

THE VALLEY FLYER



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As you can see, the MODEL OF THE MONTH winners for September produced such large aircraft that it fouled up the picture into a wide short one. The winners were Mort Rosenthal holding the trophy, and Tom Cone and Tom Barber who collaborated on the 1/4 Scale Piper J-3 taking up most of the middle of the picture. My judges rebelled and refused to make a choice between Mort's Cessna Skylane which was beautifully done with a complete cockpit panel, an OS-60 four cycle engine and running lights and the J-3. The J-3 is powered by a chainsaw engine which is started by an Astroflight 25 which is connected to the engine by means of a cog belt and an override clutch. Tom had his Kraft transmitter converted so that it has a three position switch with the positions being "ignition off," "ignition on" and "start." When asked how much the arrangement cost, they both replied "don't ask." I also reminded Tom that it was a very rare J-3 that has an electric starting capability so that I doubted whether or not such a feature would gain him additional scale points. He replied with the suggestion that I grab the 22 inch diameter prop firmly as he had some adjustments to make to a transmitter switch. Also showing models were Gary Wah with his latest F.W. 190 and Laird Owens with his 1/2A Thunderchicken which weighs in unleaded at 17 ounces. The aircraft shown at the last meeting epitomize the reason for the MODEL OF THE MONTH contest and although two winners were chosen, with Tom gracefully allowing Mort to take the trophy, since he has a couple already, it was a shame that each of the presenters could not have received such a trophy for their interesting projects. There are only two MODEL OF THE MONTH contests left in the year, so bring your model if you think there is anything on it that would be of interest to the membership as a whole.

October '77

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What about the Flying Field?

Because of the vested interest the club has in the present and future operations at the basin flying site the board of directors at the last meeting requested Len Katz to bring it up to date on the situation regarding the rumored changes in the basin area. Due to the press of personal and business affairs Len requested the writer to summarize the situation. To the best of my ability here is the gist of what is known at present.

As will be noted on the plan shown at the bottom of the page, the control line areas have been completely wiped out and baseball diamonds are immediately adjacent to our landing strip. Of course overflying the ball diamonds while they were in use would be a no-no but impossible to keep from doing so.

Be advised however, that the plan shown below is only one of many that has been proposed, and they are continually being proposed, for alternate recreational use of the basin by various individuals and groups.

On Friday, Sept. 30 Len, and others, met with Joy Picus councilperson from this district. She assured Len and the group of her continued help to keep the field due to her conviction that areamodeling was a necessary part of recreational activities. She did state that at some later date pressure may be exerted to change from the present location to another site in the basin. In that event she will attempt to let the club and interested individuals provide input to site selection committee regarding such items as Van Nuys Airport interaction, proximity of homes and other pertinent factors.

Len and his group have already contacted Sen. Alan Cranston and requested his help with the Corps of Engineers regarding the situation.

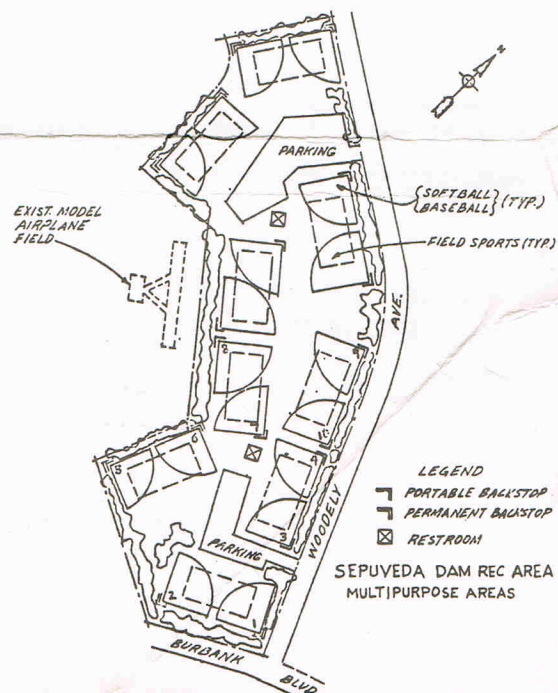
There has also been some talk of new Olympic swimming stadium being built on the exact site of the present field in the event Los Angeles is (un) lucky enough to get the 1984 Olympics. But as Ms. Picus stated, it will be some time - maybe 3 years before anything definite is resolved.

