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The Phoenix Flight Team



Five great looking Phoenix-7's, making up the Phoenix Flight Team.

Hollister, Ca, September 14 & 15

By Robert Fish

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First 2014 Contest reports

Contest calendar

The 9th annual Bob "Whip" Whitacre Memorial Pattern Contest was held at the San Jose Wavemaster's field at Hollister, California on the weekend of September 14th & 15th, 2013. This was a regular AMA/FAI contest with the added attraction of classic pattern.

The fun started at the annual Taco Party held at CD Jon Carter's house. It was great to fill up on great food after the long drive, and to catch up with friends over a few cocktails.

Ten of the total 26 entries flew classic pattern, almost half of the field. We flew six

rounds of AMA/FAI and four rounds of classic. All CPA classes were offered, three classes were represented.

There was a mixture of electric and glow powered aircraft. Dick Belden flew his nicely built Dirty Birdy.

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Chip Hyde's Patricia**OPS Red Head***(Continued from page 1)*

Dick builds his airplanes from plans, and his craftsmanship has to be seen to be appreciated.

**Jim Kimbro's Curare**

There were several Hangar 9 P-7's. Tony Frackowiak's Phoenix, having received a YS .61 transplant, really tore up the sky.

Chip Hyde brought out his 80's era Patricia, flying with an OPS Red Head up front.

**Rossi on Jim's Curare**

The most notable classic in this writer's mind was Jim Kimbro's Curare ARF. No electric power for this one! Jim's Curare features an old school Rossi up front.

At seven pounds empty, it is an amazing performer.

Here is the finishing order:

Novice

1. Donald Fox, 277.25
2. Jamie Schoolcraft, 169.5

Advanced

1. Dale Olstinske, 255.5
2. Frank Capone, 245
3. Jon Carter, 244
4. Dick Belden, 151.75

Masters

1. Chip Hyde, 1241.75
2. Tony Frackowiak, 1197.25
3. Jim Kimbro, 1159.75
4. Robert Fish, 1056

Hats off to the Wavemaster's club, Jon Carter, and the crew for a top-notch event! Special thanks to the Carter's and Olstinske's for the hospitality and great food, both at the party and at the field. I'm looking forward to next year. NOR-CAL PATTERN ROCKS!!!!

New Mid-Atlantic Regional Director

By Terry Terrenoire

**Terry Terrenoire, the new Mid-Atlantic VP**

Greetings to all! My name is Terry Terrenoire, and I'm the new Mid-Atlantic Regional Director. In 1970 I returned from Vietnam and joined my first RC club, the Aeroguidance Society (AGS), Inc, in Endicott, NY. In the early 80's my oldest son became interested in pattern competition, and I built our first pattern plane, a scratch built Kaos. In 1985 I built another and modified it to have a turtle deck to increase side area for better knife edge and four-point rolls.

Over the past 43 years I have built over 300 R/C airframes, and logged nearly 8000 flights. I flew mode-2 to start, but after little progress in the first seven years, I made the switch to mode-1 and have

never regretted it. At 68, I have no expectation of being a contender, just out to have a good time and get to know great people, and I have seen no greater competitors than those in the pattern community. Over the years I have flown pylon, gliders, indoor, EDFs, small Helis, and now "foamies", but my first love has always been pattern.

In 2012 my wife and I moved from our residence of 38 years in NY where we raised our three kids, to a new community in northern Virginia. The move has taken a lot of my normal modeling time as I am doing a lot of work around the new house to "make it our own".

I have joined three clubs in the area trying to find one

that "fits". In addition, I am in the process of forming a new club in the development I just moved into. There are about 10 pilots who will be forming the core of the new "LOW Flyers". We will be primarily a float fly club, as we have a 550-acre lake in the middle of the development. This is a gated community with 4,000 households, so we should be able to maintain a solid member base.

Since I started flying pattern prior to the turnaround schedules, I will feel right at home in this new organization and I have known Scott for most of those years, as he started in the club I was in back in the 80's, and we frequently traveled to contests together.

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For the past 12 years I have been the treasurer for the Vintage RC Society (VRCS) and for most of the past 20 years I was an AMA District-2 AVP. In addition, I have been President, VP, or Secretary of the AGS for approximately 20 of the 42 years I was a member. Last year I was elected Secretary of one of the clubs I joined, at my second meeting. My earliest memories of an interest in aviation are from the age

of eight when my father taught me how to fold a paper airplane. In the mid 50's I started flying .049 U-Control in a Gymnasium. In 1960 my family moved from that town and I gave up flying until 10 years later in 1970. During that time I did the high school and college thing, got married, had a child, and joined the Army! Wow...what a busy 10 years.

My wife and I met in 10th grade Biology class and were married in December, 1966. Our first son was

born in 1968, and a second in 1972. Our daughter was born in 1977. Our oldest son has two children, and he has taken up flying large electric Helis. Our daughter has four children. My wife and I are now the "Nannies" for her kids. We spend four days a week at her house, and three at ours. Taking care of three kids under the age of five is really a two-person job, but we are loving it. She and her husband are MD's and work a lot of hours.

