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President's Corner

Bob Upton

November is election month for the Valley Flyer's 1967 regime. This is the first time, to my knowledge, there has ever been more than two candidates for each office. This year we have three well-qualified men for each elective office so lets have a nice turn-out and vote for the man of your choice. Each of these candidates has written a short resume about themselves so read carefully and choose wisely.

Midnight, November 15th, is the deadline for casting your ballot for AMA president. In past AMA elections, the number of votes counted to fill an office has been ridiculously low. I urge all current AMA license holders to vote. Lets give Cliff Wierick our support.

As is quite apparent, we have gone to a new process for our newsletter out of necessity. According to Ken Hall, we have about 100 members we send newsletters to plus 35 additional copies to other clubs, magazines, etc. The old "ditto" process is very poor simply because a "ditto" master is only good for roughly 100 copies and we have been squeezing out 135. This is why some of you may have received very light copies. This month's multilith newsletter is only an experiment and we will get your reaction to it at the November meeting. While the process costs more, work for the editor is cut down substantially. Believe me, its no easy task to put together a newsletter and I think Loretta has done an outstanding job to date.

SEE YOU ALL NOVEMBER 8, VALLEY FLYER'S ELECTION NIGHT

EDITORIAL

Loretta Hall

It is difficult to express how pleased I am with the articles that I have received for this months Newsletter. It's times like this that being editor is really great!

I asked Bob to announce, at the meeting last month, that I would like to have each nominee submit a short article telling something about himself so that everyone who was going to vote would have an idea of who, when and what about each candidate. What I received was far beyond what I expected or hoped for. The game that we have always played at election time, the game called 'I don't really want it but if you force me...' seems to be over. You will find that these articles are from sincere candidates who really want the jobs that they are running for and who will do the best job they know how if elected. You will also find some well thought out declinations which are written with sincerity and for good reasons.

It seems to me that we have all realized at the same time that our club has grown to such proportions that it can no longer be taken lightly. With the size of our membership and the number of people in it that have made a name in modeling, we will have a very loud voice in the future of modeling from now on. With this thought in mind it is more important then it has ever been for us to have good leadership, and good leadership can only come from men who really want to donate the time and energy it takes to accomplish it. This energy and time will only come from willing candidates and you will find that, when we needed it most, that's just what we have!

My only thought about which candidate would be best for each job is that it is going to be very difficult to choose. We all know all of the candidates and we all like them. We also know that they will all do the very best job they know how if elected and this makes the choice even harder. I have no answer for you or myself, except to say that I will try to leave personality and popularity out of it and choose the men that I think will be best for the club.

It is unfortunate that in every election or contest there can be only one winner and therefore there must be some losers. In our case I think that the answer to this is that if a man was willing to be a candidate and loses the job that he was running for he should be used in other capacities, or in an advisory position in order to take advantage of the talent and energy that he as offered to the club. It isn't easy to choose the winners, but lets make them all winners!

I have tried to group the articles from all the candidates in alphabetical order but this was not entirely possible since I have been typing them as they were received. I wish to say also that I regret not being able to have an article from each and every candidate nominated, but time ran out on us before I could get them all collected. Any that are missing, I am sure, are just a matter of the mails and time involved and they are still interested in being elected.

ARTICLES FROM CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES 1967

For President /

Frank Capan -

Hey!.....how about that? Who me? For President?

I build models. That's about all I can tell you. I've been building models for a long time and flying them and crashing them just like you have. It's hard to right about yourself when you're inside looking out. Lets talk about the club instead.....We are getting to be very big and we sure could get bigger so what we really need is some guys that will work their ***** off to see that when we get bigger we will also get better along with it. There are some real good men running for office this time and any of them that you choose will, I'm sure, do a good job. This is no more then we have a right to expect from anyone in the club, since the club is all of us then we should all be willing to work to make it a success.

