

# THE VALLEY FLYER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It seems that it only took two weeks, but I have finally realized, that, with ALL OF YOUR HELP, I really have made it through my first meeting. I had never been through an experience like that, and you all have my personal THANKS for making it a great evening.

Now that I can look back at it, I remember asking Bert Smith, at about 8:45, "How do I slow the meeting down?" His response was something to the effect of "Don't worry about it." Boy, was he ever right. At 11:00, I was looking for a way to wind it down for the adjournment. How time "flies", etc, etc.

We are just two short weeks away from the February meeting, which will be at the ENCINO WOMEN'S CLUB, at 8:00, on FEBRUARY 14, 1978. This meeting will be your LAST CHANCE TO PAY DUES BEFORE THE MARCH 1st PENALTY. Let's get the dues in, so that we can get our Charter discount with the A.M.A.

Along with old business, new business, a super RAFFLE & NEW PRODUCTS provided by Jay Replogle of HOBBY HOUSE, and entertainment by the N.M.P.R.A. (National Minature Pylon Racing Association), we will also have VALLEY FLYER'S PATCHES, T-SHIRTS, JACKETS, and our NEW BUSINESS CARDS at the meeting. Also on hand, for a fifteen minute Question & Answer Period, will be MS. DELORES LeFEVRE, candidate for ASSEMBLY for OUR AREA. She will be able to discuss both the current and future problems and pleasures of the Sepulveda Basin. As usual, coffee & do-nuts, BROUGHT BY BOB ADAMS TO EACH MEETING (How about a round of thanks for Bob?), will be served during the break.

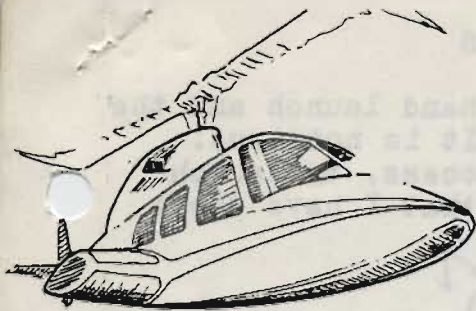
As we are fast coming into the RACING SEASON, there will be many opportunities for each and every member to support the VALLEY FLYERS. A great deal of the club's income is received from the races that we host, and WE NEED YOUR HELP TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THESE EVENTS. Working the races, in any position, is the best way to find out what the people, planes, and the race itself, is all about.

Our FIRST RACE OF THE SEASON will be held MARCH 11th and 12th, at the BASIN. It will be a FORMULA ONE, and should have all the new "WINTER CREATIONS" on the starting line. These are really the most beautiful and precision of all R/C aircraft, and must be seen to be believed. This race will be co-sponsored with the B.I.R.D.S. Club, and they will help supply staff, workers, and prizes for the event. THE PROFITS WILL BE SHARED, BASED UPON THE NUMBERS OF WORKERS supplied by each club. Once again, WE NEED YOUR HELP, to make it a winner. SIGN UP TO WORK THIS RACE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

Sorry to have to end this on a sad note, but I just received word that Bob Owens' "Other Son", MARK OWENS, who was introduced at the January meeting, was involved in a rather serious motorcycle accident, and has been hospitalized for over two weeks, at the LAC-USC Medical Center. A card, wishing him a speedy recovery, will be at the meeting for us all to sign. SEE YOU FEBRUARY 14.

*Ralph*





Last months editorial "Support Your Local Club" struck a familar tone on several persons who agreed that it a real problem---not only for the Valley Flyers, or Southern California, or the USA.

I received a couple of nice notes from other editors, too. Namely, Walt Schroeder of Model Airplane News, and Bill Simpson, editor of the BIRDS newsletter.

Both these gentlemen voiced a strong AMEN and thought I had hit at a real problem area.

This month I would like to speak out on the financial position of the club. At the January meeting we heard that we went down considerable during 1977. Funds had to be transfered from the Building Fund, which is earmarked for sprinklers and lawn at the field. The main source of revenue for the club is dues. These were raised by a measly \$3.00 perhead and should help break even.

We must find ways to supplement our income. One way is to reduce expenses of operating contests. Fun-flyes are great, low budget affairs, enjoyed by most everone and do bring in some income. Pylon contests offer the largest potential income. However, I think the club has gone overboard with the quantity and quality of trophies and put too much money into benefits to workers. Raffle prizes should be reduced or dropped completely; and that goes for the food for workers.

