# VALLEY FLYERS

MARCH 1976

# NEWSLETTER



John Pahlow won the MODEL OF THE MONTH award for February, with his stand-off sport scale Stearman in Navy colors. The Stearman was constructed from a Long Island Hobby Craft kit and is covered with prepainted Permagloss Coverite sprayed with urethane varnish to seal the decals and detailing. The 6-pound airplane has a K&B40, a Kraft 6 channel, and a Williams Brothers simulated radial engine. John scratch built the main landing gear and uses inexpensive dress snaps to removably attach to struts. The "how it's done" is inside, so turn the page and read on.

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If you have examined the 1976 contest calendar (there's one posted at the field) you have undoubtedly noticed that many contests are scheduled at the Basin. Whittier Narrows will be closed for major alterations until late summer, and the BIRDs have lost their field in Carson. The Basin will have to take the brunt of a heavy contest schedule for the early part of 1976. At times when there are no contests in progress many visitors are anticipated into our already crowded pits and airspace. To make matters a little tougher in the two month period (March and April) there are 3 two day events and a one day event. There is a free weekend between each contest.

So you can see time for sport flying will be severely restricted for the next two months. But after that period things will get back to normal with only 4, and possibly 6, contests for the remaining

8 months of the year.

I am asking for every Valley Flyer to be considerate and show courtesy toward every other flyer at the Basin, especially strangers. Talk it up with the new guys. You might make new friends or even learn something: Help out with frequency control in your pit; use your own frequency flag if one is not already in use. These guys are modelers, too. They are without a home for the time being and we must be willing to share what the L A Parks and Rec Dept has provided.

Everyone is reminded that the 200 foot ceiling is still in effect. We all know it is difficult to continuously adhere to this limit, and very little has been said except when full-size man carrying aircraft are in the immediate vacinity of the R/C field. Just recently a pilot reported to the Van Nuys Tower that while he was flying at 1800 feet (1000 feet above the Basin) a R/C model overtook and passed him. The FAA warned that a mid-air will result in immediate closure of the Basin to models. Case in point: Free-flights are banned from the Basin because too many have cruised thru the airport traffic pattern.

There is absolutely no excuse for such careless operation of models. We must police our ranks. We can't just standby and let some careless or inconsiderate modeler cause the Basin to be closed:!!

As President of the Valley Flyers, I charge each and every member with the responsibility to talk to anyone observed violating the 200 foot

the responsibility to talk to anyone observed violating the 200 foot altitude limit when a real aircraft is in the immediate vacinity or when excessive altitude is maintained. Explain the facts... everyone

join in to get the point across.

Last months 1/2 A pylon race at the Basin was probably the largest such event ever held--- 41 entries: A big reason was our "almost anything goes" airplane rules. My guess is that less than half the entries would comply with the standard rules (mostly on the basis of fus. cross-section, wheels and wing taper). That really didn't affect the outcome. Excellent piloting and hummin' TD engines caused a 3 plane fly-off for first place--Acord, Clem and Reidel---the usual winners. Clem's plane was the only non-stock model. It had a high aspect tapered wing. First time CD, John Elgin, did a bang-up job after a sluggish start. No protests, no reflies, no arguments. The fewer rules the better!! The only way to fly. Maybe we should stick to 1/2 A and forget Formula 500 and Formula I to save a few ulcers.

I haven't seen any ultimate speed jobs at the field yet. I've been doing a little thinking along the lines of the 1948 Sidewinder U-Control speed job pictured in my slide show at the last meeting. If that Bantam 19 ignition engine could push it up over 80 MPH what would a Lee Custom K&B 6.5 40 do??? Get it on, Guys.

Bot Owers

Since no one was able to work last month's puzzle, try this easy one. A high school freshman took two minutes to solve it.

#### QUERY?

The newsletter is printed by Sherl Hopkins, a new Valley Flyer whose Sir Speedy Printing Shop in Burbank is equipted for most printing needs. There was a time however when he had a glitchic in his press which would allow him to print a good page of the newsletter and then eat the next piece of paper. Since hungry glitchics get as mean as a wife who discovers an epoxy paint spill on her new coffee table, Sherl decided to feed it by printing enough pages on one side, to get our normal order of 175 copies printed on both sides. We had a four sheet, eight page newsletter that month. How many pieces of paper did Sherl feed to the glitchic when he printed the newsletter?

