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Presidential Notes

Hello everyone!

As I sit here preparing to write this article, the thought comes to mind; why am I writing this? I'm not supposed to be president this year! It's someone else's turn to guide the organization, but I'm still pedaling as I can't just turn my back on it. By the way, I did receive two write-in votes; that's more then anyone else received.

Well it is a new year and I hope you have lots of new toys for the season. Speaking of the season, it is already under way. Winterfest has completed and I hear it went well. Congratulations to Jim Nikodem for taking first place in APRA; Sam San captured fast time. Congratulations to Gino Del Ponte for his win in AMA 428; Matias Salar captured fast time in 428.

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome the following new members.

Vic Welland of North Carolina
Eric DeSardi Jr. of Willis, TX
John Gemmell of Alberta Canada (new VP for district 3)
Scott Hartman of Fritch, TX
Javier Fernandez of Guadalajara, Mexico
Ruben Horta of Zapopan, Mexico
Enriqie Licea of Mexico City, Mexico
Alejandro Vazquez of Guadalajara, Mexico

Its good to see that interest is picking up in Mexico.

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

AIRPLANE TRACKING SYSTEM

Many thanks to those of you that have already contributed to help fund the new tracking system; things are under way, and I hope to be able to give a progress report soon.

2008 OFFICERS

All the VP positions were unopposed so all were elected, thanks guys. We do need to find a VP for district 5; Bernie Vanderleest has been doing a great job in that position, but he is being treated for cancer and needs to take care of himself. I wish you well Bernie. For some reason I thought Dan Kane was going to step in again, but I was wrong. So, I need a volunteer to fill the district 5 VP spot.

GOLD CUP SERIES

As mentioned last time, the first Gold Cup race for 2008 will be the Phoenix Classic on February 23rd and 24th. The dates for the Ft. Lauderdale race on April 19th and 20th and the Bowie race on September 6th and 7th are now firm and we have added a race in Whittier, CA on October 4th and 5th; the Whittier race will also include AMA 424 racing. The only date left is the Championship Race in November; this race should be held in Texas this year.

RULE PROPOSAL RESULTS

Along with the election ballot, I included a poll to see what your thoughts might be on the proposals to slow down AMA 422 and/or AMA 428. The low number of you responding was disappointing to say the least, but the majority of those responding were against slowing either event. Quiet frankly, that does not come as a surprise. It is now up to the contest board members to vote in a few months; if you haven't contacted the board member for your district, it is not too late to let him know your thoughts. We represent you and want to vote for what you want, but we can't do so if we don't know what you want.

NATIONAL POINTS

The final standing for AMA 424 and AMA 422 can be found later in this newsletter. An error was found in the 424 standings; the corrected standings are as shown. The Q-40 standings are now complete and listed also. Congratulations to all and thanks for competing. Shirts will be ordered this week.

NEWS FLASH!!

I received a note from Lloyd Burnham that a group in Long Island, NY has leased an old military airbase with miles of runway. It has the potential to be a premier flying site, but the best part is that they want to host pylon races; what a deal. They are in the process of working the logistics and anticipate being able to host a race in 2009. I'll let you know as things develop.

RULES, RULES, RULES

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

Looking for a replacement!

Bob

Ed. note: Bob is doing very well after his knee replacement surgery. In fact, his physical therapist said last week that Bob was doing at one week after surgery what the therapist hoped he would be able to do after three to four weeks. Of course, "Mr. Impatient" wants to be at 100% NOW. - Linda

District 1, Travis Flynn

Hello and Happy New Year District One. I hope you all had a great holiday season and got some new toys for this year's season. Well, our season is off and running with the first race of the year, the Winterfest Q500 in Phoenix, Arizona. We had 10 entries in 424 and 40 in the 428 class. Not the biggest turn out we have had but a good sized contest for sure. Jim Allen, Randy Doer, and the rest of the Speedworld guys did an outstanding job getting us 10 rounds of racing.

The weather was a little cool especially in the AM hours. I looked at my car's temperature gauge both mornings and the temp was below 30. The good thing is that when the sun came out it did allow us to take off a few layers of clothes.

The racing was tough as always and close all the way to the end. Both Gino DelPonte and Fred Burgdorf were almost perfect through all 10 rounds - with the two of them having to race in the final round which would also determine the winner of the

contest. They battled it out all the way to the end, but a cut at pylon one gave the race to Gino. There was only one fly-off in 428, and it was between myself and Scott McAfee with Scott getting the win.

