



April 2006

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
7:00 p.m.
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WARBIRDS RALLY
May 20th 2006
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The Need for Extreme Speed!

Club president, George Manning, has always been a fearless pilot. As we all know, George has the need-for-speed a jet model sure fills that need! His love of jets has really taken him places in the past 19 months or so.

Several distributors and manufacturers now sponsor George with most of us knowing about his long time involvement with Futaba. He ends up at jet rallies in many states and giving demonstration flights occasionally at events in our local area. His last engagement was at Winamac Indiana where he was awarded for the best military jet performance flying one of Air-Pac's F-22 Raptors. On March 16th – 19th he will have flown at Tucson jets and coming up in April out in Coachella valley he will be flying at the new location for the Best In The West Jet Rally.

Not everything goes perfect at any level and last November George lost his new T-45 while working with our own R/C Don making a new film for the web site. Unfortunately the cause of the crash points mostly to another modeler turning on who was also using George's frequency. Just the same a replacement will be in the air soon to take up where the last plane left off.



**Redlands
Airport
Open Day**

Sat, May 6

March Model of the Month



George Manning built this **Ringmaster** after it was shelved for 15 years! George uses the Ringmaster as an equipment test plane. Its fuselage is built up with balsa and aircraft ply, the covering is Monokote, Ultra Coat, and Solarfilm. Engine: Magnum .39; WS-57.5"; L: 37"; Fuel Tank: Dubro 8oz; Flight Time: 14 min.

*All members are encouraged to bring along your plane and challenge for **Model of the Month**.*

Stan-the Fiberglass Man

Remember Stan's Fibertech in Riverside? Well, it aint there no more!

Stan & family decided to get out of the rat race of So Cal and go north to Oregon. He is now enjoying the quietness and solitude of Selma, a small town about 18 miles from Grants Pass.

Stan is still making planes and fiberglass parts. He has a pretty good *foamie* that looks good to me, and I will be fling it at the field as soon as I get it and put it together. Check out his website at www.stansfibertech.com.

Stan is still making cowls for all those planes you already have or are about to build. Unfortunately, Great Planes outsourced its cowl making which took away a good portion of his business.

Basic Flying Rules: Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

Greenspot Update

(Pat Whahrer)

Greenspot has a reduced usable runway of approx half; so flying off the runway is not advisable. Also, the road going down to the Greenspot field is still under construction. Some large pipes are being laid down. However, if you turn right at the top of the hill, follow the road to their pipes, then you can make it to our field in a round about way. All three lakes are full of water.

Maybe it's time to pull out the floatplanes again, and turn a bad situation onto a pleasurable one.

Technology Keeping Us Connected

Now, all members can provide input about the condition and situation of fields. Check out the links at www.rcmarks.com. In fact, Pat added the above update onto the RCMARKS website middle of last week—under the **Greenspot Field** button.

Pylon Race Cancelled at "Lake Greenspot"

This month's **Pylon Race** at Greenspot, earmarked for April 1st, had to be cancelled due to the heavy rains we have been experiencing in recent days. Yes, "Lake Greenspot" is once again covering about 50% of the runway, and our west pylon is under water.

Best in the West Jet Rally

Do you have a jet? Get it ready! The Coachella Valley RC Club is happy to announce that it will be hosting this year's event over the weekend of April 20 -23, 2006. You all may recall that this event had been held at Chino over the past few years.

Coachella Valley has a 600' x 70' runway and shaded concrete pit area. If our readers want more information about the *Best in the West Jet Fly*, then go to the web site at www.cvrclub.com, and put Best of the West in the subject line. Or, you can contact Dick Knapp Secretary/Treasurer, CVRC Club

Redland's Airport Open Day May 6, 2006

C'mon pilots. Polish up those wings, and get your planes prepared. The MARKS club has been invited again to participate in the Redland's Airport Fly-In—Saturday, May 6th. We have more display space than last year and will be in the same central location as last year also. We'll be teaming up with the Redlands RC club (AMAA) too. This is a great opportunity to create greater public awareness of our hobby. If you wish to display your latest planes, turn up, get set up, and help organize the display table and hangar area. Please refer to the Redlands FLY-In Forum on the web (Under **Member Only Forums** at www.rcmarks.com) and check with Andreas (redlandsopenhouse@rcmarks.com) if you would like to participate.



MARKS display tent at last year's 2005 Open Day

Members: Participate in Photo of the Month!

The "Picture of the Month" challenge is a friendly competition that aims to bring the artist out of us. It is all about sharing fun or special moments as well as impressions. In order to classify for this competition, you have to submit a picture and a little description of an "RC related" scene *before the last day of the month*. You should be the person who has taken the picture. All photos sent to Andreas Blaser during a particular month will take part at that month's competition. The winner will be featured in this newsletter and will also be included in the **Picture of the Month Gallery on our website**. The results will be announced at the MARKS monthly meeting.

To participate, send your photographic art to POM@rcmarks.com.

March Photo of the Month

As voted by the members of this club

Erik Blaser took this photo while visiting Rabbit Dry Lake. Many pilots from all over the place were flying, but one with this big Extra was doing all kind of neat stunts--close to floor. It was very impressive to watch. Erik took the photo on February 26th this year.



At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base:

"Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil for I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing."

I need your help! I want to add a new section to the Newsletter about *Tricks and Fixes*. Join me in sharing with your fellow flyers the little tricks you do to fix your planes or simply make them look good. It can deal with ANY problem solving techniques you use. Email me at: RobBoehm@sbcglobal.net or call (951) 966-1042

Unbelievable 80 !

As I sat at the table with a few other flying friends and listened to the sounds of a smooth, crooning voice singing, "I Did It My Way," I simply could not believe it! Who was this man? How come I did not know he had such musical talent! It was our wily friend and long time RC pilot, Cal Malinka. And the occasion was his **80th Birthday** party.

Cal has been a long time member of **MARKS** club and has presented at some of our club meetings over the years. He is known for his persistence, his mathematical genius, and his love for messing around in his wonderful tool shop. Want a handmade special sized hub for an engine? Cal would make it. Need help at the field, whether to learn to fly or fine-tune a cranky engine, Cal will be there. At the field, Cal is probably best known for two things: first, the desire to fly fast *all* the time; second for the great joy he used to get out of dropping bombs on target. These bombs were cans containing a brown frothy liquid that would explode with great effect when hitting the ground.

Ever the inventor, Cal is also a family man (with three grown children and a bunch of grandkids), a mouth organist, singer, and former Navy man.

What a wonderful life you've led, Cal. Keep on kickin'!



Advice given to RAF pilots during WWII: When a crash seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as possible.

April Birthday Boys

John Richardson	1 st
Manuel Pilonieta	6 th
Henry Harden	11 th
Paul Chambers	14 th
Rodney Heathcock	14 th
George Manning	15 th
Don Giandomenico	16 th
Nicholas Blackburn	18 th