#### AVIATION HISTORY FOR MARCH

March 2, 1949 Completion of the first non-stop round-the-world flight by a Boeing B-50 at an average speed of 249 MPH.

March 17,1924 Starting from Clover Field Santa Monica, Calif. was the first successful round-the-world series of flights by four Douglas World Cruisers.

March 19, 1910 Orville Wright opened his first Wright Flying School at Montgomery, Alabama.

The Valley Flyer's Formula 500 race, contrary to the advance flyer, will be run with props furnished, Top Flite 9-6, and mufflers required. We have to run at least five heats so the first heat will start at or before 8:30. The 1976 rules will be applied to the letter. You will be required to certify your engine is stock. If you are caught cheating, you won't be welcome at a Valley Flyer's contest the rest of the year.

By now everyone should know that the McDonald Golden Arches were erected at the Basin For the filming of a commercial. There is to be no commercial building in the Basin

Start now to plan for the April Auction. Hobby Dealers, this is your chance to clean off those dead items. Like always, you can specify a minimum bid or refuse a Bid.

Georg Finish

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If your name isn't on the roster and you haven't paid your dues since the last meeting, this is your last newsletter. To pay your dues without coming to the next meeting, fill in the enclosed form and send it with a check in the proper amount to:

Tom Swift, Tresurer Valley Flyers
8509 Petaluma Dr.

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#### EDITOR'S PAGES

The March meeting will feature John Brodbeck Jr. who will "show and tell" the new K&B products. K&B is also donating a case of fuel for our Formula 500 race, Sunday, 14 March 1976.

The following is the California contest schedule for the next two months.

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14 Midget - RC Bees - Yorba Linda
3/7
       %A - Lodi
       NBSS - Sailplanes
       Form 500 - Valley Flyers - Sepulveda
3/14
       1/2A - Pioneers - Sunnyvale-or-Santa Clara PAL
3/21
       %A - Camarillo Flying Circus
3/21
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       SBSS - Sailplanes
3/27-28 Formula I - BIRD - Sepulveda
3/27-28 N/S Challenge - Pasa Robles - SCC
       Open Sport Pylon - Wavemasters - Coyote
3/23
4/4
       BIPES - EB RC
4/4
       NBSS - Sailplanes
4/10-11 Pattern - BIRD - Sepulveda
       Sailplanes - CMH - (Eagles Nest Rd.)
4/11
4/11
       Quickie 500 - CMM - Mather
4/18
       1/2A - CIMM
4/24-25 Form I - Valley Flyers - Sepulveda
4/24-25 BIPES & Sport Scale - RC Bees - Yorba Linda
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4/24-25 SBSS - Slope - RCM Trophy Race

### RESULTS OF THE VALLEY FLYERS 1/2 A PYLON RACE, 15 FEBRUARY 1976

		Points	Best Time	
lst	Ron Clem	16	1:28 )	in fly off Acord.
2nd	Art Riedel	16	1:43 )	flamed out while
3rd	Gary Acord	16	1:25)	leading.
4th	Bob Nickle	15	1:28	
5th	Tom Christopher	13	1:26 )	places determined by best time
6th	Chris Bitner	13	1:58 )	because of frequency conflict.

#### OVERHEARD DURING THE RACE

New racer having observed the pits: "Is there an amateur class?"

John Elgin: "Lunch! You want lunch? I still haven't got the matrix worked out for the first round."

Bob Smith: "It's what's up front that counts."
Kathy Smith: "You're telling me?"

George Finch: "My positive engine shut off was leaving the front collar loose on my Cox TD and it unscrewed right into the prop driver." (On lap 5.)

Bob Wilde: "If you don't pay your Hobby Shop bill, you're going to get two cuts before you get to pylon #1."

Bob Owens: "Get it up, Laird, don't turn yet, please fly higher, not so close, fly higher, go around, not through him, HIGHER, DUCK!

Sunday flyer: "The race is going to last until when?"

Laird Owens: "I just discovered that the engine runs longer if the carbureter is connected to the fuel pickup and the crankcase pressure fitting is connected to the fuel tank vent rather than vice versa."

Nate Rambo: "I turned my back to the starter, Len Katz, to fiddle with my transmitter neck strap when my ears and years of experience told me four aircraft had been launched. Mine was half way to Pylon #1 going straight as an arrow by the time I located it. It was the best start I had all day."

