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Oasis D1 Season Finale Pattern Contest

by Salvatore Piu

Despite threat of rain forecasted for Saturday morning, pilots started arriving at 8:00am to fly in our 18th annual "Oasis D1 Season Finale Pattern Contest" hosted by OCM on September 15 through 16, 2007. Three OCM members participated and were among a group of 24 total pilots to be judged to fly precision aerobatics per AMA and FAI pattern rules.

Weather started off calm without rain, so we proceeded to have a pilots' meeting. Almost immediately following the pilots' meeting, drizzle, then rain came down, delaying start of round 1 to just prior to lunch time. We flew two flight lines, with contestant judging from classes other than the one flying at the time.

We had two pilots initially pre-registered in one class, made a last-minute decision to move into another more difficult class. If they had not changed classes, the mix would have been 5 advanced, 9 masters, and 3 FAI. The end mix of classes was: 6 Sportsman, 2 Intermediate, 5 Advanced, 8 Masters, and 4 FAI.

Only one pilot operated on a ham frequency, and one pilot operated with a 2.4Ghz spectrum frequency. All other pilots operated within the standard 72Mhz frequencies. Even

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though there were only 24 pilots, we still had some frequencies with more than three pilots sharing it!

Once the rain stopped, we began flying the first round. The weather continued to have a heavy influence on this event. After the rain stopped, the wind picked up to at least 20 mph, which caused pilot's work load to substantially increase. Several pilots, including those in Masters and FAI class, had to abort their initial attempt at a scored landing because of the wind complicating the landing approach: it was safer to take a zero on landing and come back with the model in one piece! The wind was so bad, ALL of the FAI pilots who flew on Saturday reported having to apply at least 1/3 to 1/2 throttle to fly down a 45 degree down-line into the wind.

We had Saturday night dinner at the field included with the registration fee for pilots. Arrangements were made with Luigi's prior to the event to get dinner delivered to the field Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed it, including helpers that stayed to the end of the day.

Sunday's weather was significantly better, with only a little wind to contend with. We did have one bit of excitement on Sunday.

After I completed my reverse knife edge, exiting inverted, in the fourth round, my plane encountered a mid-air collision with an Intermediate pilots model. My plane, the Hybrid-SP, immediately arced towards the ground and crashed. The other plane limped back to the runway missing 1/3 of his wing.

One of the pilots, Ed Alt, figured out exactly how the models collided as follows. I added some additional comments for clarification. The inverted model was my airplane, called the Hybrid-SP, and Rob was the pilot of the other plane:

"The two models met about exactly level, one upright, Rob's, and one inverted (mine, the Hybrid-SP), nearly head on. They were angling in towards each other about 15 degrees. First contact was when the upright model got a prop strike from the inverted one on its upper left wing. That angle of the prop strike mark is deceiving, because the motion of the models passing each other as the prop sliced the sheeting made it appear as if the angle was opposite, i.e. angling away.

The Hybrid-SP vertical fin sliced through other plane's left wing fairly cleanly. Since it is a fairly thin fin, it didn't pulverize much extra material around it as it passed



photos from Jersey Modelers website



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through. The fin on other model was much thicker and basically obliterated a lot of extra material around it while slicing [the] Hybrid-SP wing, so even though the outer panels recovered were about the same size, the Hybrid-SP model had less remaining wing structure. Rob's fin apparently also whacked the right horizontal stabilizer on the Hybrid-SP. The Hybrid-SP prop also struck the top of the left stabilizer on Rob's model."

The mid-air also created a set-back for a third competitor, Danny Ditursi. His plane encountered muffler problems during the first round. After that round, Danny was sharing use of my plane, the Hybrid-SP, to fly his rounds. Hence, one specific plane crash created a shortfall for two competitors!