In 424 Jim Nikodem took the top spot, and there was a fly-off for second and third between Jim Padelt and Sam San with Jim taking the win.

A couple of highlights about the race was seeing Mike DelPonte back out there racing in the 424 class and Spencer Wallace in 428 who has been out of the racing circuit for close to 10 years. Other honorable mentions need to go to Matias Salar for getting the fast time in 428 and Norm Teague of the Castaic racing group for getting his first one of the Kachina trophies that the Phoenix race is so famous for giving out.

The results for the trophy receivers:

424

1st – Jim Nikodem

2nd – Jim Padelt

3rd – Sam San F/T 1:35:92

428

1st – Gino DelPonte

2nd – Fred Burgdorf

3rd – Matias Salar F/T 1:05:26

4th – Scott McAfee

5th – Travis Flynn

6th – Norm Teague

That's about all I have for now; the next race is the end of February with close to 80 guys already talking about making that Q40 race. Also the Whittier guys are planning to put on a few more races this year with the first one being March 15th & 16th.

Until next time keep on practicing and see you at the races.

Travis

District 2, Tom Strom, Jr.

no article submitted

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District 3, John Gemmell

Hello all. We are officially in the cold and blustery days of a Canadian winter here, and there's not much to do but stay warm and cozy in the workshop. This is the time of year when a guy can sit back and think about how to improve upon last year's One of the most performance. obvious areas is to think about those times when you went to the line, tried to start your motor, cursed the Pylon Gods several times when it wouldn't start, and then sat and watched everyone else race. As the score keeper posted a zero beside your name, you humped your sorry butt back to the pit area to figure out what went wrong. Sound familiar???

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.

See you in Phoenix for the Q40 Classic,

Randy Smith



District 4, John Williams– no article submitted

District 5

- need a volunteer to be VP

District 6, Steve Baker

It's winter and there's not a whole lot to do or discuss about anything r/c and especially r/c pylon racing. However, it should be noted that the PGRC has planned its racing schedule for 2008. Once approved by the club's Board of Directors I will publish it. For now I can say that we will host 424 races in April and June, an NMPRA Q-40 Pylon race the 6th and 7th of September, and a 424 and 428 District VI Championship race, either the 4th or the 11th of October. I hope to get out to more races this year and hope

we can have more people who have been unable in recent years to come to more of our events as well.

In the meantime, on a more personal note, I wanted to pass along to everyone that my son Jon has graduated from Virginia Tech as an Aerospace Engineer and is already working at his new job in Bangalore, India. He's only been gone for 2 weeks and is very busy adapting to a world far different from anything most of us could imagine.

In order to stay in touch with his family and friends back home, he is keeping a photo journal of sorts at the following website:

http://s95.photobucket.com/albums/l1 21/Gl8U2racing/Not%20so%20Incredible%20India/?albumview=grid

Feel free to take a look; but more importantly, I encourage you to send him an e-mail to let him know you're thinking about him at: baker@vt.edu. He will return to the states from time to time, but I am not certain at this point if any of those trips will coincide with any pylon racing contests.

Steve Baker District 6 VP

District 7, Tom Dobyns

- no article submitted

District 8, Dennis Cranfill

- no article submitted



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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(NMPRA Members only)

Place Name **Points** 351.90 Dan Kane 2 Thomas Scott 335.00 Garv Freeman, Jr 315.90 3 4 ΑJ Seaholm 310.90 Tahhan 292.70 5 Gabriel 5 Gary Freeman, Sr. 284.80 273.20 6 Randy Bridge 7 Grunkemeyer 247.60 Craig 8 Scott McAfee 225.10 9 John McDermott 216.00 10 Travis Flynn 211.20 Matias Salar 206.90 11 12 Lyle Larson 200.10 13 David Doyle 198.70 Galarneault 193.10 14 Patrick Van Baren 15 Rusty 192.40 16 Lee Von Der Hey 192.40 189.90 17 Parker Mark 18 Mike Helsel 188.90 Fred 186.60 19 Buradorf 20 Scott 183.40 Causey Richard 21 Moreland 157.00 Dub 152.20 Jett 22 23 Dennis Cranfill 148.40 Killebrew 142.70 24 Doug 25 DelPonte 141.50 Gino 136.50 26 Michael Tallman 27 Dennis O'Brien 131.80 28 Bob Brogdon 128.80 29 Pete Reed 128.30 30 Oscar Miiares 124.30 Brown 122.00 31 Ray 32 Michael Masi 120.70 33 Jerry Small 113.80 Matthew Van Baren 109.50 34 Shadel 108.00 35 Dave 104.80 36 Lee Ulinger 37 Gerald Elert 98.90 38 Gary Schmidt 98.50 Norman 96.10 39 Dave 40 Richard Beers 94.00 93.80 41 Steven Vaclav 42 Julio 92.30 Quevedo 43 Jim Allen 90.70 44 Clark Leadbetter 87.50 45 Ochoa 87.20 Luis 46 Jarrett Cangie 86.00

