

VALLEY FLYERS

OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER



Model-of-the-Month Award winner Scott Johnson is shown with his Formula 1 Li'l Toni and his Li'l Jeanine Jehelka. The Toni is powered by a Lee Custom rear exhaust K&B engine and is guided by an RS radio. The model is finished in yellow and red Super Poxylite like the Super Dara shown by Scotty Smithwick who claims he did it first. Scott totalled out this model at the Basin during the final lap of his final heat in a spectacular mid-air that dropped him to 2nd Place Standard.

PRESIDENT: RON CLEM

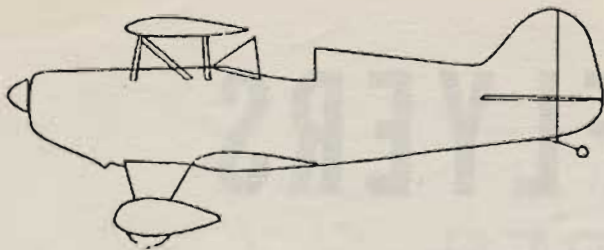
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* PRESIDENT'S PAGE *

Along about this time every year, the board members whose terms are due to expire start dreaming about the pleasant things of life- like building and flying model airplanes! For some reason or another, this year has passed painfully slow for me, and I, for one, will be happy to join the ranks of troops who sit out there in the crowd and listen to the meetings once again. So, here we are, it's nominations time again. Traditionally we have a very poor turnout for nominating and electing club officers. I'm sure that most clubs have the same problem. On the other hand, if you are one of the people who have sat on the sidelines griping about what wasn't done, here's your chance to see that the folks you want on the board get elected. This is the only way to get programs started that you'd like, is to elect people who share your views. In other words- THIS AND THE NEXT MEETING (OCT. & NOV.) ARE IMPORTANT, SO GET OUT AND VOTE, TURKEYS!!!

If you haven't heard, the AMA has purchased the land in Hutchison, Kansas, as of August 6, 1975 according to John Worth. This land is to (as I understand it) start an AMA model museum, and possible Mats site. John also informed that the proposed USA organization initiated by Don Dewey of RCM, is not going to happen. I haven't heard anything to the contrary, so I have to assume this is true. It's too bad, as I honestly believe there is room for two organizations such as AMA, and it would do us, the paying public, a lot of good to have an air of competition in this field.

The challenge that the BIRDS club has thrown us has been accepted. Many years ago, the Valley Flyers and the BIRDS got together in a fun fly contest, and they called it a "Shootout". This year, it has been revived, and we, the Valley Flyers, say that the BIRDS can't even fly, much less compete, so to you BIRDS who will get this message- come on up to the Sepulveda Basin on November 15 (tentative date), and get shutdown, wiped out, and sent packing. After all, who has the Shootout trophy now? US! AND, WE INTEND TO KEEP IT!!! For you guys who wanted a fun fly contest, here you are. There will be four events, two selected by us (the good guys), and two selected by them, (the bad guys). Get your airplanes in shape to compete! Most accumulated points will decide which club takes the trophy, and we have no doubts as to who that's going to be, right?

Next meeting's entertainment is scheduled to be John Perry, of Perry Aeromotive Carburetor fame. He'll be talking about any problems you may have with his carb, and about the new "pump" engine. And for November's entertainment, we have a surprise for you which we'll announce at a later date, but I promise, it'll be a dilly. Make a special effort to come to the next two meetings- they're really important for the club. Next meeting, October 14, Encino Women's Club. Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 p.m. (give or take 20 minutes!) See you then.

Don

Club members present at the September meeting and others reporting by mail and phone gave an overwhelming vote of confidence for maintaining the Newsletter in the present format. Only a few indicated willingness to elimination of the cover photo, and none of the more austere suggestions gained any favor. That helps set the course.

A nice letter was received from Betty Stream of the BIRD Club who had gone to the trouble to obtain a price quotation from a printer in her area. She spoke strongly of the value of a club newsletter in communications with the membership. She indicated that if she had a vote she would vote for.....censored...!

