

# VALLEY FLYERS

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## NEWSLETTER '73



Calby Evett and his beautiful Corsair as seen at the January meeting.  
Winner of the January Model of the Month Trophy

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well, our first meeting has come and gone and I must say that it was quite an experience for me. The members of the board put many hours of thought and preparation into what we hoped could be a "good" meeting kickoff for the coming year. I'm very pleased to say "thanks" to all of you, especially those who took the time to come up and tell myself and other board members that it was a good meeting and that this coming year looks like it can be a "fun" year. Frankly, up till the coffee break, I had the feeling I was dying on my feet. I was apparently wrong and now I can only promise to do my best to help to see that we have a banner year with your help, confidence and support.

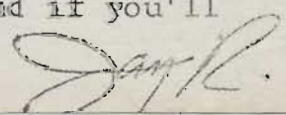
We have our plans well formed for our upcoming Feb. 25<sup>TH</sup> "Barnstormin" contest and it looks like the kind of event that all who attend, spectator or flyer, can enjoy because the event should bring out spectacular flying by the many talented people around. We need you at this event in either category, so please come and have a try or look and applaud your favorite competitor.

Don't forget about getting your quarter midget or 1/2 A racer ready for our Mar. 18<sup>TH</sup> contest. That's one where you don't have to be an expert to compete and be competitive. It's definitely the kind of racing to have a lot of fun in. We're working on the "speed trials" for April and hope to have that come to pass. We'll keep you posted on that one.

I hope to have club business cards for all the members by the February meeting, but if not, definitely by the March meeting. It's looking good for jackets and shirts by the March meeting, again, we'll have more on this at the February meeting. Looks like we'll be having a dandy of a raffle in February, with A Fox Eagle '60' being one of the prizes. Finally, Feb's entertainment should be fantastic and out of sight. We'll be seeing A 16mm sound film called "We came to win" which was shot at the international aerobatic championships in Paris last year. We thank Jim Hamman for that.

One or two more thoughts and then I'll let you get back to whatever you were building. You all remember that the dues went up last year, but maybe you haven't thought about the benefits we will derive from that. We are going to have the bucks to accomplish many things we weren't able to consider in the past. We'll now have the scrapebook we should have had a long time ago, we'll have business cards to help advertise our club, we'll have trophies for our "model of the month contest", and many other similar things that do require funds. We can thank Ron Schorr for having the foresight and guts to push the dues increase through and make these things possible. Last, remember to come prepared to pay your dues in February so that you're not stuck paying the \$15 fee in March.

Thanks again for the many votes of confidence and if you'll wear you'll wear your badges, I'll be extra happy!



EDITOR'S PAGE

by: Larry Rosenberg

Well, the new year is with us and let us hope that it turns out to be a good one for all. Our club got off to what I feel is a good start at the January meeting. The meeting progressed quickly, with a minimum of business discussed, and these present seemed to enjoy themselves.

As most of you that were present at the January meeting probably discerned, the theme of the club this year is "ACTION". Your board already has a pretty full schedule of club events planned for this coming season and it remains only for the membership to overcome its lethargy and participate. Your board has tried to plan events for everyone, neophyte or old-pro. Many of the events are scheduled to be one day contests, which the board feels will promote more participation on the part of the membership. Events are planned for all levels of flying skill with only one thought in mind, that being that the members are entitled to enjoy themselves while pursuing their favorite hobby.

The monthly meetings are constructed to encompass a minimum of business and a maximum of entertainment for the membership. Although the entertainment at the last meeting consisted of edited home movies supplied by yours truly, they seemed to be enjoyed by most of the people present. I hope that all of you appreciated the technical expertise that I exhibited by having the new bulb in my projector explode at precisely the same instant that the last frame of film passed through the projector. It sure woke everybody up.

For the February meeting, we are fortunate enough to have obtained the Cox/Pennzoil movies of the last Aerobatics Championships. These should prove to be most enjoyable. We also are going to have a demonstration of Monokote Application Techniques by a gentleman whose name I have been unable to obtain. I have been told that he is a real expert at applying Monokote however, so it should be an interesting presentation.