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Point Standings

STANDINGS AFTER 4 CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Phoenix - Feb07 Ft. Lauderdale - Apr07 Bowie - July07 Wichita Falls - Oct07 Markham - Nov07

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2007 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE SERIES

(NMPRA Members only)

2007 Q40 Points 4 Races - NMPRA Members only ****

	Not a M	Member of NMPRA	_
47	Tony	Pacini	82.80
48	Jason	Duda	81.90
49	Dan	Ulledahl	80.70
50	Dan	Nalley	79.70
51	Darrol	Cady	78.10
52	Frank	Wong	76.60
53	Jaime	De La Vega	73.40
54	Joe	Llanos	72.50
55	Jerry	Bednark	71.80
56	John	Perdue	71.00
57	Ray	Coletto	70.60
58	Roy	Andrassy	67.10
59	Randy	Smith	65.60
60	Bryan	Blanchard	65.30
61	Marcus	Blanchard	60.50
62	Tony	Huber	59.30
63	Mario	Travieso	57.40
64	Matt	Russell	56.10
65	Phillip	Zudema	53.40
66	Robert	Holik	53.00
67	Murray	Hamula	51.40
68	Ricahrd	Berner	49.10
69	Joseph	Tropea	48.70
70	Jim	Lime	48.3
71	Manuel	Martiarena	46.7
72	Paolo	Mucedola	45.2
73	Tom	Strom Sr	43.6
74	Jonathan	Baker	41.5
75	Tim	Lime	40.4
76	Martin	Van Doeseurg	38.9
77	Bruce	De Chastel	37.3
78	Steve	Baker	35.7
79	Robert	Metkemeijer	34.2
80	Jason	Oliver	33.3
81	Joe	DeAscentis	32.6
82	Ray	Blake	30.7
83	Doug	Houston	27.9
84 85	Peter	Van Doeseurg Smith	26.3 23.2
86	Jeryl David	Latsha	23.2
87	Bert	Metkemeijer	20
88	A.J.	Hemken	17.8
89	Bryan	Batch	16.9
90	Eric	Ide	15.3
91	Barry	Leavengood	13.8
92	Matthew	Fehling	13.3
93	Tanner	Pacini	12.2
94	Peter	Thannhouser	10.6
95	Jim	Perdue	8.5
96	Michael	Stewart	8.2
97	Hank	Kaufmann	7.5
98	Paul	Holma	5.9
99	Martin	Норре	4.3
100	Tony	Lopez	2.8
101	Cole	Thornton	1.2

