

VALLEY FLYERS

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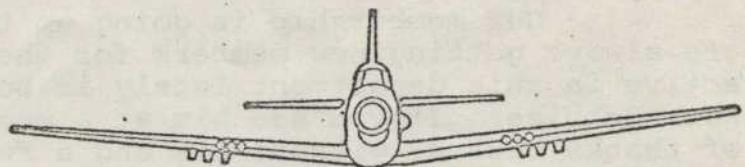
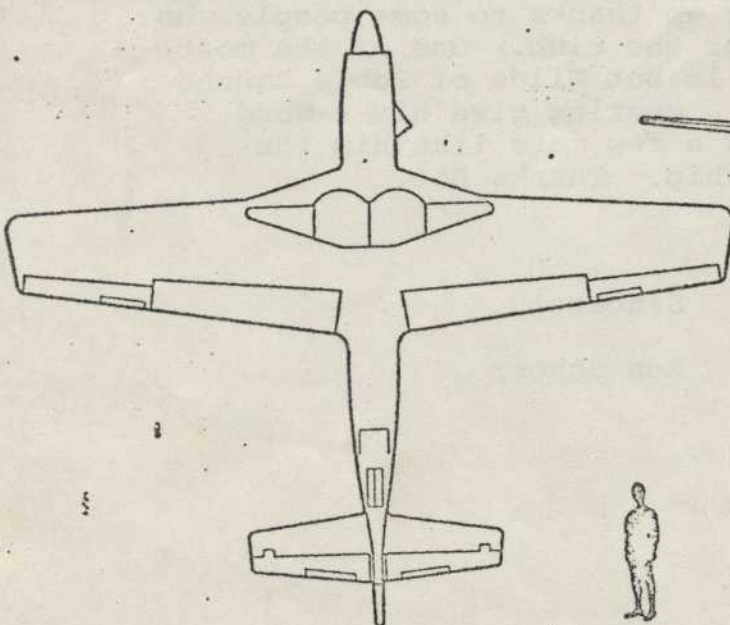
Enforcer

Piper Aircraft Corporation; Lock Haven Pennsylvania 17745

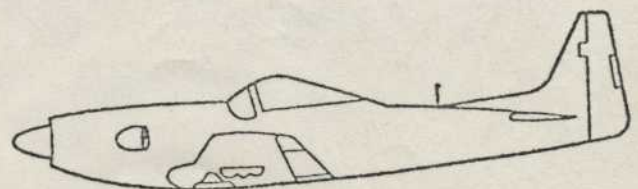
Starting with the number one fighter aircraft of World War II, Cavalier and Piper have added smooth turboprop power, an improved high-visibility canopy, wingtip fuel tanks, and a larger payload capability to come up with the "Enforcer," a potent counterinsurgency update of an aircraft that once dominated every battle it fought.

Technical Data

PRIMARY FUNCTION Counterinsurgency Air Support; SERVICE USERS Foreign; PERFORMANCE Speed: Approximately 400 mph; Ceiling: approximately 20,000 feet; Range: approximately 2400 miles ferry; ARMAMENT Guns: six 50 caliber machine guns; Ordnance: approximately 12,000 lbs. bombs and rockets; Missiles: possibly AIM-9; DIMENSIONS Span: approximately 41'; Length approximately 33'; Height: approximately 14'; Weight: approximately 7,200 lbs. empty; DEVELOPMENT F-51: original WW II Fighter; AF-51: possible "Enforcer" designation, noting attack modifications.