Another way we can bring in money is seek out new members. Two new members will bring in more money than the recent 1/2 A pylon race. So, Fellows when you see a new guy at the field, find out a little about him. Maybe he is new to the Basin and just looking for a local club. Invite him to the meetings. The Board came up with the idea of manning an information booth at the Basin on weekends. Get in there when you have a few minutes. Let's sign up those floaters--- they need us and we need them!!!

The club has been paying cash money for sign refurbishment. I can't imagine that not one modeler would step up to the task of painting over an existing sign. Do we have to pay sign-painters wages to get it done? If it is true, then no wonder we are going in the hole.

Maybe this will spark some thoughts that you can pass on to the Board about how we can bring in money and keep what we have. Maybe you can help at the field. Man the booth, pick-up trash, help enforce the field rules, work on field improvements. Now you might say that those tasks don't bring in cash but I will disagree. A neat well operating field will bring new members and make them proud to be Valley Flyers.....Remember, DUES are our main source of income.

Bob Owens, Editor

**FLASH\*\*\*** George Finch is undergoing heart surgery--Triple Bypass, Good Luck!

New members joining the Valley Flyers in January are:

Robert Acheson	17045 Calahan St.	Northridge	91325	993-0250
Gerald Case	11744 Darlington Ave.	Los Angeles	90049	826-3612
Xermit Davison	9961 Lurline #312	Chatsworth	91311	882-2806
William Grove Sr.	7162 Estepa Dr.	Tujunga	91042	353-0811
Ross Hulbert	16301 Lassen St.	Sepulveda	91343	892-8198
Bob Juncosa	827 S. Gramercy Dr.	Los Angeles	90005	382-7607
Erich Kray	12901 Titian	Granada Hls	91344	360-0563
Daniel Smansky	17068 Burton St.	Van Nuys	91406	344-7455
Stephen Veres	1145 N. Evergreen	Burbank	91505	845-7718
Kirk Whisman	17116 Goya	Granada Hls	91344	368-3981



## HOW TO HAND LAUNCH 1/2 A PYLON RACERS

It has been said that low wing racers are difficult to hand launch and the rules should require rise-off-ground (ROG) take-offs. It is not true! Several means have been used, with varying degrees of success, to launch low-wingers in competition. Here are some of the ones that I have seen:

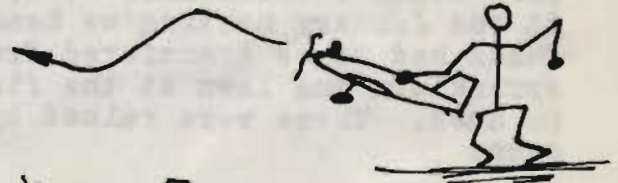
### Method One: Bowling Ball Launch.

The ROG fan will grasp the model by any convenient part, usually the fuselage or rudder, and shove it with all his might.



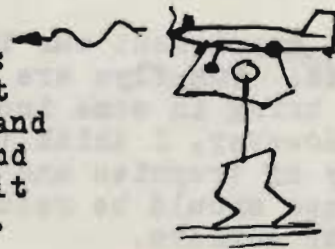
### Method Two: Soft Ball Pitch:

This is similar to the ROG except with this underhand pitch the model never (?) touches the ground.



### Method Three: Two Fisted Overhead Toss:

Grasp the model by the fuselage just behind the wing with the good hand and balance the model with the other hand under the nose. This is popular but it is hard to get much into the launch.