Denotes - Does not have 3 races

Place First		Last	Points	Fast
	Name	Name	. 0	Time
1	Roy	Andrassy	554.30	1.01.38
2	Travis	Flynn	532.30	.58.70
3	Gary	Schmidt	529.90	1.00.13
4	Jim	Allen	511.70	59.34
5	Mike	Helsel	510.90	1.02.42
6	Fred	Burgdorf	507.60	.58.88
7	Dub	Jett	491.20	1.04.17
8	Dan	Kane	489.03	1.00.53
9	Scott	McAfee	477.80	1.02.02
10	Randy	Smith	468.00	1.03.65
11	Matias	Salar Fast Time	467.00	0.59.24
12	Craig	Grunkemeyer	451.80	1.01.99
13	Gary	Freeman, Jr	443.60	1.00.98
14	AJ	Seaholm	434.40	1.01.40
15	Clark	Leadbetter	430.70	1.03.45
16	Terrence	Palaschuk	430.50	1.04.68
17	Thomas	Scott	429.40	1.01.88
18	Lee	Von Der Hey	415.90 392.60 390.10 374.60	1.02.09
19	Gary	Freeman, Sr.		1.01.88
20	Eric	lde		1.01.59
21	Tom	Strom Sr		0.57.83
22	Jerry	Small	369.40	1.03.18
23	Michael	Tallman	355.80	1.08.64
24	Gabriel	Tahhan	352.70	1.02.18
25	Lyle	Larson	333.80	.58.78
26	Lee	Ulinger	294.50	1.04.23
27	Rusty	Van Baren	282.10	59.19
28	John	McDermott	280.40	1.03.38
29	Richard	Moldenhauer	280.40	1.10.69
30	Darrol	Cady	279.20	1.04.42
31	Scott	Causey	273.50	1.08.97
32	Randy	Bridge	260.10	1.02.28
33	David	Doyle	249.40	1.05.67
34	Matt	Russell	247.70	1.06.25
35	Doug	Killebrew	231.30	1.01.63
36	Cecil	Graval	230.90	1.04.95
37	Robert	Holik	227.10	.59.01
38	Patrick	Galarneault	219.60	1.05.10
39	Dennis	Cranfill	216.50	1.02.91
40	Doug	Houston	215.40	1.03.90
41	Bruce	Coffey	183.20	1.03.97

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42	Matthew	Van Baren	182.10	1.00.00
43	Jeremy	Voth	180.30	1.05.10
44	Mark	Parker	167.90	1.02.37
45	Ray	Brown	160.40	1.03.88
46	Peter	Thannhouser	151.50	1.07.68
47	Tony	Pacini	144.80	1.04.35
48	Dave	Norman	137.80	1.03.34
49	Murray	Hamula	137.50	1.10.64
50	Tim	Lime	134.40	1.02.77
51	Joe	DeAscentis	129.20	1.09.95
52	Bryan	Batch	129.10	1.05.86
53	Jarrett	Cangie	127.60	0.59.68
54	Jaime	De La Vega	121.50	1.01.93
55	Tom	Hegland	121.40	1.03.85
56	Lyle	Baker	118.60	1.12.50
57	Oscar	Mijares	117.60	1.07.25
58	Bob	Brogdon	113.50	1.08.12
59	Jim	Lime	113.10	1.09.44
60	Tony	Lopez	110.30	1.04.7
61	Joe	Llanos	108.10	1.10.46
62	Dave	Shadel	108.00	1.00.74
63	Michael	Masi	104.20	1.07.84
64	Barry	Leavengood	99.30	1.08.82
65	Jason	Duda	96.30	
66	Mario	Travieso	95.80	1.01.84
67	Pete	Reed	95.60	1.10.14
68	Julio	Quevedo	92.30	1.05.35
69	Jack	Ellefson	88.90	1.10.62
70	Luis	Ochoa	88.40	1.18.84
71	Rick	Moreland	83.70	1.05.88
72	Jeryl	Smith	83.50	1.10.18
73	Tom	Strom Jr	83.20	1.09.93
74	Gerald	Elert	79.90	1.07.03
75	Dan	Nalley	79.70	1.07.14
76	Frank	Wong	76.60	1.11.81
77	Jim	Hornsby	72.40	
78	Jerry	Bednark	71.80	1.02.51
79	Ray	Coletto	66.10	1.08.69
80	Joanne	Coffey	64.20	1.02.50
81	David	Latsha	60.20	1.05.91
82	John	Perdue	59.90	1.08.87
83	Tony	Huber	59.30	1.06.59
84	David	Lloyd	56.90	1.08.14
85	Jim	Russo	53.20	1.11.11
86	Matthew	Fehling	51.40	1.10.35
87	Paul	Holma	50.80	1.15.64
88	Mike	Watts	47.70	44401
89	Manuel	Martiarena	46.70	1.11.24