In the meantime each member should contact his councilman and request that he support Ms. Picus in her resolve to keep radio controlled model aircraft site in the Sepulveda Basin.

By the way the restrooms are still slated to go in approximately January 1978.

Bert Smith

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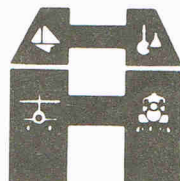


FINCH'S FLAK

This month's meeting, Tuesday, October 11, 1977, will feature as entertainment a presentation by Dr. Andrew Bauer who is an aerodynamicist at Douglas Aircraft Company and was present during the test flight and the final record-breaking flight of Aeroenvironment's man-powered airplane. His movies, which will be shown while he narrates, are the only movies available of the flight beside those purchased at great expense by the news media. Andy is a free-flight modeller and his son recently placed in at least four events at the NATS, so, he is familiar with those items most of interest to modellers.

This month the raffle will be furnished by:

Jay will also present new products, some of which may be included in the raffle. As some of you must know, Jay's Hobbyhouse is a hotbed of racing activity with Jay being the slowest flying heat winner I have ever seen.



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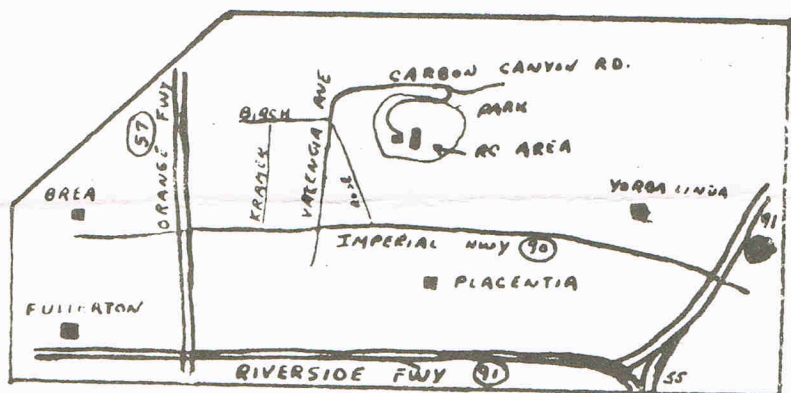
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Well, fans, we've finally had a contest that made some money. The two-day Western States 1/2A Pylon Championships was a success for almost everyone, sorry Ron! The weather was great and the GLH racing team, all on the same frequency, did a pretty good number of everyone until the frequency gods struck Bob Nickle from the sky. There were 35 entries including one "no show." Five rounds were flown and prizes and trophies were awarded to 10th place. The prizes were donated by Lee Renard at COX and Bob Boucher at ASTRO FLIGHT, with the trophies being donated by RCM which Dick Sonheim arranged for us. The team of Mead, Stecker and Finch didn't do very well until after the contest when one of Tom's five tickets were pulled from the barrel awarding him the Kraft radio. Two hours after I told him he had won. He still didn't believe me when I told him that I had two of his radios. The contest results were: first, Bob Novak, 39 points with the GLH; second, George Kurreck, 34 points with the GLH who won in the fly-off with Dale Metzler who flew a Quick Silver. Tom Christopher, flying a Tiger Cat was fourth with 34 points because he didn't have a backup and couldn't fly in the fly-off. Valley Flyer, Laird Owens and Ron Russell tied with 33 points with Laird's Thunderchicken beating the GLH in a fly-off. Valley Flyer, Larry Laulom was seventh with 32 points flying a Tiger Cat when Bob Nickle could no longer fly because he had broken both his GLHs. Ninth was Neil Sweeney with 27 points whose GLH won a fly-off over Terry Kaplan's Tiger Cat.

For those 1/2A fans the R/C BEES are holding a 1/2A race, Sunday, October 23, 1977. Pre-entry is \$4 and on-site \$5. Trophies and prizes to 10th place. For further information contact Frank Hayer at (213) 691-3445 or 1121 Rockinghorse Lane, La Habra, CA 90631. This map shows you how to get to the R/C BEES flying area.



I would especially like to thank Sean Heritage, Mike Henderson, Ed Multz, Lenny Katz and son, Rod Taylor and sons, Mrs. Mack Moffat, Adam McElrath, Ralph Rosen and Bob Owens who put in two days out in the sun making the 1/2A contest a success. I hope they enjoy their worker's reward which included House of Balsa 1/2A kits, TD.051s and Astro Flight 1/2A starters.

If you will take a quick look at the contest schedule you will notice that in addition to the fun-fly plus speed trials, Saturday, October 9th, we are holding the 1/4 Midget Championships, October 29 and 30, in association with QMRC. Since to my knowledge, no Valley Flyer racer has a 1/4 Midget to fly, this would be a great opportunity for all you racers out there to help out at a contest for a change. There will be a sign-up list at the October meeting.

Larry Laulom, Ralph Rosen and Jay Ross have agreed to accept nominations to the Board. Since there are four vacancies to fill, we are going to need some additional nominations at the October meeting. If you are in doubt as to what being a member of the Board entails, contact any Board member who will be more than happy to cry on your shoulder. Bob Owens has agreed to be

the Editor of the Valley Flyer next year so you don't have to worry about being stuck with the Editor's job if you get elected to the Board. Lenny Katz has also agreed to fill out the rest of the year for John Pahlow who was forced to resign by a change in employment.

At the present time, it looks like tickets for the Christmas party will be \$8.50. The Christmas party is being held at the Brown Bottle which is the Schlitz Brewery Hospitality Room. Ralph Rosen is making the additional arrangements and ought to have the full story by the October meeting. The Christmas party is one of the highlights of the year, so plan to attend. Also, if anyone has any ideas for entertainers for the Christmas party, see Ralph. So far he has drawn a blank.

It's a good thing that my term as Editor is just about over, as my number of puzzles has diminished to this one which might prove interesting to those who try to solve it.

Guess what country has developed the world's first turbofan powered biplane? Hint: They also charged Panzer tanks with cavalry and it was demonstrated at the Paris Airshow by Andrzej Ablamowicz.

From the attendance at this year's contests, it looks like we are going to have to back-off from our traditional rather ambitious contest calendar. What I am recommending to the new Board is that we hold an early-in-the-year 1/2A race, probably in March or April, a Formula I race, the Western States 1/2A Pylon Championships in September and a Fun-fly instead of the July meeting. It is my thought that by holding fewer races, especially in the Formula I area that we get more participation in those that we do hold. I understand that the San Gabriel Club is planning to hold only one Formula I race next year also.

For those of you who missed the last meeting, the dues for next year have been raised. This was done because our expenses have continued to increase while our profit from contests, up until the 1/2A Pylon Championships, was less than non-existent, and assuming that we get the softball diamond plans squelched we are going to need a substantial amount of ready cash to install the long awaited sprinkler system. While I am on the subject of money, I would like to thank Lenny Katz who did most of the leg work for the radio raffle which turned out to be the most profitable endeavor the club attempted this year. I would also like to thank Marty Barry and especially his secretary, Lucy, who saw that what we ordered, we got, at an extremely reasonable price.

FOR SALE:

4 KPS 12, four wire servos, 5 years old but never flown - \$25.00 each, or contact me for the special price for all four. ROD TAYLOR, (213) 344-2962 evenings, 391-0711, ext. 3021 days.

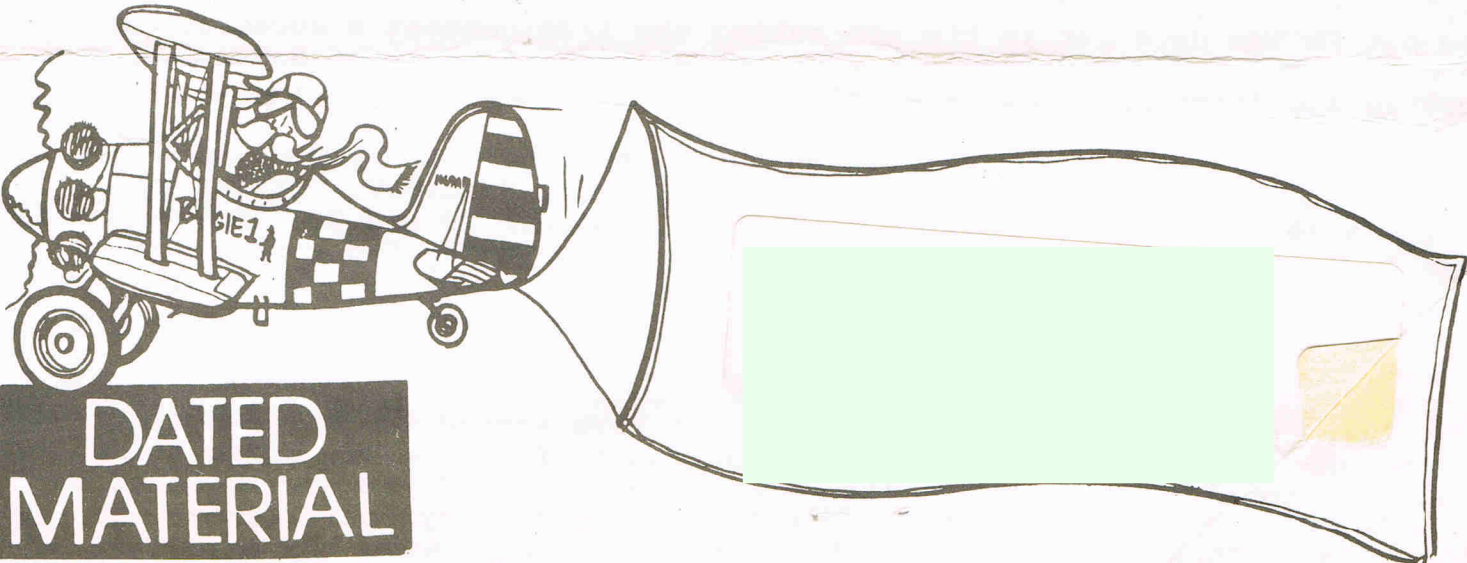
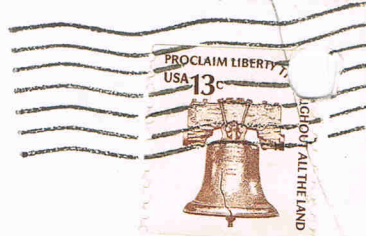
→ October 9 Speed Trials, Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin
October 8-9 Desert Classic, Pattern and Sport Scale, California City
October 16 Biplane, Bakersfield (Tentative)
October 16 Formula 500, SCVRC, Whittier Narrows
October 16 476/1/4 Midget, OCRC/Scale Squadron, Mile Square
October 22-23 Pattern and Sport Scale, Las Vegas

→ October 29-30 1/4 Midget Championships, QMRC/Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin
November 6 Formula 500, R/C Bess, Whittier Narrows
November 12-13 Tournament of Championships, Las Vegas
November 19-20 Formula 500, Pomona Valley MAC, Cucamonga
November 25-27 WinterMeta, Tucson (Tentative)

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