When all competition was done on Sunday



photo by Mike Fevola

afternoon, six rounds had been completed. Thanks were given to the following members for their assistance running this event: Fred DePalo, and his friend & former club member Tony Defalco, Dean Kraus, Al Schetina, Bob Miceli, Carl Parducci, Mike Fevola, Rick Wallace, Danny Ditursi, and Jack Wilson.

Jackson Hobby Shop also deserves recognition for donating a few items as prizes for contestants.

Certificates were awarded to the top three



Sal Piu (right) looks at Danny Ditursi's Ultra Stick (*photo by George Posey*)

places for all classes. Here are the final results and the associated scores:

Sportsman (AMA 401): 1. Cory Bennett, 3960; 2. Chris Iorio, 3948; 3. Chris Murphy, 3806; 4. Bob Soden, 3660; 5. Steve Skwarlo, 3485; 6. Joel Garza, 3264. **Intermediate (AMA 402):** 1. Carl Veit, 4000; 2. Rob Krob, 2207. **Advanced (AMA 403):** 1. Joesph Zeigenfus, 3994; 2. John Pavlick, 3977; 3. Frank Gioffredo, 3458; 4. Danny Ditursi, 3453. **Masters (AMA 404):** 1. Keneth Velez, 4000; 2. Steve Miller, 3944; 3. Joseph Lachowski, 3834; 4. Ed Alt, 3746; 5. Stuart Chale, 3550; 6. Rick Wallace, 3499; 7. Ronald Lawrence, 3404; 8. James Quinn, 2296. **FAI (AMA 406):** 1. Anthony Romano, 4000; 2. Salvatore Piu, 3583; 3. Ron Lockhart, 3556; 4. Raoul Querze, 2916.



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Airplanes of the Month

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Gil Schwalb shows this Giant Stinger which was built by Herb Wasserbach.



Sal Filippone shows his scratch-built "Play Mate."



Len Canali shows his Mini Funtana X electric

Airplanes of the Month



George Posey with his Nitro model Ultimate EP bi-plane.



Hob Davis is the proud owner of this indoor foamy.

Flea Market

Saturday, Oct 13th

Rain date: Sun, Oct 14th

Wiskow Field

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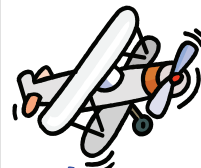
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Jackson Hobby Shop will be closed for vacation from Oct 7th thru Oct 15th. Reopen Oct 16th.

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*Welcome to our
New Members*

**Eugene Albanese
Mordechai Kohn**

Minutes of OCM Meeting on September 26, 2007

Meeting opened at 7: 30pm by Bob Miceli with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 43 members in attendance. The minutes of August 22nd meeting were read. Motion to accept as corrected, motion passed. The treasurer's report was read by Mike Fevola. Motion to accept, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Sal Piu reported on the recent Pattern Contest that was held at Wiskow Field and it went very well and made a substantial amount of money for our club. Eric Heitmann reported on the progress of putting together the club's Flea Market to be held on October 13th, with a rain date of October 14th. He needs volunteers for food buying, cooking, club table and traffic control. Don't be shy--offer your services; (732-730-3766). This too, is a money maker for our club. He passed out a flyer that he made up and it has been distributed to various hobby shops and clubs in the area.

Hats off to two members, Bruce Bidwell and Richard Casper, that provided the club with dirt and a backhoe which under the direction of Stephen DeSanto was spread out over the runway to fill in the depressions. Water is the only other ingredient missing, otherwise the field is in good shape.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Miceli announced that on October 6th a delegation from the AMA and New York EPA representatives, in addition to some Jackson officials will make a visit to our club's field. This is a program put together by the AMA to show how radio control model flying can be performed on a closed dump field. We will be showcased with a DVD movie made to demonstrate RC model flying along with interviews of pilots and their feelings of flying on a closed dump site. It is strongly recommended that all members that can be there, come to the field with their airplanes on that date and show a united front to these delegates. We should be on our best behavior and observe safety procedures as we always do. When fueling make sure you recapture the excess fuel in containers, again as we normally do. As a reminder, please wear your OCM hats and shirts.

