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

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### May 2008

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Sat-Sun. <b>May 24-26</b>	<b>Big AI's &amp; USFFC</b> Lost Hills <i>weather looks pretty good.</i>
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Sat. <b>Jun 7</b>	<b>NCFFC, Western States Champs</b> Waegell Field <i>a wonderful Silver-Gold Cup contest</i>
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Sun. <b>Jun 22</b>	<b>Monthly Contest</b> Mowry Field
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Sat. <b>Jun 28</b>	<b>NCFFC, 1/2A &amp; Team Special</b> Waegell Field <i>a wonderful Silver-Gold Cup contest</i> <i>Final chance to qualify for World Team Selection</i>
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Sun. <b>Jul 13</b>	<b>Monthly Contest</b> Mowry Field
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Sun. <b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Monthly Contest</b> Mowry Field
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Sat. <b>Sep 20</b> <b>11 to 2</b>	<b>OCD Summer Picnic</b> <i>A chance to socialize and visit</i> <i>Don't miss this! Bring a guest</i> <i>Location TBD</i>
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## John Allen

1924 to 2008

2007 Getsla Trophy winner



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## John Allen

Jim Boes

On Feb. 27, 2008, one of our members, John Allen , passed to modelers nirvana. John was born in 1924. He was a WWII & Korea veteran. John was great competitor at our monthly contests, winning a good share of our "quarters". He flew almost every Event, and won the Getsla trophy several times. When John was a young man, he belonged to the Long Island Gas Monkeys in New York. He flew in the "Mirror" contests, and the NATS. He flew in every contest he could get to. John and his wife Rose, moved to California in 1993. He was a prolific builder of his own and other peoples designs . He would sometimes complete a model in only a week! John had the gift of trimming and could make just about anything fly. John will be missed at our contests.

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## In Memoriam: John Allen

Dick Douglas

I first met John Allen at the Mowry contest site where he was pointed out by Stu Bennett as the winningest flyer in the club. The Walter Getsla trophy is given by the OCD to the highest point total at the club contests held at the Mowry field. Dave Shirley won in 2001, and since then it's been all John Allen. He started his winning streak in 2002, and won in 2003, 4, 5, 6, and 7...an unprecedented six straight years. John entered everything. For every event that was offered, John had a model. One of his high points was in 2007 in Open Rubber where he maxed out and then did a time target of 59 seconds, for a 329-second total. This tied Bill McConachie's record. I know he loved to build and fly and his contest score showed that.

He was too sick to attend the 2007 banquet so a few of us were going to drive down to Morgan Hill to deliver the 2007 Getsla trophy to him. That never happened. God Bless you John and may your models still be flying.

Dick Douglas

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## 2008 OCD Vice-Pres Chinmay Jaju Wins 2007 Junior National Cup!

Fred Terzian

Gentlemen (and Women),

It is my pleasure to announce the results of Chinmay's efforts to place at the top of the National Cup category for Juniors!

Thanks to his parents, OCD members, tutors and supporters for their help in guiding Chinmay to this fantastic achievement.

Special recognition should also go to Lou Young, Bill Vanderbeek and Paul Andrade for making this possible.

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## Thank You from Junior National Cup Winner

Hi

My family and I are so delighted to hear the news! I couldn't have won the national without the love, support and help from Mr. Vanderbeek. I'll always remember the good times we had. Going places and flying planes were memories I'll never forget. Thank to Mr. Young for opening the door to this wonderful hobby for me. Without Mr. Andrade's help in Florida, I couldn't have hoped to do so well. Also, thanks to Mr. Barr and Mr. Clawson for making me feel right at home at your wonderful contest in Florida. Thanks to Mr. Andrews for helping me at Eloy, Mr. Terzian for all his encouragement, Mr. Romack, who is the most hight spirited flier I have ever met, and thanks to all the OCD members for their kindness.

Without the love and support of all you great fliers, it would have been hard for me to win the national cup. It is a accomplishment I'll cherish for my entire life.

Thank you all

-Chinmay Jaju

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## Chinmay Jaju

Fred Terzian

On January 29, the City of San Jose presented Chinmay Jaju with a Commendation for his accomplishments and dedication in the field of Model Airplane competition.

All,

Here is the latest achievement by one of our AMA, NFFS, SAM 21 and Oakland Cloud Duster members! Chinmay has also been elected OCD Vice President for 2008, possibly the youngest member to hold this position since the founding of this great club by a bunch of teenagers (Bob Meuser, David Lloyd, Carl Rambo, Manny Andrade, etc.) back in 1937!

