

# M.A.R.K.S.

Miniature Aircraft Radio Kontrol Society

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## Letter from the President



Hello People,

For everyone who was not able to attend the last meeting and the AMA show, all I can say is WHY!!!???? How can there be anything more important than the January meeting and show? Ah well, I did see many of you at the AMA show, which was great. As for the January meeting: we gave away an OS 120—FREE! So, if you missed it, you really missed out.

I would like to thanks all the members who helped either tending to the booth and selling tickets or helping with the fastest set up and tear down ever. There were so many who helped the list of names would be quite long so please forgive me not doing so. I have to say that I truly was amazed at how well things went overall. Just about the time I would think we forgotsomething I would find out it was alreadycovered by one of those who helped.

Our raffle went very well and we will have the dollar amounts for you at the February meeting. Also there were several who inquired about joining our club. So the booth is still working for us. The Don Giandomenico videos made our field look so good that we even had one new model company request to fly their planes at our field for the purpose of taking advertising video since they felt the background would help sell planes.

As for our members' static display of models, I am tempted to make signs for each model next year with all the information about each one since I think we answered the same questions far too many times. John Skolnick's P-38 got so much attention that I almost think we need to have a built one for next year's raffle. I am sure it would bring in quite a bit of revenue for us.

Concerning our January meeting: As you all know, our elections are held at this time each year. Since there have been several changes, be sure to check the list in this edition of MARKS Newsletter.

Once again, thanks for your support over the past year. I look forward to another good year with you all.

*George Manning*



*MARKS Display at the AMA Show*

## ...and what a show it was!

**M.A.R.K.S. club well accepted at Ontario AMA Show.**

The MARKS booth made its presence felt as it was well visited during the AMA show at the Ontario Conference Center. This past January. Hundreds of people asked many questions as they stopped to look at the static display and the video presented by Don Giandomenico. And of course, our members manning the booth were ready to answer questions and to convince passers-by to purchase raffle tickets. All who participated gave a tremendous effort and it really brought the fun camaraderie we have between members in our club. A number of guys filled out membership application form, and we they were cordially welcomed into the club!

The prizes we offered for the raffle were very enticing as can be seen from this list: small electric helicopter, Magnum 45, a Trainer ARF, a Decathlon ARF, and the big draw card, the Dave Patrick 120 Ultimate biplane ARF, worth \$400.

When the draw was taken, the tickets were stirred up then, George asked different

people from the watching crowd to draw a ticket. (No rigging the outcome here!!) One prize went to a guy from No. Cal, two went to different individual club

members, but three prizes went to one club member—including the big Ultimate ARF. Needless to say, Pat Wahrer is still smiling and probably has that big biplane built already! Congrats Pat.

In the static competition, George Manning won first prize for his amazing jet, and Jim LeVell won third prize for his scratch built RV4. Congratulations to these members. There's loot to be won at these shows. So let's get geared up for next year and make a big impression for MARKS



*Some of our wonderful volunteer team*

## Andreas Blaser: New Vice President 2006



Andreas has been a MARKS member for some years now and has already done a lot of up-front as well as behind the scenes work for MARKS. As you are aware, he has set up our excellent website for us. Please send him photos for the club picture gallery.

Andreas was born in Switzerland and moved into the United States with his wife Nadia and his sons Erik and Sven a bit more than ten years ago. After finishing his studies in Maine in May 2000, he started working in the R&D department of ESRI in Redlands as a software engineer.

Andreas started building RC models when he was 12 years old. Building, or rather, fixing planes, took most of his time back then because most flights lasted only between 5 and 15 seconds! After moving to a small town of Oberwichtlach in the country with lots of open fields and with opportunity to make new RC friends, his flying success rate quickly rose and a healthy balance between building and flying was established. Before going to college, Andreas was an active member of the “Modelfluggruppe Bern” (<http://www.mg-bern.ch/>).

During his years of study and while starting a family, there was no time left for building and flying models. However, after coming to California and joining the MARKS club in 2003, Andreas took up his long time favorite hobby again. Andreas’ main interests are in scale models, sport flying, and slope gliders.

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We say a big, big *Thank you* to Dan Payne and Scott Workman for their sterling 6-year stint at doing the MARKS Newsletter. Great job guys and what a great contribution to our club for so many years.

Bill Payne has “retired” as club Secretary. Thanks for your many years of service to the club, Bill. Such dedication is greatly appreciated.

We are still looking for someone to fill his big boots as club secretary. All you need to do is to take notes of the happenings at each meeting and then present the minutes at the next meeting.

After serving as VP for two years, and having arranged numerous excellent speakers at our monthly club meetings, Robert Boehm has stepped aside as VP and taken on the Newsletter. He – I – will be on the lookout for club activities and member involvement to report to you all. Don’t be surprised if you get a phone call kindly asking you to help out with some information for our newsletters in the future. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated as we share our experiences with each other. For the present, send all newsletter stuff to [RobBoehm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RobBoehm@sbcglobal.net) or call him on (951) 966-1042 to give latest news and points of interest for the next newsletter.

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.



Woody Mummery with his pride and joy!

## **Air Force Gives Don G. Some Competition**

*by Scott Workman*

U.S. Air Force operators at Creech AFB in Nevada flew a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle over the flight line at nearby Nellis AFB during the Aviation Nation Air Show last November. Multiple signal relays allowed real-time Predator imagery of the spectators at the event which were shown on large outdoors video screens. The UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) capped its air-show debut by making a low-level pass and simulated missile attack, complete with explosions. Predator video clips were webcast via TV Worldwide.

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*Author's Note: Don was rumored to be considering his own over-flight of Nellis Air. Force Base, but feared a retaliatory air strike against M.A.R.K.S. field.*

## Officers for 2006

<b>President</b>	George Manning
<b>Vice President</b>	Andreas Blaser
<b>Secretary</b>	None elected. So it is You! (So show up at the next meeting ☺)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chuck Comstock
<b>Glen Helen Field Director</b>	Booker Woods
<b>Green Spot Field Director</b>	None elected: Also you!
<b>Event Director</b>	Joe Augino (Scott will assist for pylon racing. George Manning will assist for the War Bird Rally.)
<b>Safety Officer for G.H.</b>	Woody Mummery
<b>Safety Officer for G.S.</b>	Also You
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Robert Boehm
<b>Historian</b>	Booker Woods
<b>Board of Directors</b>	John Richardson, Richard Carroll, Don Giandomenico, Roger Foor, Pat Wahrer, Gerardo Furlong.

<b>Coming of Age in February 2006</b>
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<b>David Decar</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holly Hollingsworth</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stephen Richardson</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Phil Gallegos</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Henry Meyer</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stephen Skochinsky</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Matthew Mee</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Daniel Doniak</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Earl Gates</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Robert Baznette</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jim Blackburn</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Victor Bradley</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Woody Mummery</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jim Viero</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Glen Sparks</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>