I am pleased to report that during the September meeting we accepted the membership of Sherl Hopkins who recently became manager (?) of a printing shop in Burbank. Being recently addicted to R/C modeling Sherl agreed to do the Newsletter printing for his cost. With Mike Stecker still doing our photo work for free it looks like we will still be able to keep the same newsletter format for under \$50.00 per month. That's a real break and a timely one, at that. THANKS.

The 1976 Competition Interest Survey results stacked up like this. Funfly(16 votes), Formula 1 (14 votes), Pattern (12 votes), Sport Scale (11 votes), Biplane-Quickie 500-1/2 A Pylon (each 9 votes). There was minimal or no interest in Helicopter, 1/4 Midget or AMA Scale.

From this data I would guess that we can expect about the same 5 to 15 V/F members will participate in next years club sponsored events. It appears that about 15 % of the membership is interested in competing in the events. An awful lot of work went into conducting the 1975 contests for the benefit of so few. But, if that's the will of the majority - so be it. If the interest survey truly represents the 15 % active minority, I wonder what the large (85 %) majority really would like to see. Make your desires known to your Directors!

Hey, I heard a good one the other day!! I would like to change the name of the Club to SEAGULLS. Why? For the benefit of those young folks from the post-WW II era the US Army Air Corp(Later known as USAF) Colonels with eagle insignia were sometimes called BIRD Colonels and at other times were called SEAGULLS. A SEAGULL is a BIRD that sits on the post all day, craps on everything, and only flies when some one throws rocks at him. How about it for SEAGULLS!!!

Show-and-Tell Time brought forth a goodly supply of beautiful models. First, Scott Johnson told about his new Li'l Toni (Prather kit) which replaces the one he clobbered at Chula Vista. Why use an old engine when a NEW Lee Custom rear exhaust K&B can be had? (See cover). Scotty Smithwick brought his new Super Dara with a new rear exh. K&B. It is finished with yellow and red Super Poxy. Laird Owens revealed some of his speed secrets in telling of his Quickie 200. It's scratch designed and built with dope and Jap tissue covering with Super Poxy clear top coat and weighs 19 oz. Larry Watson showed his pretty LR-1A finished in orange and yellow Super Poxy sporting a new rear exhaust K&B. Ed Hotelling brought two models. His modified Cosmic Wind was really skinny. He claims the blue Shoestring being kitted by CT Products from Ed Foster's design is the fastest model he has flown maybe it is, he took 2nd in expert with it at the Basin, so I guess it is fast. Ed.)

If you want to get your name in the Newsletter all you gotta' do is bring a model to the Show-and-Tell Time. Maybe you can get lucky and have the best or the only model there and win the trophy. BOB OWENS

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- Entertainment (1) John Perry will be at this meeting to discuss the new fuel pump. Sure you have all read about how great it is, so come on in and hear it from the source.
- (2) Another great raffle
- (3) Model of the month trophy will be awarded after show-and-tell time.

Contests for October

----	19-----	Quickie-500 --- CANCELLED	-----	Valley-Flyers-----	-----	Sepulveda-Basin--
	25-26	NMPRA Nationals		Dallas/Ft Worth		Mesquite, Texas
	26	Quickie 500		Tailspinners		Whittier Narrows
NEW	26	1/2 A Pylon		Valencia		Tailwinds

Contests for November

8-9	Pattern	San Gabreil RCL	Whittier Narrows
16	Quickie 500	BIRDS	BIRD Field Carson
28-29-30	1/4 Midget Natls.	Border Field	Chula Vista

New members for September are:

Walter Beam	310 Sinclair Ave #8	Glendale	91206	-
Bill Grove, Jr.	7162 Estepa Dr.	Tujunga	91042	353-0811
Sherl Hopkins	18350 Hatteras #245	Tarzana	91356	845-1556
Art Schneider	27044 Helmond Dr.	Agoura	91301	889-3349

WELCOME TO THE CLUB, FELLOWS.

HISTORY On the day of our next club meeting in 1947 Capt. Charles Yeager piloting the Bell X-1 was the first to exceed the speed of sound in level flight.