On the walkie-talkies: "This is breaker Haul'n Henry. Cut? Cut? Cut? Are you guys performing surgery by radio?"

Clare Clem: "Oh Ron, That was such a fine job of flying, I'm going to give you a BIG reward!"

Mike Stecker after his fourth heat: "So that's your trick for starting these little mothers." (He borrowed a Sullivan Starter and a Glow driver.)

Tom Mead: "How is it possible for me to get four O's? I have one of Clem's Tigercats!"

Tom Christopher: "Even though I have the low time, give Chris the fifth place trophy. I only have room for my first place trophies anyhow."

Thanks to Allied Hobbies and Norm Bell who donated a 1/2A Streaker and Mr. Mulligan, respectively, for first and second prizes.

Glantick

### A PYLON NOTES by Ed Berman. with RAM'S HORN

You need a hot fuel to help win in <sup>1</sup>2A Pylon. The home brew mixer often finds his plugs only last one or two heats, too. At that rate, winning can be very expensive. Bob Mikko tabulated some results for us that show the rpm obtained with various mixtures.

Fuel Mix:	Test A	Test B
65N-20U-15A-00P0	22,600	22,700
75N-20U-05A-00PO	22,400	22,0001
65N-20U-10A-05P0		22,900
75N-20U-00A-05P0	23,100	22,800
65N-20U-00A-15P0	$23,100^2$	23,100
60N-20U-00A-20P0	23,100	23,200

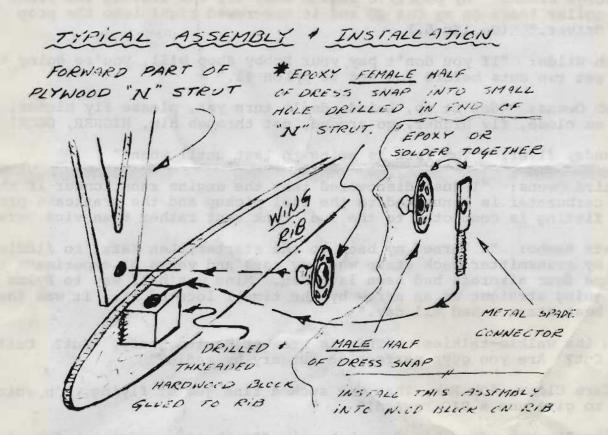
NOTES: 1. Could not keep running, hard starting.
2. Blew Pluq.

Test A was run on 12/27/75 in the evening, no rain. Test B was run 12/28/75, a rainy day.

N is Nitro Methane, U is U-Con lubricant, A is methanol and PO is propylene oxide.

Engine was a Cox TD .051 with one head gasket, prop was a 5x4 Cox Black, balanced, venturi was drilled out to 0.159" (#21 drill), pen bladder fuel tank.

There is only a 2.2% increase in rpm's between the 15% methanol mixture at the head of the list and the 20% propylene oxide mix at the end. Experience has shown that the 65N-15A mix is easier on the plugs and certainly seems the more reliable and economical route to go. I just wonder, though, about one of the California ½ pundits who related that he was doing just fine on commercial joy juice and beating the pack. I tried some 40N-40A commercial fuel and only turned 19,000 with the same set up as Bob. That's 16% slower than the above figures. Maybe it's time for a west coast challange so we can show the down-southers how it supposed to be done.



\* NOTE: USE LARGE SNAPS - 3/8" DIAMETER. PUT EPOXY ON OUTER EDGE OF SNAP ONLY - KEEP AWAY FROM SMALL "Z"-SPRING ON FEMALE SNAP.

