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## Free Flight from the San Francisco Bay Area and Beyond

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### March 2007

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#### Monthly Meeting

Fri. Mar 16  
8:00 PM

Emile Carles  
166 Cumberland Way, Alameda  
(510) 865-2573

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#### SCAT Annual

Mar 17-18

Lost Hills

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#### Monthly Contest

Sun. Mar 18

Mowry Field  
*Just one word...OCD CATAPULT!*

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#### San Valeer's & SCAMP Texaco

Apr 14-15

Lost Hills & Taft

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#### Sierra Champs

Sat. Apr 14

Waegell Field  
*A Gold & Silver Cup contest*

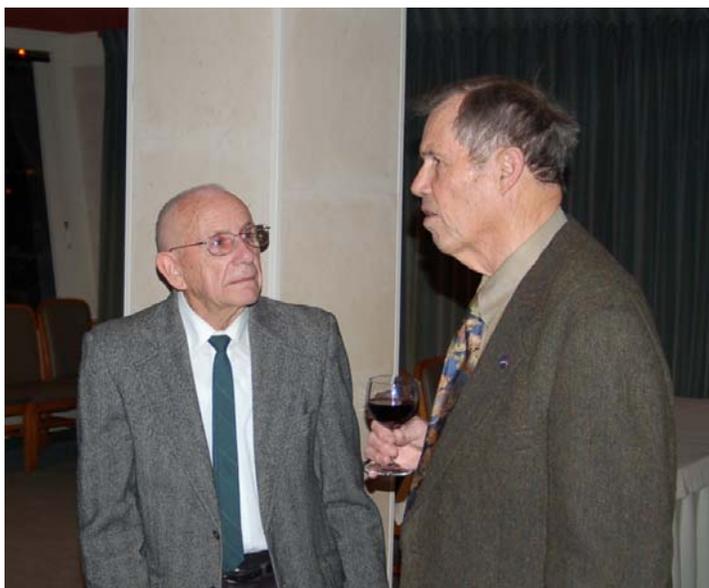
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Editor's Note: We need someone to host the April 20 Monthly meeting. Please contact Truman or Aimee.

## Oakland Cloud Dusters Quite a 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration

Dick Douglas

Wow! Seventy years of continuous existence as a model airplane club. There are only a couple of AMA clubs that can claim that distinction. We still have as members two of the original “founding fathers”; **Serge Milisich** and **Carl Rambo**. We also have members **Larry Parsons** who joined in 1939 and **Chuck Dorsett** and **Hank Cole** who joined a few years later.



The anniversary banquet was held Saturday evening, March 3, at Scott's Restaurant in Jack London Square. The room was set up for 50 and we filled every seat. The dinner was salad, grilled salmon or roasted prime rib, and a raspberry sherbet dessert. Our table thought everything was great.

**Paul Andrade** made a slide presentation of photos of OCD activities taken over the last 70 years and was showing them via a projector as we entered and took our seats.

**Fred Terzian** organized the event (thanks Fred!) and started things off by welcoming everyone and thanking Paul Andrade for flying in from Colorado and putting together the slide show. He then introduced **Paul Masterman** who is currently living in Indiana and got the prize for traveling the farthest to get to the dinner.

**Carmen Critchlow** was honored in a surprise presentation for her continued support of our monthly Mowry field contests. She has religiously “spotted” for the contestants, rain or shine, hot or cold. Her bright smile and cheerful personality is looked forward to by all in atten-

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dance. Chinmay Jaju presented her with a bouquet of flowers, topped off with a Mowry cat tail and small balsa wood glider created by Chinmay. Truman, our new OCD president provided a card that was signed by all of the contestants at our Super Bowl Sunday contest. A photograph taken of Carmen watching downwind flights at Mowry was also given to her.



**Chuck Dorsett** got up and told some stories of the early days of modeling and how the OCD started as a bunch of teenagers who wanted to fly together. It was Mom and Pop Robbers who held the club together while the teenagers grew up and went off to war. During the war and until 1949 the club flew at the Oak Park Blvd site in Pleasant Hill. (Some of Paul Andrade's presentation showed the club members flying from the PH site.)



