

M.A.R.K.S.

Miniature Aircraft Radio Kontrol Society

March 2006

NEXT CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 9th 7:00 p.m.
Norton Airport Security Office

PYLON RACE SUCCESS!

Scott Workman

Saturday, February 4th

We had eight entries and a very nice morning for flying. The field was in excellent shape considering the flooded conditions which kept us from racing there last year. Don Giandomenico led in the points all day and was the favorite going into the final. But Dan Payne's engine really kicked into high gear, and he began to catch up to Don early in the final race. The pressure to stay in front forced Don to take some chances, and he ended up cutting two pylons which, unfortunately, disqualified him in the final.

Andreas Blaser flew steady all day and ended up with the victory. Dan Payne, despite being late at the start line a few times, flew fast and smooth and was able to capture second place.

The next pylon race will be hosted by the Gilman Springs club in March. Details will be available at rmarks.com.

Results:

- 1st Place: Andreas Blaser
- 2nd Place: Dan Payne
- 3rd Place: Joe Augino
- 4th Place: Larry Haase (from the Gilman Springs Club)

Warbirds Meet

May 20th

Glen Helen Field
Get Your Planes Ready!

CD George

It's official! Club President, George Manning, is now a certified AMA **Contest Director** (CD). This allows him to sanction events for our club and to officiate as Director any contest, whether for our own club or at any other club contest.

Such a bestowment of responsibility will now make you busier than you are now!

Congratulations George!

GREENSPOT (KOCH) FIELD

Please lock the gate when going IN & OUT of our Greenspot Field.

Our continued use of this field depends on our faithfulness in following the ONE major requirement place on us: to lock the gate. At present, ownership of the land is being transferred from the Water Board to the BLM (Bureau of Land Management). Thus, we are waiting for BLM to agree to our presence there.

81 and Still Going Strong!

Phil Gallegos, a long time member of MARKS Club, turned 81 this past February. I've known Phil for some years now, and over lunch one day, we chatted about his younger days.

Phil grew up in New Mexico, and when he was able to, he joined the US Marines. "The first boat I ever saw," he said, "I traveled on." He shipped out of San Francisco en route to Brisbane. The Pacific War was in full swing, and such a journey was full of dangers.

"I was at sea for 11 days," Phil continued, 7 of which I was as sick as a dog." And with Phil's usual



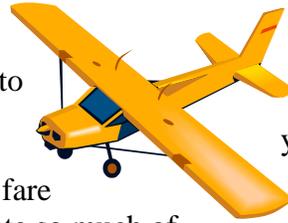
philosophical approach, he added: "I was wishing the Japs

would bomb us and put me out of my misery!"

Phil was only 18.

Whilst in Brisbane, Phil was introduced to Australian military rations that had a basic fare of mutton. He ate so much of it that to this day, he cannot stand the sight, smell, or taste of any form of mutton.

From Brisbane, Phil sailed north to Papua New Guinea, stopping at numerous bases along the north coast of New Guinea as the Japanese enemy was pushed farther west in Dutch New Guinea (now West Irian). Most of these bases had very recently been taken back from the Japanese, so Phil was always there to follow up behind the action as he took care of munitions disposal. His troupe pushed on to the Philippines in preparation for the final big



push into Japan. "We were all relieved when he heard that "the bomb" had ended the war. It would have been a horrific loss of life for American troops if had to have gone into Japan."

Phil has helped many a youngster get his RC Wings for many, many years.

Some of those kids have now grown and Phil has helped them too. He has also built many a model for club members. Just how many planes he's built over the years, he cannot remember.

Last year, on his 80th birthday, I said to Phil: "Hey Phil, I really hope I am in as good a shape as you are when I turn 80." And Phil's usual unexpected reply? "Ya gotta get there first."

We love our lovable Phil. Just keep on going real strong, young man!

Future Meeting Times to Alternate

A decision to experiment with MARKS club meeting times was made at the February meeting. Due to some members not being able to attend a Thursday night meeting, we are going to alternate between Thursday and Wednesday evenings.

This month's meeting, March 9th, will be held on Thursday evening.

Our April meeting will be held on

Glen Helen Black-Out Days

Glen Helen field will be closed to our flying for 25 weekend days of this year. Please check the MARKS website for details of the Glen Helen Raceway calendar.

Pilot's #1 Stay-Alive Commandment

"Thou shalt not conduct aerobatics under 10,000 feet, lest the earth rise up and smite thee.

Be Smart, Be there!

Announcements

We have two new sections on our web-site, rcmrks.com:

1. A [Guestbook](#) , where people can leave comments about our club, events, or ask questions concerning the MARKS club or RC related issues. This is an open area, there are no restrictions
2. A [General Discussion Forum](#) , with threads where members can voice their opinions, take initiatives, exchange information and so forth. This section is meant for members only.

You can get to the Guestbook and the General Discussion Forum through the [Club Activities](#) link.

Calendar

March:

Sunday 19th

Glen Helen Black-out Day

Sunday 26th

Glen Helen Black-out Day

April:

Saturday, 1st

Pylon Race, Greenspot

29th-30th

Riverside Float Fly, Lake Perris

May:

Saturday 7th

Redlands Airport Open House

Saturday 13th

Glen Helen Black-out Day

Saturday 20th

Warbirds, Glen Helen

Sunday 28th

Glen Helen Black-out Day

After an exam, you always know all the correct answers, right?! Oh, how you could've made a perfect score!

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Well, after the Pylon Race last month, and after he had flown a damage-free race, Scott Workman did some practice flying around the course—and some relaxing, fun flying.

That's when Scott performed a Perfect 9

SAFETY FIRST

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

All fliers are responsible for the safety of their own aircraft and the safety of others. Like a "real" pilot, always go through your safety checks before stating a plane.

FLY SAFE

FLY AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN...

Be Smart! Be There!

Puzzle

from Scott Workman

Four pilots flew four different airplanes, each waiting for the previous plane to land before going up. All of the planes are different colors (including one yellow one), and all are on different frequencies (including one on channel 56. See if you can match the airplanes to their color and channel, and put them in the order in which they flew.

Clues:

1. The pilot on channel 11 flew third.
2. The Trainer plane is blue.
3. The pilot on channel 54 flew immediately after the orange plane, which flew immediately after the Jet.
4. The Edge, which is not on channel 54, did not fly before the Bi-plane.
5. The white plane flew after the plane on channel 27.

People who solve this correctly will be greatly rewarded at the next meeting. Be there so you can be crowned gods-of-the-air!!!

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Coming of Age in March

Gene Throop	1 st
Cal Malinka	3 rd
Ammon Decar	4 th
George Koch	11 th
George Tango	11 th
Brian deTinne	14 th
Russ Bobbit	14 th
Bruce Janzen	24 th
Garret Salmen	24 th
Dennis Mariconda	25 th

"Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground." -
USAF Ammo Troop