As for me being nominated for President....I thank ya'...and I can only tell you one thing.....If I'm elected I swear on a stack of Model Airplane Magazines that I'll do the very best I know how to be a good one.....BUT.....and this is a big one.....

No matter who you vote for....come to that November meeting and vote. If you don't vote then you haven't done your part to uphold the club and you can't consider yourself a good member, besides that, who knows? Next year it could be you!.....

ARTICLES FROM CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES 1967

For President

Al Cox -

It was very gratifying to be nominated for president of the Valley Flyers by the person who is going to be out next AMA President, Cliff Weirick! I have never thought of myself as being a leader of men, except maybe at quitting time. Then, I'm one of the first ones out the door.

My qualifications are few, for you see not being a retired millionaire, nor having belonged to the Toastmasters to learn how to make a speech, my time, money and talent are lacking. Although I do like the smell of banana oil(?) What the heck is that? I must have ment glue and dope! I can build a model fairly well and I attend most of the contests.

Until the Larks Open a few weeks back, I hadn't placed in a contest all year. I kept on trying though, all the way from Arizona to Las Vegas. Finally, I made it at the Larks contest! With a second place in Class III Novice.

So saying, if elected I'll continue to try in every way, to do my best.

Having accepted the nomination for President, I feel I must decline the nomination for Contest Director. Thank you just the same.

Earl Harting -

What are you supposed to write when you are asked to tell about yourself, keeping in mind that you are to be objective and, in this case, keep the interests confined to model airplanes and the Valley Flyers?

I guess the best bet would be to begin at the beginning, as it were....

I've been modeling since I was old enough to be trusted with a razor blade. A neighbor boy and I went through Freeflight (gas rubber), control line and Gliders together. I had to lay off the hobby during most of my time in the service but took up control line again while stationed in Riverside. All of this was done in the interest of sport flying - no contests and still have not entered one.

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Earl Harting cont'd.

About four years ago I became interested in Radio Control work and started the whole thing off with a Junior Falcon on a 'bang bang' escapement with a relayless-regen and have since progressed via reeds through Class I - II - III and now proportional (still have a reed set) and have come to the conclusion that you can still have fun with a Jr. Falcon on a 'bang bang' escapement.

Three and one half years ago I joined the Valley Flyers. We were then meeting in the locker room at the Van Nuys - Sherman Oaks Park Building. There have been some changes and, undoubtedly, there will be more. As far as Club activity goes, I think that clubs are necessary to the progress of the hobby. Clubs, by nature, are slanted toward contests. They force the development and improvement of the equipment and pre-suppose flying sights and improvements to them. A by-product of contests is the interest it develops in spectators and the "City Fathers" for the assistance needed in running them, flying sights and publicity. At the West Coast Championships there was approximately \$27,000.00 worth of "toy airplanes" accounted for and, if money talks, I wonder what it said?

A platform has not been asked for in this resume, so I will not go into any ideas that I may have for the club at this time. I'm sure that the other candidates for this office, and others have their own ideas as well, I will just say that if elected I will do the best job that I am capable of doing. Thank you.

For Vice President

Ken Hall -

I have been building models since I was ten years old. Circumstances such as the depression, wars and raising a family have caused temporary curtailments of my participation in the hobby but I always came back.

I started with gliders, rubber powered and when gas engines made the scene I bought a Gwin Aero kit and assembled an engine which I flew in a modified Scorpion at Rosecrans and Western. After a long lay-off my wife, Loretta, and I visited the Sepulveda Basin and we were hooked again. We started over with rubber power and gas free flight. Then came single channel, six channel and finally full house.

I joined the Valley Flyers a year and a half ago because it was a swinging club full of great guys. Last year I was elected Secretary Treasurer and have enjoyed every minute of it. I have watched the club double in size this year and feel that the Valley Flyers are, or soon will be, the number one club on the West Coast. I consider it an honor to have been nominated

Ken Hall Cont'd.

for Vice President and if elected will do my best to help make next year as successful for the club as this year was. Thank you.