As many of you already know, he will be representing the U.S. at the Junior World Free Flight Championships to be held in the Ukraine this summer, and has recently won the 2007 Junior National Cup.



In the photo it shows San Jose mayor Chuck Reed to the left and District 1 Council member Pete Constant to the right. The larger group shot shows some of the Cloud Dusters in attendance, including Carmen Critchlow, Fred Terzian, Truman Cross, Bill Vanderbeek, Lou Young, Dick Douglas and SAM 21 member Lescher Dowling.

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## Tim Chang

Fred Terzian

One of our other young (Senior in high school) Oakland Cloud Duster members, Tim Chang will be representing the U.S. at the Junior Indoor World Championships in Serbia this August as well. He placed high enough in the qualifications (2nd place overall) that he could have represented the U.S. in the Open class if he were allowed to!

If you look at the National Free Flight Society's web-page [www.freeflight.org](http://www.freeflight.org), you may see a photo of Tim, along with the text of the Commendation.

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## Mowry Notes - February 3, 2008

Dick Douglas

"First it rained, then it blew, then it friz and then it snow," Well, it wasn't exactly snowing where we were but it was windy and wet and the field was muddy, so a vote was taken and the contest was canceled.

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## Mowry Notes - March 3, 2008

Dick Douglas

It was a little breezy at the start of the contest so we decided to fly 1-minute maxes. Even so, there were few flyers in the rubber events. **Harold Davidson** was the lone entrant in 1/2-Coupe but he put up three flights for a 166-sec total. Harold also put up a 53-sec flight in OCD Scale. **Mike Palrang** had his OCD Scale ship broken by an errant wind gust even though he had it "protected"

by the raised cover of his truck bed.

The glider events had better participation. **Emile Carles** won OCD Catapult, but lost his best model. When last seen it was headed northwest, into the wind (!), and disappeared over the Pick-Pull parking lot. Mike Palrang was second, and **Dick Douglas** was third.

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Harold Davidson won hand-Held Catapult with 127-sec. Second was Dick Douglas and third was **Fred Terzian**.

Fred Terzian won HLG with a 166 total, second was Mike Palrang with 90 seconds, third was Harold Davidson with 80 seconds, and fourth was Dick Douglas with 61 seconds.

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## Indoor Notes -- May 10, 2008

Dick Douglas

The spring indoor contest season is over and this note summarizes some of the events. **Gary Hinze** has been presenting results and pictures of each contest to the indoor group. Thank you Gary.

The first contest was on Feb 17 and featured Dandiflyer and, for the Juniors, 17" ROG. There was also a 14 years and younger Dandiflyer contest for beginners. Open Dandiflyer had a tie for first between **Chinmay Jaju** and **Dick Douglas** who had a two-flight total of 144 seconds. **Lou Young** finished third with a score of 65 seconds. Every one of his flights either hit a wall, beam, or basketball net. Chinmay Jaju was the only Junior in 17" ROG. He posted a two-flight score of 255 seconds, but one of his flights went for 184 seconds, and that is a Moreland record. The two-flight record for 17" ROG is Tim Chang with 274 seconds. The beginners, mostly Lou Young's class, put on a real show. **Fizzy Devlin** had a two-flight total of 173 seconds. Close behind was **Caleb Ling** with 170 seconds. **Johnathan Uesato** had 146 seconds for third, **Natalie Peck** scored 104, and **Reggie Wu** finished with 97. It must be pointed out that if the Dandiflyer scores for Open and beginner were combined, the two Open flyers would be tied...for fourth. The Dandiflyer Moreland record is 218 seconds set by Lou Young last year. **Hank Cole** is second overall with a 200 score, Gary Hinze is third with a 197 total, and **Ding Zarate** is fourth with 191.

The second contest was on March 16 for Pussycat. **Mike Palrang** had a two-flight total of 152 seconds and one of the total was a 78 second flight. The 78-second flight was a personal best and the two-flight total is a Moreland record. Dick Douglas was second with 103 seconds, **Truman Cross** was third with 50 and Gary Hinze had troubles and could only score a 34. **Brian Su** was the only entrant in Junior Pussycat and got 7 seconds.

The third contest was held on April 13 for Ministick per AMA rules. Mike Palrang finished first with a 764-second two-flight total. Close behind was Lou Young

with a 748 score, and third was **Herb Robbins** with 421 seconds. Chinmay Jaju was the only Junior entered and he totaled 171 seconds. Mike's 764-second total means that his average time is on the order of 6 ½ minutes. The last time we had a Ministick event was July of 2003 and, as I remember, the best flights were getting about 3 minutes.