PROVISIONAL



President's Page

Wow, what a month!! With the Pylon season starting on April 22, 1972 the rush was on in the shops of the Valley Flyers Pylon Racers. Almost everyone was feverishly building their new bird. Before we knew it, it was Friday, April 21. I decided not to fly my new airplane at Whittier Narrows due to the terrible flying site. This may sound like sour grapes but more planes are lost at Whittier Narrows due to field conditions than anywhere else in Southern California, so I stuck my gear in an old bird and was ready. At 1:00 on Friday afternoon my telephone rang. It was Bob Smith. Please go up to Clarence Lee's and get my engines as it is getting late and I don't have my radios in yet. O.K. Bob. Now it's 5:30 in the afternoon. We arrive at the Basin. There were so many pylon racers there we could have held a contest of our own. Larry Leonard, Wayne Wainwright, Bob Smith, Bob Bleadon and Whit Stockwell were there. The still evening air was broken by the roar of the screaming 40's. The sun was fading fast and as Wayne was about to make his test flight the buildings in the background had already turned on their lights. With all this rushing this group of great people still found time to help one another. Charlie Smith worked all night and test flew at 6 the following morning.

In the membership of any club there are a few people who continuously do the work and when the time comes that we ask for help we just plain can't get any. How sad! The non-competitive members of the club would be doing themselves a great favor by pitching in and helping once in a while. It would give those who plan and do the work a feeling that it's worth it and they would put themselves out a hell of a lot more. When we can't get enough help to run our own contest and have to depend on other clubs for help it's just not right. Enough said.

Our membership is going up thanks to some people who are always getting new members for the club. One of the most active in this department lately is Bob Wilde of Bob's Rancho Park Hobbies. If you see him at a meeting give him a word of thanks because without him and a few more like him the club would be far down in membership. Thanks Bob.

Sincerely,

Ron Schorr

I've wanted to write an article for the Valley Fliers Newsletter for some time, but somehow I didn't know what to write about until an episode happened recently that I call-----

THE TRIAL

The room fairly buzzed with activity, quiet pleasant conversation, nods of agreement. Anticipation of coming events seemed to preoccupy most people, so when the Judge entered, a stern, big man, chairs were quickly filled and conversation dribbled off.

For there were seven on trial that night. Probably a record, for even the oldest juror couldn't remember when the last trial had been held, much less how many were tried.

The preliminaries were quickly dispensed with, mere formalities to be acted out, rather than deeds of importance, and the trial began.

This brand of justice was unusual in that it required the defendents to identify themselves to the jurors personally, rather than through attorneys. Another unique quirk of this trial was the defendents were not informed of the charges against them, if any, and were required to leave the room for the jury to decide, yea or nay. Other courts require the jury to retire to deliberate, but because of the size of this jury, this, of course, was impossible.

When the defendents had left the room, the arguments, pro and con, began. Most jurors seemed content to accept five of the accused as not guilty, but when it came to the last two, the accusations came hot and heavy. One, Gene Sidwell was charged with being a troublemaker and rabble rouser in general, the other, Jerry Krainock, guilty of same by fact of association. A juror, after emotional debate, in fact declared he'd resign if Mr. Sidwell were not found guilty and condemned to exile. Questions of legality of procedure were raised - and ignored - with all gusto of a good old lynching. Motions, countermotions, amended motions and aborted motions only added to the chaos now prevailing, and the trial wore on.

A vote of acceptance was called for by the Judge, of the two aforementioned, but the laws stated that 2/3 of the jurors must approve the acceptance. No provision was made for those wanting to abstain from voting, nor was a nay vote required, since these two men failed to receive a 2/3 yea vote. This, of course, was tantamount to being guilty until proven innocent, with no opportunity offered for these men to defend themselves against charges they hadn't even been confronted with. Justice, was being more swift than sure, and the trial was nearly over. It was time to inform the defendents of the decision of the jury, but no

one seemed to want the task of telling them of their sentence - in fact it was suggested we inform them by mail! The judge swallowed hard and ruled he'd tell the defendants of the jury's decision, and he did.

The trial, at last, was over.

By-laws are the legal backbone of a club. Their verbiage indicates what can and cannot be done - in plain English. Copies of By-Laws are usually provided to every club member in some other clubs, but for some reason, have been as scarce as hen's teeth for the Valley Fliers.