Lee Robb -

I have been a model builder and flyer for twenty one years. I became really interested in Radio Control in 1959 and in 1960 I purchased my first piece of radio equipment and for the past two years I have been flying multi=proportional. In 1961 I started the Sky Volts Club of San Bernardino and was elected president of this club for two terms. In 1963 I moved to the Los Angeles area where I joined the San Gabriel Valley Radion Control League. I returned to San Bernardino in 1965 where the club had been reformed and is now known as the M.A.R.K.S. In April 1966 I was nominated for President of this club, but had to decline, as I was moving to the Los Angeles area. In June of this year, I moved back to the Los Angeles area where I became a member of the Valley Flyers.

If I am elected to the office of Vice President, I will full-fill my obligations to the best of my ability.

Hans Weiss -

Owner and operator of the Wilshire Model Center, Santa Monica California. Born 41 years ago in New Jersey.

I started model building at the age of ten, at which time the enthusiasm was almost curbed by the whacking I got for using my fathers straight edge razor to carve a balsa fuselage.

Have come up through the ranks, free flight, U-Control, Single Channel Radio, Multi Channel Radio and now full proportional, (equipment wise that is not physical.)

Now I have reached the "ultimate in flying, I find myself lacking in trophies....not a single one to my name.....'cept one time I made the boody prize....had to display the baby pottie on the mantle for pushing my buttons and following a lazy flying eagle through the sky (my plane had crashed in the alfalfa several minutes beforehand).

I'm half married to my 29 year old wife, the other half is married to the models and the business. Will no doubt end my days behind the R/C display case in my store, or, if more fortunate, realizing the gains from this expensive hobby, will arrive at contests in my own twin engine plane with little Model Plane insignias painted on the side of the fuselage.

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Hans Weiss cont'd.

These will denote the number of international trophies I have bagged.

If elected Vice President I will try to fulfill all the title portrays. Will work my darndest for the Club, it's members and hobby. Thanks for considering me for the office.

For Secretary/Treasurer

Frank Kagel -

My qualifications of the office of Secretary Treasurer are limited to my having served in this office in the Larks club in 1965. I would like to express my appreciation for your confidence in having nominated me and assure you that I will do everything possible to further the interests of the club and the hobby. Thank you.

For Editor

Larry Rosenberg -

My model background goes back to about my 8th birthday. (about 24 years ago). I began with the usual little 10¢ stick models and gradually built my way up to U-control models, mostly stunt and scale. I stuck with these until I was bout 18 years old then school and the army took care of my modeling for the next few years.

After my discharge from the army, I resumed control line flying for a while, then marriage entered the picture and slowed down the model building somewhat and finally, I became tired of going around in circles, which slowed my modeling down to a crawl. I finally quit completely until about 1963.

One fine sunny Saturday morning in 1963, I made a trip to the Sepulveda Basin to see what all this R/B bizz was about. I saw a few ships fly and was interested, but not sold, on it. Then Willie Smith showed up with a Torero equipped with Digicon Propo in it and proceeded to put on a show. I was hooked.... I am sure Willie doesn't remember me but I pestered him with questions that morning, all of which he patiently answered. On the way home from the field I stopped off to buy a Jr. Falcon kit and I was off.

After this initial modest purchase, I proceeded to expend much time, money and patience on this hobby, and I have advanced to my present position. I now consider myself to be a professionally mediocre flyer. (Would you believe how much it has cost me to merely attain the mediocre stage?) I fly weekly (weakly) every Saturday morning and enjoy it the most,

especially now that I am the guy with the propo rig that gets to answer a few questions from the newcomers. The cycle is complete.

