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New record set at our field

But it's not what you think

On Wednesday, October 8th a new record was set at our field. It was the hottest place in the United States and a record temperature for that date. Riverside showed a peak temperature of 103 degrees. The Death Valley Flyers (if there is such a model club) didn't have a thing on we brave few who laughed at the furnace-like conditions and exposed our model's covering and engines (not to mention our bodies) to the extreme elements. (The previous sentence is way too long, but the heat has affected your editor's sensitivity to criticism and he just rambles on). Even though the heat was intense, the wind could not decide what it wanted to do. It blew from the south, then from the north, then from the west and then in circles. What resulted from the combination of temperature and weird wind were some humongous thermals and gigantic dust devils that would have made a "Storm Chasers" episode. The most serious was a dust devil that

started in our parking lot, was the size of that area and came right through our shelter and pit area. Fortunately, no aircraft were airborne at the time because the pilot would have lost sight of his model. We stood over our models to protect them as the wind and the dirt came sweeping through. Visibility was almost zero and the wind-blown sand/dirt really hurt. It took a long time to clean up the mess on our models, radios and support equipment. All in all, we had a great time flying.



Fortunately your editor had his camera along and took a picture during the dust storm that resulted from very high temperatures and funny winds at our field.

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**NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY
OCT 18TH
10:00 A.M.
CROWLEY
FIELD**

Minutes of the September 2008 Meeting

Meeting of the September, 2008 was called to order at Crowley Field at 10:00 AM by President Jeff Szieber with 17 members and guests present.

Moved and seconded that the **Minutes** of the August 2008 meeting be approved as read – **passed**.

New Members and Guests: None

President's Remarks: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Jim Bronowski announced that the Corona Club will hold a Float Fly as Lake Perris on the 18th of October and Gillman Springs Club will hold their swap meet on that day also. The FUN FLY that we are going to hold in December will be open to all who wish to enter and all are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are needed to assist in the getting the flying events set up and also help with the scheduling and running of the Fun Fly. More information will be available in following news letters.
- The Top Gun Shootout will be held in Tucson Arizona in October on the 8th to the 12th . This event replaces the T.O.C. competition.

Program:

- Jim Bronowski showed his Tiger Shark F-20 ARF He also gave a talk on the method he used to get Mono Kote to stick to a hard wood surface buy using Aqua Net hair spray as an adhesive. The spray is heat sensitive and worked well. He also demonstrated the use of a C/G balance tool.

Raffle:

2 Club Caps
1 Great Planes RV-4 kit for a 40 size motor
1 GWS 190 (FW-190) Electric ARF
1 Sig Flight Box Kit
1 15% Fluel
1 CA Thin



Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Secretary; Jim Mayfield



Oscar's Observations

By Oscar Weingart

Scale Masters Championships Report

I am sending this to Jim Bronowski from Sarasota, Florida, for inclusion in the October Prop Talk. Due to the deadline that we reporters and our editor must meet, the Championships are not over yet, so I will update this partial report in next month's Prop Talk, and also with an event report on our web site about October 15th. September 27th

I drove to Ron Peterka's home near Ramona in my Aerostar minivan, loaded with the 1/3 Scale Ercoupe and its support equipment. Ron has a Class C motor home, which has a forward sleeping area above the driver's seat. There is also a regular bedroom, so Ron and his wife don't use the forward area for sleeping. In fact, I have never met any Class C owner who actually sleeps up there. It has low headroom, and one has to climb a ladder to enter or leave, sort of like the upper sleeping areas in a Pullman railroad car. Also, if the inside sleeper in the double bed has to get up in the middle of the night, he or she must somehow climb over the outside sleeper. I guess it might be fun for children, especially as there is a window in front. But it sure makes a nifty airplane hanger, and, after careful twisting and turning through

the RV's side door, the Coupe fuselage and wings fit in nicely.

My first RV was a Class C motor home, and I kept my Lazy Ace on floats up there in that same area. I flew that sucker (the Lazy Ace, not the motor home) on lakes and ponds all across the country and also in Canada. Ron chose

this particular style motor home because it has a huge basement compartment behind the rear wheels. This compartment must have at least a 4 x 3 ft. cross-section, and it goes all the way across the vehicle, about 8 ft. Ron will transport his Stinson back there. There is a hatch in the floor of that commodious compartment that leads to another large compartment, where we put my



Oscar lost his world-class scale Ercoupe due to an unknown electronic or mechanical failure at the Scale Masters Championships in Florida. We all feel bad when anyone crashes and we all know it takes a while to get over it. All of us give Oscar a pat on the back for a job well done and a fantastic effort.

starter, toolbox, radio box and spare parts boxes. Ron is also transporting the Grand Champion trophy to the event for the Scale Masters.