Our By-Laws stipulate (hearsay only, I didn't have a copy) that an increase in dues must be approved by the majority of the membership before it can be initiated. This rule was flexed a little when a dues increase was imposed on the membership early this year, without askance, and later approved in the form of a vote of confidence for President Ron Shorr.

If one By-Law can be flexed a little at convenience, why are we suddenly being hard nosed about new members having to pass a 2/3 approval of general membership? Some of us, it seems, are hard nosed when it's convenient to be.

You know fellas, I sort of doubt many of us could pass a 2/3 muster after 3 prominent club members stood up and bad mouthed us, without being able to hear or defend ourselves against charges brought. I don't know either of the gentlemen recently rejected for club membership very well, certainly not well enough to be friends, but I recognize a "railroad" job when I see it. Those of us who abstained from voting are as guilty as those who voted nay, as an abstention was regarded as a nay vote. A precedent has been set, and I hope we'll be able to live it down. Mr. Sidwell and Mr. Krainock, you have my respect for conducting yourselves as gentlemen under very trying circumstances.

*NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY,
MAY 9, 1972 8:00 P.M.*

ENCINO WOMAN'S CLUB

EDITOR'S PAGE

by Larry Rosenberg

I received a guest editorial from Ron Glem for this month's newsletter which may prove to be a bit controversial, but it evidently is meant as a sincere expression of the writer's views and it certainly is written in good taste. As I stated in my first newsletter this year, you members are entitled (even coaxed) to express your views in this newsletter. After all, it is the club's official communication system. Your views need not coincide with anyone else's, so long as they are expressed in a reasonable manner.

I feel that there are several points in Ron's writeup that require some clarification. To quote a well known personality "Let me be perfectly clear about one thing !! ", it was at the rather forcefully expressed wishes of the membership that the by-laws were exhumed and read. Although this was brought about by the dues increase for this year, it was stated several times at the March meeting that good or bad, the by-laws existed and should be followed. Sobeit. The by-laws were exhumed, perused, and an attempt was made to begin implementation of same

So far as the dues increase being passed by a vote of confidence for the President: Although a formal vote was not held concerning the dues increase, and although the by-laws state that such a vote shall be held, the by-laws also clearly state that the club shall be fiscally sound and not operate in the red. If one wants to enforce the by-laws a-posteriori, then probably most of us are no longer officially club members. Clearly one cannot make membership qualifications a retroactive proposition, one can only try to enforce the charter from this time forward.

The 2/3 majority vote to accept the members is anormal procedure. The nay votes could well have been counted, but to little avail. When the by-laws stipulate that a 2/3 majority is required for membership it is not a case of being guilty until proven innocent, it is merely a case of following said rules. There is nothing unusual in this, a potential member is applying for membership and must receive a certain "vote of confidence", if you will, from the members. It is much the same as

attempting to pass a bond issue on the ballot. If you get enough votes it passes, if not, it doesn't.

Although I am not myself cognizant of all of the facts concerning Mr. Sidwell and Mr. Krainock, I have read enough little articles in the L.A. Times by these individuals to have some second thoughts concerning them becoming members. I also have heard some very vivid accounts of what has transpired at several of the LAHMA meetings, from people that WERE at the meetings, to make me wonder. I personally do not believe the "railroad charge", but I can see where someone who has not been in on the struggle that the Valley Flyers have fought for about the past three years in order to maintain a field in the basin might think that a "railroad job" was indeed in process.

Perhaps our by-laws need updating and dissemination. This can be attended to. But let us give the club officers an opportunity to assimilate the present ones. Remember, it was the rank and file that demanded that the by-laws be found and enforced, not the officers.

PICTURE PAGE OF THE ROOKIE RACES

- 1- Loretta Hall receiving plaque from Joe Bridi for finishing in the top 20.
- 2- Tom Cone receiving 5th.place trophy from Joe Bridi
- 3- Loretta Hall getting ready to start her K & K Ballerina, S & O radio, Howard (Poppa Chicken) Reed holding.
- 4- Tom Cone and his "Midget Mustang".
- 5- Kent Nogy (right), his cousin Joe Nogy and "Miss Dara". 4th. place winner.