Our thanks to Mike Fevola's friend, Bucky Garner from Texas, for the new wind sock.

Sal Piu reported that an attempt to get back to Foxtrot Circle at Lakehurst is in the works and details are pending. One point is that only the 2.4 GHZ radio systems be utilized by the outdoor flyers so to avoid any interference with the indoor flyers.

Coffee Break courtesy of Ed Nosek, thank you Ed for your support. Ed will be around only for two more meetings then he heads for Florida. Let's not have a stampede of volunteers. Who wishes to offer their services for 2008?

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A motion was made by Bob Miceli to change our bylaws in Article I, paragraph 4.C which reads in part, “No business meeting shall be conducted unless a Quorum, which is 20% of the membership of the CLUB, is present” TO “Business meetings of the CLUB shall be conducted by a MAJORITY of the members present at the CLUB’S meeting.” A discussion of this important change shall be conducted at the CLUB’S next meeting on October 24th .

A proposed date for the December Holiday meeting was established for December 12th to be held at the Lakehurst Diner at 7:30pm. Renewals of 2008 OCM CLUB membership will also take place that night.

MODELS OF THE MONTH:

Sal Filippone showed off a low wing scratch built “Play Mate” powered by a ThunderTiger 15. George Posey showed off a Nitro model Ultimate EP bi-plane electric powered by an AXI motor.

Len Canali showed off a Mini Funtana X electric, powered by an Eflight 480 motor.

Hob Davis showed off an indoor foamy made with a \$1 worth of foam material and electric powered.

Gil Schwalb showed off a Giant Stinger powered with a G-62 motor. Gil had the plane nicely put together by the Wasserbach Airplane Facility.

50/50 Big Winner: Tom Gibson

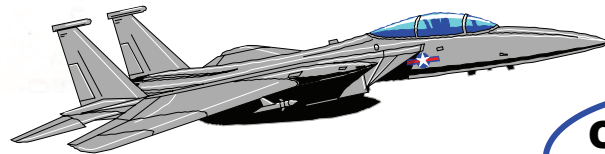
Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Submitted by Carl Parducci, Recording Secretary.



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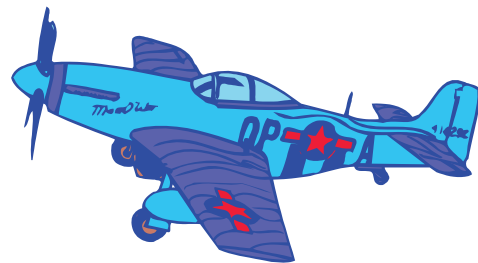
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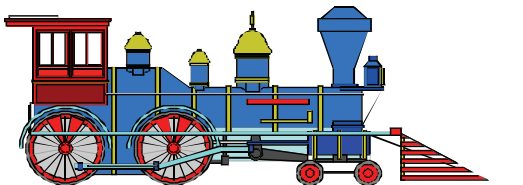


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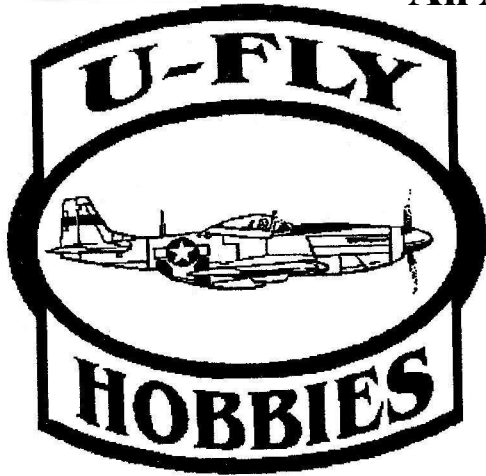
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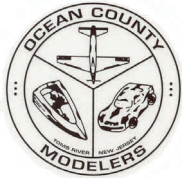


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Wednesday
October 24th
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