What blows me away is that Ron also competes in the Team Scale category, so in helping me, he is helping a serious competitor. (He took 5th place in Team Scale in last year's Championships in Hemet, where Carl Lindou and I took 4th place.) RC modelers tend to be friendly, helpful people, and Ron is a sterling example. He is driving all the way to Florida and back, and he will camp at the flying field during the Championships. The weekend after the Scale Masters event, Ron will attend a nearby giant scale fly-in before he heads home. Ron's team pilot, Curtis Kitteringham, is flying out from California.

October

7th

Doris and I sleepily boarded our flight to Tampa at Ontario Airport at 6 AM, and we got to Florida about 3:30 PM, after a stop in Denver. We drove a rental car down to the home of Dick and Rhoda Bobb, old friends from Riverside who now live a short distance from the Sarasota flying field. Dick is a RC newbie, and he is a member of the Sarasota RC Squadron, host club for the Championships. He and Rhoda graciously invited Doris and me to stay with them during the event. Doris and

Rhoda will do girl things, while we boys play with our toys. Dick and I drove to the field in Dick's van, where we helped Ron to unload the Ercoupe and other

stuff, and we took the plane back to Dick and Rhoda's garage workshop, for check-over, prep and charging.

October 8th

We met our team pilot, Anthony Greco, Jr., and my old Brooklyn Sky-Scrapers buddy, Charles Yuster, at the flying field early in the morning, so that Anthony could fly some familiarization flights. Charles is the one who put Anthony and me in touch. Anthony is an expert pilot, who has flown in Top Gun and the Joe Nall. He is a member of Team JR. These guys live a fairly long distance from Sarasota, Anthony in Cape Coral, and Charles in Ft. Myers, so I really appreciated their commitment to helping me out. It is a 1-1/2 hour drive, about 77 miles, from Cape Coral to Sarasota. The Sarasota RC Squadron field is on county property, and is quite nice, with green grass surrounding the 500 ft. paved runway, lots of shade, etc. Things were going so smoothly that I wondered what could go wrong. I soon found out!

8th

The first familiarization flight went very well. The G62 started up easily and ran smoothly. Anthony quickly mastered the airplane and by the end of the flight, he was doing some awesome spot landings.

Shortly after the second flight began, the G62 suddenly speeded up and then went back to the commanded speed. Anthony said he did not command that speedup, so we decided that he should immediately land the airplane. During the landing approach, the engine again speeded up and the plane climbed and then nosed down steeply into the runway. Anthony said that he totally lost control. The airplane was completely demolished.

We did not find an obvious cause for the loss of control and the radio appeared to not work properly after the crash, with a good range check. We salvaged the reusable parts and

threw the rest of the airframe into the trash. For me, the 2008 Championships were a short and expensive experience, (both financially and emotionally.)

