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Presidential Notes

Hello race fans,

And I still wonder. I need someone to take over the president's position! Is anyone willing to step up?

Well, since the last newsletter, we have had a couple of significant contests. The annual Phoenix Speedworld Q-40 Classic was held in February, and I'm told it went well with about 75 entries; I didn't make it this year due to knee surgery in January. Congratulations to Lee Von Der Hey for winning first place and to Tony Lopez for taking fast time.

The next event was the first of a planned annual meet called "Springfest," held in Whittier, CA and hosted by the San Gabriel Valley RC Club. I believe this was the brainchild of Lee Von Der Hey; the meet was well-run thanks to Lee's attention to detail. Congratulations to Jim Allen for winning AMA 428 as well as taking fast time. Congratulations to Jim Padelt for winning AMA 424 as well as taking fast time.

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome the following new members:

Sallvador Barrios Chavez of Mexico
Doug Van Orman of Montgomery, TX
Anthony Hemken of Champlin, MN

Ray Vandeklok from the Netherlands
Michael Jakob from Germany
Mike Foster of Brookings, SD
Bryan Blanchard of N. Charleston, SC
Richard Zisa of Hobe Sound, FL
Chris Handegard of West Palm Beach FL

I also welcome back the following returning members.

Ken Dickson of Louisville, KY
Bert Metkemejer from the Netherlands
Rob Metkemejer from the Netherlands

If you know any of these people, be sure to thank them for joining us. Do you know some one who races, but isn't a member? Try to convince them to join us.

2008 OFFICERS

I need a volunteer to fill the District 5 VP spot; Dan Kane has agreed to fill in for now, but he would prefer to let someone else fill this position as he has done the job for many years. Thanks, Dan, I appreciate the support.

GOLD CUP SERIES

I'm still waiting to hear from the Texas group for a date and location for the NMPRA Championship Race.

NATIONAL POINTS

I mentioned in the last newsletter that the points for 2007 are final and shirts are on order; I'm pleased to report that I have received the shirts, and I will be shipping them out over the next week or so.

While I'm on the subject of national points, it is very important that each and every member gets credited with all points earned. So, if your group hosts a race, it is important that the results be sent to your district VP in a timely manner, i.e. the following week. It is just as important that each district VP send those results to the appropriate point coordinator in a timely manner, i.e. the following week. If this happens as it should, the point coordinator can tally the points and publish standings as we go through the year, and you can track how you're doing and maybe catch a mistake or missing race. It also makes the point coordinator's job a lot easier.

Q-500 points should go to Kim Vaclav at Q500points@gmail.com. (Do identify as AMA 424 or AMA 428 points)

Q-40 points should go to Joanne Coffey at coffeyjoanne@sbcglobal.net.

RULES, RULES, RULES

Do follow the rules; it is the only fair way to compete!

Did I mention that we're looking for a replacement for me as president?

Bob

District 1, Travis Flynn

Submitted by Scott McAfee

Phoenix Classic Q40

The racing season in the district is now in full swing. Of course, the big news is the Phoenix Classic Q40 race hosted by the Speedworld R/C Flyers. The buildup to this race was unprecedented, and the actual event lived up to every expectation. The final tally of entrants was 74, with contestants representing six countries. Racers began arriving at the field as early as Sunday, a week before the race, and there was a steadily increasing crowd for practice each day leading up to the race. I was fortunate to get there on Tuesday and was able to get in a lot of practice, but more importantly, got to spend a lot of time with friends. Sometimes I think that the practice days flying and hanging out with the other racers is as much fun as the race itself.

The race was run with the usual efficiency that only the Speedworld club can offer, and there were over 150 heats run over the two days. The weather, while threatening on Friday, was great for the weekend of racing, although the really fast air never seemed to materialize. The system developed for the World Championship in 2007 was used at the race, and the capabilities of this system are spectacular and were appreciated by all. The pit area was expanded for this year, which was good

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because we really needed all the extra space to accommodate the large turnout. This year, the Speedworld club put on the Staurday night barbeque with Darrol Cady doing the honors at the grill and turning out some terrific steaks!