Remaining indoor contests at Moreland will be Hand Launch Glider for Junior and Open on November 9, and Delta Dart on December 14. The HLG event will be per AMA rules. The Delta Dart rules will have JSO combined for a model built per the plans, and JSO where you have only to adhere to the planform. "Per Planform" means that the wing shape, stab shape, and fuselage length must be adhered to when viewed from above. Also the rudder shape must be adhered to when viewed from the side. Allowable variations include any prop, any rubber, any covering, wing with polyhedral, curved ribs, and the like.

As always, six flights for \$0.25 and the longest two are scored.

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## Mowry Notes - April 20, 2008

Dick Douglas

Another breezy day, so we cut the max time to 60 seconds. Even with 60 seconds there were some long chases. **Mike Palrang** put one flight over the creek and into far part of the plowed field on Cherry Ave. Mike was the only one to max out and he did it in Mini-Moffett.

**Harold Davidson** put together two maxes and a 55-second flight for a 175 total and won Open Rubber. **Emile Carles** was second, and **Ding Zarate** and Mike Palrang tied for third.

Mike Palrang won Mini-Moffett with the aforementioned three maxes. Harold Davidson was second with a 167 and Ding Zarate was third.

There were five entries in Hand-Held Catapult. Mike Palrang was first with 97 seconds, **Dick Douglas** was second with 80, and Ding Zarate was third. Harold Davidson and Emile Carles were fourth and fifth

**Fred Terzian** was first in Hand Launch Glider posting 93 seconds. He was using a "conventional" glider, having lost his super good tip launched glider while demonstrating how to launch it. Harold Davidson was second with 70 seconds and Dick Douglas and Mike Palrang

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tied for third. Ding Zarate entered but ran out of time before he could record one flight. The CD gave him an honorary attempt and kept his entry fee.

It's April and there are some trends in our various trophy chases. The Getsla trophy race is led by Mike Palrang with 48 points, followed by Harold Davidson with 42, and Dick Douglas with 33. Mike also leads in the OCD Catapult award with 8 points followed closely by Dick Douglas, Emile Carles, and Ding Zarate. Emile Carles and Mike Palrang lead in the Stu Bennet trophy for Open Rubber with 8 points each followed closely by Harold Davidson and Ding Zarate. The Critchlow Trophy for Hand Held Catapult is led by Dick Douglas with 13 points followed by Harold Davidson with 11 and Mike Palrang with 8. Lastly, the Joe Foster trophy for P-30 is led by Ding Zarate with 5 points, Harold Davidson with 4, and Mike Palrang with 3, reflecting of the one contest held this year.

Our next Mowry contest will be May 18, and will have OCD Catapult and Gollywock in addition to our regular HHC and Open Rubber.

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## **Ron William's Indoor Book Available**

Fred Terzian

Thanks to Thayer Syme, I have learned that Ron Williams' excellent indoor book is being reprinted and should be available by the middle of May.

Information can be found at the following website:  
<http://indoormodelairplanes.com/BFIMA.html/>

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## **From the Editor**

Aimee Schroedter

To all Oakland Cloud Duster members,

I sincerely apologize for the extended time that has lapsed between the last newsletter edition. There have been many distractions with extended complications following a surgery, work and school, in addition to trying to qualify for the 2009 World Team in F1B. I no longer have the ability to perform the job of newsletter editor to the level it deserves, and will be stepping down at the end of this year. We discussed this issue at the most recent club meeting. I will work with members in the club to re-establish the OCD website, as the location to disseminate information. For those members lacking internet access, we discussed periodically printing the pertinent web pages and mailing them. Who exactly is going

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to do this, is not clear. We will need someone to coordinate the ongoing task of disseminating information, be it the website or a newsletter, or a monthly email. The information needs to get out, it is up to someone to use their personal style to get it out.

It is time for others to step-up to the plate. It takes effort from all of us to make this organization exist. I see the same individuals making everything happen. These individuals are all getting burned out too.

This club has a tremendous legacy, and a tremendous future. Our club is sending 3 Junior fliers to the World Indoor and the World Outdoor teams this summer! Our dues and fund raising efforts support the Junior and the Open teams. We are supporting Lou Young's indoor program, and have created an opportunity for all of you to fly indoor competitively after a long hiatus. We have maintained a small field for monthly contests. Each year we host a significant America's Cup and National Cup event. It only takes a small amount of effort to make the task happen. It is time to stop thinking someone else will take care of it. It is time to pitch in.

