

## May 2007 Bulletin

### The History of El Dorado Silent Fliers – Tom Shinsato

All of us have been members of EDSF for different lengths of time. A few members who fly at El Dorado have been flying here before EDSF was formed as a club. Gerry Markgraf is such a person. While talking to him one day, he recounted his experiences throughout the years flying at our field. He also told me that he has a collection of photos of the club and the field area spanning these years. I thought this would make for a terrific story to have in the newsletter and asked him if he would write an article of the club's history. Gerry did some fact finding research and has written a draft. He is in the process of finalizing the article and will be presenting it starting with the June Newsletter. I have read Gerry's draft and I am sure that everyone, me included, will find his article fascinating. Because of the length of the article, it will be a multi part spanning several months in the newsletter/bulletin. The article will be posted to the website and each monthly segment will be appended to previous section as it is released in the newsletter.

Many club members, like myself, are not familiar with the history of our flying site, the origin of EDSF and how it all came to be. There were a number of key people with a lot of perseverance that brought all of this together. Everyone who flies at El Dorado Park owes a lot of gratitude to these pioneers. Without their efforts, our field might have been developed into a sports complex or golf course. Technology has also played a great part in the evolution of our hobby giving us the equipment that we use today. Gerry points out all these things in his article so you won't want to miss reading it. Watch for it in the next newsletter.

### Volunteers Needed – Tom Shinsato

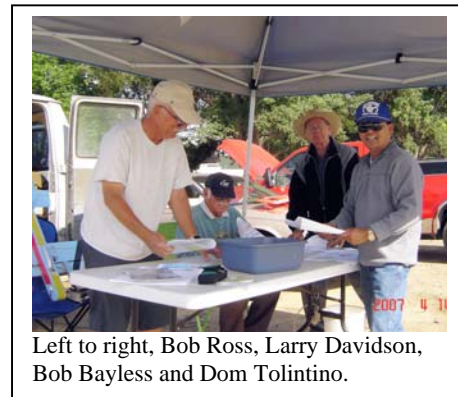
Here's the happy gang helping out by folding the April Newsletter for distribution. Judging by all the smiling faces, you can see that everyone was entertained by Bob Ross's endless stream of funny stories and jokes. As you can see, even with ten thumbs, Larry Davidson gives it the old college try and demonstrates he is also capable of folding the newsletters like the rest. Go-o-o-o-o Larry!

Just a little bit of help from our fine club members makes it able to complete an hour long job into a fifteen minutes.

On another note, I'm sure that everyone would like to belong to the best RC club with the finest facilities. Just imagine if we had a 300 feet paved runway, an air conditioned club house that served good food and beverages overlooking the field as pilots fly their planes, large paved parking lot with no ruts, running water and clean flush toilets. Realistically, you'll never find any club offering these types of amenities having annual club dues of only \$20 per year. However, we can still have fun and find enjoyment with what we have. There are many simple and inexpensive things that can be done to improve the club also. **Come up with suggestions. Volunteer to help on a project.** A number of people have complimented me on condition of the runway since I started mowing it. I take this to be an indication that people like the condition of the runway and they are finding it more usable. It takes me less than a half hour to do each week and as a benefit, I get to keep the mower for that period of time to use on my lawn too. Incidentally, this is a great mower and I really like using it compared to my push mower. Mowing the runway is just a small improvement but it is an improvement. Just a few improvements here and there will take the club up a notch. Our club has a membership close to a hundred people. Within the club I'm sure that we have a wide spectrum of talents and skills ranging from business, management, technical and the various trades. Just imagine what we can accomplish as a club if we pooled all our muscles and skills together.

### Future Aerospace Engineer – Tom Shinsato

You may have seen David Chap occasionally at the field flight testing his red electric "Just Junior" with the help of Ed Baxter. David is a senior at Millikan High School in Long Beach and built his plane for his Senior Project. The Senior Project is a required course giving students the opportunity to do research on a topic of their choice and develop the end product. The program required a ten page preliminary research paper before the construction on the plane was actually started. David built the plane from the plans of the Just Junior which is a reduced version of the vintage Junior 60, designed by an English modeler. The plane construction, electronics and hardware installation and covering was done by solely by David. This plane is an example of excellent workmanship. He also did a superb job of applying the Monokote and decorative trim. The construction portion of the project took approximately two months starting late January to the end of March, costing approximately \$200. David plans to attend UC Irvine in the fall and will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Left to right, Bob Ross, Larry Davidson, Bob Bayless and Dom Tolentino.

Ed Baxter was approached at the field by David and was asked if he would be willing to be an advisor. Ed accepted and has assisted David by being a mentor and advisor throughout the project. Ed goes way back to the early days of rubber powered and small glow engine free flight model aircraft so he has more than ample technical knowledge and experience in the field. He provided David with the plans for the Just Junior. Ed is now helping David trim out the plane and teaching him to fly it. The plane flies great and I'm sure that David has learned a lot and has every right to be proud of his accomplishment.