October

9th

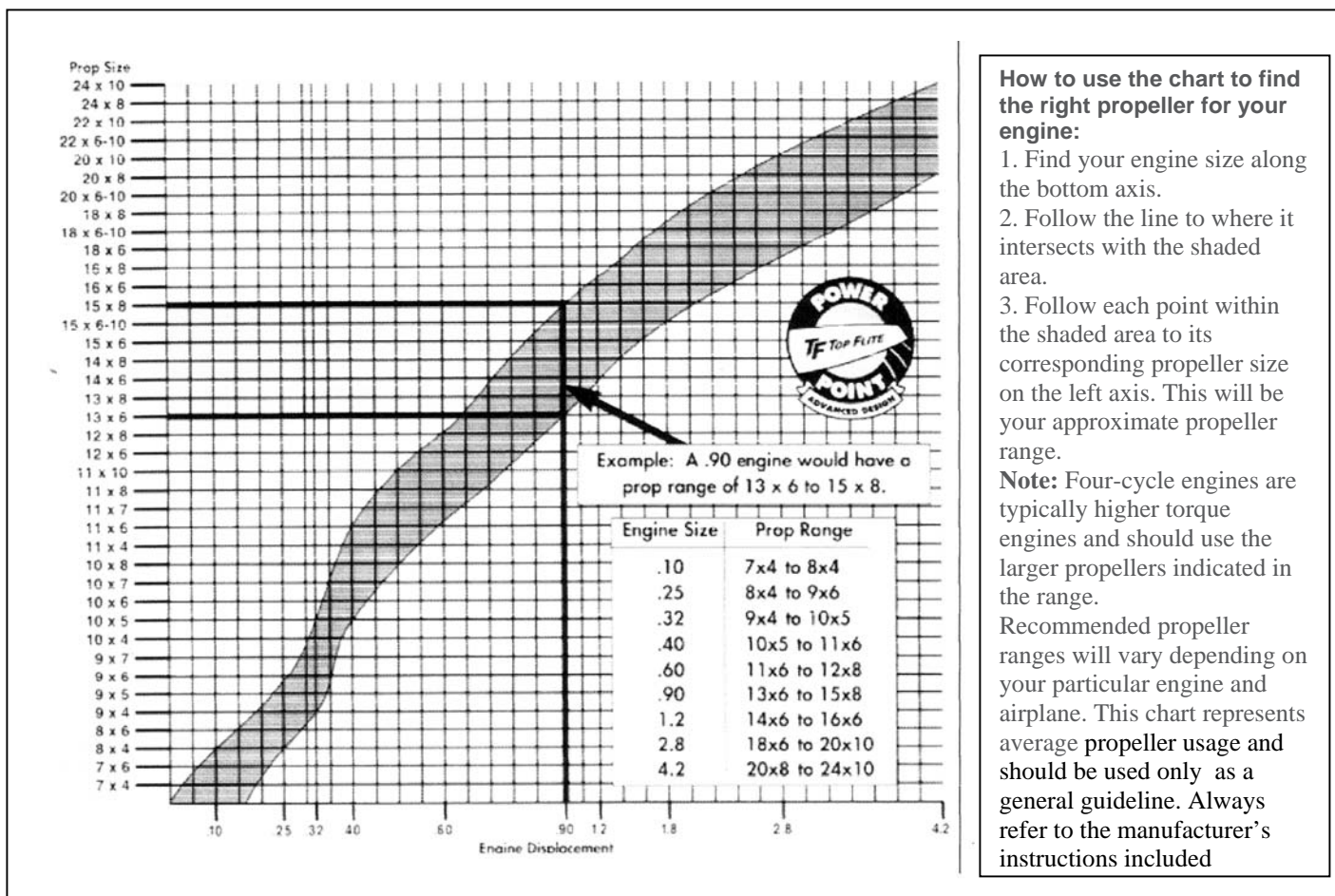
This was the first official day of the Championships. Registration and Static Judging were held in Robart's arena, not far from the flying field, so the planes could be indoors in case of rain. (Remember rain? They have lots of it, and also thunderstorms, in this part of Florida. They also have hurricanes – gulp!)

October

10th

This was the first day of flying and the last day of this partial report. More flight rounds will be held on October 11th and 12th, with awards on the 12th. We plan to fly back home on the 13th.

Oscar



Your editor has found this stuff to be as good as advertised. It could be the modelers best friend next to CA glue. When my golfing buddy was getting inundated with gnats at the golf course last week, out came the Bounce from my golf bag and, guess what, no more gnats! At the flying field, my sheet of Bounce under the front seat keeps the flies out of my van. When I'm ready to leave and open the door, all the flies that got in while I was unloading have had enough and beat feet out of town.

- Great Tip.... Who woulda thought???
- My mail carrier told me that the US Postal service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep yellow jackets away.
- Use them all the time when playing baseball and soccer. I use it when I am working outside. It really works. The yellow jackets just veer around you.
- And all this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer!
- It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.
- It also repels mice, spread them around foundation areas, or in trailers, cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
- It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
- Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
- Eliminates static electricity from your television (or computer) screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
- Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.
- Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
- Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.
- Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
- Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
- Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
- Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.
- Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
- Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
- Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
- Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
- Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
- Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
- Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
- Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. Keeps them smelling fresh.

Hemet's Hobby Headquarters



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Items in the October raffle will include the following items:

Don Rice is unable to get the raffle prizes this month through no fault of his own and has passed the torch to Jon DeFries. Jon will get the raffle prizes for this meeting.



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