It seems amazing, but this race marked the one-year anniversary of the introduction of the Nelson L.S. motor. It is obvious that people have used the year well and have figured out how to run this motor effectively. Unlike last year, there were very few flights with poor engine runs, and most people were going really fast. It is also obvious that the propeller problem has been pretty well resolved, thanks to the research by Lee Von Der Hey in the development of the heavy spinners and the commitment by Fred Burgdorf to continually improve the propellers we use. Propeller failures were almost non-existent in Phoenix this year.

The racing began promptly on Saturday morning and continued at a breakneck pace until Sunday afternoon. When all the dust had settled, only Lee Von Der Hey had a perfect score and stood alone in first place. The flyoff for second place ended up with Scott McAfee in second, Fred Burgdorf in third, and Dan Kane

in fourth. The flyoff for fifth was won by Tom Strom Sr., with A.J. Seaholm taking sixth place. Gary Schmidt, Jim Allen, Travis Flynn, and Gino Del Ponte rounded out the rest of the top ten places. In eleventh place was Tony Lopez who flew the fast time for the contest with a 1:00.84, the only one to get under 1:01 (although Matias Salar did turn a 1:01 flat). Check out the NMPRA website for the full standing listings.

With 74 contestants and over 150 heats, there was so much to take in, although there were a few notable things this year. The first was the large and enthusiastic group from Mexico. What a great group of guys! I hope they can get to more races. It was also great to see Bob Smith come out to the race. Bob showed that he is still a force in pylon racing and with a little help from Lyle Larson did a phenomenal job placing 13th. It was obvious that Bob really enjoyed his return to racing as he had some of the biggest smiles of the weekend. It was also nice to see our district take six of the top ten places and fast time.

This race has evolved into a spectacular event rivaling the NATS in the level of competition and prestige. It is a MUST ATTEND race if you are at all interested in Q40. No race is run better; no club is more

enthusiastic or more prepared to put on a premiere racing event. No facility can compare to Speedworld, and the competition is unmatched. I suggest you make reservations for next year ASAP.

Springfest

With the Phoenix Classic Q40 race being such a success, it was interesting to see how the first annual Springfest Q500 race would stack up. Springfest is the idea of Lee Von Der Hey and was created to be another first class Q500 race in the mold of the Phoenix Winterfest race. Held at Whittier Narrows field and hosted by the San Gabriel Valley R/C Flyers, Lee and the club put an enormous effort into planning and preparing for this event. Jim Allen brought out the fantastic AMA race system from Phoenix for this race; a movie studio tour cart was procured for flight line transport; extensive training was provided for the workers; and a real chef was tasked with food preparation. The only thing that Lee could not take care of was the weather, which gave us winds of 25-30 mph on Saturday and forced us to call it a day after only 3 1/2 rounds. Fortunately, Sunday was a perfect day, and we were able to easily get in another 5 rounds and flyoffs done before 2:00.

The Whittier field is known as

NMPRA Q-40 Gold Cup Series

2008 Schedule

February 22-24 Phoenix, AZ

April 18-20 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

September 5-7 Bowie, MD

October 3-5 Whittier, CA

November TBD
Championship Race



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one of the fastest pylon venues in the country and has been the site of many previous records. The racing at Springfest was first-class and intense. Unfortunately, along with intense racing came some intense carnage. Twice, Gino Del Ponte, Travis Flynn, and Scott McAfee raced. Twice, poor Gino lost a new Ninja in the heat; once in the bad air behind Travis and Scott between two and three, and once in a spectacular mid-air with Scott right on top of pylon one. Gino's thirteen-hour drive home must have seemed even longer after his unlucky weekend. In the end, Jim Allen ended up with the win in 428 and the fast time of a 1:06.76. Lee Von Der Hey ended up in second, and Tony Lopez took third. Fourth place was Gary Schmidt in a very exciting flyoff with Bobby Poněk who took fifth. Gary, who had begun flying an extremely conservative course after several years of hard luck and many broken airplanes, hasn't lost an airplane in a long time and was flying hard on the deck. Obviously, Gary thinks its time for some new airplanes! It was also great to see Dave Hill back racing, and he did great coming in seventh. In APRA, BIG Jim Padelt once again took top honors and fast time with a 1:34.53.

