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## **BENCH FLYING With Phil Goodwine PVMAC President**

Hello once again to all of our PVMAC friends and family.

The final two months of 2011 are upon us. I still have not quite figured out how to slow time down.

So if one of you could explain it to me, please do.

In October those PVMAC members that came to the monthly membership meeting nominated these members for your 2012 PVMAC Board of Directors. The nominations were Roy Barringer, Tom Marcure, Larry Marsh, Ken McSpadden, Charlie Mitchell, Steve Parola, Chuck Pozanac, Paul Smith, Jim Stout and

## **ELECTRIC PYLON RACING at PRADO** *Story Inside*

myself Phil Goodwine.

In October the PVMAC hosted a pylon race at Prado Airpark that

Ken would like to thank all of the volunteers that we had at this event. It would not have been possible without you.



has not been done in several years. It was held as a one day event on Saturday October 29, 2011 to allow for normal club flying on Sunday. This was a blast. I will let Ken McSpadden continue with his article in this newsletter about the event. It was good to see PVMAC club members who normally are working at our other events to be out flying and enjoying themselves. I along with

### TOYS FOR TOTS.

This should by far be our clubs biggest and most involved event of the every year. Even if you show up and just watch the activities and do not even fly. I feel that every one of our almost 500 members should be bringing out a \$20.00 unwrapped toy for a child in need. The last two years all of the PVMAC toys donated

have gone to military family's children in need. If you can afford this hobby, YOU should be willing to afford one simple toy for some child. Please help us overload our trailers. Please make another child's Christmas a little bit better.

Tuesday December 13, 2011.  
Those members that come to the December membership meeting

will get the opportunity to vote for the nine members that you want to make up your 2012 PVMAC Board of Directors. You will get to cast your vote for nine out of these ten nominees. It would be great to see another seventy plus members as we have in the past couple of years to cast their ballots. Remember this is YOUR club, YOUR fields and YOUR time to speak up.

Also at the December meeting we will have plenty of pizza and drinks on hand for the members. We will be handing out the Visa gift cards to those members that have done a presentation at any of the club meeting including Decembers. First prize is a \$350.00 Visa gift card and second place is a \$250.00 Visa gift card. We will also be doing our normal business at hand with lots of money for your Christmas expenses handed out.

### Wednesday January 4, 2012

The PVMAC January membership meeting will be on WEDNESDAY January 4, 2012. It will be held at the Chino Airport Hangar / Building #110 Q. Special guest will be Horizon Hobbies. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Zendejas Mexican Restaurant. We will be limiting dinner to the first 150 people arriving. So when you arrive get in line to receive your ticket for dinner. Bring your own chairs. It will most likely be cool in the hangar so bring a jacket. Last year at this event we had over 120 people and I believe we all enjoyed the evening. So don't be late.

### January 6-8, 2012

PVMAC will be manning a booth at the AMA Expo in Ontario. We will be looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets, handle club questions and club memberships. This has always

been very good exposure for our fields and our members. I am looking for membership photos at either Norton Airfield or Prado Airpark for our back drop in our booth that I will be printing up. So if you have some photos of planes or field activities you want to share send them to [phil@goodwineglass.com](mailto:phil@goodwineglass.com)

The current 2011 PVMAC Board of Directors along with Sam Wright our clubs event coordinator has been working on our schedule of flying events for 2012. As of now we have five events on hand. The first event will be on Memorial Day weekend May 25-27, 2012. We will have a list of all events posted in the newsletters each month and all events will be posted at the field showing a yearly lay out. Remember to always check at [www.pvmac.com](http://www.pvmac.com) for the clubs latest updates and events happenings. Our Board of Directors has been working to get these dates scheduled and posted to allow other clubs and field to know what we are doing. One thing that all club members need to remember. These events are required by our landlords in how and how many people from outside our club are utilizing their property. Out of 365 days a year in 2011 these events utilized Prado Airpark for 9 days. For what our club profits in ways of finically, exposure and giving to the hobby we should all be grateful to do these events.

Sam Wright will be stepping down from being on the 2012 PVMAC Board of Directors. I would like to thank Sam for all of his hard work and efforts that he has put into the 2011 club events and fore site of this club. Sam has agreed to stay on as PVMAC Event Coordinator for 2012 in which I am very grateful for. Without Sam our events and club status would not be where it is today. Thank you again

Sam for all you do.