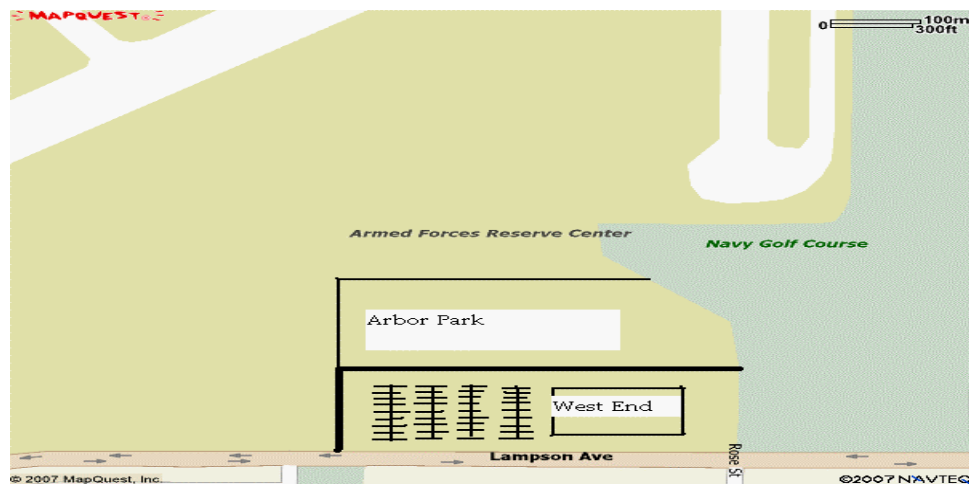


### Flying at Arbor Park – Clay Hollingsworth

At our May club meeting we were told a story that I felt was worth sharing with all our members. The basics are that Arbor Park is a relatively new flying site that is adjoined by a small, enclosed dog park on one side and the Los Alamitos Naval Base on the other. I'm sure that the dog owners are less than pleased about the presence of the RC airplanes and helicopters being flown at the park. Anyway, recently a policeman stopped by the flying site and advised those present that they were not allowed to fly at the park. When asked why, he stated that there was a local ordinance that prohibited flying RC models at this site.

One of our club members happened to be present and asked that the officer reference the exact ordinance. It turns out that the ordinance specifically prohibited the flying of RC aircraft powered by internal combustion engines. Once the officer was properly educated our use of electric motors, he wished the flyers a good day and was on his way.

There are many schoolyards and parks that are now being used for RC flight that may even be posted as "no model airplane" sites. The lesson here is that we have a wonderful opportunity to expand the number of available flying sites due to the quiet operation and predominately small size of our electric aircraft as long as we maintain our status as good neighbors and take advantage of the opportunities that arise to educate those who are influential over these sites. Be an ambassador for our hobby every time you take to the skies!



### On the Net – By Clay Hollingsworth

It seems that everything is caught on video these days and if it's interesting at all, it ends up on You Tube. For those who don't know, You Tube is an internet site that allows users to upload video to be shared around the world. You can do a search for a topic and you'll get many videos related to that topic, or you can name the specific file and it will pop up for you. I must warn you, make sure you have a little time to spend on the PC, because watching all the related videos is very addicting.

### **Jet Man**

We've all had that dream where we have slipped the surly bonds of Earth and somehow are able to fly. You know, stretch out your arms like Superman and you're off to heights unimagined, completely free and full of joy. Then the alarm clock goes off and it's back to reality.

Well your dream is this guy's reality. You've got to check out the amazing video of Jet Man. I've seen a lot of awesome sights on the internet, but this video is incredible. I've attached the You Tube address of the video you can click on for those of you reading this on our website. For the rest of you, just do a Google search for Jetman.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHYXrqoS08o>

### **Israeli Air Force F15 lands with one wing**

It's truly UNbelievable, but as they say, "Truth is stranger than fiction" and "Made in the U.S.A." still means Quality! Check out this video of a very lucky pair of F15 pilots who survive a training exercise midair and fly 10 miles home on one wing.



<http://www.sonnyradio.com/F15.html>

### **Idiots Stand on Runway While Plane Landing With Huge Crash**

Some people really should just stick to the flight simulator. Maybe the guys who spend 2 thousand hours building a scale warbird need to get out and fly a little more. Either way, this video is a hoot .



3 generations, what a great sight!



Simple can still be fun!



Just another beautiful day in the park!



First flight of the day

May 5<sup>th</sup> DLG contestants



Hide the women and children!



Tom Watson on approach



Another successful flight !



Tom K just before a mega launch!