Contest Director

Alan Karp -

The main job of contest director is to direct the contests (?). It is the task of this poor fellow to schedule the events of the contest and make some sense out of the apparent chaos, of flight lines, frequencies and classes. I have flown the contest circuit for approximately three years. During this time I've competed in good contests as well as bad ones. (The latter being those in which I lost) and it is my feeling that a compilation of all the good features that appealed to flyers in the past contests (ie., many flights, balanced time schedules, demonstrations for spectators and contestants, and good judging, (Fair judging?.....Would you believe easy judging?) would make for a very successful and enjoyable weekend for the flyers.

Well, that's why I think I am qualified to be a good C.D. and if I'm elected I will do my best to do a real "bang up" job. The Larks contest proved that! ala Captain Crunch. Thank you for your nomination.

Ed. note.....There are a number of other candidates running for the office of Contest director but unfortunately due to the slowness of our U.S. Mail, I did not receive their articles in time for the deadline.

XMAS PARTY DATA

Earl Harting

After some more shopping around the Universal Inn was selected. It is located at 4057 Lankershim and the dining hall is in the process of being newly redecorated. It will have a bar, stage and booths around the sides as well as the usual banquet setup.

Now for the stinger.....the price is \$5.50 per person for steak and/or Lobster. This is including tax and tip. Drinks will be .75 each.

I will need to know as soon as possible how many will attend and if possible what they will eat. (Steak, Lobster, or both). At the meeting in November I would like to have firm reservations and money to secure your spot. Door prizes will be given away and you just gotta be there!!!

DECLINATIONS

Jim Oddino - Contest Director

I was surprised to hear that someone nominated me for Contest Director for the coming year. However, I feel it's about time that I let someone else enjoy being a part of the V/F Board. It really is a ball at those meetings. I've been in the club for about four and one half years and have been on the board for four, including one year as contest director. After hearing of all the capable people nominated, I think it's best if I decline and let some new blood get in there. Thanks again!

Mike Bainum - Secretary/Treasurer

I was extremely gratified to learn that I had been nominated for Secretary Treasurer for 1967. I am more grateful than I can tell you especially in view of the fact that I have been a member for such a short time. If my work schedule permitted you can be sure that I would be in there campaigning like a trooper but since it is my misfortune to be working the night shift at present it is impossible for me to attend the meetings and, of course, therefore impossible for me to run for office. I would like to thank all of you for your vote of confidence to a relative newcomer to you Club and I would like you to know how much I appreciate it and also that I will be more than glad to do anything for the club that my difficult work hours allow.

Willie Smith - Secretary/Treasurer

I regret that I must decline the nomination for Secretary Treasurer for 1967. I am most grateful to all of you for considering me for this office but do to a heavy work load at the present time and also do to the fact that I feel that it is time for some new blood in the board, I feel that I cannot accept. As most of you know, I have been in the club almost since its inception and during that time I have held many offices and enjoyed each one. Let's give the new members, or at least those members who have never held office before, a chance to show what they can do. I will always be available for anything that I can do for the club or any of you. Thanks.

Nate Rambo - Editor

ed note....you will find Nates declination on the same page with his report on the Sunnyvale contest. This was necessary do to space conversation with our new printing process.

THE SUNNYVALE RACING CONTEST

By: Nate Rambo

It was Friday night the 21st of October. I relaxed in the Boeing 727 seat nudging elbows with our glorious VF leader, Bob Upton. Behind us sat the little guy who is running for AMA prexi and another of the VF hatchet men, Mark Graham. Of course the little guy was flirting with the Stewardi while the rest of us were nursing our coffee, tea and martoonis. Our destination....the Pioneers two day race contest at Sunnyvale.

When we landed at the San Jose Airport, Bob Francis and Jack Doty strode up to provide transportation. We collected our giant box of pylon racers from the air freight agent and went to the motel. After unpacking, all the models we put on charge....All except one. I hate to tell, but that little guy forgot his charge cables! That began the night's escapades looking for a means to charge. We ended up at Doty's looking over his very nice foam wings which he produces under the name of "Foamcraft".

