

# THE VALLEY FLYER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT :

Now that I am nearly four months into the presidency, and have learned some remarkable things about the VALLEY FLYERS, I really have to take this opportunity to CONGRATULATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU..

When you take into account that our club, as a group, consists of 125 of the **most** independent people in the world, it is truly remarkable to see the willingness, ambition, comradery, and ability to get along that is constantly demonstrated by every member of the club.

Despite all the nasty things we hear about safety problems at the basin, it is almost entirely due to the VALLEY FLYERS, and THEIR COMMON SENSE, that we maintain an almost SPOTLESS SAFETY RECORD at the basin. Considering the number of flights made at our facility every week, WE HAVE A SAFETY RECORD THAT ANY BUSINESS WOULD ENVY. (If you have any question, check out the NAVY'S crash statistics for 1978. I wonder if they fuel those F-14's with liquified Murphy's Law?)

The FORMULA ONE race held in March also proved to be a great display of just how our club pulls it together. The race course was manned by flyers from just about every area of the sport. There were Pattern, Sport, 1/2A, Q-500, Scale and just about every type of pilot you can think of working at various positions on the course. It was through this combined effort that we pulled off a super successful race. REMEMBER, THIS WAS THE FIRST CONTEST OF THE YEAR, AND DUE TO THE VOLUNTEER HELP FROM EVERYBODY INVLOVED, THE RACING SEASON IS OFF TO A GREAT START.

I have touched on two points, which may be the two most important, SAFETY & VOLUNTEER HELP, but have certainly not even scratched the surface with regard to the efforts put out on the part of every member of our club. Just to mention a few: SignPainting; Pit Line Striping; Coffee & Do-Nuts; LAHMA Coordination; Contest Direction; Equipment Storage; Entertainment; Instruction; Public Relations; etc., etc., etc., and the list goes on. YOU, the member, WANT IT; YOU, the member, GET IT; and YOU, the member, have made the VALLEY FLYERS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED OF ALL R/C FLYING CLUBS. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS, AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

JUST A SHORT REMINDER : THE APRIL MEETING is set for APRIL 11, 1978, at the ENCINO WOMEN'S CLUB. RAFFLE & NEW PRODUCTS BY COLBY EVETT. ENTERTAINMENT BY DICK HAGER (FILMS OF NAT'S, '77) and by BERT SMITH (FILMS OF ROCKET ASSIST GLIDER & FILMS OF 1st FLIGHT OF STEVE CROWE & TOM KONE'S "GEE-BEE RACER".

RALPH ROSEN

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**ENTERTAINMENT:**

This month we will draw upon the talents of a couple of Valley Flyers for our fun and games.

- 1) Dick Hager will show movies that he took at the 1977 NATS
- 2) Bert Smith will show his movies of a rocket assisted glider with extendable wings. Also to be shown are movies of test flights of the Gee Bee Racer built by Tom Cone and Steve Crowe.

**RAFFLE PRIZES and NEW PRODUCTS REVIEW:**

Colby Evett will pick up all the goodies and supply them at his cost to the club. Raffle prizes will concentrate of 1/2 A Fun Fly models and engines. There will be 5 Black Widow engines, 3 House of Balsa 1/2 A kits, a GEMCO Corsair kit.

**COFFEE and DONUTS:** The best in town for a nominal fee.

**SHOW and TELL TIME:** Bring your latest project and tell about it.

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**GOOF BOWL WINNER for MARCH:**

The Board of Directors just invented a new way for Valley Flyers to get their name in the Newsletter! Just do something stupid while another member is present. You will likely be nominated for the Goof Bowl award, in which case you will get mentioned!!!

Last month the infamous award was won(?) by Tony Mac Lane. His dumb stunt was attempting a take-off from the pits. That is a NO,NO. He paid the price by crashing into a frequency flagpole.

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**EDITORIAL GOOF:**

Jim Scarborough, AMA District XX V-P dropped me a note to remind me that in my last editorial about the 1/2A Pylon rules my inference that the rules are voted upon by the V-Ps is not correct. The Contest Board does the voting. I stand corrected.