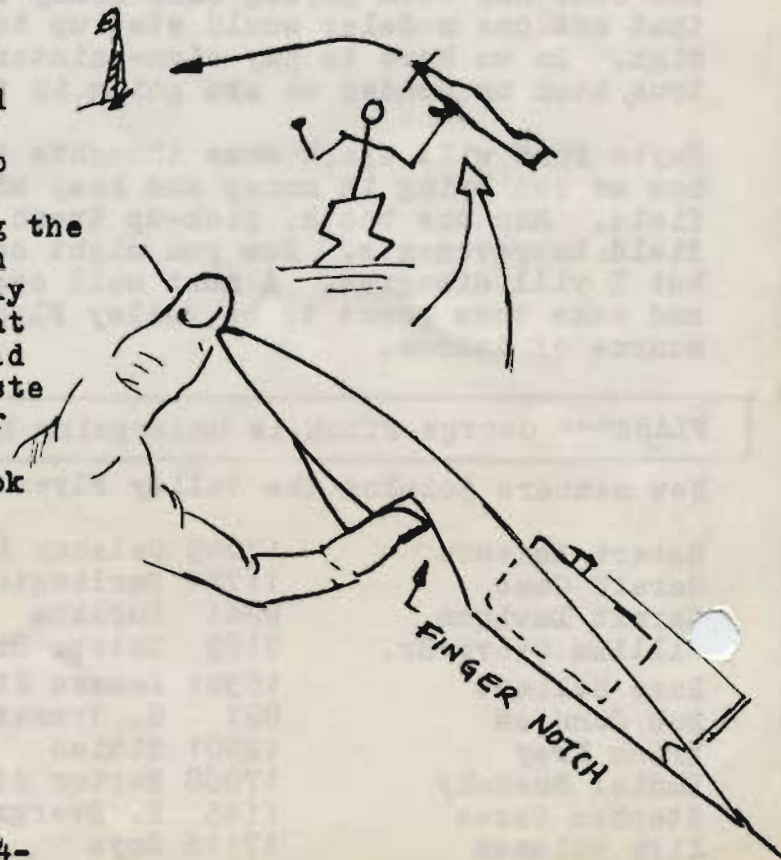
### Method Four: Laulom's Spit-Ball:

Grasp the model with with your rock-throwing hand just ahead of the wing. Use the thumb and middle finger and support under the wing with the index finger. Heave it as fast as you can before the oily (spit) exhaust gets too slippery.



### Method Five: Owens's Cheater Catapult:

This is similar to the spit-ball and it overcomes the slippery part by using a finger notch and rest. Grip the fuselage ahead of the wing with the thumb and middle finger, placing the the index finger in the notch. When the starter drops the flag let it fly just like you were throwing a rock at the base of NO. 1 pylon. Yes, I said at the base of the pylon---don't waste speed climbing; besides you go under everyone else and avoid mid-air. If you don't think it works just look at the contest results elsewhere in this issue.



Bob O.



FEBRUARY MEETING  
VALLEY FLYERS R/C MODELERS  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1978  
8:00 PM ENCINO WOMENS CLUB

**Entertainment:** Bob Smith, NMPRA President and Valley Flyer Past-President will make a presentation describing the National Miniature Pylon Racing Association, it's background, objectives and operations. Through the use color slides and Formula I models Bob will enlighten us as to the workings of this truly international organization. I can think of no one more qualified than he to discuss this subject, since he holds the Worlds Record Fast Time, he was the 1977 National Leader in the point standing, and he was the National Champion in 1972.

Another great raffle will be preceded by a display and discussion of new products by Jay Replogle from House of Hobbies. Local hobby shop owners alternate this feature and furnish the raffle prizes to the club at their cost.

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**History lesson for February:** The most significant aviation event that has occurred on the 14 th, other than our Club meeting in 1978, was the first flight of the Republic F-84F, which was the production version of the YF-96A. If my memory is correct it was named the "Thunderstreak".

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**WANTED:** The NMPRA is looking for a well qualified modeler to run for Vice-President of the California District. Anyone interested should apply to Bob Smith, President.

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**FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\*FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\*FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\***

Thunder Chicken 1/2 A pylon racer shown on the cover photo. A proven winner at the last Valley Flyers contest. See it on display at Smith Bros. Hobby Shop in Reseda. \$75.00 without radio or engine.

CAM unlimited 1/2 A pylon racer shown on cover photo. Never flown. Weighs 16 oz. with small radio and pen bladder tank. \$45.00 without radio or engine.

Contact Laird Owens for either. (213) 353-8691.