Be sure to renew your AMA Membership as soon as you can. Next months model magazines and this Newsletter will carry renewal applications for 1976.

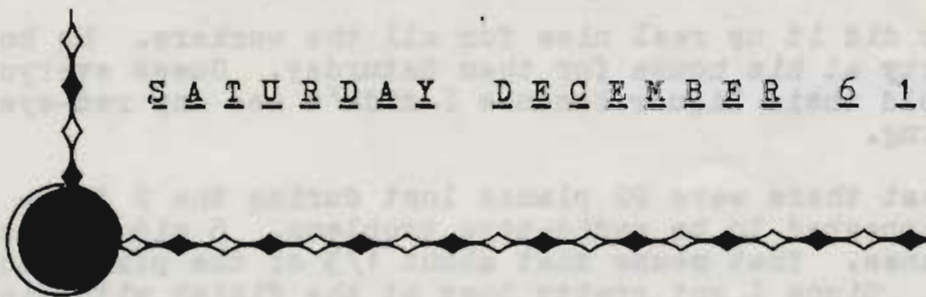
Save your money for the Christmas Dinner on December 6, 1975 at the Van Nuys Airport SKY TRAILS Restaurant. The 8 ounce steak dinner will cost \$6.50 including tax and tip. Tickets are being printed and will be on sale soon at you favorite hobby shop or from the Directors.

VALLEY FLYERS



Club Annual Christmas Party

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CONTEST REPORT - VALLEY FLYERS
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It was another "Crash-o-rama Spectacular" performed during two foggy-muggy days at the Basin. 32 standard and 29 experts signed up for the predicted 10 rounds of the greatest competition anywhere. An excess of experts on 72.400 resulted in 3 plane heat in that class. I wonder if everyone of these fellows ~~are~~ trying to avoid flying against Terry Prather. Charlie Smith and Kathy Smith (related) made up the heat cards and kept score while Len Katz did a beautiful job of managing the ready line and back up lines. He also called the action during the races via the public address, then promptly announced the results. Ron Schorr, Contest Director, kept things organized with only one re-fly to settle a protest. John Elgin helped with lap-counting. Valley Flyers were otherwise conspicuous for their absence from the working staff. However, some of the competitors who have learned to land properly and don't need the time between rounds for repairs, did get out to do some flagging. I didn't get all the names, but thanks to all that helped.

Scale judges took a pretty good look at the planes, including the UNDERNEATH side. The CD cautioned that models that bear numbers other than those of the flyer would be disqualified in the future. Also, because of the frequency conflict, it was announced that at the Whittier contest no more than 25 % of the entries would be accepted on any one frequency in one class. This will be handled on a first come-first served basis. There was an immediate demand for registration forms.

This was the most interesting event that I have ever attended because Laird and I had the LOKI put together right this time. When flying broke-off Saturday afternoon we were only one point down and could begin to smell the hareware. The kid did real good but a couple of cuts and a flame-out drug us down. (The only advantage that I have found in being the editor of this Newsletter is that I can write about my kid.)

Ron Schorr did it up real nice for all the workers. He hosted a dinner party at his house for them Saturday. Guess everyone was able to hold their liquor because I didn't see any red-eyes the next morning.

I heard that there were 22 planes lost during the 2 days. Only a couple appeared to be radio-type problems. 5 mid-air accounted for 10 planes. That means that about 1/3 of the planes entered were lost. Since I got pretty busy at the finish with minor repairs, preparing for a fifth place fly-off, then getting the camera set for the awards.....my note-taking suffered. The UNOFFICIAL final results and winners of the beautiful multi-colored wall plaques depicting a Reno Air Race scene were:

<u>EXPERT</u>	** Fastest time	<u>Standard</u>
1. Terry Prather	120.5 ST Lil Toni	1. Steve Kirshner 132.9 KB Lil Toni
2. Ed Hotelling	121.9 KB CT Shoes.	2. Scott Johnson 132.3 KB Lil Toni
3. Wes Morris	121.0 ST Lil Toni	3. Jerry Skoczylas 135.7 KB Bandito
4. Bob Smith	120.0 KB Dara	4. Bernie Workman 133.1 - -
5. Jeff Bertken	125.4 KB BEN Toni	5. Bob Emery - ST LR-1A
6. Jack Lee	124.0 KB D&S Rat	6. Laird Owens 136.2 ST Loki
7. Tom Tusing	**119.2 ST Lil Toni	7. Charlie Brown 134.3 - Bandito

Other V/F entries were: Gary Farish, Kent Nogy, Jay Replogle,
 Ron Schorr, and Scotty Smithwick.

Bob Owens

WHITTIER NARROWS CONTEST REPORT

The morning fog helped to keep the pilots' tempers cooled down at the Westrn States Championship Formula I pylon races. This event was co-sponsored by BIRD/SGVRCL/K&B Mfg on Sept 27/28. Valley Flyers Club members at the meet totalled eight and five were in the victory circle. Unofficial results are shown below. I failed to check the last round for lower times. Just look at those fast standard times - 6 below 1:30!

EXPERT TROPHIES				STANDARD TROPHIES			
	Eng	Plane	Time		Eng	Plane	Time
1. T. Prather **	ST	Toni	115.5	1. B. Emery	ST	LR-1A	126.4
2. M. Atzel, Jr	ST	Yoni	119.8	2. S. Kirshner	KB	Toni	131.0
3. R. Gilman	ST	Toni	117.3	3. S. Smithwick*	KB	Dara	142.2
4. J. Lee *	KB	DS Rat	119.9	4. J. Coffman	KB	Minnow	131.1
5. R. Van Baren	ST	Toni	127.4	5. T. Lopez	ST	Toni	126.0
6. J. Rogers	ST	Toni	119.3	6. B. Wilde *	ST	Dara	126.4
7. B. Hotelling	KB	Bandito	120.8	7. R. Hadaway	KB	Toni	127.0
8. T. Christopher	ST	T'Chick	125.6	8. L. Owens *	ST	Loki	131.6
9. D. Ruble	KB	Toni	123.0	9. J. Rouse	ST	Toni	125.5
10. R. Schorr *	KB	Dara	127.8	10. B. Workman	KB	Toni	128.8

* Valley Flyers Club Members

** Fastest Time and winner of the NMPRA Perpetual Trophy for his first time.

Other club members competing were: Gary Farish who crashed in the second round, continued with his back-up, but withdrew Sunday; Kent Nagy lost the wing of his Toni (short bolts) after the 3rd round when he rolled inverted; Bob Smith's fast time was 116.6 but 3 zeros kept him out of paydirt; Worthy of mention, according to Glen Spickler, was the groovy flying of 15 year old Laird Owens (until the crash at #3 when his brain became disengaged from his thumbs during an insurance lap following an extremely close race..Ed). Then his overnight repairs to race again Sunday reveals a true competitive spirit. BOB OWENS

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9. M. Smith	1:15.0	100.0	9. M. Smith	1:15.0	100.0
8. L. Jones	1:15.0	100.0	8. L. Jones	1:15.0	100.0
7. K. Brown	1:15.0	100.0	7. K. Brown	1:15.0	100.0
6. N. White	1:15.0	100.0	6. N. White	1:15.0	100.0
5. P. Green	1:15.0	100.0	5. P. Green	1:15.0	100.0
4. Q. Black	1:15.0	100.0	4. Q. Black	1:15.0	100.0
3. R. Gold	1:15.0	100.0	3. R. Gold	1:15.0	100.0
2. S. Silver	1:15.0	100.0	2. S. Silver	1:15.0	100.0
1. T. Copper	1:15.0	100.0	1. T. Copper	1:15.0	100.0

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** For a list and names of the Valley Flyers Club members, see the first page.

Other club members competing were: Gary Taylor and Graham in the 100 yard race, both finishing with his back-up, but without a finish. Gary Taylor was the winner of the 100 yard race when he rolled in the lead. Bob Taylor's last time was 1:15.0 and 3 years ago he was the winner of the 100 yard race. Gary Taylor is now the fastest flyer in the club. Gary Taylor is now the fastest flyer in the club. Gary Taylor is now the fastest flyer in the club.

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