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I have preachin' to you guys and dolls about pride in our Valley Flyers Club and in our flying field. In this context I want to pass along a letter which I recently received from John Byrne, AMA District II Vice-President. His District Report column in the April issue of Model Aviation concerned "special interest groups" and their relation to AMA. As an opposite point of view I forwarded to him a copy of my editorial on this subject entitled "Support Your Local Club". The following is his reply:

Dear Bob:

You have no idea what a "lift" I got the other evening upon opening my mail after a long day at the office to find your warm and encouraging note -----and the graphic example of your journalistic endeavors and your views concerning some aspects of the special interest groups.

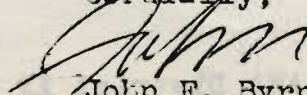
I have followed the progress of the Valley Flyers over the years as reported in the various magazines and have been continually impressed by your club's contributions to the growth and quality of model aviation. After all, model aeronautics is a "special interest" segment of our total population and, as such, demands "direction" as do other such groups if they are to represent a blessing rather than a curse. Clubs like the Valley Flyers and people like you and newsletters having the quality and appeal of yours, point the way. Keep it up!

If you do not already receive copies of my club's newsletter, "LOW PASSES" (Long Island R/C Society) I shall certainly see that you are placed on our subscription list. I shall be grateful if you will place me on YOUR list to receive the letter.

It is most gratifying to learn that, as you say, some of my fellow-modelers on the "other coast" read my column in MA. I am "hooked" on California and have a number of friends out there. My name has been submitted to the Nominating Committee as a possible candidate for the AMA Presidency this year. As my opponent in such eventuality would possibly be either John Clemens or Earl Witt, I am wondering what my chances for success would be in your state. Have you any way of knowing? Pardon me for waxing political, but you know I avoid this sort of thing in my column. I just feel that so much can be done to enhance the value of AMA via a fresh approach. The enclosed list cites some of these goals, as I see them. Hopefully you will find them worthwhile.

All the best ----and thanks for the note and article.

Cordially,



John F. Byrne Jr.

So you see, we are a nationally recognized club! Be proud of it. Wear your club jackets, tee-shirts, logo emblems and name tags. Make that club logo visible everywhere you participate in modeling. By the way, if John does succeed in being nominated for AMA President, he will get my vote.

Bob Owens.

HISTORY-----

On the day of our club meeting, April 12, 1928 three gentlemen in a Junkers W33 completed the first EAST-to-WEST transatlantic flight.

A little closer to home, on the 23rd of April, 1975 the Pitts S-1T aerobatic biplane made it's maiden flight powered by a Lycoming 200 HP engine.

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NEW MEMBERS joining in March are:

Louis Contreras	16907	Horace St.	Granada Hills	91344	360-1253
Hank Holcomb	7839	Ellenbogen	Sunland	91040	352-5156
Chris Hoyer	9932	Jovita Ave.	Chatsworth	91311	349-0928
Mike Katz	19146	Liggett St.	Northridge	91324	349-6209

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NOTICE TO EXCHANGE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Please notice that Bob Owens is the 1978 editor of this newsletter replacing George Finch. Your newsletter should be addressed to me at the number shown on the outside of this issue.

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CONTESTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS:

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| April | 1-2     | Pop White Memorial Formula I, SGVRCL, Whittier Narrows             |
|       | 8-9     | BIRD Club Open Patterns, 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          |

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ARE YOU MOVING??? Just a reminder that many of our Valley Flyers will be changing their addresses before the year's end. I have just updated the mailing list for 1978. You can help me keep it current by advising me of any change of address which you may make during the year. Also, if you are moving out of the area and do not want to continue receiving the newsletter please let me know so I can discontinue printing and mailing your copy. Thanks, ed.

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REMINDER: Only paid up members are eligible to receive trophies awarded for the Model of the Month. We are happy for guests to show and tell about their latest projects, but please disqualify yourself from the competition if you are not a current member.