1978 CONTEST CALENDAR (Southern California)

February	12	Quickie 500, BIRD Club, Bird Field
	26	A Gathering of Scale, Uncontest and AT6 Trial Race, Scale Squadron, Mile Square
March	4-5	1st Annual Western States Regional Championships, Pre-Novice, N A E M and Sport Scale (1977 Rules), Mile Square
	11-12	Formula I, Valley Flyers/BIRD Club, Sepulveda Basin
	19	1/2 A Race, RC Bees, Carbon Canyon
April	1-2	Pop White Memorial Formula I, SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
	8-9	BIRD Club Open Pattern, N A E M and Sport Scale, Mile Square
	16	Model Expo/Cancer Crusade, Orange Coast RC, Mile Square
	16	Quickie 500, Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin
	22-23	MACS show, Long Beach Convention Center
	29-30	Model Builder Trade Show, Los Angeles Convention Center
May	6-7	Formula I, BARKS, Bakersfield
	7	Biplane and Sport Scale, RC Bees, Mile Square
	20-21	1/2A Race (20) and 1/4 Midget (21), Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin
	20-21	(Morgan Hill WWII Scramble)
	27-28	Formula I, SLO Flyers, Paso Robles
	27-28	Scale (27) and Helicopters (28), SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
June	3	Pattern, N A E M, Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin (4 also if entries warrant)
	11	1/2 A Race, RC Bees, Carbon Canyon
	18	Quickie 500, BIRD Club/SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
	24-25	Formula I, San Jose
July	1-2	2nd Annual Border Classic, N A E M and Sport Scale, Chula Vista
	2	1/2 A Race, Simi Valley
	8-9	Formula I, Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin
	15-16	Pattern, SGVRCL/RC Bees, N A E M and Sport Scale, Mile Square
	13-19	Hawaii Fun Fly
	30	1/2 A Race, BIRD Club, Bird Field
	23	Quickie 500, Tailspinners, Whittier Narrows
30-August 9	Tentative - National Model Airplane Championships, Lake Charles, Louisiana	
August	6	1/2A Race, Valencia Valley
	13	Quickie 500, SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
	19-20	4th Annual All Scale, Scale Squadron, Mile Square
	26-27	Formula I, Chula Vista
September	10	1/2 A Race, RC Bees, Carbon Canyon
	16-17	Pattern, N A E M and Sport Scale, San Diego Drones, Chula Vista
	23-24	Formula I, BIRD Club/SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
	23-24	(World War I Jamboree, Morgan Hill)
October	30-1	Western States 1/2 A Championships, Valley Flyers, Sepulveda Basin
	7-8	Hitachi Desert Classic, N A E M and Sport Scale, California City
	15	Quickie 500, BIRD Club/Pomona Valley MAC, Cucamonga
	21-22	Pattern, N A E M and Sport Scale, SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
	21-22	Formula I Championships, Texas
	28-29	1/4 Midget Championships, Valley Flyers/QMRC, Sepulveda Basin
November	5	1/2A Race, RC Bees, Carbon Canyon
	5	Northrop Flying Wing Contest
	12	Quickie 500, SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows
	19	AT6 Race, Scale Squadron, Mile Square
	24-26	Tucson (Assumed)



Valley Flyers 1/2 A Pylon  
Contest Report

The first competitive event of the 1978 season was held January 22. This was planned to separate the men from the boys. All the entry fees were to be returned to the flyers as CASH prizes. Hopefully about 30 entrants would permit about \$100.00 first prize. But only 20 hopefuls showed up to race on a beautiful California day.

Biggies Bob Nickle and Tom Christopher mid-aired around # 3 pylon to drop them from the top spot. Bill Grove had a firewall and engine fall out after winning a heat. So he used Chris Hoyer's Thunder Chicken to finish out the race schedule. Jay Ross crashed twice; one mid-air and one launch-crash brought tears to his eyes as he say those cash prizes go beyond his reach. There were lots of good times clocked and two were under the 1:20 mark. Larry Laulom posted a 1:17.9 and Laird a 1:19.1.

Gordon Davis spoiled his chances for prize money by forgetting to turn on the receiver switch before the launch. Gary Mc Pike did very well considering that this was his first race since changing to Mode I control. His best time was 1:39 and his main problem was finding the runway for landing. HMM, wonder what Mode will solve that problem.

Winners were:

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Plane</u>	<u>Time</u>
Laird Owens	1 st \$65.00	Thunder Chicken	1:19.1
Ron Russell	2 nd 45.00	GLH	1:20.9
Larry Laulom	3 rd 25.00	GLH	1:17.9 Past T.
Bill Grove	4 th Merchandise	Thunder Chicken	1:36.1
Bob Novac	5 th "	GLH	1:22.1
	Fast Time 20.00		
Other Valley Flyers competing were:			
Gary Mc Pike	7 th Merchandise	Cricket	1:39.5
Chris Hoyer	8 th "	Thunder Chicken	1:36.5
Jay Ross	- -	Original	NT
Gordon Davis	- -	Original	NT

Thanks to all the workers. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners!