**Bill Vanderbeek** acknowledged the good work that **Rocco Ferrario** was doing with the junior flyers. His son Anthony placed second in F1P Power at the 2006 Junior World Champs held in Germany. The Junior U.S. team place first in all three categories (F1A, F1B and F1P). You can read all about it in the March issue of Model Aviation.

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Bill then introduced the OCD officers for 2007. **Truman Cross** is president, **Dave Baker** returns as vice-president, **Aimee Raymond** returns as Treasurer and newsletter editor. Carl Rambo was re-elected Sergeant-At-Arms, a position he's held since the 40's, and **Dick Douglas** was introduced as Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms. Bill thanked Fred Terzian and Aimee Raymond for setting us up with this place and turned the meeting over to Dick Douglas for presentation of the year-end trophies.



The trophies were awarded starting with the newest (2006) and ending with the oldest (1946).

- The first award was the **Stu Bennett** trophy for small field Open Rubber. This trophy goes to the OCD member who has the highest point total in the 30" Open Rubber event. The winner for 2006 is **John Allen**.
- The **Joe Foster** trophy went to the flyer with the highest point total in the P-30 event. The winner for 2006 is also John Allen. These two new trophies were made by **George Xenakis**
- The **Bob Critchlow** trophy was established in 2003 and goes to the high point winner of the hand catapult event. The winner of the 2006 Bob Critchlow trophy is **Fred Terzian**. This is Fred's second consecutive win.
- The OCD Junior trophy was established in 1999 and goes to the OCD Junior flyer with the highest small field point total. An OCD Junior flyer is someone 18 years old, or less. The 2006 winner is **Chinmay Jaju**.

- The **Walter Getsla** trophy was established in 1991. Walt helped our club as a newsletter editor and secretary for many years. Since Walt was an old time Wakefield flier, this trophy, a wire structure of his Wakefield entrant, started out as the OCD Member who had the best cumulative time in Wakefield events in the US. George Xenakis was the first winner and was part of the US team. Due to very shy Wakefield fliers not turning in their times, this trophy eventually evolved into the high score champion from our small field (Mowry) monthly contests. This year, for an unprecedented fifth consecutive year, the winner is John Allen.
- The OCD Catapult event goes back to 1938 where it was flown at the Sacramento State Fair. We've been flying it ever since. **Charlie Pottel** made the first pole in about 1939. Larry Parsons made some improvements and made another one shortly thereafter. We still have these poles and they might be the only ones in the world. In 1989 **Chuck Rushing** made a trophy for the OCD member who had the highest score for the year. This evolved into the flier with the highest OCD Catapult point score at the small field contests. This year the winner was **Dave Parsons** for the second consecutive year.
- The **Don Foote** Trophy was originally given to the OCD member who had the greatest number of points at the NCFFC contests. Don wanted to increase participation at these contests. The first winner was **Steve Geraghty** who must have flown five or six events at each contest. This trophy evolved into the OCD member who had the highest composite of both place point score and event time at the Nor Cal contest. This year's winner is **Ernst Johnson** for the second consecutive year.

- OCD members **Mom** and **Pop Robbers** established the **David Lloyd** Trophy in 1946 for Achievement and Leadership in Model Aeronautics in the name of David Lloyd. The David Lloyd trophy is given to the OCD member who helps or furthers, the sport of free flight modeling. David Lloyd, for example, was the guy who helped other modelers get to the contests and helped with advice. There are no real rules to elect the David Lloyd trophy winner, but the winner is always someone very deserving. It is OCD's oldest and most prestigious award. The 2006 winner is **Rocco Ferrario**.



The meeting was then turned back to Bill who thanked everyone for coming, and to drive carefully.

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## CAT Tales

Dave Parsons

The news front is rather bleak this time around. Not because there isn't news, but because I have been seriously distracted of late. I'm back on track now though.