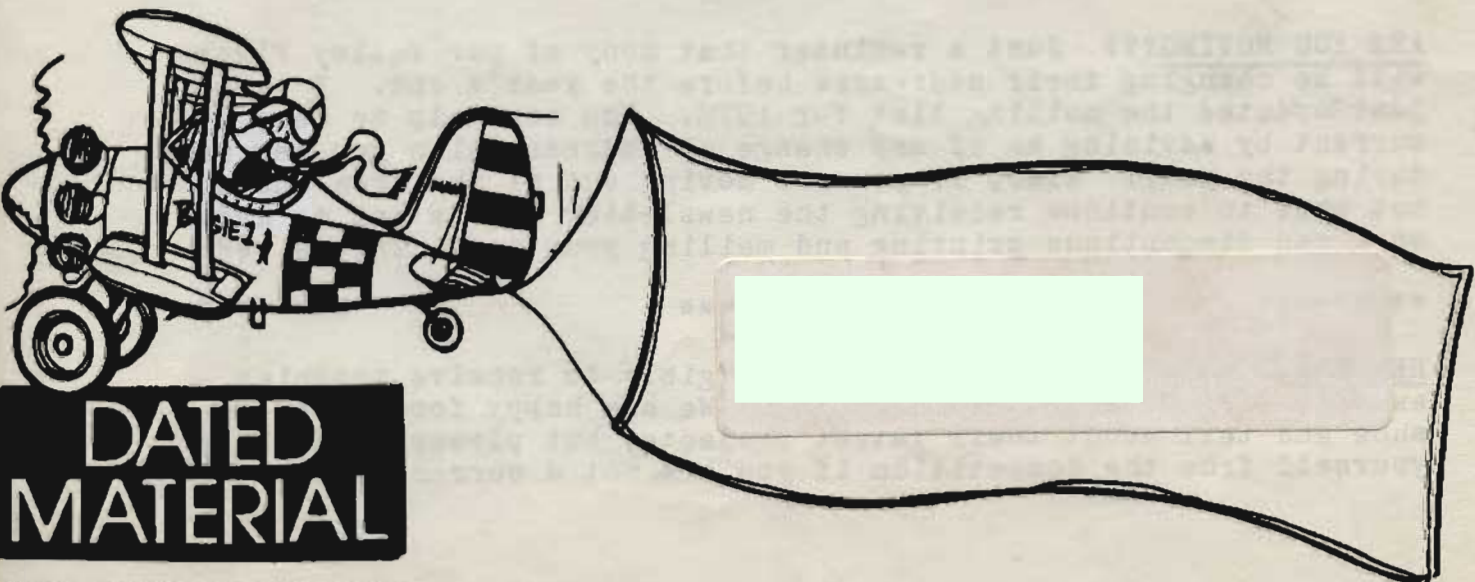
**MODEL OF THE MONTH:** March winner of the award was **MIKE PANEK** shown kneeling in the cover photograph with the trophy that he received for his beautiful Citrabia. Mike built it from a Sig kit, covered it with Super Coverite, and finished it in white and blue acrylic enamel. It weighs 8# and is powered by a Veco 61. The Citrabia narrowly beat out **LEN KATZ's** Spitfire, largely on the basis of the very detailed cockpit. Len's Spitfire Mark IX was built from a Dave Platt kit. It is finished in Superpoxy in custom mixed colors. It weighs 8# 14 oz., is powered by a K&B 61 and features a D&B cockpit and Retracts. **WAYNE Mc ELRATH**, standing, is displaying his "Lil Yellow Bipe" which he built from a Sig AERO BIPE kit. It is covered with Solarfilm, weighs 2# 1 oz., and is hussled along by an Enya 15. **TOM KOLLANDER** appears to be hiding behind his big Cherokee built from a VK kit. It is powered by a K&B 61. George Finch, not pictured but recuperating from a triple heart bypass operation, described his recently completed Ace servo Microkit.

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