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## **Schedule of Events**

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### ***Moreland Indoors Events***

CD: George Xenakis and Lou Young

#### **Every Sunday Evening, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

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

Indoor model airplane flying in the Moreland Community Center Gym on Sunday from 6 to 8 PM, later if enough people want to fly. The address is 1850 Fallbrook Avenue in San Jose, 95130. Fallbrook is off Campbell Avenue, between Saratoga Avenue and San Tomas Expressway. Flyers over 18 pay \$6 and flyers 18 or under pay \$3. There is no charge for non-flying observers or class members.

## Monthly Meetings

The number of club meetings has been reduced to 4/year. The number of social events has been increased with the addition of a September afternoon picnic/social.

Date	Location	Topic
Sep 20	Location to be determined	Saturday afternoon picnic/social
Nov 21	Bill Vanderbeek	Plan banquet, elect officers
Jan 16, 2009	Aimee & Marty Schroedter, Milpitas	Set calendar, plan upcoming year
Feb 21	OCD Banquet	Award trophies, recap year, socialize
Mar 20		Plan NorCal contest (Apr 25-26)
May 15		Recap NorCal

## 2008 Event Calendar

Date	Event	Cup	Location	Contact Information
Jan 12	Kids Indoor Contest		Moreland	Lou Young
Feb 9-10	Isaacson	A	Lost Hills	
Feb 15-17	MaxMen, Bob White Memorial	A, W	Lost Hills	George Batiuk
Mar 9	NCCFC, Spring Bash	Ag/Au	Waegell Field	Walt Ghio
Mar 15-16	SCAT Annual	A	Lost Hills	
Apr 26-27	Nor-Cal	A, N	Waegell Field	Bill Vanderbeek
May 18	Mowry Small Field		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
May 23-25	Big Al's & USFFC	A, N	Lost Hills	
Jun 7	NCCFC, Western States Champs	Ag/Au	Waegell Field	Mike McKeever
Jun 22	Mowry Small Field		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Jun 28	NCCFC, 1/2A & Team Special		Waegell Field	Doug Galbreath
Jul 4-6	MMM 14 Rounder	A	Denver, CO	
Jul 6 -10	Indoor Flying		Kibbie Dome, ID	
Jul 13	Mowry Small Field		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Aug 10	Mowry Small Field		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Aug 30-Sep 1	Dynasty Cup		Denver, CO	
Sep 7	Mowry Small Field		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Sep 14	NCCFC, SGMA Combo Annual	Ag/Au	Waegell Field	Mike & Bill Davis
Sep 20	OCD Summer Picnic		TBD	Truman Cross
Sep 27-28	Dual Club	N	Lost Hills	
Oct 4-5	Livotto	A	Lost Hills	
Oct 11-14	US World Outdoor Team Trials		Lost Hills	
Oct 18-19	Sierra Cup	A, W	Lost Hills	
Oct 19	Mowry Small Field		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Nov 1-2	SW FAI Challenge	A	Boulder City, NV	Bill Booth Jr
Nov 2	NCCFC SGMA Sweeper	Ag/Au	Waegell Field	Dick Myer
Nov 9	Moreland, Hand Launch Glider		Moreland	
Nov 15-16	Patterson FAI Challenge	A	Lost Hills	Hector Diez 661 834-1063
Nov 16	Mowry Small Field, Glider Sweeper		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Nov 21	OCD Monthly Meeting		Bill Vanderbeek	
Dec 6-7	Arizona FF Champs	A, N	Eloy	
Dec 7	Mowry Small Field, Rubber Sweeper		Mowry Field	Dick Douglas
Dec 14	Moreland, Delta Dart		Moreland	
Dec 28-30	King Orange International	A, N	Palm Bay	

# **OCD SUMMER BBQ PICNIC**

**Sat. September 20**  
**11 to 2**

or until we run out of things to talk about

**\$5 per person to cover costs of food & drink**

Notes:

1. Guests are absolutely welcome and encouraged.
2. Location will be a local park in the San Jose area with benches and shade. The actual location and menu will be determined based on the number of people responding.
3. Please respond early, to make the planning easier!
4. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Park benches tend to be tough to sit at.
5. Bring your own wine, beer, or beverage of choice, if you are thirsting for something a bit more exciting than ice tea or lemonade.
6. Monies will be collected at the event to cover the costs of food & drink.
7. Please, please, please RSVP. We will forgive you if you don't. Just come!

**RSVP: Truman Cross, 650-856-8675, or [irinacross@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irinacross@sbcglobal.net)**