More information concerning the Club Jackets will be forthcoming at the February meeting, as will information on more club identification material. Two of the raffle prizes will be a .60 RC engine and an ACE Biplane kit, both nice items. Just don't put the .60 in the ACE biplane!

The newest gimmick at the meetings is the awarding of an engraved trophy for the Model of the Month. Colby Evett won the first of these at the January meeting with his Corsair, and we will be awarding one a month from now on. Bring your newest creation and win a nice trophy for the closet or shelf at home.

See you at the meeting:

Larry

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FOR SALE: Series '71 Kraft 4. KPS-11 servos, 1972 fast charge airborne pack.  
Dual Frequency, 2 stick, 72.4/72.96  
\$265.00 Jeff Baxer 349-3471

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1973 CONTEST SCHEDULE

Feb 18 KAOS Races- BIRDS  
 Feb 25 Freestyle Aerobatics- Valley Flyers

March 18  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ A Pylon Races- Valley Flyers  
 March 24-25 Pattern- BIRDS

April 15 Speed Trials- Valley Flyers  
 April 28-29 Pattern - Ventura Comets  
 April 28-29 Formula I Pylon Races- SGVF at Whittier Narrows or Mile Square

May 19-20 Formula I- Valley Flyers at Mile Square  
 May 26-28 Pattern and Sport Scale- Madera

June 9-10 Formula I- Bakersfield  
 June 23-24 Pattern- Valley Flyers

July 2-11 Pattern and Open Pylon- BIRDS at Mexico City- \$237.00  
 July 15 FAI Pylon Racing- BIRDS at Mile Square  
 July 15 Fun Fli and Barbeque- members only- Valley Flyers

Aug 12 Sport Scale- Valley Flyers  
 Aug 18-19 Formula I - FAST Club at Mile Square  
 Aug 25-26 Scale- Pioneers at Morgan Hill, Sacramento

Sept 1-2 Pattern - HOST ?  
 Sept 8-9 Formula I- RC Bees at Mile Square  
 Sept 15-16 Air Circus- SGVF at Whittier Narrows  
 Sept 29-30 Formula I - Western States Championships at Tracey

Oct 6-7 Pattern- SGVF at Whittier Narrows  
 Oct 13-14 Formula I - Valley Flyers

Nov 3-4 Formula I - BIRDS at Mile Square  
 Nov 23-24 Formula I - NMPRA Championship Races

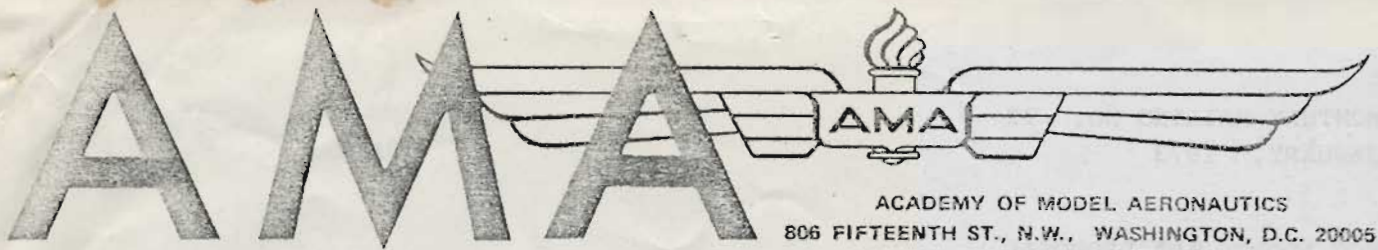
The above constitutes the contest schedule to the best of my knowledge. I will attempt to update the schedule as frequently as is warranted. Please notify me of any missed or added events.

Editor

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEB 13, 1973

ENCINO WOMAN'S CLUB 8:00 P.M.

BRING 1973 DUES



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## monthly mailing

TO: CHARTERED CLUBS, MODEL PRESS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,  
CONTEST BOARDS, CONTEST COORDINATORS, NEWSLETTERS

Reprinting of items from this AMA Monthly Mailing is encouraged, particularly by club newsletter editors. This publication basically reflects the AMA HQ viewpoint and is written by the AMA Executive Director, except when other names are credited.