It looks as if Springfest has the

potential of becoming one of the major races. Given the perfectionist approach of Lee VDH as CD and the enthusiasm of the club and the great fun that everyone had at this race, it should be on your schedule for next year! Don't miss the full results and great pictures on the NMPRA website.

District 2, Tom Strom, Jr.

Well, I guess I should start by saying hello and introducing myself. My name is Tom Strom Jr., and I am the new NMPRA District 2 VP. I'm excited to write this article as there are a bunch of cool things happening up here in the Northwest! Our summer season starts in just a little over a month, and we also get to be host to a West Coast Racing Series contest this year! It has been a couple of years since we last hosted a Gold Cup race, but those of you who attended already know you are going to be in for a great contest! We have several local clubs up here including the Pylon Racers of Puget Sound and the Sanderson Field RC Flyers that are huge supporters of racing, and that makes putting races together so easy.

Our summer season here kicks off on May 3rd and 4th in Shelton, WA. The contest will be hosted by the PROPS and the Sanderson Field RC Flyers. This is a beautiful racing site on an inactive runway at

Sanderson Field, and the local club there always comes out in force to provide course workers and lunch every day! Classes of racing will be 424 APRA, 428 Q500, and 422 Q40. Contest director for this event will be Dan Nalley, and you can contact him at (425)306-3730 if you have any questions or would like to attend. If any of you can make the trip to any of the races up here in the Northwest, you will not be disappointed as we have some of the best racing sites in the country.

September 6th and the 7th will be the West Coast Racing Series race, and it will be held in Shelton, WA at Sanderson Field. 424 APRA and 428 Q500 will be flown on Saturday. Sunday will be 424 APRA and 422 Q40. I will be sending in a race flyer for the event to be put in future NMPRA newsletters, so look for it in upcoming issues. Look forward to seeing all of you there!

In closing, I hope the winter has been good to all of you and good luck at all of your upcoming contests!

Tom Strom Jr.



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District 3, John Gemmel

Hello Everyone,
 Just a short note this month. Update on the 2.4 GHz troubles that Roy and I were having in Phoenix at the Q40 Classic. Team JR and Horizon Hobbies are working hard to uncover the mystery of our problems that we experienced in Phoenix.

Their main focus is to determine the root cause of our three or four crashes during landing. Nothing has been clearly determined yet, but I wanted to let you know that Horizon reports that the RF link in the AR6200 and AR7000 is identical. There is no reason why the AR6200 should not perform just as well as the AR7000.

There has been a lot of chit-chat and many "opinions" on the internet forums and nearly all are not based on scientific facts. Horizon is working to determine cause based on facts, RF measurements, and other testing methods. I urge you not to jump to conclusions. I remain confident in the JR X9303 transmitter and the Spektrum line of receivers - all of them. I am waiting for clear determination from the technical team at Horizon, and until then, I am taking steps to beef up all aspects of my radio, electrical, and mechanical installation in my racers.

Randy Smith

Ed. note: Somehow I managed to omit the 2nd of Randy's photos in the February newsletter – so – here is the complete version of what should have been in the last issue. (sorry, Randy)

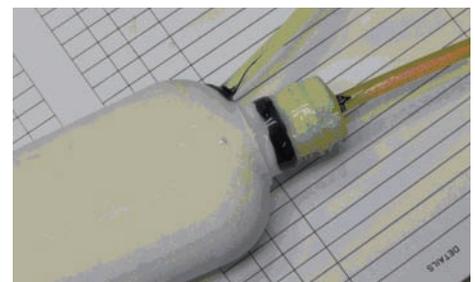
This issue's Nifty Racing Tip comes from Roy Andrassy. Roy is one of the fastest guys in our district and there's a reason why. He tries to eliminate many of those reasons that cause a zero. One area that needs attention is the care and feeding of your fuel tank. A few of us in the district have found several brand new Jett CG tanks that have air leaks coming from either the fuel feed area or from the pressure line. This can cause inconsistent fuel flow to the motor. Often this results in an inconsistent needle setting and sometimes it can cause the motor to go lean during the flight.

