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FROM THE PEN OF FRANK CAPAN

Well here we go again. Seems like we are always looking for something different. We have the Goodyear Racers and some interest in the Free Style Events, so why don't we go a little further and start one that will have crowd appeal like the Scale and the thrills of races. I'm talking about the Thompson Trophy Race. (Also Bendix Races.)

Here we have an almost unlimited number of planes we can build. We already have several kits on the market and with models that are limited to say at least 700 square inches and any power, we have an airplane that we can fly in a number of events, fun or what have you....

The event could be set up similar to the Goodyear with points for Scale. Let's make our models look like the real thing for a change. Think of some of those old time Thompson Racers like Roscoe Turner's racer, the Laird Solution and a whole mess of others. Something to think about.

Since I've been rail-----er-----elected to be Contest Director and since I just happen to have a model started, I just might win another contest, if I'm the only entry...HA! HA!...Let's get something going....The Valley Flyers can do it again...The Thompson could be run on the same course with the Goodyears and I'll bet it wouldn't take as long and a lot easier to build....

As your CD for the coming year I would like to find out how we can get more of our members and friends to enter more fun events. We have all types of flyers not just Class III, so let me hear from you, so we can have some real fun this coming year. And of course we will have some free style contests and maybe some of those old fashioned robot ones. SEE..YA.....

XMAS PARTY

WINDHAM HOUSE

16141 Roscoe CORNER Woodley & Roscoe

DEC. 10th

COCKTAILS 7:30

DINNER 8:30

\$6:00 PER PERSON - includes Tips & ENTERTAINMENT

N.Y. STEAK OR LOBSTER FASHION SHOW

DANCING 10PM - 1AM

Let us know - Call - Write - Telegraph -

GAS FUMES

This month we have quite a collection of little Tib Bits of news covering several items, so instead of writing the usual column, I will ramble on....&on....&on....from the oratations of others.

Because of the clash in dates with the International /Aero-Classic at Palm Springs, Nov. 11-14, the San Diego Drones have moved their Annual RC Modelers Contest (flyer last newsletter) back one week to Nov. 20-21.

Don't forget to get your AMA ballots in the mail before Nov. 15th. For the contest board I think evertone knows Jerry Nelson and Zel Rithhie, so it is a question of preference. But on the District Ten Vice President there is only one canidate, John Pond who is a free flighter. Most of the SC2RC2 are going to use the write in area for their vote. And their canidate for this office is Dick Tichenor. Everybody knows Dick, he has been to some of our meetings this year. Dick has been active in clubs and contests for quite some time, so if you feel as I do, that we should have an RCer in the district, Dick is a good choice. Also while you are using a stamp to mail the ballot, why not renew your AMA license at the same time.

This information was recieved from Frank Capan via Ace R/C Inc. And I quotate from their letter", The AMA's FCC Committee met last week in Washington. The day included a visit to the FCC offices and consultation with AMA's counsel for Communication, Jeremiah Courtney. The AMA's counsel has now filed a detailed comment to support the petition. So things are rolling on the new frequency fronts. Supporting letters have gone, and the action is now up to the FCC. It should be clearly pointed out that the FCC proposes the new 72-76 megacycles spots to be in addition to the six spots we have in the 26-28 mc. region. Also if the action is favorable, we will not have to phase out of our present equipment. The new spots are an add-

itional bonus and take nothing away." I also heard from someone else that the FCC will hold a hearing on this matter on Nov. 15th. This is a rumor, but it could also be on the level, so if anyone knows let us in on it OK?

This month I am publishing the addresses and phone numbers of the members. Some have asked for this because they would like to get in touch with some and was unable to find them listed in the phone book.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This should be an interesting one, AMA President Howard Johnson is going to drop in for a visit. This is voting month for you know what...We have a film on flying sites and activities..... should be enjoyable to all.....Last month we had two new members sign up Dick Brockway and Al Motherwell.....hope you like our group. MEETING.....SAME TIME.....SAME PLACE.....

NOV. 9TH

BIRD'S EYE REPORT on LAS VEGAS SILVER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP R-C CONTEST
by Willie Gardner

To start with, the contest was a HOT one, both Saturday and Sunday, with temperatures close to 100 degrees. The location was a dry lake bed perhaps a mile in diameter completely surrounded by jagged mountain ranges.

As a personal view of my own, it resembled a setting such as the bottom of a huge crater on the moon where a space ship might pick for a soft landing. The wind was completely absent except for a whisper of air once or twice a day and maybe an occasional whirly gig would flit by.

I saw what was perhaps a first in R-C flying that will probably never be duplicated again. If only I could have been taking

movies at the time for proof to all. It was not hallucinations from the heat either, because there were many other witnesses to the actual happening, but since I was the only member of the Valley Flyers present, my report will have to stand as being true. In case of any doubts, I can call on two witnesses from the Smog Cutters in Culver City, in the persons of Jack Stafford and Al Karp both of whom are quite active at the basin.