THE INFORMATION HEREIN IS FOR ALL AMA MEMBERS. IF REPRINTING IS NOT FEASIBLE PLEASE QUOTE AT CLUB MEETINGS OR PASS AROUND. PLEASE DO NOT BURY IN YOUR PERSONAL FILE!

FAA REVERSES NOISE STAND -- TEMPORARILY

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Last month we reported how the Federal Aviation Administration halted, without warning, the issuance of certificates for home-built and other aircraft. The action was intended to require submission of evidence concerning noise characteristics of such new aircraft. The action was short-lived. Upon challenge by the Experimental Aircraft Association as to the FAA's authority to issue such an order in such a manner, the FAA quickly reversed itself. The order was rescinded as premature and not in accordance with the time-table of the new federal noise control act.

But the warning is still very clear. The FAA acted too hastily but with obvious intent to get into the noise control business. The law requires a study to be made first, before the FAA can take specific action. The time-table for the study suggests that we can expect something specific in the latter half of '73. So the current situation is to hold off the inevitable for about six months, after which we can expect the FAA to spell out its specific intent concerning noise control of aircraft. From previous indications it seems reasonable to assume that model aircraft flying will get a share of attention -- the FAA has already shown concern on this subject by its reference to noise in the current advisory circular on model aircraft operating 'standards'.

AMA officers intend to be in on the ground floor of this subject, to help influence the direction and degree of any FAA action so as to minimize interference with model flying. Legal counsel is already studying the problem and what can be done to keep it from getting bigger. The EAA has led the way, in showing how a national association can act on behalf of its membership and AMA has close liaison with that organization to coordinate efforts of mutual interest.

This cooperation is a side benefit of being part of the family of organizations related to the National Aeronautic Association. Through this relationship we are combining the weight of members with the know-how in each organization. Fortunately, there is time to prepare and develop positions over the next few months. Hopefully a crisis and panic situation can be avoided, but everyone should be aware that engine noise is a problem that will not be avoided much longer.

## FCC ADOPTS AMA PROPOSAL

The FCC News for January 5 contained the following:

" Amateur rules for remote control of models relaxed by FCC. Rules exempting amateur radio stations (50-54 Mhz) used only for remote control of model craft and vehicles from certain logging, identification and notification requirements have been relaxed by the FCC (Docket 19572). The action amends Part 97 of the rules and is effective immediately. The rulemaking notice, adopted August 16, 1972 was initiated in response to a proposal by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The AMA stated that the rules governing the Amateur Radio Service were unduly restrictive when applied to radio remote control of model aircraft. The new rules provide for the exemption of transmitters with a maximum mean power output of one watt, used only for transmitting signals for the control of a remote model craft or vehicle. The transmitters must be suitably identified with a card or plate. Also no longer required are station identification, notification of portable operation, and logging times of transmission. Requests by AMA for similar exemption for telemetering were denied. The Commission said it was sympathetic with AMA's request but that the request was not adequately supported."

## HIGHER FEES FOR FCC LICENSES?

Among a list of fees to be upped by the FCC are two items which would affect AMA'ers. The first is to increase the basic FCC license fee from \$20 to \$25 (for 5 years, for either individual or club license). The second is to have the license fee to apply only to the first five transmitters -- for each one above five an additional dollar would be required.

Past history suggests that the increases will go through despite any and all opposition. No word yet on when. AMA opposes any increase unless accompanied by a serious effort on the part of the FCC to enforce legal operation -- such enforcement has been sadly lacking; especially in the area of Citizens Band communications, which interfere with model operations in many cases.

Such lack of enforcement may even negate the FCC's own fee increase as applied to club licenses. There is no policing or registration of transmitters under the club license, so that the dollar extra per transmitter over five may be meaningless -- who's to say which five transmitters the license applies to at any given time?

## CLUB LICENSES - PRO &amp; CON

Inquiries to AMA HQ frequently ask for AMA's official position concerning club FCC licenses. The answer is that club licenses are a good supplement but not a long range replacement for individual licenses. Club licenses make it easy for newcomers to be introduced to RC and club activities; they also are a good interim solution for continuity of flying if an individual license expires before a new one has been issued.

A WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR -- The OFFICERS and STAFF of the Academy of Model Aeroanautics join me in hoping that the NEW YEAR, 1973, will be one of happiness and pleasure for each of the many thousands of AMA members and their loved ones! We will all work to help make that possible.

A GOOD AMA START FOR 1973, IN PITTSBURGH -- Killing two birds with one stone, the Pittsburgh ARCS AMA CHARTERED CLUB organized two nights of high-level activities for AMA business and social fun. On January 12th a very well attended District III AMA meeting was held at the University of Pittsburgh. An excellent number of clubs and modelers of all flying categories were represented. This was AMA carrying the action to the membership! The top area officer, District III Vice-President Ron Morgan, headed up the team of AMA officers who attended to answer questions about AMA. This gave individual members and club representatives a chance to speak first-hand with those responsible for the running of AMA. Other top AMA officers attending were Earl Witt, AMA Secretary-Treasurer, John Worth, Executive Director, and as President I enjoyed a chance to meet directly with members and club representatives.

SATURDAY NIGHT, January 13th, the ARCS hosted everyone (including their good looking wives) to their famous Spaghetti Banquet, which is strictly a fun affair. Besides the good food, jolly speakers, awards, and hilarious entertainment, the ARCS furthered model aviation by inviting AMA's officials and the officers of all the area model clubs. Clubs in other parts of the country could well afford to follow the ARCS' pattern!

Both of the Pittsburgh "big nights" were highlighted by the showing of AMA's sparkling new 16mm sound movie of the 1971 RC World Championships. The "father" of this superb 28-minute photographic gem, AMA member Jay Gerber, can grin with pride, as YOU will when you see the film. AMA already has several copies of the film for distribution to AMA Chartered Clubs, but priority will be given for quite some time to those clubs which will act as area hosts and bring in all the nearby clubs to view the film. With a limited number of prints we need to have the film shown to the largest possible audiences. Follow the PITTSBURGH ARCS' example, and pick up the leadership in your area. Contact AMA HQ about the film.

This film is an excellent "image" device, making model aviation look properly mature and exciting, and hopefully will be seen on nation-wide television at an early date. This is all part of the present intensive effort on AMA's part to be of service to model aviation and to the entire AMA membership. "Image" is important! Do your part!

John Worth and I owe deep thanks to Pittsburgh ARCS members Ralph Pennetti and Phil Catanzaro and their families for feeding, sleeping, and entertaining the two of us while in Pittsburgh. Was wonderful!

ALL OF THIS AMA ACTIVITY from the heavily Italian group in Pittsburgh inspired me to note that perhaps the initials "AMA" actually stand for "AT'SA MY ASSOCIATION".

CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION FROM THE PRESIDENT -- If you are learning to read, why not practice by reading instructions!!!

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTION UNOPPOSED -- Since the past election there has been some comment criticizing the fact that several candidates ran unopposed. These criticisms are very interesting. Of course, the reason the candidates ran unopposed was because there were simply no names offered to run against them! NO ONE ELSE VOLUNTEERED or had his name presented, and no one bothered to find qualified prospects and present their names. Of interesting note is the fact that several of the loudest protesters are presidents or ranking officers of large clubs or associations, yet THEY DID NOT VOLUNTEER THEMSELVES, or offer any other nominees. They waited until it was all over to protest, when the nominating procedures had been printed in all

AMA publications well in advance of the deadline required by AMA's official procedures.

Anyone objecting to the way the election was run SIMPLY NEEDS TO DO HIS HOMEWORK BETTER, because all election procedure is spelled out plainly in a document which has been printed a number of times. You say you aren't familiar with this document or the AMA by-laws, or don't have a copy? If so, and you feel so capable of criticizing and advising, at least be interested enough to invest an 8¢ stamp and write AMA Headquarters for a copy of the nomination procedures and the by-laws. Under these procedures, if anyone runs unopposed IT CERTAINLY IS NOT HIS FAULT, BUT YOURS for not seeing that he has an opponent.

Personally I ALSO feel that no candidate should run unopposed, unless he has done such a fine job that the membership would like to see him serve again, and endorses him by public acknowledgment that there is no one else worthy of consideration.