Roy has found a way to proactively prevent air leaks in these tanks and thus eliminate just one more reason for posting a zero. Roy explains his method of sealing potential air leaks in this type of fuel tank.

First apply Flash Black CA glue around the existing heat shrink plastic seal and also around both the outlet points for the pressure and fuel feed lines. After the Flash Black CA sets, paint some 12 minute epoxy around the seal areas once

again. The key to the next step is to use a piece of 1" I.D. heat shrink tubing that has adhesive glue on its inner wall. This type of heat shrink can be purchased from most stores electronics supply stores. Slide a piece of the heat shrink tubing over the neck of the fuel tank and shrink it down really well with a hot air gun. Now add a little silicone to the pick up tube area. After everything sets, pressure test the tanks under water to confirm there are no leaks present.

See accompanying photos for further clarification. Check out your tank installation today and save yourself some future frustrations.



Black Flash CA and 12 minute epoxy applied to the neck of the bottle, feed line, and pressure line



Adhesive heat shrink tubing applied over bottle neck and silicone applied



District News



District 4, John Williams
– no article submitted

District 5,
- no article submitted

District 6, Steve Baker

Spring is just around the corner and soon the racing season will begin in the Mid-Atlantic region.

As promised, here is our club's racing schedule for 2008:

Racing Schedule for 2008

Date	Event	CD	Phone number
May 3	AMA 424 Quickie 500		
	Neal Rehm	(703) 856-2417	
	Dave Beazley	(434) 806-6262	
June 14	AMA 424 Quickie 500		
	Neal Rehm	(703) 856-2417	
	Dave Beazley	(434) 806-6262	
Sept. 6-7	AMA 422 NMPRA Q40		
	Rick Moreland	(301) 261-7366	
	Steve Baker	(301) 352-4580	
Oct 4	NMPRA District 6 Championship Race, AMA 424 /428 Quickie 500		
	Steve Baker	(301) 352-4580	

I hope to make it to Markham Park this spring as well. The new racer has been successfully test flown so I'm running out of excuses.

My thanks to those of you that sent my son Jon an email. I just dropped him off at the airport an hour ago to return to India. He is having an interesting time there, but was very glad to come home for a

week. Again, here is the link to his photo-journal:

<http://s95.photobucket.com/albums/l121/GI8U2racing/Not%20so%20Incredible%20India/?albumview=grid>

Hope to see you at our first 424 race on May 3rd.

Steve Baker
District 6 VP

District 7, Tom Dobyms

We have had no racing in our district throughout our "winter" season with the Tangerine/ Cliff Telford Memorial race not being held by the RCACF group as they usually do. Hopefully something is in the works to hold the Tangerine event again in 2008, even if it is not at the RCACF field. I will keep everyone informed as I also get information. It would be sad to see another racing venue lost.

The first race of 2008 was held on March 29-30th by the Imperial R/C Club in Mulberry, Florida. At this time I do not have the results and will report them to everyone in the next newsletter. March is usually a windy month in Florida, and I hope every day will be calm for racing. This is also the first time that the Mulberry group will host a 422 race. That is scheduled for Sunday along with the conclusion to a 2-day race for 424. 428 will be flown only on Saturday.

Our next race in the District will be held in Ft. Lauderdale by the Markham Park Pilot's Association and will be the 2nd Gold Cup race of 2008. I look forward to seeing everyone from up north and the west coast there. When you come down, you can start to defrost from your winter; it should be a warm weekend. This race will be held on April 18-20th, with the 18th being a practice day. 424 will also be raced in-between the 422 rounds both days.