Reporters name withheld on request.



Model Of The Month. Since the November winner did not get his picture on the cover, we will double up this month. Also you will note the logo on the editors page is a helicopter sketch courtesy Howard Rice.

November winner was MIKE PANEK with his Quickey 200 which he scratch built from materials from his scrap box. MIKE HENDERSON is shown with his Heli-Baby. He said it had not been flown but went together very easy.

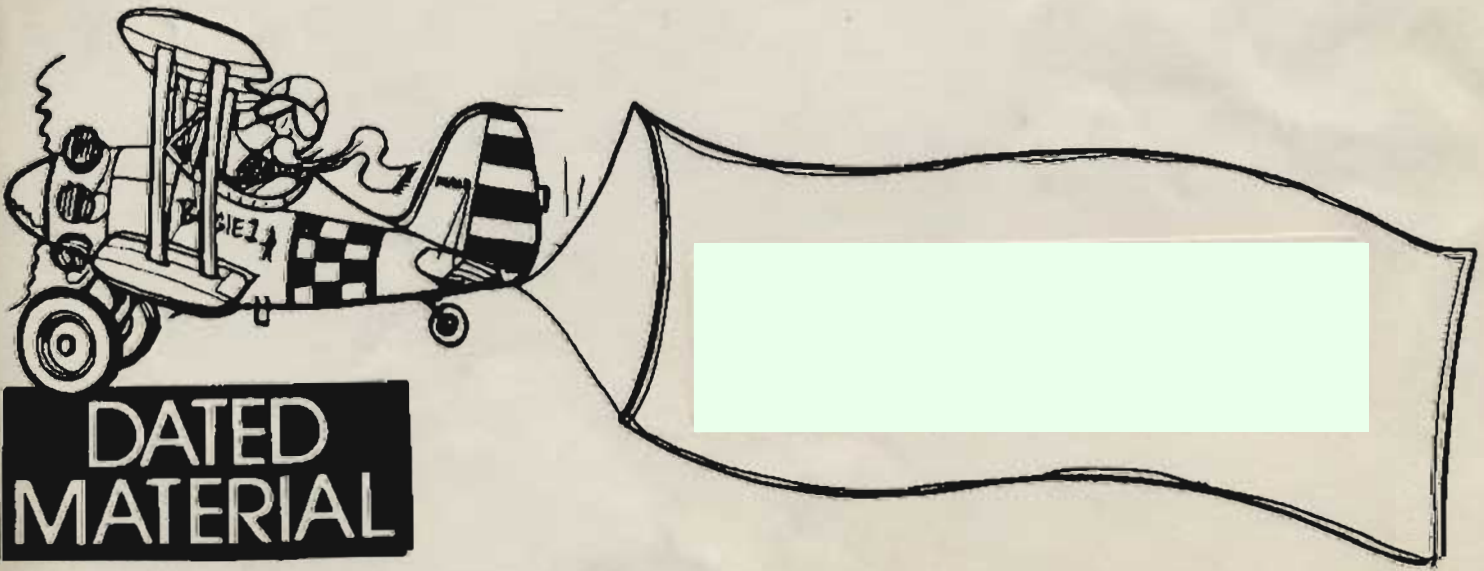
January winner was ADAM Mc ELRATH, age 12, with a RCM trainer which is his very first R/C model. It is finished in orange Superpoxy, Solarfilm and Monokote trim. A Veco 61 is mounted up front but it will have to wait til Adam saves up enough for a radio.

Also in the photo is BOB UPTON with his beautiful 1/4 size exact replica of his very own homebuilt Corben Baby Ace. It is powered by a ST 60 turning a 20Dx10P prop thru a Dubro belt drive. It is a prototype for a new Bridi kit so Bob graciously declined to enter competition for the trophy. TOM KOLLANDER showed off his black and white RCM 40 trainer powered by an OS40. BOB OWENS displayed his 1/2 A Chipmunk in RCAF WWII colors built from a House of Balsa kit. LAIRD OWENS discussed his original designed and winning 1/2 A Thunder Chicken. Also he revealed his 1/2 A unlimited class pylon racer built from magazine plans, called CAM Racer.

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