A couple other oddities you will be seeing at Prado Airpark. These dog clubs will be utilizing the south east corner of our facility. They do have access by key and do have permission by the San Bernardino County Parks Department to use this area. They also donate to our Toys for Tots event. November 12-13 Bassett Hound Club November 25-27 Dachshund Club December 30-31 Dachshund Club

I have been in contact with Frank from the duck club to our south that also utilizes the main gate on Cucamonga Ave. Frank very much appreciates all of our members support on getting the main gate on Cucamonga Ave. secured after we leave. The duck club like our club has a lot invested in their property. So let's all work together and keep our property clean, safe and secure for our future enjoyment.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our PVMAC Friends and Family. Until next month, be safe, have fun flying, enjoy your friends, enjoy your family. Remember life sometimes is too short to make it difficult, enjoy life. God Bless.

*Phil Goodwine* PVMAC President

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# ELECTRIC PYLON RACING ALIVE AT PVMAC PRADO AIRPARK

Saturday October 28, 2011 the first All Electric Pylon  
Event for Formula One and E-Flite Foam Warbirds  
Raced around the pylons for the FALL CLASSIC



## Prado FALL CLASSIC for Parkzone Warbirds and EF1

The PVMAC hosted its first pylon race in quite some time on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for Parkzone Warbirds and the NMPRA's EF1 (electric formula 1) class. The club has a rich history of pylon racing events in the past, but has had only a few races since the opening of the Prado flying site, and those have been two-pylon races. The Fall Classic marked the return to a "three-pole" course and gave PVMAC members a chance to experience the thrill of racing around themselves in heat races with up to 4 airplanes battling for position.

The Parkzone Warbird class had a variety of airplanes that were legal for competition. Entries included the T-28 Trojan, F4U Corsair, P-51 Mustang, Bf109 Messerschmitt, P-47 Thunderbolt, and Mark IX Spitfire. All of the models were well matched against each other with the rules that were established to help equalize performance across the different aircraft types. Pilots

included first-time racers as well as experienced pylon scrapers.

The EF1 class was a real shootout with airplanes that exceeded 100mph around the course using the NMPRA



(National Miniature Pylon Racing Association) rules for that class. This class drew pilots from the upper echelons of pylon racing as well as a

few local club members who decided to test their skills against the best! This class has rules regarding the size, scale outline, and construction of each racer and also limits the motor, battery, prop and ESC (electronic speed control). The airplanes are very evenly matched and the pilot/caller skill tends to be the deciding factor in these races.

Contributing to the success of the event, NMPRA member Jim Allen from the Phoenix AZ area brought a computer controlled, wireless timing and scoring system. This system featured a countdown clock to signal the start of the race, flashing lights to let the pilots know they had reached pylon 1, cut indicator lights to notify racers when they flew inside instead of around a pylon, and race times accurate to 1/100ths of a second. All of this technology was great, but it also required human input to make it work, and we had no less than 14

PVMAC club members operating the system. This was no easy job either

# ELECTRIC PYLON RACE PHOTOS



A typical Electric Formula One launch. The handlers are watching for their red lane light to release. Releases are about 1/2 second apart.



Jim Allen (Left) and Mike Adams (Right) Holding Parkzone aircraft for each judges to identify before the race start.



Ken McSpadden (Left) and Travis Flynn flying the race from inside the three pylons. Very intense, but what a rush!



Steve Gamble thrashing to get his Parkzone Spitfire ready to race. A typical scene, but also a chance for everyone to race at this event.



Another pilot readying his LR13 Pogo electric formula one for his heat. Lots of very fast formula ones and some at 127 mph.



Tim Johnson has credit card in hand to buy another T28 from Hobby Club USA. A tree reached up and grabbed Tim's T28.



# ELECTRIC PYLON RACE PHOTOS



Sam Wright heads out onto the course with his custom covered LR13 Pogo Formula One. This was Sam's first ever pylon race.



Dave Gavin not only raced but arranged the heats and tabulated all the scores for both the Parkzone and formula one classes.



John Reed (left) in the dark shirt from Model Airplane News raced in Formula One and covered the event for the website. John was competitive too!



Early morning pit row and it was exciting to see everyone getting ready to race. The foam warbirds is a race that anyone can enter.



A pilot buying another Parkzone warbird from Steve Parola from Hobby Club USA. Steve was well stocked for the race and was the event CD.