At this time we do not have any other races scheduled until we meet back in Ft. Lauderdale for a race in September. Then there will be a race in Mulberry in October, and then there will be a race in November in Cocoa, Florida. I will have the final dates and flyers out as soon as I get them. If your club wants to hold a race, get with me and we'll set-up a date and get the word out to the rest of District 7.

Tom Dobyms

District 8, Dennis Cranfill
– no article submitted



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Championship Series and Q40 Points VP, Joanne Coffey 2008 Q40 Points

Place	First Name	Last Name	Points
1	AJ	Seaholm	265.80
2	Gabriel	Tahhan	247.40
3	Scott	McAfee	236.30
4	Dub	Jett	223.30
5	Fred	Burgdorf	222.90
6	Lee	Von Der Hey	217.70
7	Travis	Flynn	200.50
8	Mark	Parker	193.50
9	Rusty	Van Baren	185.20
10	Matias	Salar	173.20
11	Dan	Kane	168.00
12	Thomas	Scott	161.60
13	Lyle	Larson	161.60
14	Gary	Freeman, Jr	158.50
15	Doug	Killebrew	154.30
16	Scott	Causey	152.30
17	Michael	Tallman	142.10
18	Pete	Reed	137.20
19	Gino	DelPonte	127.80
20	Dennis	Cranfill	113.90
21	David	Doyle	112.70
22	Tom	Strom Jr	108.20
23	Gary	Schmidt	105.10
24	Patrick	Galarneault	103.90
25	Jim	Allen	103.60
26	Tony	Lopez	98.90
27	Gary	Freeman, Sr.	97.30
28	Bob	Smith	95.80
29	Paolo	Mucedola	94.30
30	Steven	Vaclav	93.80
31	John	McDermott	91.40
32	Peter	Thannhouser	91.20
33	Robert	Holik	89.60
34	Matt	Russell	88.10
35	Rick	Moreland	86.70
36	Jarrett	Cangie	86.50
37	Ray	Brown	84.30
38	Dave	Shadel	83.40
39	Jason	Duda	81.90
40	Daniel	Ulledahl	80.70

41	Lee	Ulinger	80.30
42	Rich	Beers	78.30
43	Tom	Hegland	75.70
44	Jaime	De La Vega	74.10
45	Randy	Bridge	73.30
46	Jesus	PedroMarin	71.00
47	Mike	Helsel	70.10
48	Bruce	Coffey	69.50
49	Gerald	Elert	69.40
50	Darrol	Cady	67.90
51	Jason	Oliver	67.10
52	Bryan	Blanchard	65.30
53	Ray	Vande Klok	64.80
54	Jerry	Small	63.40
55	Joe	DeAscentis	63.30
56	Michael	Masi	62.90
57	Randy	Smith	61.70
58	Russ	Bouchard	60.50
59	Bob	Brogdon	59.40
60	Tim	Lime	57.00
61	Craig	Grunkemeyer	55.80
62	Roy	Andrassy	53.90
63	Phillip	Zudema	53.40
64	Robert	Metkemeijer	52.40
65	Dan	Nalley	50.80
66	Doug	Houston	49.30
67	Josoph	Tropea	48.70
68	Ray	Coletto	43.90
69	Mario	Travieso	41.60
70	AJ	Hemken	40.70
71	Tony	Pacini	40.00
72	Oscar	Mijares	39.20
73	Clark	Leadbetter	38.40
74	Jerry	Bednark	36.90
75	Salvador	Barrios	35.30
76	Enrique	Licea	32.20
77	Dennis	O'Brien	32.10
78	Javier	Gonzales	30.70
79	John	Perdue	29.70
80	Bryan	Batch	27.60
81	Loren	Moen	26.00
82	Richard	Berner	24.90
83	Mickey	Jakob	24.50
84	Joe	Llanos	20.20
85	Tanner	Pacini	19.80
86	Ruben	Chavarin	15.20
87	Jose	Calderon	13.60
88	David	Hill	12.10