The February 4th glider contest at Mowry was a big success, as the weather conditions were ideal throughout the meet. I don't have all the results, but I'm sure that they

will be posted in this newsletter with the contest directors report. I will say however, that twelve entries in OCD catapult was a surprise. In the last few years, interest and participation in this event has steadily increased. For so many years in the past, the OCD catapult made an appearance only once or twice in any given year. When the club decided to have the event six times a year, it became a real competition rather than a once in a great while novelty. As a result, more club members have decided to experiment with this very challenging and unique event.

The Isaacson contest last month was a mixed bag of conditions, from beautiful testing conditions on Friday to nearly unflyable wind on most of Sunday, and a blow out on Monday. On every source that I checked, the weather man predicted rain and more rain the entire weekend. The prospect of rain all weekend must have kept some competitors away, as the 170 entries was about fifty less than the previous year. As it turned out, we had about a half hour of light rain around noon on Saturday, and rain during the night. Sunday morning the field was mostly dry, but the wind had arrived. As a result, attendance at the much anticipated FAI style catapult event was only about half of that at last years inaugural contest. Among the hard core participants were three Cloud Dusters, placing a respectable 3rd, 7th and 8th. The wind was a definite issue, as a max flight was difficult to see, even with binoculars. F1E was blown out during the second round on Monday, but the weather cooperated for the F1E World Cup on Tuesday. Unfortunately, I had to leave early unexpectedly during the World Cup, but the contest was successfully completed, and the remaining rounds from the previous day were flown later that afternoon.

On a special note, young Chinmay Jaju put together a rather impressive performance in HLG on Saturday. Chinmay placed third against the open fliers, and in the process bested both Lee Hines and Tim Batiuk, two of the most winning fliers in the event.

The next Mowry contest is March 18th, and hopefully conditions will be as incredible as the February contest. Just as a reminder, this meet will include the OCD catapult event. The Flextail Mowry Cats will be there to give it another go, hope to see you there also.

Next time,

Dave Parsons

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## Mowry Contest Feb 4, 2007

Dick Douglas

Calm and mild all day long...what a beautiful day for flying. There was some sort of thermal layer about 200 feet up and, if you could penetrate it, you could max.

**Chinmay Jaju** gets credit for the longest flight as he chased his Open Rubber ship for over seven minutes to the fence on Cherry Ave to retrieve his model. It seems his DT band was too weak and the stab kept dropping back down, and the thermal layer kept it up. Finally the stab stuck up and the plane settled down. Field champion as high point flyer and high cumulative time was **Fred Terzian**.

**Dave Parsons** put together three maxes and a 65-second time target flight for a 325 total won OCD Catapult. Fred Terzian had a max, 63, and max for a 243 total and second place. **Lynn Price** was third with a 226. Fourth was **Emile Carles** and fifth was **Jim Boes**. There were twelve entries in this event.

**Bill Vanderbeek** took hand catapult with a 170 and Fred Terzian was a close second with 163. Fred was the only hand catapult flyer to get a max. Manual Cisneros was third with a 141, Lynn Price was fourth with 97, and Lou Young was fifth with a 90. There were thirteen entries and it seemed that everyone there brought a hand catapult out of the box and flew. Great stuff.

Hand launch glider was won by Fred Terzian with a 178. Like Hand catapult, Fred was the only flyer to get a max. Second was Junior flyer **Chinmay Jaju** with a 149. Third was Manual Cisneros with 79, fourth was **Mike Palrang** with a 56, and fifth was Jim Boes with a 43. There were seven entries.

Open Rubber had eight maxes among four entries. These guys frequently got into the upper layer. **Bill McConachie** had three maxes and a 71-second time target for a total of 319 for first place. **Dave Baker** was a close second with three maxes and an 89-second time target for 301 seconds. I think in both cases the layer kept their ships up too long. Third place was **John Allen** with 248 and fourth was Jim Boes with 229.

Junior Open Rubber had two contestants. **Anjaney Kotapalli** put up two maxes and a 78 for 258 and first place. Chinmay Jaju led off with the super long max, but then wounded his model and finished with 146.

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## Kids Contest



George Xenakis keeping score and Nicholas Liang making sure George records his EZ Penny time correctly.



Dave Chappell helping Darren load his Delta Dart motor.



Dick Douglas.