Well, Saturday morning our able chauffers got us to the field bright and early. As we prepared our Midgets and DeNight for the first heat we watched the other Los Angeles bad guys arrive. Those who made the show included: The Doells, the Downs, Chuck Hays, Larry and Granger Williams, Joe Bridi and the D.L.B. Jerry Nelson. About twenty Goodyears and 8 Open Class Racers made the scene at Sunnyvale. The meet was very well organized thanks to the Pioneers and Joe Martin's new system of setting up the heats. There were few dull moments.

When the dust had settled on Sunday afternoon, the results showed that the little guy had conquered all in every heat in which he raced. Right behind Cliff Weirick in final results were Joe Foster, and Bob Doell.

NEW SUBJECT SAME WRITER

N.R.

Larry Rosenberg and I have both been nominated for Club Editor for 1967. I take this opportunity to decline the nomination and ask that my supporters vote for Larry.

Those who have read Larry's article in RCM on his Kwiksilver have found him to be a very good writer. In addition, I have talked to Larry; he likes to write and will gladly accept the post of editor.

I hereby pledge to provide Larry with material for the paper, throughout the year and ask that all of you do the same thing.

LARKS OPEN CONTEST

By: Jim Oddino

Well, our friends the Larks showed they're still a progressive club by throwing a real swinging contest.

It was a great day for the Valley Flyers with the Good Guys taking five of the first six places in Class III Expert. One of the Club's objectives for next year ought to be to convert that bad guy into a good guy. That would also make the internats team unanimous. Anyway, back to the contest;

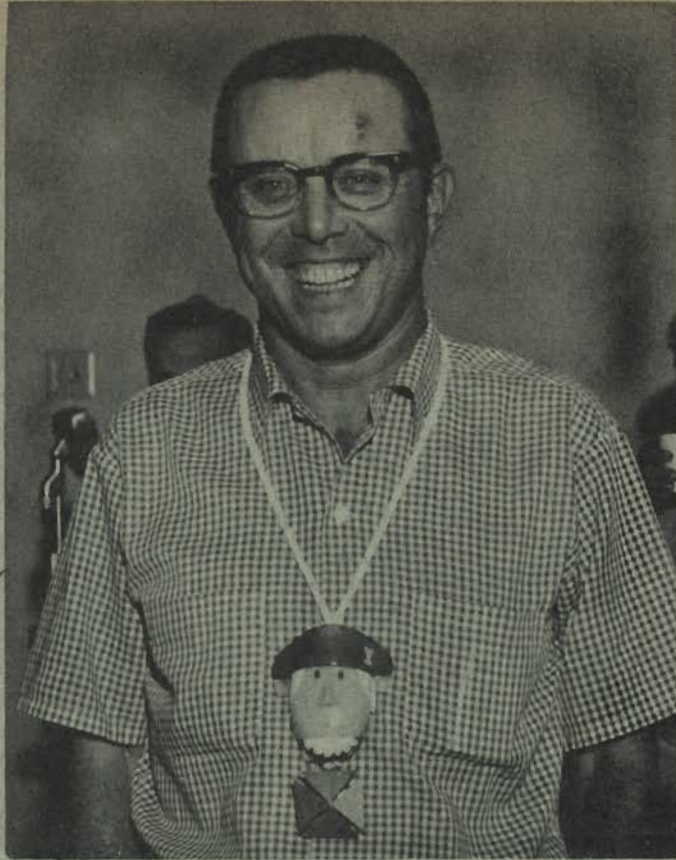
Saturday was reserved for stunt while the racing (Goodyear and Open) was scheduled for Sunday. More Contest Directors should consider this. The stunt pattern was an abbreviated AMA pattern plus four maneuvers being drawn from a box, and there were some wild ones! The guys who couldn't do snap rolls, knife edge flight, inside, outside square loops with half rolls each vertical leg starting at the top etc., were in trouble. There were a few crashes but Al Karps' wing exploding in mid-air was by far the most spectacular. Guess Al didn't read the article on "g's" in the last issue. Once again Clarence Lee showed us he owns the Basin. Phil Kraft was a solid second with a four way fight for third with only nine points separating third and sixth. In order of their scoring the winners were:

