

VALLEY FLYERS

NEWSLETTER '72



A nice shot of our Model of the Month for the September meeting. Phil Brietling and Roger Owens with Roger's new Formula I ship. Construction by Phil with finish by Roger.

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by Larry Rosenberg

I'm sorry that I had to miss the last meeting, for it evidently was a pretty lively one. Apparently the suggestion of utilizing a sort of "Executive Board" to administer the club aroused some comment. There are pro and con viewpoints in this issue of the newsletter and I suggest that you all read both sides of this question as there will be a by-laws vote at the next meeting.

Dick Sonheim made a motion that 3 board members be elected to the 1973 board for a two year period, and that 3 of the present board members remain for an additional year. The six board members would then elect who would hold the various offices. Each year thereafter 3 new board members would be elected to the board to replace those members who have served 2 years as officers. This motion will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Bob Wilde and Ron Clem have revised the by-laws, along with the help of Tom Meade. Basically they have edited out much of the excess verbiage, along with incorporating a few changes. The major changes are as follows:

Acceptance of new members by acclamation, if no dissenting opinion.

No secret vote on membership applications.

New definition of the Board of Directors.

Reduction of elected officers to four, no CD or Editor by election.

Definition of authority of the President to contribute up to \$50.00 for any cause that will further the cause of Aero Modeling in behalf of the Valley Flyers.

Sliding dues structure with incremental steps permitted on a yearly basis without the necessity of a by-laws vote.

It is felt by the board that the upcoming vote on the Executive board and the fact that the present board is about to end its reign calls for any by-law modifications to be postponed until the newly elected board is installed. It hardly seems fair for the outgoing board to set up new rules for the incoming board to live by. Also, the changes to the by-laws are extensive enough to require re-printing of same for distribution to the members for their perusal.

The October meeting will also be the night of our annual club auction. Bring all of those goodies that you would like to dispose of and have some fun at the sale. Ron Clem has again volunteered to run the auction, lets see if we can get him a bit more action this time.

This is also the meeting to bring your money to for the Christmas Party. The tickets are \$9.25 per person for a gala evening at The Castaways. This really is a beautiful restaurant and the food is quite good, as are the drinks. We need a reasonable number of people to make this evening a success, so lets see a bit more club spirit. It seems unreasonable for the members to complain about the club, when they are not even willing to get involved enough to attend our only real social event of the year.

See you at the meeting
Larry

MEETING! OCT. 10, '72. ENCINO WOMAN'S CLUB
8:00 P.M. BE THERE ???

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF A SIX

MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

by: Loretta Hall

A Six Member Executive Board would be staggered. Three new members would be elected each year and three would remain. This would mean that each elected club official would serve for two years. The membership of the club would elect the Board Members and the choosing or electing of the specific officers within the Board would be done by the board.

My reasons for suggesting this plan are as follows:

1. Better utilization of talent: As our elections now stand, a man must either serve in the office to which he is elected or he must decline the nomination. I wonder how often a candidate has declined the nomination of a specific office because he felt that he was not qualified to do the job, but who would gladly have run for some other office had he been nominated. It would be most difficult for most of us to stand up at a meeting and say "I'd be a lousy treasurer but I'd sure be a great president". The executive Board would eliminate this problem.
2. Better Coordination: As our elections now stand, we have a complete new set of officers each year. These new officers must start from scratch and learn everything anew that the outgoing men already know. This makes for much reduced efficiency during the first part of every year. The Executive Board would eliminate this problem with the three-man overlap.
3. Less Confusion: As our elections now stand, every year when new officers take over the bank account is changed to a new bank, the records are moved to a new location, the accounting system is changed. Things lost. It is logical to assume that by moving records less often we would have better control, by moving bank accounts less often we would lose less interest, by retaining the same accounting system we would have better financial control. The Executive Board would accomplish these things.
4. More Varied Program: As our elections now stand, we have four key people on our executive board; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This gives us the viewpoint, the interests and the methods of only four men. If all four happen to be interested in only one phase of our hobby we can expect the club activities to be slanted strongly towards this phase. Not intentionally perhaps, but slanted nevertheless. By adding two more men to the board we are adding odds in favor of a more widely diversified interest group. Carrying this theory one step further, with some thoughtful nominating we could try to see that all phases of our hobby were represented.
5. More Interesting Meetings: With a larger executive board all normal business for the club could be conducted at the Board level and only issues that needed a vote of the full membership need be presented at the club meetings. This would eliminate long, dull business meetings and allow us to get back to more about airplanes.
6. Lighter Executive Work Load: Sharing a given amount of work among six instead of four officers would lighten the load on all.