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## Meeting Minutes, Jan 19, 2007

The meeting was opened by vice president Dave Baker @ 8:20 PM. Meeting hosts were Aimee Raymond and Martin Schroedter.

**Visitors.** None.

**Minutes.** The previous meeting minutes were approved as published. It was pointed out that there was a discrepancy between the rubber-powered fly-off as published by the NCFFC and that as reported in the minutes. Bill Vanderbeek, as CD of the Nor Cal will set the rules for the Nor Cal.

**Treasurer's report.** The treasurer's report was given, but it was decided to not publish the amount. Members may e-mail the treasurer for the amount.

**Old Business.** Fred Terzian gave a report on the status of the OCD 70'yh anniversary banquet. It will be at Scott's at Jack London Square on Saturday night, March 3. It was proposed and passed to offer a free dinner to the last two OCD "founding fathers"; Serge Milisich and Carl Rambo. It was proposed, and passed to offer a free dinner to our reps; Walt Ghio and Rich Hansen. Paul Andrade was putting together a slide show of old photos so if anyone had photos to share, contact Fred Terzian.

**New Business.** Walt Ghio is working with a group to provide models and engines to qualified Juniors to compete in the qualifications leading to the world champs power team. OCD support up to \$250 for this effort was approved. Fred Terzian will contact Walt Ghio. // The next Mowry contest will be February 4, and have OCD Catapult, HLG, Hand Catapult, and Open Rubber.

**Break.** A meeting break was held at about 9:30 PM.

**Show and Tell.** Fred Terzian showed a couple of hand catapult gliders. Each used a section of hard trailing edge stock for the fuselage and a wing high point at 20%. Truman Cross had a small rubber ship he called "Inside-Out". It could be entered in OCD scale at the Mowry contest.

**Adjourned.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Submitted by Dick Douglas, southern scribe.

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## Schedule of Events

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### *Mowry Small Field Events, 2007*

The Oakland Cloud Duster's monthly contest is held at Mowry field on the corner of Mowry Blvd and Cherry Street in Fremont. You enter the field by driving past the soccer field parking lot until just before the railroad tracks, continue

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to drive South parallel to the railroad tracks (through the dirt, which gets a bit interesting when it is muddy).

2007 Date	Glider Events			Rubber Events					
	OCD Cat	HH Cat	HL Glide	Open Rubber	P-30	Mini Mof	Golly wock	OCD Scale	½ Coupe
Mar 18	*	*		*	*				
Apr 22		*	*	*		*			
May 20	*	*		*			*		
Jun 24		*		*	*				*
Jul 15	*	*		*				*	
Aug 12		*	*	*		*			
Sep 9	*	*		*	*				
Oct 21		*		*			*		*
Nov 18	*	*	*	*					
Dec 9		*		*	*	*	*	*	*

The Nov 18 contest will also have Joe Foster design HHC. Both Nov 18 and Dec 9 will Junior Open Rubber. Dec 9 will have another Sherman Gillespie contest.

### The rules ...

- A. Contests will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 12:30 PM.
- B. Entry fee is \$0.25 per round, unlimited re-entry allowed. High time in each event takes the Kitty.
- C. Two formats for wind conditions:
  1. Light or no wind: Three ninety-second maxes. If tied due to maxout, then the tiebreaker is a one-minute precision flight. The flier closest to one minute wins the event. (For record-keeping purposes, flyoff time up to 60 seconds is added to the flyer's total. If the flyoff time exceeds 60 seconds, the time exceeding 60 seconds is subtracted from 60 seconds and the difference is added to the flyer's total. Flyoff time exceeding 120 seconds counts as 0 (zero).)
  2. Significant drift: Scratch contest or three one-minute maxes. Tiebreaker as in C1.
- D. Points will be awarded for each event:
  1. First place is 5 points, Second place is 4 points, third place is 3 points, fourth place is 2 points, and all other places are 1 point. DNF listed, but no points are given.
  2. At the end of the year, the flier with the highest point total wins the Small Field Champion title and receives the Walt Getsla trophy. Juniors win the Junior Small Field trophy.
- E. Mini-Moffett: Rules are the same as the regular AMA Moffett except that the total wing and stabilizer area can

be no greater than 150 sq. in. (as viewed from above) with negative or positive dihedral in either. This model class is approximately 75% of the area of a regular Moffett.

- F. Open Rubber: Any design rubber-powered model with a wingspan thirty inches or less (projected) is eligible.
- G. OCD Catapult Glider: This is a non-AMA class originating at the California State Fair in 1937 and traditionally flown by the OCD since then. Rules allow a glider of any dimension and weight with a securely mounted launching hook to take the stress of up to 20 pounds of linear thrust generated by eight thirty-inch strands of ¼" rubber. A round is composed of six consecutive flights. Unlimited reentry is allowed. Each re-entry starts a new round of six flights. In the event of three consecutive max flights, the flier may fly one or more time-target flights provided the last max is not the sixth flight. Winner is the flier with the highest total of three **consecutive** flights (plus flyoff flight) from any single round. The OCD member with the highest total from the Mowry contests wins the OCD Catapult Glider Championship Trophy for the current year.
- H. ½ Coupe: The airframe weight can be no less than 35 grams and the motor weight cannot exceed 5 grams.
- I. OCD Scale: A model that is fashioned after a "real" airplane or looks like it could have been fashioned after a real airplane. Rubber enclosed in fuselage. No scale points are awarded. Flying per C above.
- J. Fuse DTs are not permitted.
- K. All flight times count. There is no provision for a minimum time for an attempt.
- L. Fly one - time one, so bring your stopwatch.

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## Moreland Indoors Events

CD: George Xenakis and Lou Young

### Every Sunday Afternoon, 3:00 to 9:00 PM

Moreland Community Center  
1850 Fallbrook Av, San Jose  
408-871-3820

## Monthly Meetings

Date	Location
Mar 16	Emile Carle, Alameda
Apr 20	
May 18	Truman Cross, Palo Alto
Jun 15	
Jul / Aug	No meeting
Sep 21	
Oct 19	
Nov 16	David Baker, Palo Alto

## Other Events

Date	Event	Cup	Location	Contact Information
Mar 17-18	SCAT Annual	A, N	Lost Hills	Lee Hines
Apr 14-15	San Valeer's Nostalgia Spring Annual		Lost Hills, Taft	Kevin Keller
Apr 14-15	SCAMPS Texaco		Lost Hills	Ted Firster
Apr 14	Sierra Champs	G&S,N	Waegell Field	Sierra Eagles - Dave Shirley & Craig Cusick
May 5-6	Nor-Cal	G&S, N, A	Waegell Field	OCD – Bill Vanderbeek & Fred Terzian
May 26-28	US FF Champs	N	Lost Hills	Ted Firster
May 25-27	Big Al's Shootout	G	Lost Hills	SGMA – Walt Ghio
Jun 9	Western States Champs	G&S	Waegell Field	Sierra Eagles - Mike McKeever
Jul 30 – Aug 3	AMA Nats	A,N	Muncie	
Aug 18-19	Northwest Free Flight Champs	A	Tangent, OR	Bob Stalick
Sep 16	SGMA Combo	G&S	Waegell Field	SGMA – Bill Davis
Oct 6-7	Livotto FAI Invitational	A	Lost Hills	Lee Hines
Oct 7-12	SAM Champs		El Dorado Dry Lake, NV	Hal Wightman
Oct 13-14	Sierra Cup	A	Lost Hills	SCAT – Lee Hines
Oct 27-28	South West FAI Challenge	A	Boulder City, NV	Bill Booth

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
2007 OCD Regular Membership		15.00	
Super Sport Rubber, 1/8" (pound)		21.00	
Shipping for Rubber (pound) <i>No charge for field/contest pick-up</i>		5.00	
Badge <i>Classic</i> Timer		10.00	
Badge <i>Lite</i> Timer		10.00	
OCD Enamel Pin		2 for 5.00	
OCD Enamel Tie Tack		5 for 10.00	
OCD decal set		5.00	
TOTAL DUE			

Mail check to Oakland Cloud Dusters, c/o Aimee Raymond, 807 Inverness Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035