1st:	C. Lee	--	Valley Flyers
2nd:	P. Kraft	--	None (?)
3rd:	L. Leonard	--	Valley Flyers.
4th:	D. Spreng	--	Valley Flyers
5th:	J. Oddino	--	Valley Flyers
6th:	F. Capan	--	Valley Flyers

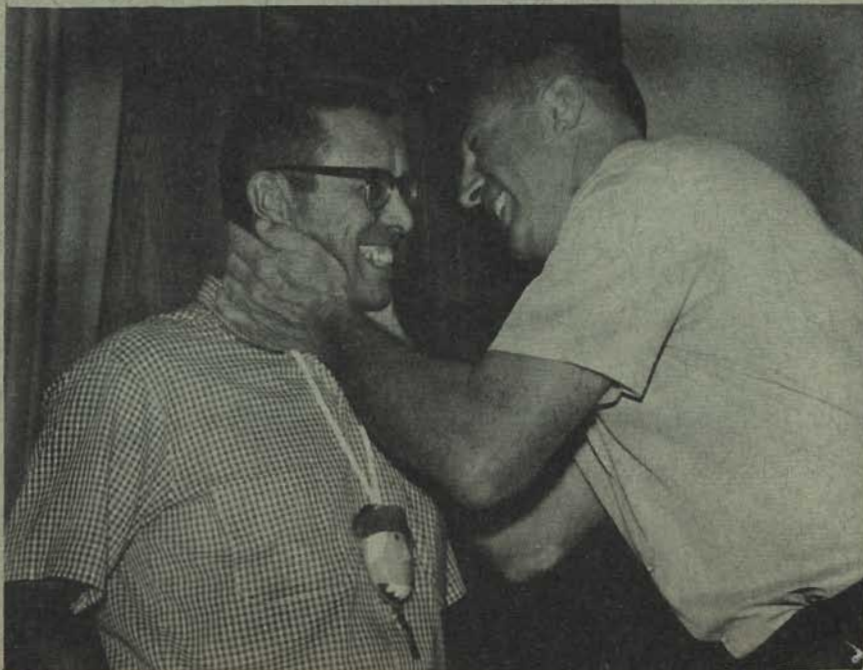
I tried and tried to get the results of the novice but had no luck. I think Al Cox and Jimmy Witt of the BIRDS tied for first. Everyone got plenty of flights and the weather was beautiful. The racing boys weren't so lucky on Sunday as the Santanna winds came up and blew them out. It will be scheduled again sometime in November.

NEXT MEETING

November 8, 1966, 8 pm Encino Women's Club.



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THE FABLE OF THE "Blue Smax"

By Loretta Hall
Approved by M. Graham

Once upon a time, a long time ago, there was a very heroic medal called the Blue Max - it was awarded to very heroic flyers for shooting down 20 enemy planes during World War I.

Once upon a time - not so very long ago - there was a little guy who flew little airplanes and dreamed big dreams about W.W. I and the Blue Max. Now this little guy hadn't shot down any enemy planes because there wasn't any war - but all his buddies got together and decided that what he had done was just as heroic and just as deserving of a medal as the W.W. I pilots. They couldn't give him the Blue Max but what they could give him was the "Blue Smax." The smax denoting the sound that all of the little airplanes made when they hit the ground. You see - they had counted - and they found that Cliff Weirick had really earned this most heroic medal by crashing at least twenty little airplanes that belonged to them!

Now the little guy has a medal but he has no airplanes because they won't let him fly theirs anymore and all of his are broken. This is the end of a very sad Heroic Tale.



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