To summarize; with all of the things we have to gain: Better utilization, Better coordination, less confusion, more variety, better meetings, and less work for the officers, it would seem to me that the proposed plan is surely worth a try.

This executive Board method is not new and is certainly not my idea. The BIRDS

club have been using it most successfully for some time now. When they adopted this plan they had all of the same problems that we now have and many of them were solved by this method.... I therefore respectfully ask that you consider it.

Loretta Hall

ARGUMENTS AGAINST A SIX

MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD

by: Ron Clem

Con/ kan/ adv; in opposition, against.

Above is the dictionary's explanation of the word "con". For every "pro" there must be a "con", and I'd like to present this side to you about a subject that was brought up at the last meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend that meeting, let me bring you up to date. A motion was made by Dick Sonheim for a change in procedure of electing our club officers and their length of tenure of office. This motion could not be legally voted upon because of a conflict with by-laws requirements stating that all members shall be notified in advance of an impending change in by-laws. The motion as presented to the club reads: : 3 board members to be elected to the 1973 board for a 2 year period, and that 3 present board members remain for an additional year. The 6 board members would then elect who would hold the various offices. Each year thereafter 3 new members would be elected to the board to replace the members who have served 2 years as officers".

The theory behind the proposal seems to be to establish continuity of thought and leadership and to lessen the burden on each individual. It has been said that when a club officer completes his term of office under our existing system he is burned out, used up, disgusted, etc. Most past club officers will agree to this so it is at least a little illogical to assume that a 2 year term of office will improve work loads or attitudes. After all, there will still be our regular club officers, just like always, and they will probably have as much work load as they presently have. As far as continuity of thought, experience, etc., we presently have all of that with our current board of directors, comprised of older, wiser, past club officers who are called upon for advice and steering from time to time. Something to think about is if the proposal is voted in we have lost the ability to choose who will be elected to a certain office. For instance you might think that Joe Bloe will make a good secretary, but not a club president. The same analogy can be applied to all the offices we elect people to.

Another thing is with this proposal we are faced each year with the difficult task of finding 3 capable willing members to run for the office of president, since no one knows beforehand which of the newly elected 3 will be president. The proposal says the individual officers will be appointed to their respective offices, remember? Another point to consider is the complicated change of by-laws necessary to fit this piece of legislation in. A change in such a basic thing as election procedures involves more than just plucking out the old paragraph and inserting the new. Everything dealing with the subject throughout 8 (count 'em) lengthy pages of by-laws must be changed to establish continuity of rhyme and reason.

Clearly this proposal is ill timed, though with good intentions, too close for comfort to election of officers, and HAS NOT been given the necessary thought for a proper presentation to the club for a by-laws change. Having served on a by-laws committee authorized by the Board of Directors, I have a pretty good idea of just what the by-laws contain. This same committee has spent 4 long evenings recently

attempting to modernize or streamline our present by-laws. Our efforts have resulted in eliminating about $3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 pages of unnecessary rules and perhaps the recommendations will be presented about the 1st. of the year. By-laws, as a subject, are very dull and tend to put people to sleep, but they are the rules set up by the people who started this club and they are the rules we are compelled to abide by. If we don't care for the rules we can always change them so long as the majority of us feel the same way. Which brings us up to date.

A by-laws change has been proposed for the next meeting. Be there if you care, but please be prepared to spend the time necessary to properly make the change. Fussing around with verbiage at a meeting can be time consuming and frustrating to all concerned. Vote any way that you think best, but VOTE. There were an awful lot of people who didn't vote either way at the last meeting, for one reason or another. Ask yourselves this- If YOU were running for a club office, how long a term would you want? One year or two?

Ron Clem

To cap off this volatile subject, I am enclosing a letter written by Betty Stream of the BIRDS, to Loretta Hall. It describes her experience with the executive board type of club government over a ten year span.

Larry

WESTERN STATES PYLON CHAMPIONSHIPS----- Tracy Airport September 23-24

by Ed Hotelling

Perfect weather, except the wind was not right down the runway, plus a fabulous site attracted 59 pilots to Formula I (entry fee \$10.00) and 23 pilots to FAI racing (entry fee \$5.00). The high entry fees were used to pay the crew and give cash awards to the top five in each event. Everybody seemed to be going faster, especially Bob Smith and Kent Nogy (in his first year of racing), who both had new Miss Dara's weighing b# 1 oz. Bob Smith's consistency was fantastic, because in five rounds of Formula I, he never flew slower than 1:30. Bob's best three times were 1:24.6, 1:24.7, and 1:24.8 !!!!! The first five in Formula I won all their races, so places were decided on the basis of times. Results were:

<u>Formula I</u>	<u>Fastest Times</u>	
1 Bob Smith	1:24.6	1:24.7 New Record
2 Kent Nogy	1:24.6,	1:26.1 New Record
3 Dan McCan (Comets)	1:26.7	
4 Chuck Smith	1:28.5	
5 Ed Foster	1:40	
<u>FAI EVENT</u>		
1 Gary Korpi	1:51.9	
2 Jeff Bertken	2:00	
3 Joe Foster	2:01	
4 Terry Prather	1:55	
5 Paul Benezra	1:52	

Top four flew Miss Dara's

September 20, 1972

Dear Loretta -

After I had mailed the by-laws I was reading over the section regarding the board and it doesn't really explain very much, so here is a brief explanation of how it works.

We have nine members on the board, three of which leave each year to be replaced by three new members, thus leaving two-thirds of the board composed of experienced members. As the by-laws state, the board elects the officers, not the club as a whole.

To start off this system, you elect nine people - three for three years, three for two years, and three for one year. Thus at the end of one year, three people leave and three more are elected for a three year term; at the end of two years, the two year people leave to be replaced by new members to serve three years; and at the end of three years, the three year people leave - and with the addition of three new people, you have a full board that will have been elected to full three year terms, and the rotation is ready to work.

My recommendation, however, is that if you can get along with six people and make the term of office two years, you will be much better off. You will still have experienced people on the board, but that third year gets to be a drag.

Your only problem would be an even number of people as in the case of tie votes. In my ten years of experience attending board meetings, we've never even come close to a tie - most things are decided by gentleman's agreements.

If you need any more information, don't hesitate to call. My home number is 429-1281 where I can usually be reached after 6 and my office number is 636-2239.

Both the ARCS in Phoenix and DCRC in Washington DC have used this method as a basis for setting up their club administration, adding their own ideas. They like the way it works and I'm sure after you have worked out a system that will work for your club, you will, too.

Betty

CONTEST REPORT

by: Jim Oddino

Last weekend I had the honor of attending the 1972 Masters Tournament in Huntsville, Alabama. This contest is becoming "the" contest of the year since it is here that the three flyers who will represent the United States in the World Championships are selected. This year the Rocket City RC Club was selected to host the contest and it will be tough for another club to conduct a better one. The RCRC club is blessed with an outstanding flying site which used to be the municipal airport. They also have the full support of the city fathers, television, and the newspapers, etc., but the thing that really made it, of course, was an outstanding group of individuals who put in a lot of hard work.

A first class program was prepared which contained pictures and data on all the contestants. It also described what was going on for the benefit of the spectators who hadn't seen RC Pattern flying before.

The weather was typical of the area, hot and humid, but clouds kept the temperatures from becoming unbearable. There was rain all around us but we got only a few sprinkles. The wind was light but there was a lot of turbulence which I'm sure hurt Phil Kraft and Joe Bridi. It was always the wrong direction for me. If I'm ever going to be any good I guess that I have to find a new place to practise unless someone has a way of making the wind blow the other direction once in a while in the basin.

Through the first four rounds it looked like Norm Page, Ron Chidgey and Steve Ellison were the U.S. Team. Norm hung on to first but Jim Martin and Jim Whitley put in some outstanding flights in the last two rounds to grab second and third. Kraft had a chance right up until the last flight but couldn't quite make it and finished seventh. Joe Bridi did a fine job and finished a respectable tenth. The complete list is attached. Some names you may not have heard before that look like they could go all the way in the next couple of years include Steve Ellison and Dave Brown. Both look great.

The top flyers were all flying airplanes that they are noted for and I might add, quite distinct from one another. Page has a modified Mach I, Martin his Banshee, and Whitley Daddy Rabbit IX or X.

Jim Kirkland had a new airplane called Nut Cracker which looked like a very streamlined Intruder. The trend is still to fast, big, maneuvers, which brings us to engines.

While Webras were probably still the most numerous, the consensus was that they are slipping. The Blue Head Supertigres with 25% Nitro and the new H.P.'s with a giant carburetor were really honkin' and seemed to be pretty smooth.

Pro Line had the most radios and while there were some problems, nobody crashed either in practise or during the contest.

The mayor came out to the Saturday night banquet and presented each contestant with a souvineer pocket knife engraved with his name and the official 1972 Masters emblem. The weekend was topped off when Jim Whitley showed us how to eat Catfish and Hush Puppies on Sunday night.