Tim Johnson(Left) and Sam Wright (Right) holding the ill fated neat electric formula one. Sam is already building a new EF1 racer.

as these officials/judges/timers had to stay focused on their work, either following their particular aircraft for the entire race, or quickly determining when an airplane had cut a pylon and then correctly identifying it as well. On the administration side, Steve Parola of Hobby Club USA was the CD for the event, handling sign-up sheets and the AMA sanction paperwork, and Dave Gavin helped to promote the event as well as handle all of the computer matrix race matchups.

Of course the PVMAC Board members and their families were out in force helping out in a variety of tasks, and the Goodwine family in particular took on a large part of the work throughout the day. The racers expressed their deepest thanks to everybody who lent a hand!

The racing was fast, furious, and fun! The Parkzone Warbirds were fast enough to challenge the newbies, but tame enough to inspire some confidence and close racing. It was great to see members who had never raced before taking to the racecourse like a duck to water. Paul Smith, Jim Stout, Tim Johnson and Kyle Goodwine all fell right into the groove and got racy!

Some of the more experienced racers had their share of problems with pylon cuts, mid-air collisions, and pylon strikes...the latter is always bad as the pylons never lose these battles! When the dust settled, there was a tie for first place between Mike Adams

and Ken McSpadden that was settled in Mike's favor as he had the faster time for the day. Close behind in third place was Jeff Szeuber.

The EF1 class came out of the gate strong and finished with some great head-to-head duels among the top competitors. Special credit goes out

ended up with a tie for first place between NMPRA veterans Jim Allen and Travis Flynn...both very accomplished and experienced pilots. Travis captured the top spot due to his faster time which at 1:20.18 was also the fastest time of the event. Jim finished second with Ken McSpadden slotting into third place.



The top spots all received some great prizes courtesy of Horizon Hobby, including an EF1 kit, Parkzone Warbirds, and Parkzone micro warbirds. The workers also divided up their share of fantastic prizes from Horizon Hobby as well as an electric Cosmic wind racer from Hobbico.

None of the workers went home empty handed and they all were provided with free pizza and sodas during the day.

Great weather, good racing, spectacular effort from all of the officials/judges/timers....it was a day filled with good times and adrenaline-charged racing. We hope everyone enjoyed it as we look forward to doing it again next year!!

to Sam Wright who competed with his EF1, having never before raced a three-ylon course....talk about jumping into the deep end of the pool! Sam didn't have the best results but I tip my hat to him for the display of guts and courage!

Other PVMAC members who were racing in their first EF1 event included Jeff Szeuber, and Kyle Goodwine who both had very respectable performances. Just like the Parkzone class, the EF1 class

*Ken McSpadden*



# FALL CLASSIC ELECTRIC PYLON RACING PARKZONE FOAMY RACING RESULTS

Parkzone Warbird Position	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Mike Adams	2:23.03	16
2	Ken McSpadden	2:30.85	16
3	Jeff Szueber	2:42.10	14
4	John Bayshore	2:31.53	13
5	Doug Killebrew	2:10.23	12
6	Rocky McCarty	2:28.45	12
7	Clay Hollingsworth	2:28.47	12
8	Jim Stout	2:51.47	11
9	Kyle Goodwine	2:37.62	9
10	Steve Parola	3:10.50	9
11	Cliff Adams	2:43.66	8
12	Paul Smith	2:43.98	7
13	Tim Johnson	2:31.05	5
14	Mel Santmyers	2:59.50	5
15	Travis Flynn	C2:12.24	4
16	Steve Gamble	3:07.71	1
17	Gary Long	0:00.00	0
18	Kip McCleary	0:00:00	0



## ELECTRIC PYLON RACING ELECTRIC FORMULA ONE RESULTS

EF1 Position	Name	Low time	Points
1	Travis Flynn	1:20.18	12
2	Jim Allen	1:21.09	12
3	Ken McSpadden	1:20.70	10
4	Jeff Szueber	1:24.31	9
5	Doug Killebrew	1:26.67	9
6	Kyle Goodwine	1:34.72	9
7	Kip McCleary	1:22.93	6
8	Rick Porter	1:43.60	6
9	Gary Long	1:26.50	5
10	John Reid	1:31.38	4
11	Dave Gavin	1:24.79	3
12	Sam Wright	2:10.50	2





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The FALL CLASSIC Electric Pylon Racing at the PVMAC field A fun event and the entire story with photos inside this edition of the Flightline.

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