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Championship Series and Q40 Points cont'd 2008 Q40 Points

89	Bert	Metkemeijer	10.50		
90	Manuel	Martiarena	9.00		
91	David	Latsha	8.30		
92	Aurelio	Castro	7.40		
93	Murray	Hamula	5.90		
94	Chuck	Anderson	4.30		
95	Joanne	Coffey	2.80		
96	Matthew	Fehling	1.20		

Races included in 2008 Point Standings

Championship Race Wichita Falls Oct07

Championship Race Markham Park Nov07

Championship Race Phoenix Feb08

2008 GOLD CUP SERIES

(NMPRA Members only)

STANDINGS - Phoenix - Feb08

Place	Name	Points	
1	Lee Von Der Hey	114.4	
2	Scott McAfee	112.9	
3	Fred Burgdorf	111.3	
4	Dan Kane	109.8	
5	Tom Strom Jr	108.2	
5	AJ Seaholm	106.7	
6	Gary Schmidt	105.1	
7	Jim Allen	103.6	
8	Travis Flynn	102.0	
9	Gino DelPonte	100.5	
10	Tony Lopez	98.9	FAST TIME
		1.00.84	
11	Mark Parker	97.4	
12	Bob Smith	95.8	
13	Paolo Mucedola	94.3	
14	Dub Jett	92.7	
15	Peter Thannhouser	91.2	
16	Robert Holik	89.6	
17	Matt Russell	88.1	
18	Jarrett Cangie	86.5	
19	Gary Freeman, Jr	85.0	
20	Dave Shadel	83.4	
21	Doug Killebrew	81.9	
22	Lee Ulinger	80.3	
23	Gabriel Tahhan	78.8	
24	Rusty Van Baren	77.2	
25	Tom Hegland	75.7	
26	Jaime De La Vega	74.1	

27	Lyle Larson	72.6
28	Jesus PedroMarin	71.0
29	Bruce Coffey	69.5
30	Darrol Cady	67.9
31	Matias Salar	66.4
32	Ray Vande Klok	64.8
33	Joe DeAscentis	63.3
34	Randy Smith	61.7
35	Randy Bridge	60.2
36	Jerry Small	58.6
37	Tim Lime	57.0
38	Michael Tallman	55.5
39	Roy Andrassy	53.9
40	Robert Metkemeijer	52.4
41	Dan Nalley	50.8
42	Doug Houston	49.3
43	Thomas Scott	47.7
44	David Doyle	46.2
45	Pete Reed	44.6
46	Scott Causey	43.1
47	Dennis Cranfill	41.5
48	Tony Pacini	40.0
49	Clark Leadbetter	38.4
50	Jerry Bednark	36.9
51	Salvador Barrios	35.3
52	Jason Oliver	33.8
53	Enrique Licea	32.2
54	Javier Gonzales	30.7
55	Patrick Galarneault	29.1
56	Bryan Batch	27.6
57	Loren Moen	26.0
58	Mickey Jakob	24.5
59	AJ Hemken	22.9
60	Craig Grunkemeyer	21.4
61	Tanner Pacini	19.8
62	Gerald Elert	18.3
63	Mike Helsel	16.7
64	Ruben Chavarin	15.2
65	Jose Calderon	13.6
66	David Hill	12.1
67	Bert Metkemeijer	10.5
68	Manuel Martiarena	9.0
69	Aurelio Castro	7.4
70	Murray Hamula	5.9
71	Chuck Anderson	4.3
72	Joanne Coffey	2.8
73	Rich Beers	1.2
74		



District News



Quickie 500 Points VP,
Kim Vaclav

Fly fast, win races, but without the results sent in to me, you get NO points!!!

As of this newsletter, I have only received results from two races. I would like to post the standings in the next newsletter. So try to get results sent in to me no later than a month after an event. You can send the result to q500points@gmail.com.

I would like to keep the standings up to date as much as possible and avoid a rush to the finish at the end of the year.

Thanks,
Kim Vaclav



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