JOHN L. PAHLOW

OBJECTIVE: The concept of the Half-A-Midget racing event is to run multiple R/C model airplane races while preserving the concept of a simple and safe racing event where the emphasis is placed on flying skill and speed that is relative from one aircraft to another rather than excessive overall speeds. GENERAL: All AMA and FCC regulations covering the R/C flyer, his aircraft, and equipment, shall be applicable to this event except as noted herein. There shall be no limitation on the type of radio equipment fitted to the aircraft with the exception that only 2 control surfaces shall be actuated, i.e., elevator and ailerons, or rudder and elevator. Each contestant should be allowed two (2) entries in this event. The second or alternate aircraft may be used only if the first aircraft is not safely flyable. Only the contestant who has entered the aircraft may pilot it in this event unless an alternate pilot is approved by the Contest Director. The alternate pilot must hold current AMA and FCC licenses. Consideration of safety of spectators, contest officials, and contestants is of paramount importance in this event. Any unsportmanlike conduct such as repetitive unsafe flying or intentional attempts to gain unfair advantage or rules violations shall be cause for disqualification of both aircraft and pilot from this event at the discretion of the contest Director. The decisions of a Contest Director or his designee relating to interpretation of these rules shall be final and binding on all contestants AIRCRAFT ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS: Maximum total nominal displacement shall be .0519 cubic inches. Engines must be production units assembled from factory-available parts. Engine and all parts, whether original or replacement, must have been produced in quantities greater than 1,000 units, and must be available through normal retail outlets in the U.S.A. or from the engine manufacturer. No ball bearing engines, tuned pipes, or exhaust extensions will be allowed in this event. No throttle shall be required. AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS: Aircraft must have canopy or cabin outline. No profil canopies will be permitted. A POSITIVE METHOD OF STOPPING THE ENGINE WHILE AIRBORNE WILL BE REQUIRED, (SUCH AS A FIXED PICK UP LINE IN THE FUEL TANK).
MUFFLER: At the discretion of the Contest Director and as notified in advance publicity prior to the contest, mufflers may be required, depending upon local operating conditions and restrictions. PROPELLERS: Either wooden or plastic type fixed pitch propellers are permitted. WEIGHT: Weight less fuel but including all equipment necessary for flight shall be not less than 20 oz. nor more than 32 oz.

FUSELAGE: The fuselage shall have a minimum cross section of 2-1/4" wide by FUSELAGE: The fuselage shall have a minimum cross section of 2-1/4" wide by 3-1/2" deep, (excluding filets) measured at the widest points.

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The minimum wing area including the area displaced by the fuselage shall be 200 sq. in. as measured from top side of wing. Wings shall be constant chord only, with no taper permitted. Minimum wing thickness shall be a constant 7/8". Wing tips may be added outside the 200 sq. in. planform and may be tapered if desired. BEVELED wing tips of 450 or so will be permitted.

WHEELS: A minimum of 2 wheels no smaller than 1" DIA. shall be used on all aircraft.No retractable or drop off landing gear or take off dollys will be permitted.

FUEL: There shall be no restrictions on fuel used for this event. There shall be no restrictions on fuel used for this event. IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS: Models competing in this event must bear identification markings at least 1" high. Identification markings shall consist of the capital markings at least 1" high. Identification markings shall consist of the capital letter N followed by the last two (2) or three (3) digits of the contestants' AMA number followed by the first letter of the contestants' last name. Markings shall be located either on both sides of the fuselage between wing trailing edge and stabilizer leading edge, or the upper right and lower left wing panel surface. No other identification marks are required.

MATERIALS AND WORNMANSHIP: There are no restrictions on materials used in construction of the aircraft. Workmanship must be to satisfactory standards. The Contest Director is empowered to disqualify any aircraft which, in his opinion, is not up to reasonably safe standards in materials, workmanship, detail design. not up to reasonably safe standards in materials, workmanship, detail design, equipment installation, or condition as a result of crash or damage.

OPERATION OF THE HALF - A MIDCET RACE: A maximum of four aircraft will be flown in each heat. The order of take off will be determined by drawing numbers, or simultaneous launch if all pilots agree on the latter method. Take off will be either hand launch or R.O.G. as determined by a majority of pilots; if field conditions permit either method to be used. If numbers are drawn for take off order, aircraft shall be flagged off at one-second intervals. Each heat will consist of ten complete laps of the racing course. (See sketch.) officials shall stand in close proximity to the pylone and the contestants, and use an appropriate method to notify a cut pylon to the flier in question. Engines must be started a maximum of 1-1/2 minutes after the signal to start is given. Any contestant not ready to race when the starting flag is dropped shall draw a zero for the heat. All laps are to be flown counter clockwise with turns to the left.

No minimum altitude is required for racing. If a pylon is cut by a contestant, that lap will not be counted. If two pylons are cut, the contestant will receive no score for that heat, and shall pull up and out of the race until the heat is finished.

All contestants must be given an equal number of opportunities to race.

SCORING: Points shall be awarded after each race as follows: four points for first place, three points for second place, two points for third place, and one point for fourth place.

The winner of the event is the contestant who has accumulated the most points after the conclusion of all heats.

