think it's easy? It's not...my throw was about 70'. A Fox 15 doesn't travel like a baseball but it doesn't hurt to have been a baseball player which Larry was in the minor leagues way-back-when.



Bob Duncan's "Lazar". High quality workmanship and finish like this are typical of many top control line stunt models.



"The Thrill of Victory" Fox Hurl winner Larry Fernandez shows off his trophy and yes, that is a real Fox 15 on the plaque and he gets to keep it.

Stunt wise, the events flown were Old Time, Classic and AMA stunt. Top three (in order of finish) for Old Time Stunt were Bob Harness, Bob Duncan, and Paul Pomposo. In Classic: Ted Fancher, Jim Aron, and Pete Cunha. AMA Intermediate: Doug Barton, Ted Klien and Elliot Scott. In AMA Advanced: Brian Moore, Bob Duncan, Heman Lee and in AMA Expert: Brett Buck, Jim Aron, Ted Fancher.

This contest also included a cook out on both days. The BBQ boss was Elliot Scott who supervised the preparation of an excellent selection of dogs, burgers, steak, chicken and Larry Fernandez's home made chili, something that has become as much of a tradition as the Fox Hurl.

Finally, the grass area hosted a visit from two fliers from the

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United Kingdom, Tony Welch and Steve Mynott. Both men are accomplished control line and R/C fliers who stopped by on their way back from the Reno Air Races. They were treated to some fine C/L flying by Bob Duncan and Cleon Lingwood and some not-so great engine runs by Pete Cunha. They also toured the R/C area and were greatly impressed by the entire facility. That's it for this month, during the winter this column will appear on a semi-regular basis so until next flying season, keep your lines tight and your batteries charged.

- Pete



Ted Fancher's "Trivial Pursuit". Ted won Open (Expert) Stunt at the AMA Nationals with this model.



The group that hosted visiting modelers from England with some models that were flown. From left to right: Bob Duncan, Lewis Lingwood, Tony Welch (visitor), Cleon Lingwood, and Steve Mynott (visitor). Not shown, Pete Cunha



INDOOR FLYING IS BACK!!!

Free Indoor Fun-Fly*

Sunday October 11th at NorCal Indoor Sports

The Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers will be holding an indoor fun fly. We have found a new home at Norcal Indoor Sports in Woodland. The event will be on the main hockey rink which has almost 30' ceilings. So there is plenty of room to fly whatever you want. We will be limiting indoor Heli's to 250 size NO bigger please. ***Free** entry to the event with a valid AMA insurance card*. Will be flying 8am-11:30am. For those with a GPS the address is below. Otherwise use the directions provided or see their web site at <http://www.norcalindoorsports.com/directions>. As always spectators are free and welcome. This month will have introductory flights for kids 8-16 as time permits. There is a full snack bar on site. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



From Sacramento:
Take I-5 N
Take the Main St exit toward
CA-113/Woodland
Turn left at E Main St
Turn right at Pioneer Ave
Turn left at Tanforan Ave

From Davis or Vacaville:
Take 113N
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Next Meeting: Monday, October 12th, 7:00PM
 Meeting held at Woodland Library @ 250 First Street



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