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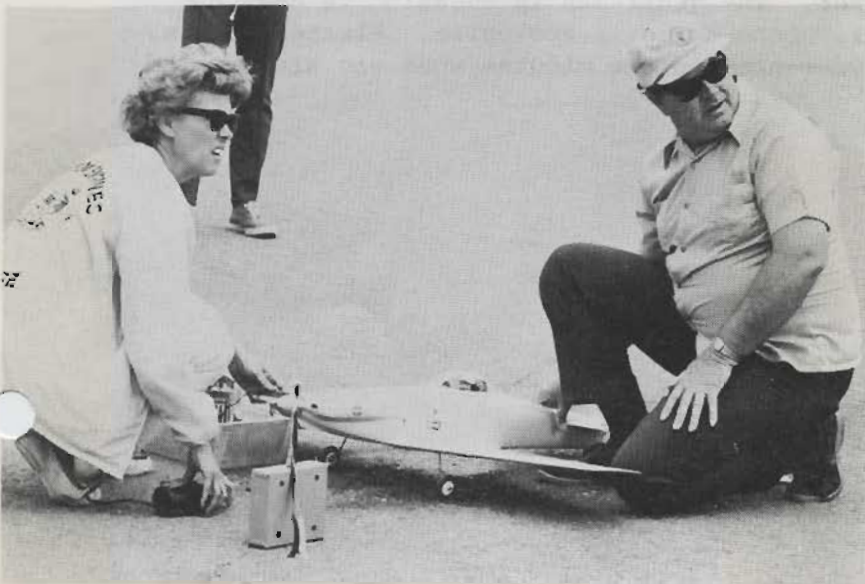
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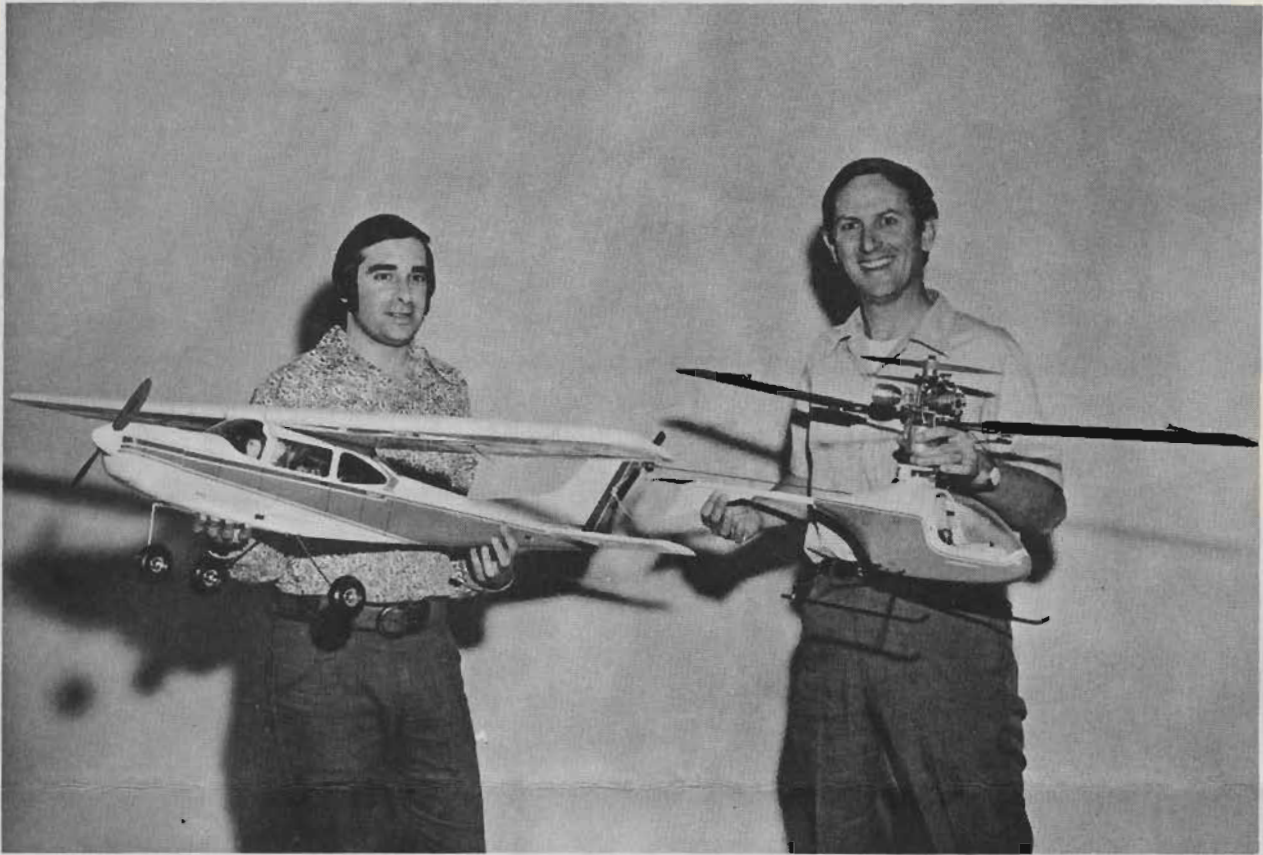
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Here are the first winners in our model of the month event. On the right we have Nate Rambo with his Dubro Helicopter. On the left we have an anonymous gentleman whose name I have been unable to obtain. My sincere apologies, but this gentleman is one of our new members and not known to too many of us yet. His airplane is an outstanding Goldberg Skylane. The airplane really is a work of art, much too pretty for a trainer. The gentleman in question is new to R/C, but is an old time U/C builder. Once again, I apologize. Please fellows, make sure that the secretary gets your name in the minutes when you are singled out for something such as this.