IF YOU DISAGREE with the entire election procedure you should recommend a change to your District Vice-President, as the Executive Council is responsible for this document under authority provided by the by-laws. DO YOUR HOMEWORK, to be sure you are right, and then if you see fit, act; BUT PLEASE, only in the proper manner. DON'T BE JUST A FAULT-FINDER!

THANKFULLY, THE MAGAZINE CONTROVERSY will soon be brought to a close. This controversy, brought on editorially by the editor of one of the model publications, has been the most time consuming, and most expensive thing that AMA has ever been involved in. We will never be able to calculate how much time has been lost from other needed duties by the headquarters staff and the elected officers. Thankfully the matter will be finalized at the upcoming Executive Council Meeting February 17th at AMA Headquarters in Washington. By that time we will certainly have heard from all interested parties. All opinions offered by members and clubs and all offers from publishers will be deeply studied and thoroughly considered. The Executive Council will then vote, per their right and responsibility, as declared in the by-laws under Articles XI and XIII. THE COUNCIL'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL, and the members WILL ABIDE BY THIS DECISION, as the most advisable path considering the ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, and ignoring individual, group, or category interests.

These decisions will be made by the fourteen-man Executive Council, made up of the finest and most experienced members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, from all over the entire country, and with a tremendous overall knowledge of the needs of the organization. These are the members who were ELECTED BY YOU TO MAKE YOUR ASSOCIATION'S DECISIONS. This action is authorized by the by-laws of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. SHOULD YOU NOT AGREE to abide by the Council's actions relative to the by-laws, I can suggest two alternatives. The by-laws can be legally amended, per Article XV of those by-laws should you see fit to pursue this path. The other alternative is pretty obvious. You accept compromise, and live with the decisions for the present, and then see that officers more to your liking and thinking are elected at the next opportunity. Of course there could be the extreme (hopefully we are all bigger than this) where you are SO unhappy that for your own pleasure and AMA's progress you should seek another hobby.

BEING ELECTED YOUR PRESIDENT obligated me to become familiar with AMA's by-laws. If you are going to involve yourself in AMA's affairs in any way, critically or productively, I suggest that you do the same.

During all the recent controversy we have received every kind of mail. On top of the selfish, thoughtless, and often insulting mail, came a NICE WARM FLOOD of letters recognizing the sincerity and devotion with which we officers serve, and how keenly we feel our responsibilities to protect you and your investment with the wisest guidance that it is within our power to give. My thanks for these expressions of faith!

John E. Clemens  
AMA PRESIDENT



1120 Shady Lane  
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January 3, 1973

To: District AMA Officers, Charter Club Officers, interested members  
Re: Seventh Annual District XI AMA Meeting, February 10, 1973

Gentlemen:

For the seventh consecutive year, District XI officers are planning to hold an all-district AMA meeting to discuss and plan matters of interest and importance to modelers of the Northwest. In addition to the usual reports, this year will feature discussions on two topics of timely importance:

1. A discussion on the Controlline Contest Board nominations and a rationale for selection of district appointed officers, and 2. An open discussion with questions and answers on the AMA-AAM issue. A complete agenda is listed below.

The location is the Holiday Inn Restaurant. Dinner at 7 p.m., with the banquet room bar open at 6:15 p.m. Dinner price is in the \$4.00 range. Address is 10 N. Weidler St., Portland, Oregon. The location is directly across the street from the Memorial Coliseum just off I-5 (almost directly across the Willamette River from the site of last year's meeting). The date is February 10, 1973.

All Chartered Clubs are asked to send at least one representative to the District Meeting, although any area AMA member is welcome to attend. It is requested that each club bring a tentative contest calendar and ideas from the membership for improvement of operations of the district. Ideas and suggestions from this meeting will be heavily considered the following weekend when the AMA Executive Council has its Winter Council Meeting in Washington, D. C.

Since the dinner price is reasonable, and the distance within 200 or so miles from all Western District locations, perhaps the club treasury will stand for some of the expense.

Agenda for Seventh-Annual All-District Meeting (tentative)

1. Spokane Internats Report
2. Boeing Scholarship Contest Report
3. Contest Board Member Reports
4. Controlline Contest Board Discussion
5. AMA-AAM Discussion- Q & A.
6. Contest Scheduling and Coordinating
7. N.W.F.F.C.
8. New Contest Sanctioning Specifications
9. Items from the floor.