I had a nice flight back with Doc Brooke and his wife. Doc retained his spot as top dentist in RC Pattern, which is quite an accomplishment. I'm starting to plot my comeback, but I'm not sure I want to pay the price. Dave Brown flew in seventeen

contests this summer and figures he put in over 1500 flights. I'm sure that is more than I've flown in the last five years.

As long as we have people with this dedication, I'm sure that the United States will be well represented at the World Championships.

Jim

RESULTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Norm Page	1	Arthue Azlin	21
Jim Martin	2	Jim Oddino	22
Jim Whitley	3	George Hill	23
Ron Chidgey	4	Denis Donohue	24
Steve Ellison	5	Henry Walker	25
Jim Kirkland	6	Wayne Abernethy	26
Phil Kraft	7	George Albright	27
Dave Brown	8	Jim Grier	28
Ralph Brooke	9	Jerry Worth	29
Joe Bridi	10	Ted White	30
Olin Koger	11	Don Downing	31
Alan Dupler	12	Cal Scully	32
Don Lowe	13	Steve Buck	33
Michael Mueller	14		
Ed Keck	15		
Don Coleman	16		
L.D. Penrod	17		
Steve Helms	18		
Tony Bonetti	19		
William Richards	20		

The next Internats team thereby consists of:

Norm Page Jim Martin Jim Whitley

Best of luck to our new internats team.

UPCOMING CONTESTS (to the best of my knowledge)

Oct 7-8	Stunt Contest, San Gabriel Valley Flyers, Whittier Narrows
Oct 8	Stand Off Scale, Cordova Modelers, Mather AFB
Oct 15	Sport Pylon (Ugly Stick, Sport Plane, $\frac{1}{4}$ Midget) Cordova Modelers, Mather AFB
Oct 22	Stunt or Sport Contest, Penninsula Chan. Comm. Half Moon Bay
Oct 28-29	Formula I only (So Cal points) BIRDS, Los Alinitos
Nov 4-5	Formula I only (So Cal points) San Gabriel Val Flyrs, Whittier Narrows
Nov 12	Fly-In, Rancho Cordova Modelers, Mather AFB

President's Page

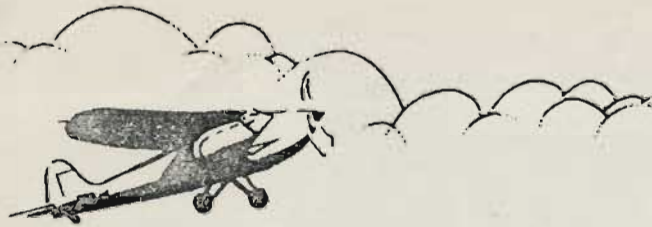
Here it is election time again. It hardly seems possible. It will soon be time to turn the reins over to the next President. At this time I would like to thank the people on my board and our editor for they have all done a magnificent job. Be sure to attend our October meeting as some very important decisions are to be made concerning future elections.

Don't forget the auction. Bring your goodies and money to buy some of the fabulous deals.

In case you don't know we are having a Christmas Party. It will be Saturday, December 9th at the Castaway's Restaurant in Burbank. Come one, Come all, Lets have a ball. Bring money to buy tickets. Lets get in the spirit. Hic-cup, Hic-cup, Hic-cup.

Sincerely,

Ron Schorr



MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATING STANDARDS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION



1. PURPOSE

This advisory circular outlines safety standards for operators of model aircraft, and encourages voluntary compliance with these standards.

2. BACKGROUND

Attention has been drawn to the increase in model aircraft operations, and the need for added caution in the case of free-flight and radio-controlled types to avoid creating a noise nuisance or a potential hazard to full-scale aircraft and persons and property on the surface.

3. OPERATING STANDARDS

Modelers, generally, are concerned about safety and do exercise good judgment when flying model aircraft. However, in the interest of avoiding undue criticism from affected communities and airspace users, compliance with the following standards is encouraged by operators of radio-controlled and free-flight models.

- a. Exercise vigilance for full-scale aircraft (get other people to help if possible) so as not to create a collision hazard.
- b. Select an operating site at a sufficient distance from populated areas to avoid creating a noise problem or a potential hazard.
- c. Do not fly higher than 400 feet above the surface.
- d. Do not operate closer than three miles from the boundary of an airport unless permitted to do so by the appropriate air traffic control facility in the case of an airport for which a control zone has been designated, or by the airport manager in the case of other airports.
- e. Do not hesitate to ask for assistance in complying with these guidelines at the airport traffic control tower, or air route traffic control center nearest the site of the proposed operations.

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