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Nats Back to Glenview

April 21, 1972

Navy Says

NATS DATES:

"One More Time"!

JULY 24 - 30

In a dramatic reversal of an earlier decision the Navy has decided that one more Nats can be hosted, as a 25th Anniversary closeout to the program which began in 1948. The reversal was in response to an AMA request for reconsideration, based on the lateness of the March decision to discontinue Navy participation.

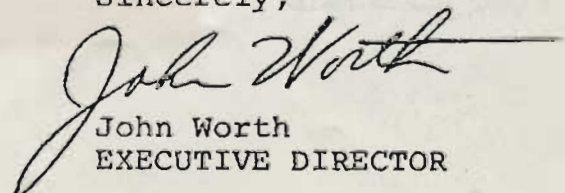
The AMA position was that 1972 Nats planning had progressed almost too far to call off -- hundreds of AMA contestants and officials had already arranged vacations, trophies were already being ordered, entry forms were in final stages of preparation, a Navy Nats poster painting had already been completed. In addition AMA offered to cover direct Navy expenses for the event (typically from 10 to 15 thousand dollars) and to provide all personnel except those required for security (crowd control).

We also expressed a desire to declare Navy Appreciation Week for the Nats, in grateful tribute to 25 wonderful years of hosting -- we felt it was too ungraceful for the Nats to simply fade away or go elsewhere without a chance to say thanks in a fitting manner.

The Navy took all this into account and agreed that despite a more severe than ever budget situation one more Nats could be accommodated. So Glenview Naval Air Station, near Chicago, is to be the scene just once more for a Nats. This will give us the time we need to make a smooth transition to a non-Navy Nats in 1973.

Meanwhile, the theme for the 1972 Nats is obvious:
" THANKS, NAVY!"

Sincerely,


John Worth
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR