

THE VALLEY FLYER

JANUARY



1978

FROM THE PRESIDENT....

As usual, time has "flown" by, and here we are in the grasp (gasp?) of 1978.

The Christmas Dinner provided a great time for all who attended, with Disco music, delicious food, and a large quantity of free beer. -No hard liquor, but there were a few "freeway bags" floating around the room. Door prizes numbered almost as many as the quests, so nearly every couple took home a Christmas present from the dinner.

Traditionally the President of the Valley Flyers prepares special plaque with a Certificate of Appreciation affixed to it and awards them to modelers who have distinguished themselves in service to model aviation during the year. Club members receiving this honor are:

TOM KOLLANDER
TOM MEAD

BOB OWENS
RALPH ROSEN

ROD TAYLOR

Non-club member recipients are:

JIM ODDINO

RON SCHORR

GENE SIDWELL

BOB UPTON

Congratulations to each you.

Board of Directors for 1978 were installed. Officies will be held by the following: PRESIDENT - RALPH ROSEN; VICE PRESIDENT - COLBY EVETT; SECRETARY - BERT SMITH; ASS'T SECRETARY - LARRY LAULOM; TREASURER - TONY MAC LANE; ASS'T TREASURER - JAY ROSS.

Congratulations to all members of the 1978 Board, and a special note of thanks to George Finch and John Elgin, who have served out their terms, and to the remaining board, in the pursuit of more relaxing endeavors.

Now that we have all (hopefully) recovered from the holiday rush, its time to get raady for THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR, JANUARY 10, at the Encino Womens Club. Remember to renew your AMA Membership as soon as possible, as the Valley Flyers membership must be renewed, and you must have a current AMA license to do it. At the October meeting the membership voted to increase dues to \$15.50. After February a late penalty of \$2.50 will be added. So be sure to renew at the January meeting.

Committee formation will start in January, and if you are not able to work at the club sponsored contests, here is your chance to help... and do we need HELP. Sign up at the January meeting.

That's it for now. Hope everbody had a SUPER holiday season, and that you'll be at the January meeting.

Ralph *Ralph*

Deadline for the first issue of the VALLEY FLYER is rapidly approaching, and I am scratching my noggin' and pondering what the 1978 model year will have in store. Why did I volunteer for this Editor's job anyway? It is generally considered to be a thankless task, is time consuming, and exposes one to all sorts of ridicule. Editors get the flak when the Postal Service falls down, for address errors, typographical errors and just plain shabby copy. Some of it we deserve. One would think that I would have learned better during my year at the post. Well, what I learned is that during the past two years away from the job I have lost the feel (or pulse) of model aviation. I have been active, but in a way that didn't allow me to be in the main stream. The editor receives lots of newsletters from clubs all over the country via our exchange program. Some are large clubs and some are small. Size of the club is not necessarily an indication of the quality of the newsletter. Those exchange newsletters are favored reading around my house and provide an exchange of ideas from all over. Some of the info is reprinted in our own Valley Flyer and vis versa. One of my articles was picked up and reprinted in full in a model magazine. That doesn't pay the bill at the hobby shop but it helps the ego. Now to the meat of this editorial....

.....SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB.....

I see a trend in model clubs which is well developed that must be reconciled. There is a natural, healthy tendency for modelers to gather around those who have common interests. This has resulted in many special interest organizations. Each facet of model aviation has it's specialty organization cattering to the unique needs and desires of the group. These specialty organizations are created by the active experts that have generally outgrown their need of the local (general purpose) model club. In many cases those that have splintered away from the local club were it's organizers in the first place. Other experts are eager to follow the leader, in the new specialty club. Soon the local club is left with few of the nationally known experts to support and manage the club and it's programs. So what?

Don't get me wrong, I am not against cliques and specialty groups. For out of these groups of creative, hyperactive individuals come the inovative improvements for the remainder of the modelers. However, I do take issue with active R/C modelers who belong to specialty organizations but do not support their local club! All of us were beginners at one time and obtained lots of help from more experienced club members. These experts, relatively speaking, provided the help you needed at the field, the motivation to improve workmanship, fly better and ultimately to provide the competitive arena to sharpen your proficiency to expert level. Now the experts have abandoned the local club and moved on to racing groups, to pattern groups, biplane pattern groups, etc, etc.

Now who will provide to inspiration for the fledgling, who will tests his new ship when it is finally ready? Leave it to Chuck, Colby and Jay? That's OK, too but we need the nationally known competitors to truly attract the new guys, and build them into competitors. These experts are the ones who can help trimout a ship to do an axial roll that had been doing a barrel roll. How about helping the new race pilot work out problem that's causing his ship to tuck around No.1 pylon. You don't find solutions to problems like these in the magazines. It takes on-the-spot advise from the experts. It is my belief that a modeler that has received help from a race expert will be far more likely to show up at the next race as a worker!

A case in point is the drain on nationally-proven experts away from the Valley Flyers. Thank Heaven there are still a few in our ranks!

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Entertainment: Much has been said, and then corrected during the past several years regarding Ni-Cad batteries. There has been a real contrivency over slow charging, quick charging, and fast charging. Do Ni-Cads really have a brain so as to develop a "memory"?

Our guest speaker this month will be Lloyd Taylor and his topic of discussion will be Ni-Cad batteries for R/C airplanes. Lloyd operates a local radio repair shop and has an excellent and educational program that is aimed at the non-technical level.

Another great raffle will follow a discussion of new R/C hobby products.

Model of the month trophy will be awarded after the show-and-tell-time. All models presented will be photographed with the builders and will appear on next months cover. Reed Packard, another still-active longtime V/F member agreed to continue to provide the cover photos. Thanks, Reed. Anyone needing a real professional photo job done right, just see Reed.

NMPRA National Point Totals for 1978

<u>Place</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>	
1.	Bob Smith **	589.3	11.	Dave Kelly	541.3
2.	Mike Atzel *	585.7	12.	Brian Richman	540.2
3.	Bill Hager	581.9	13.	Kent Landefeld	534.8
4.	Tom Christopher *	571.1	14.	Laird Owens ***	526.6
5.	Tom Castellano	569.0	15.	Ed Allen *	522.7
6.	Jim Maki	568.0	16.	Mike Helsel	500.7
7.	Ed Hotelling ***	567.3	17.	Ron Schorr **	496.3
8.	Jeff Bertken **	562.8	18.	Bob Brogden	494.0
9.	Dave Shadel *	560.1	19.	Dave Pearce	493.0
10.	Pete Reed	551.7	20.	Bill Zautner	492.7

*** Valley Flyer member; ** Past-member; * California District

Speaking of wives of modelers, a conversation between two of them might go like this:"When I was 15 I spent half an hour in front of the mirror, experimenting with makeup in an effort to look 21, and now I do the same thing at 39".

Editor's Pagecont...

Presently, the club is a Sport or Sunday Flyer oriented club. That's OK, too. We hackers enjoy flying just as much as experts, and maybe more. There was very little support of club sponsored contests during 1977. Few club members participated and even fewer brought home trophies. Who took home those trophies??? You can bet that it was the experts from the specialty groups!!! Now the new Board of Directors has come up with a greatly reduced contest schedule for 1978. Looks like the specialty groups will have to sponsor and work their own contests. I can see that this will only cause greater splintering and weakening of both groups. We need unity and the strength it provides.

Every one of you is hereby issued a challenge to support the Valley Flyers Club, Talk it up at the field. Many regular users of the facility we (and our predecessors) helped to obtain and to retain are not even aware of our club. We need every one out there as an active club member. We also want all past members to return to the ranks and to work at making this club, once again, the club you think it should be.

Now you can see, my debt to model aviation is being repaid by remaining active in model aviation, tackling the demanding job of editor, and going out on a limb with an editorial like this one....SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB. If only one expert rejoins or one new member signs up as a result of the message then my efforts will have been justified.

Don't get the feeling that the Valley Flyers are in the depth of depression. We are still one of the top clubs in the nation with several top competitors at work. But I just want everyone to recognize a trend that I have observed and wish to reconcile before it completely divides our ranks.

Equal space will be provided for a responsible opposing view.

Bob
Bob Owens

I regret that the photograph of the Model of the Month presentations was not available by the time this newsletter had to go to press. Ed.

There is lot's of space available for helpful hint and comments from anyone willing to take the time to write down a few lines. It's a good way to get to be known in the Valley Flyers. Anyone attending contests or interesting model events should make it a point to jot down a few notes at the time, then when you get home, write a few paragraphs and send it to Ye Ole Editor.... get your name in print!

Just a reminder that For Sale Ads are included free to Valley Flyers.

FOR SALE One husband for sale cheap. Comes complete with model airplanes and radio equipment. Also 1 pair of epoxy-stained jeans, 2 tee shirts, and a blue jacket with a Valley Flyer emblem on the back. A pretty good guy, but not at home much from April to October, and then spends most of the time in the workshop. Will consider trade.

(Unfortunately the wife failed to provide her name, but that doesn't matter much 'cause most of us fit the description)

CAUTION*****CAUTION*****CAUTION*****CAUTION

If you are flying R/C models and have not renewed your AMA membership for 1978, you are doing so without any AMA insurance!!! That's the best reason that I can think of to immediately, if not sooner. Fill out the AMA application blank in this issue of the Valley Flyer, include a check for your dues, and air mail it to headquarters.

While you are at it fill out the renewal form for the Valley Flyers and bring it to the January meeting, along with your dues. If you are not planning to attend the January meeting, mail the form and check for your dues to:

Tony Mac Lane
19640 Chase St.
Northridge CA 91324

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It is important that all members renew in January. The official AMA membership roll is counted at the end of January. At that time our membership totals only about 80 whereas it reaches 120 to 140 by the middle of the year. You can see that these late renewals can cost the club treasury an additional \$20.00. Let's get those dues in NOW.

San Fernando Valley R.C. Flyers, Inc.
1978 Membership Application _____ Renewal _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ AMA No. _____

Total Pay Rec'd \$ _____ Date _____

___ New Member	\$18.00	___ AMA Open	** \$17.00
___ Renewal	15.50	___ AMA Jr./Sr.	** 10.00
___ Penalty March	2.50	___ FAI Team Stamp	5.00
___ Jr. under 16	} Half	___ FAI Stamp	1.00
___ Family		___ W/O Mod. Avia.	→4.00**
___ Jul thru Dec			

APPLICATION—1978 A.M.A. MEMBERSHIP

Academy of Model Aeronautics
815 Fifteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005

<p>For Those 19 or Over by July 1, 1978—Check One Only!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN MEMBERSHIP—Includes all membership and competition privileges plus subscription to monthly <i>Model Aviation</i> magazine of at least 96 pages (includes 12-16 page "AMA News" section and also "Competition Newsletter" section) \$17.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN MEMBERSHIP—Same as above, except only 12-16 page "AMA News" section reprint from <i>Model Aviation</i> magazine \$13.00</p>	<p>For Those Not 19 by July 1, 1978—Check One Only!</p> <p>Fill in date of Birth: Mo _____ Day _____ Yr _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR OR SENIOR—Includes all membership and competition privileges plus subscription to <i>Model Aviation</i> magazine (see Open member description at left) \$10.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS ABOVE—Except monthly "AMA News" instead of magazine subscription \$6.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS ABOVE—Except no "AMA News" or magazine subscription \$3.00</p>
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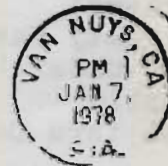
New Renewal (number _____)

Reduced Rate for Partial Year Members: AMA membership ends each year on December 31, regardless of the date a membership application is received. Late-year membership policy is as follows: those who apply between August 1 and September 30 pay the full current rate, but will receive half-year credit of the dues paid for the current year toward the next year's membership—they must, however, use this credit by July 1 of the next year; those who apply between October 1 and December 31 pay full next year's rate and receive full membership for the following year, plus whatever days of membership remain in the year of application.

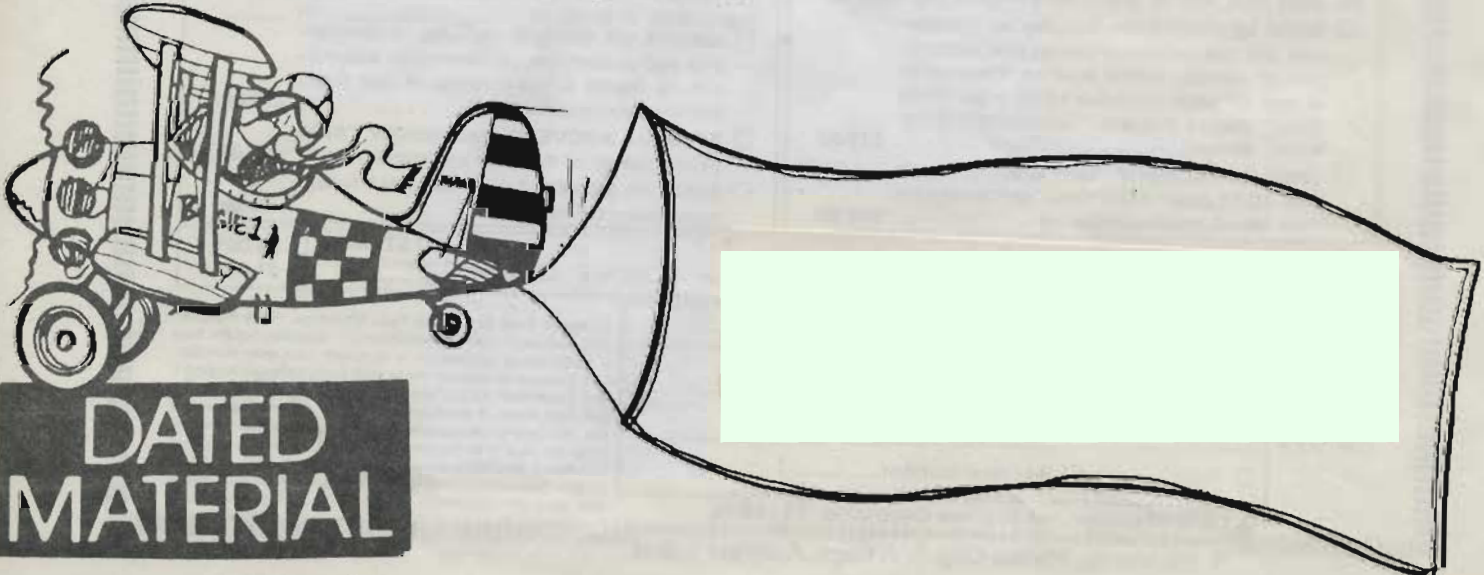
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