Many of you have witnessed mid-air collisions, but I have never been in the right place at the right time. However, this time I was in the right place at the right time, to see this actually happen. There were two flight lines and two class III airplanes were in the air at the same time. Eventually one was maneuvered ahead of the other. When the time for spot-landing arrived, the first plane landed in the spot area and broke a propeller upon landing, so the plane rolled to a stop on the outer edge of the circle. As the contestant walked over to pick his plane up, the other plane was coming in for his spot-landing also but was a little high, and all appearance showed he was going to overshoot. He was headed for the other plane still on the ground. Before anyone could yell to the flyer, who evidently did not see the plane on the ground until it was too late, the inevitable happened. He landed right on top of the other plane and stayed there, straddled piggy-back fashion with the propeller tip embedded in the top of the fuselage of the plane underneath. Talk about the birds and bees, this was a sight to behold.

There was no time limit on starting the motor because of the heat. If you did not get into the air on take-off you still had up to eleven minutes to get started again. I was able to get in eight flights in two days, with the second day stopping at noon for the pattern event.

The presentations were made at 1 o'clock and that made it

just right to make the 30-minute drive back to Las Vegas and be checked out of the hotel or motel by 2:00.

The contest was well organized and ran very smoothly. There was ice water aplenty and several shades to crawl under when the sun warmed up. As an experiment we touched the backs of our arms to the various colored planes, and it was evident that the lightest colors had the coolest surface compared to the darker colors. Actually, the coolest were quite warm.

A portable TV was raffled off by Eddie Morgan of Taylor Cub Fame(9th). The proceeds went to the building of a new model airport for Las Vegas. Frank Hoover Sr. won this goodie. His son, C.G. did well also in the events.....Following are the results of the different events..

Class III Jr.-Sr.		Class III Novice		Class III Expert	
John Adair	65	Eldon Lind	288	Ted White	359
Gary Harmon	55	Al Karp	272	C.G. Hoover	350
		Earl Kunkel	204	Ron VanBeck	304

Class II		Class I Jr.-Sr.		Class I Open	
Ron VanBeck	180	Gary Harmon	72	Bob Angus	215
Jerry Nelson	125	John Adair	68	Willie Gardner	124
Bud Pannier	67			Walt Staff	108

Aerathon 15 Minutes		Scale	
C.G. Hoover	17:31	Jack Stafford	21,291
Jerry Nelson	20:56½	Ed Morgan	7,344
Ted White	21:41	John Samoloviteb	4,978

THE LARKS OPEN AT BAKERSFIELD.....The 10th Annual Larks fall contest was won by our Valley Flyer member, Doug Spreng in Class III Expert. Also in the winners circle were two more Valley Flyers who helped give the club a well deserved showing. The weather was almost perfect. Slight breezes, but could have been 10 degrees cooler. The scale entries were very impresskve and flew well with smooth proportional equipment. The following are the results;

Class III Expert		Class III Novice		Class II	
Doug Spreng	353	Jim Spurlak	273	Lloyd Sager	262
Phil Kraft	337	Al Bowman	270	Jerry Nelson	235
Clarence Lee	319	Jim Oddino	268	Gil Hanstman	234

Pylon

Scale

Ray Downs	Jack Stafford	30,030
Jim Stevens	Coryell	22,378
Bob Doell	Joe Bride	17,808

(fastest qualifing Granger Williams)

Break down entrants per event

Class III Expert- 15 Class III Novice- 16 Class II combined- 8

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THUMBNAIL BIO --- Don Butman

Born in San Rafael, California in 1931. Acquired the modeling habit early and built rubber-powered ones until 1945 when the gassies & U-control took over. Collected some 40 "Dust Catchers" by flying Stunt & Team (even won a 10 foot box kite for worst crash - cut team partner's streamer about 15 inches ahead of the knot! CRUNCH!).

Flew in Plymouth's Championship Contests - Detroit, Michigan - 1948 & 1949 - 4th in stunt in '49 (Nate Rambo was 2nd).

Traded a couple Dust Catchers for a Bell R/C set in 1949 -- never had enough money for all the batteries required! Sold it in 1955 for \$5.00!

Flew U-control & started R/C in Japan in 1953. Nuthin' worked too well so "forgot" modeling from '55 until 1962 when the R/C Bug bit again. Joined the Valley Flyers in '63, served my apprenticeship as Editor and am still helping in a small capacity therein (even have to type my own Bio!).

Have one of the original Pullen proportional sets in an OP Jenny! May even get around to flying it one of these days. Have just received plans for a Travel Air Biplane that I want to build.



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