90	Daniel	Ulledahl	45.90	-		
91	Richard	Berner	44.50		1.16.84	
92	Loren	Moen	42.40		1.14.20	
93	Jonathan	Baker	41.50		1.05.92	
94	Ray	Blake	40.40		1.22.01	
95	Bruce	De Chastel	37.30	_	1.05.80	
96	Steve	Baker	35.70		1.07.27	
97	Rick	Miller	29.10			
98	Marcus	Blanchard	28.50	1	1.05.13	
99	Jim	Perdue	20.10		1.13.25	
100	Tanner	Pacini	12.20		1.07.14	
101	Mike	Bergen	9.90		1.11.13	
102	Michael	Stewart	8.20		0.00.00	
103	Nelson	Eddy	5.60		1.09.71	
104	Martin	Норре	4.30		NT	
105	Lee	LaValley	4.10		1.24.57	
106	Jason	Oliver	2.40			
107	Chago	Panzardi	1.20			
108	Lloyd	Burnham	0.00			
109	Mike	Funk	0.00			
110	Gail	Jacobson	0.00			
111	Mike	Walther	0.00			

ı	Races included in 2007 Point Standings
I	Whittier Race - Held at Sepulveda Basin October 1, 2006 District 1. 11
I	Phoenix Race, November 4th District 1. 20
l	Phoenix Race, November 5th District 1. 19
I	Championship Race, Phoenix, February 24th & 25th
I	District 1. 73
I	Sepulveda Basin Race, April 21 District 1. 15
I	Sepulveda Basin Race, April 22 District 1. 15
ı	Sepulveda Basin Race, June 9 District 1. 8
I	Sepulveda Basin Race, June 10 District 1 10
I	Championship Race, Medford, October 21st & 22nd District 2. 24
I	Shelton Race, August 4, District 2. 5
I	Shelton Race, August 5, District 2. 5
ı	Medford Race, August 18th, District 2. 15
ı	Medford Race, August 19th, District 2. 15
I	Swift Current Race, May 27 District 3. 13
I	Prince Albert Race, June 10 District 3. 9
I	Calgary Race, July 22 District 3. 15
I	Saskatoon, Canada, August 26, District 3. 15
I	Swift Current Race, September 9 District 3. 12
I	Regina Race, September 30 District 3. 11
I	Cincinnati OH Race, June 3 District 5. 12
l	Munice Indiana, September 30 District 5. 11
I	Championship Race, Bowie, July 28th & 29th District 6.
I	18
I	Championship Race, Tangerine, Dec 2nd & 3rd District 7. 23
I	Championship Race Ft. Lauderdale April 21 District 7.
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Races included in 2007 Point Standings

Nationals July 2006 All Districts. 63



Quickie 500 Points VP, Kim Vaclav – This is Barry's corrected file.

	424	_	
	424	FINAL RESULTS 2007	
Place	First Name	Last Name	Points
1	Jim	Nikodem	528.42
2	Darwin	Larson	524.75
3	Mick	Warning	500.59
4	Jim	Padelt	490.87
5	Tom	Graves	467.14
6	Tim	Strom	399.22
7	Mark	Warning	379.93
8	Ralph	Rinaldi	364.96
9	Denis	Lyon	350.50
10	Lloyd	Burnham	344.85
11	Mike	Masi	321.96
12	Jody	Haack	300.80
13	Stanley	Davis	298.30
14	Eddie	Graves	290.49
15	Doug	Jones	216.70
16	Martin	Scott	210.03
17	David	Doyle	205.05
18	George	Reynolds	195.82
19	Jack	Fehling	189.37
20	Jonathan	Baker	189.18
21	David	Gavin	157.83
22	Stephen	Baker	152.77
23	Bernard	Vanderleest	137.67
24	Steve	Cook	118.28
25	Richard	Moreland	110.69
26	Dan	Courtier	102.93
27	Ernie	Nikodem	99.85
28	Kevin	Matney	93.70
29	Scott	Causey	93.29
30	Scott	Smith	77.40
31	Dave	Latsha	45.27
32	Michael	Stewart	39.45
33	James	Perdue	35.73
34	Pete	Reed	32.17
35	Regis	White	18.18
36	David	Norman	13.9
37	Jonathan	Perdue	12.71
38	Raymond	Blake	12.51
39	Tom	Scott	1.2
41			

SNAPSHOTS FROM 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL



Dave Latsha & Nancy Telford



Championship trophies



Bob Brogdon



Dub Jett



Ladies Day Out – Lorrie Moreland, Tinka Reed, Sandy Helsel, Linda Brogdon, Gloria Doyle



PHOENIX, AZ



Matias Salar, Jim Allen



Bob Brogdon, Gabriel Tahhan



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