I look forward to being an active member of the Classic Pattern group/SIG.

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End of North East Contest Season

By Jim Quinn

CPA in the Northeast: Our competition season for CPA is over in the Northeast. I would have to say we finished our first season with mixed success. Two of our four contests only had two fliers each while the other two contests were much better attended. Most successful of them all was our Lehigh Valley contest. All four contests were blended with AMA/NSRCA competition. We had no stand alone CPA contests this season.

One serious observation about our electric powered airplanes was in the expert class. Some pilots thought the sequence was too long for strong battery life, so glow was better. We did see Dave Lockhart fly an electric powered airplane in Expert at the Penguin Pattern contest in Constantia, NY this past August with great success. Actually, Dave could probably fly an electric powered 2X4 and be successful!

We also had a variety of airplanes flown this season. There were several more traditionally styled airplanes from the 70's and 80's, as well as a few very contemporary competition airplanes. I know of a few pilots who are building specific airplanes for the 2014 competition season so we can look forward to more participation next season. All in all, I have to say our first season of CPA competition was successful and I am looking forward to an even better season next year!



New Newsletter Editor

By Sean Merish

Hello all pattern animals, My name is Sean Merish, and I have been flying RC and competing in pattern for over 40 years. I was born in Luxembourg, Eu-

rope and participated in four F3A World Championships as a member of the Luxembourgian team: USA (1971), Italy (73), Switzerland (75), and South Africa

(79).

I emigrated to the US in 1980, joined the US Navy in 81, received my US Citi-

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Sean Merish

*Oldies but Goodies**Pictures*

Do you have any Classic Pattern pictures you would like to share?

Scan them and send them to me at :

mershs@hotmail.com

Don't forget to include a caption and the photographer's name.

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zenship in 86, and recently retired after 31 years in Naval Aviation maintenance.

I'm currently living in Thousand Oaks, just north of

LA, and I'm looking forward to helping out as the CPA Newsletter Editor, even though it will be very hard to improve on Scott's outstanding work in the past!

I'm also looking forward to finishing and test flying an

original Tipo I have been working on, so I can participate in next season's CPA contests.

Please feel free to email me with comments, suggestions, questions, or pictures.

Oldies but Goodies

By Sean Mersh

I'm sure that most of us baby boomers have lots of old Pattern pictures laying around. It would be great to publish some of those here. Even if you don't remember the when, where, what and who, send them in, and maybe one of our CPA members will know the answer.

I took this photo of Giichi Naruke of Japan with his Aurum A at the 1993 F3A World Championship in Nötsch, Austria where he finished in sixth



Photo by Sean Mersh

place.

Hanno Prettnner was first, Chip Hyde came in second, and Wolfgang Matt was third.

Naruke-san would go on to win the next two world championships: Japan in 1995, and Poland in 1997.

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Lancaster, Ca, November 9

By Robert Fish; pictures by Robert Fish and Sean



Group shot of 15 pilots who obviously had a good time!

The sun broke over the horizon on a perfect desert sky, setting the tone for the rest of the day. Such were the conditions for the 2013 Lancaster, Ca. Fall Classic Pattern Contest, which was held at the Antelope Valley Tailwinds field on November 9th, 2013.

The weather held all day, allowing us to get four rounds of flying for everyone, except Masters - the sun actually set before they could fly their fourth round. Yes, we flew all day! There were 15 pilots entered in four CPA classes (Pre-Novice, Novice, Advanced and Masters), and there was some very close flying. There were several Pre-Novice and Novice class pilots flying their first contest, and some "old hands" rounding out the Advanced and Masters classes.

CD Tony Frackowiak called the pilots' meeting at 9:00, and we were "wheels up" soon thereafter. Pre-Novice action saw Jean Greear flying her Osiris to

good effect. Mack Moffat's flying showed that his practice was paying off. Jonathan Rinde flew his Firebird very well. He shared this Rusty Van Baren design with his father Paul. Paul flew it in Novice class. It was awesome to see the Rindes' father and son participation. It goes to show that it is about more than the airplanes.

Scott Holmes topped the Novice class flying his Dirty Birdy that he built from a Bluejay kit. Scott's DB is powered by an O.S. .61 FSR and it flies every bit as good as it looks.

Eric Huffman drove out from Phoenix, Az., bringing his Kraft .61 powered Dirty Birdy ARF and his Super-Tiger X61 powered Tipo. Eric put up some excellent flights with both aircraft.

Mike Whitacre landed in second place, flying a .40 Kaos that he shared with CD Tony Frackowiak. The

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Above: Cal Orr's Kwik Fli; see article for more info!

Below: Scott Holmes from Escondido, working on his Dirty Birdy's retracts.



Mike Whitacre and CD Tony Frackowiak

Hey, isn't that Mike's Kaos?



The NorCal shiny P-7's



Above: Cal Orr's dummy engines on Kwik Fli's

Below: Isn't that a beauty?! Original Kraft radio modified to 2.4 by Cal!



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airplane flew quite well, but exhibited a strange propensity to only run right for Mike! Chris Mahoney was the early favorite for winning Novice class, but he could only stay for three rounds. His scores were high enough to secure him third place, despite missing a round. Great flying, Chris!

Paul Rinde rounded out the very tight Novice class. Check those scores (below), only 16 points between first and fifth place!

In advanced class we had two "Nor-Cal" pilots: Jon Carter and Dale Olstinske. These guys are AMA Masters class pilots and it shows when they light up a classic! Flying E-powered P-7's, no one will argue that these guys have more fun than anyone in classic pattern. Jon went on to capture the top spot in Advanced, with Dale securing third. Nor-Cal pattern rocks!

Doug Woodward flew his E-powered Conquest-IV to second. Doug's aircraft is a masterpiece; it has to be seen in person to truly appreciate the engineering and detail. Doug flew Classic before it was Classic, and picked it up like he never missed a beat.

Cal Orr rounded out the Advanced class in fourth place, flying his E- powered Kwik-Fli's. Cal cleverly disguises his electric motors with the upper part of a de-commissioned glow engine, creating the most convincing

illusion of a glow powered model.

Sean Mersh was the "top dog" in Masters class. Sean flew his recently restored '80's era Tipo to service. Sean's Tipo is powered by a long stroke YS .61, and features Gold-berg mechanical retractors complete with gear doors. Robert Fish flew his Magnum .61 powered P-7 ARF to second place in Masters. This combo has proven to be a consistent performer for Robert. Rounding out Masters is Tony Frackowiak. If you ever wondered what it takes to place ahead of Tony, it is two consecutive dead-sticks! The Kaos that he shared with Mike Whitacre refused to co-operate with Tony.

Here is how it all came down:

Pre-Novice

1. Jean Greear 243.75
2. Mack Moffat 226.5
3. Jonathan Rinde 197.5

Novice

1. Scott Holmes 276.5
2. Mike Whitacre 273.5
3. Chris Mahoney 269.25
4. Eric Huffman 263
5. Paul Rinde 260.5

Advanced

1. Jon Carter 267.75
2. Doug Woodward 266.25
3. Dale Olstinske 259.75
4. Cal Orr 239.75

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Masters

1. Sean Mersh 745
2. Robert Fish 722.25
3. Tony Frackowiak 437.25

Hats off to the Antelope Valley Tailwinds for a top-notch event! Special thanks to Mike and Jean Greear for scoring and to Preston Knepper for cooking lunch. Thank you Tony F. for Cd-ing!

Gear up!!!



Florida Panhandle, November 16 & 17

By Dave Phillips

Victor Diaz Cd ed and the Eglin Aero Modellers at Fort Walton Beach hosted this season's last Classic contest at Eglin AFB, Florida, November 16 and 17. Ten pilots signed up for the contest. Unfortunately, Curt Oberg lost his 30-year old P-7, due to a disconnected elevator push rod on one side. He ran out of altitude during a negative maneuver...

Everybody else had a great time, especially since the weather for Saturday was just about perfect. We wound up getting in four rounds that day. Sunday was a different story with light rain and windy conditions. We decided to call the event and give out the awards, so everybody could get an early start for the trip home.

The results:

Advanced

1. Cody Powell
2. Chuck Mystery Last Name

Expert

1. Julio Arrieta
2. Dave Phillips

Masters

1. Jamie Strong
2. Cliff Hiatt
3. Victor Diaz
4. John Fuqua
5. Ron Van Putte

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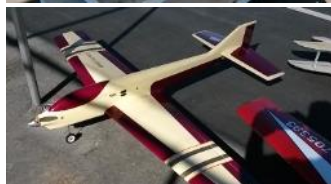
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Nov 9 Lancaster, CA pictures by Robert Fish

CPA Notam

Hello all,

As the building season is ramping up, don't forget the CPA has a dedicated forum for all the Classic Pattern stuff at: www.classicpatternforum.com. Feel free to post your builds and share ideas on the site!

Also, don't forget that you can share ideas in real time with our mail list! It is free to join, and you can share all kinds of information. Here is the link: <http://lists.classicpatternassociation.com/mailman/listinfo/>

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2014 Dues: You may renew your CPA membership, starting December 22. As a reminder, if you do not send in your 2014 renewal by March 31st 2014, your membership will become inactive, and you will not receive the newsletter or be able to vote on CPA business. The dues are still \$15.00 and can be paid thru the CPA website at: www.classicpatternassociation.com

CPA has secured tables for the Perry GA. 2014 show

By Scott Anderson

Don't forget to
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still only
\$15.00!

Contest Information:

Date	Event	CD
16 Feb	Lancaster, CA 1-day Classic (15th = AMA, 16th = Classic)	Tony Frackowiak
28 Feb 1 March	GAMA Show — Perry Ga. CPA Booth - McGill Building	
25-27 Apr	Arvin Spring Bash (3-day AMA and Classic contest)	Chip Hyde