I hope to see you February 10. If you have questions, call me at 928-8101 or write to the above address.

Sincerely,

Bob

ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS  
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TO: MODEL PRESS PUBLISHERS (AAM, FM,  
MAN, MB, RCM)  
FROM: JOHN WORTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DATE: JANUARY 15, 1973  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESPONSE - AMA PUBLICATION

On Dec. 15, 1972 copies of an AMA letter to Mr. John A. Williams were sent to all model press publishers, with a note that their reaction was desired by AMA. The letter to Mr. Williams suggested that AMA is willing to sell subscriptions (at a discount) to members, of those magazines which would agree to publish the AMA news each month.

In other words, for those publishers who printed the AMA news free (provided to them by AMA ready to use) AMA would include on the membership form a list of magazine choices -- the member could then order through AMA whatever magazine he desired and at whatever price the particular publisher was willing to sell (hopefully at a discount).

No response has been heard as yet from any publisher concerning this suggestion, but a response is still desired by the AMA Executive Council before it meets on Feb. 17.

Also desired is a response to the following, which is a new idea not previously explored:

1. Two publishers have offered to publish 8 pages per month of AMA news at no charge to AMA even though they have indicated that to do so would cost them each about a thousand dollars per month in paper and printing costs. One of the council reactions to this has been that such a situation would weigh against long term continuation of such an offer -- the cost would act as a deterrent.
2. It has therefore been proposed by an AMA officer that to offset this factor the AMA should pay all five publishers \$1,000 per month to guarantee publication of the AMA news. Under such an arrangement AMA would obtain maximum exposure to potential new members yet the cost would be about half what has been spent to date by AMA to buy one magazine for its members: Five magazines multiplied by \$1,000 per month totals \$60,000. AMA has spent twice that in 1972 (including postage) to provide an official publication for its members.
3. It seems safe to assume that AMA members now buy at least one of the five major publications in this field. If so, there would be no need to provide, separately, an AMA publication unless it would be significantly different, provided that all -- or perhaps most -- of the model press published the AMA news. For those who might object to having to pay for a commercial magazine to get the AMA news, AMA would provide a reprint of the AMA publication copy at a separate charge.
4. Under such an arrangement the AMA dues could be \$12 for those who get one of the five publications on their own, or \$15 for those who would have the 8 pages of AMA news sent to them by AMA.

5. For those publishers who offer to sell their magazines at a discount to AMA members, as most do now, AMA would act as a subscription agency and sell the magazines, either through the AMA Supply and Service order blank as now or by including the offers along with the membership application.
6. For those publishers who would want AMA to provide mailing labels for member-subscribers, this could be done if an additional discount were given to AMA for services rendered -- AMA has computer output capability for providing mailing tapes or labels.

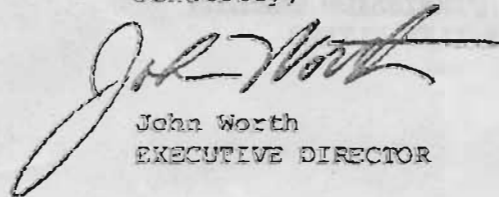
As with the letter to Mr. Williams (additional copy enclosed to publishers) a response is desired at AMA HQ before the council meets on Feb. 17. To enable copies to be made for council distribution it would be especially helpful if replies could be timed to arrive at HQ by Feb. 15 (Thursday).

Still one more response would be helpful if received by the same date: it has been frequently heard that each of the magazines would be willing to print free each month a one-page AMA ad, if AMA published its own house organ instead of having its publication within a commercial magazine. This, however, is something we hesitate to take for granted.

Walt Schroder has said he would provide such an ad and Don Dewey has provided such ads until recently. To bring the subject up to date so that the AMA council has the latest information, this is to request your current inclination on the matter of free ads.

As this is written only about 30 days remain before the council meets to chart AMA's future course concerning publications. Your response to this memo is urgently requested to help determine that course with the most complete information available.

Sincerely,



John Worth  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR