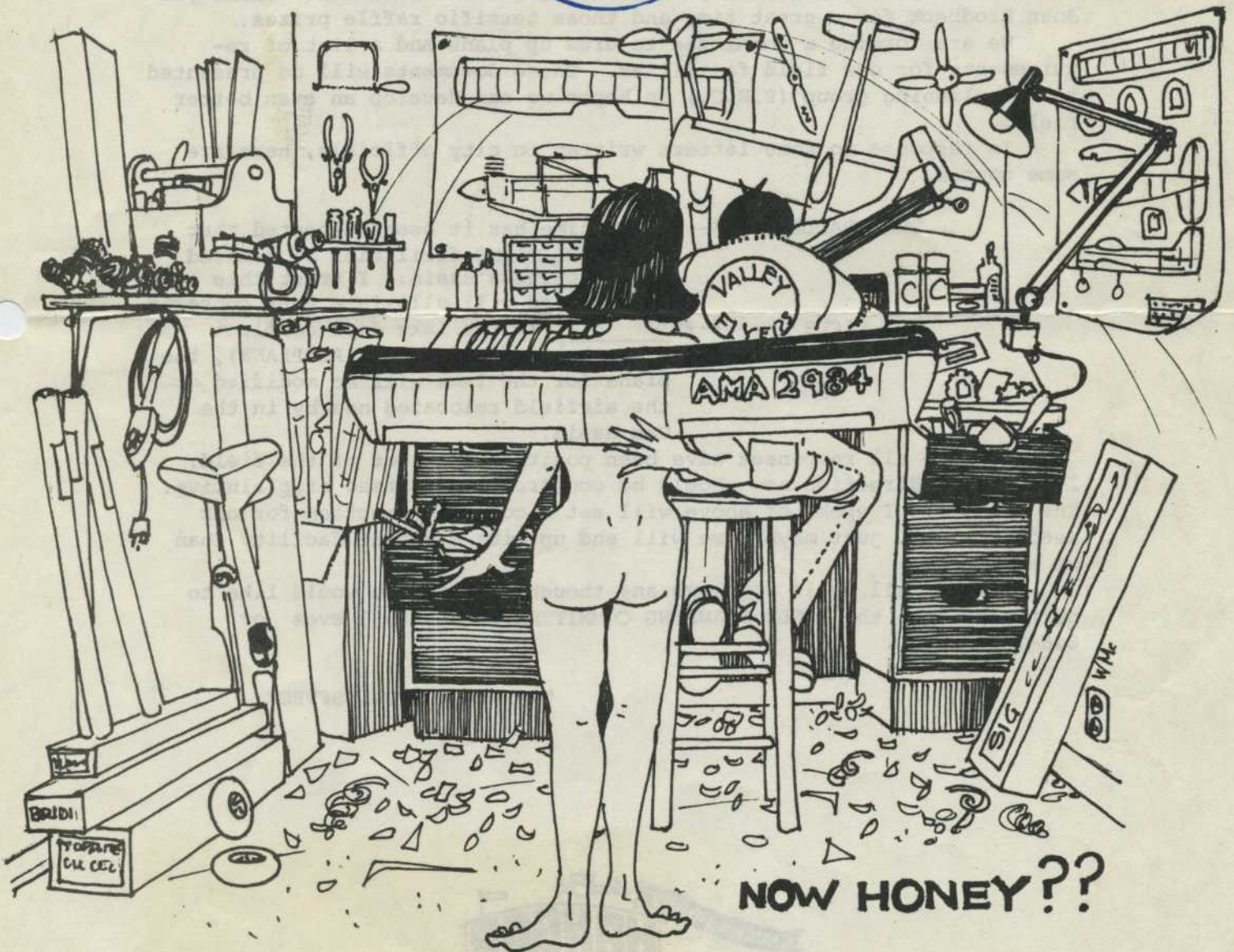


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PRESIDENTS PAGE

Bring your scribbles for the "LOGO" contest this month. Remember it doesn't have to be finished art. We have pro's in the Club that will take the winning design and make it ready for print. The prize will be a TOP FLITE P-47 THUNDERBOLT kit! If no design is acceptable, the "JUG" goes into September's raffle.

Most of the membership will be meeting at VOLPAR AVIATION (it's kinda hard to find) at 7929 Hayvenhurst Ave., Van Nuys Airport at 6:00 Tue. night Aug. 12, 1980. Marc Carsten, Tony MacLane and I won't be able to go. We will be having dinner with A M A V.P. Jim Scarsborough. After dinner we will meet at the clubhouse at 8:00 promptly! Please allow enough time to get from the airport to the meeting. Jim will have those excellent films we have been hearing about.

The trip to K&B was very interesting and a lot of fun. Thank you John Brodbeck for a great time and those terrific raffle prizes.

We are forming a committee to draw up plans and a list of requirements for our field facilities. These documents will be presented to the planning group (P.R.C.) in hopes we can develop an even better field.

In response to some letters written to city officials, here are some quotes:

TOM BRADLEY ----- "At no time has it been suggested that the MODEL PLANE facilities be removed from Sepulveda Basin. I trust this information will alleviate your concerns.

JOY PICUS ----- "_____ if the lake does conflict with the airfield (MODEL AIRPLANE), the plans for the lake will be modified or the airfield relocated nearby in the Dam Basin."

So far, all responses have been positive in favor of the field. I think our direction now should be constructive instead of plaintive. The committee I spoke of above will set a consise direction for our needs. Maybe, just maybe, we will end up with a better facility than we have now.

Please call me if you have any thoughts or if you would like to participate on the FIELD PLANNING COMMITTEE at 888-8591 eves or 846-7834 days.

Wayne Mc. Pres. SFVRCF



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EDITORS NOTES

It has been called to my attention that some members were not aware of the early starting time of 7:00 P.M. for the July meeting and must apologize for not seeing to it that it appeared somewhere in the June newsletter. I was not aware of the early starting time myself until it dawned on me that evening, that it would be a very late meeting at K&B if we left Encino at 8:00 P.M.. After a few quick phone calls I decided I better get to the Encino Women's Club or else be left behind. I arrived at 7:10, 15 minutes prior to Wayne McElraths departure. Again my apology.

Other than the travel expenses, I would not mind having a club meeting at K&B on a more regular basis. The meeting started with plenty of free coffee and donuts and the usual social gathering (lie swapping). After going over the business end (see regular meeting minutes) we had a super raffle of which Les Bernell has written an article. After the raffle the tour of the plant began.

John Brodbeck's motto seems to be 'KEEP IT SIMPLE' in regards to manufacturing organization. I was expecting to see computers used not only in the manufacturing of model engines but in controlling all the paper work involved. Not so! All controlled by manual or unautomated systems. I stress the word system here because K&B does have systematic controls over what is in inventory, what engines are being produced during a certain time frame, how many will be produced and how long it will take to produce them. The personnel turn-over at K&B is very low. At least in the key positions. Between the production supervisory people and those 2 or 3 people that assemble EVERY engine by hand there is a 20 year average of employment at K&B! Those people must be treated pretty well!

By the way, the rum that was starting up during our tour was for the K&B .40 side port exhaust. The latest improvement being an integral muffler just like it's big brother the K&B .61. Also found out that in the future the K&B .61 will be updated to Schneurle porting instead of the conventional porting and an A.B.C. sleeve and piston set up. About a dozen or so have been distributed for extensive testing as of this writing. Thank you John for a wonderful experience!

I hope to see cleaner taxi strips and runway in the near future. The Department of Parks and Recreation said they would get to it pretty soon.

The Board was told that our bleachers must have been stolen but Jay Replogle says that he has seen the equipment the city uses to remove them in one piece, a HEAVY DUTY crane and a large truck, and that maybe we are being snowed! I'll check on it.

I received a letter from Paul Harshman of the Canyon Crosswind club. They are having a field improvement raffle and are asking our support. The primary improvement being to bring water to their field. Tickets will sell 3 for a dollar and prizes are as follows: (1) 3 ch. Futaba radio (2) Custom Woodcraft flight box and (3) H.B. .61 engine. The winner need not be present and the raffle will be held Sept. 28, 1980 (Eds. note: I assume the drawing will be held at their field) They are also holding a scale contest in September. I suggest that if you have any questions that you contact Paul R. Harshman, 14070 Gain St., Arleta Ca. No zip code was supplied, but telephone for Paul is 896-7877.

Unfortunately I must end this article on a sad note. Glen Sigafoose, President of Sig Manufacturing, was killed in his Pitts Special, Sunday, July 20, while performing in an airshow for a local model club. Funeral services were held Thursday July 24. I am sure you will all join me in expressing our gratitude for Sig's contribution to the sport of Model Aviation that will be appreciated for many more generations to come.

Bob Smith, Editor

RAFFLE AT K&B A BIG SUCCESS!

The June meeting at K&B was not only interesting from the manufacturing aspects but the raffle turned out to be this best one we have had in some time.

It started out with an AEROMASTER II and a Jemco fun-scale P-51. These items I had picked up at the Hobby House from Jay Repogle. John Brodbeck, evidently hating to see airplanes without engines, graciously gave the club a K&B .61 and a K&B .40. John then added 5 cans of resin, 5 boxes of cups for mixing, and two gallons of K&B 500 fuel. The table was now filled with goodies and a feeling of anticipation filled the room.

Following the business meeting, a discussion on how to conduct the 'SPECIAL RAFFLE' ensued. This was spirited by a suggestion that we auction off the items as opposed to a raffle. A vote by the general membership showed that a raffle was favored. A slight deviation from the norm was made, that being, all raffle tickets would be sold for one dollar each.

At the end of the business portion of the meeting raffle tickets went on sale. And sell they did!! I do not think that Adam and Joe have ever had so many people so anxious to buy tickets. In all the commotion, Wayne held up a K&B pumper .40 that John had just added to the kitty. That meant a total of three, yes three engines!!

When things started slowing down, I made a quick count of the money. \$180 and still selling. I pulled another \$5 out and bought another 5 tickets, so did Wayne. This seemed to spur more purchases and after the second flurry ended we started the raffle. The final total \$217! Paid out \$87. Total profit to the club: \$130!!

I wish to thank everybody who helped to make this raffle successful. That especially means all of you that dug in and bought tickets.

While on the subject of raffles, have you ever considered what the odds of you being a winner are? It's simple. Let's take the raffle at K&B as an example. 217 tickets were sold. If you purchased one ticket, the odds would be 216 to 1. Buy two and the odds drop to 107 to 1.

THE FORMULA IS:
$$\frac{\text{number of tickets sold} - \text{number of tickets you purchased}}{\text{number of tickets you purchased}} =$$
 will equate your odds to one of winning!

I purchased \$15 worth of tickets. My odds were 13 to 1. I won the K&B pumper and a quart of resin. Retail value \$115.

Wayne purchased \$15 worth of tickets also. His odds being the same, 13 to 1. He won the K&B .61 and a quart of resin. Retail value \$110.

Marc Carsten purchased \$15 worth of tickets, odds being the same 13 to 1. He won the Aeromaster II and a gallon of K&B 500 fuel. Retail value, \$104.

Next time improve your odds. You control them!

Lester Bernell, V.P.-Raffle Chairperson

***** A.M.A. DUES *****

As of June 1980, the following members have not resolved their A.M.A. dues:

- Leroy Falk
- Ross Hulbert
- Gideon Kotler
- Eris Rosello
- Tim Tourtillott
- Joe Baer
- Tony Di Leo
- Tom Mead

If your name is on this list, please see me at this next meeting!

Lester Bernell, V.P. Membership Chairperson

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8th 1980 Valley Flyer meeting. Presiding, Wayne McElrath, President. Meeting started at 8:10 P.M. at K&B manufacturing. Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Request by membership for names and addresses of people to write to or phone in regards to the Sepulveda Basin and the model airfield. One such person would be Doris (Dodo) Meyer, Administrative Coordinator, Office of the Mayor, Van Nuys City Hall 8th floor. Telephone 989-8505. Ron Schorr suggested writing to the Valley News since one of their editors supports the Olymics in the Basin.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne McElrath is forming a committee to represent the Valley Flyers in the area of 'field planning'.

RAFFLE

see raffle article

K&B TOUR

Meeting adjourned at approximatley 10:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board meeting held at Wayne McElrath's house, July 22nd 1980. Present were Les Bernell, Tony Maclane, Bob Adams, Bob Smith and of course, Wayne McElrath. Meeting came to order at 8:00 P.M. There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Logo contest was discussed.

Encino Women's club representative is Mrs. James Brown. She can be reached at 881-4822. The building's custodian, Mr. Mason can be reached at 348-2493. If there are any problems or suspicious circumstances at the club, please call one of the above and/or any of the Board members.

The un-contest was discussed and tentatively scheduled for October 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment for our August 12 meeting will be provided by Mr. James Scarborough - Vice President, District 10 of the AMA.

We are especially looking forward to his talk as well as two movies he is showing. These are: "Modelings Grand Illusions" (35 minutes) on scale aircraft. The other is 55 minutes and covers all phases of the hobby; "Those Marvelous Minatures".

Since Jim is our direct representative to AMA headquarters, now is the time to outline any questions or input you might have for our leaders in Washington.

Marc Carsten

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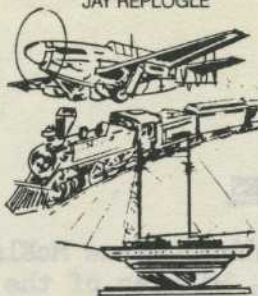


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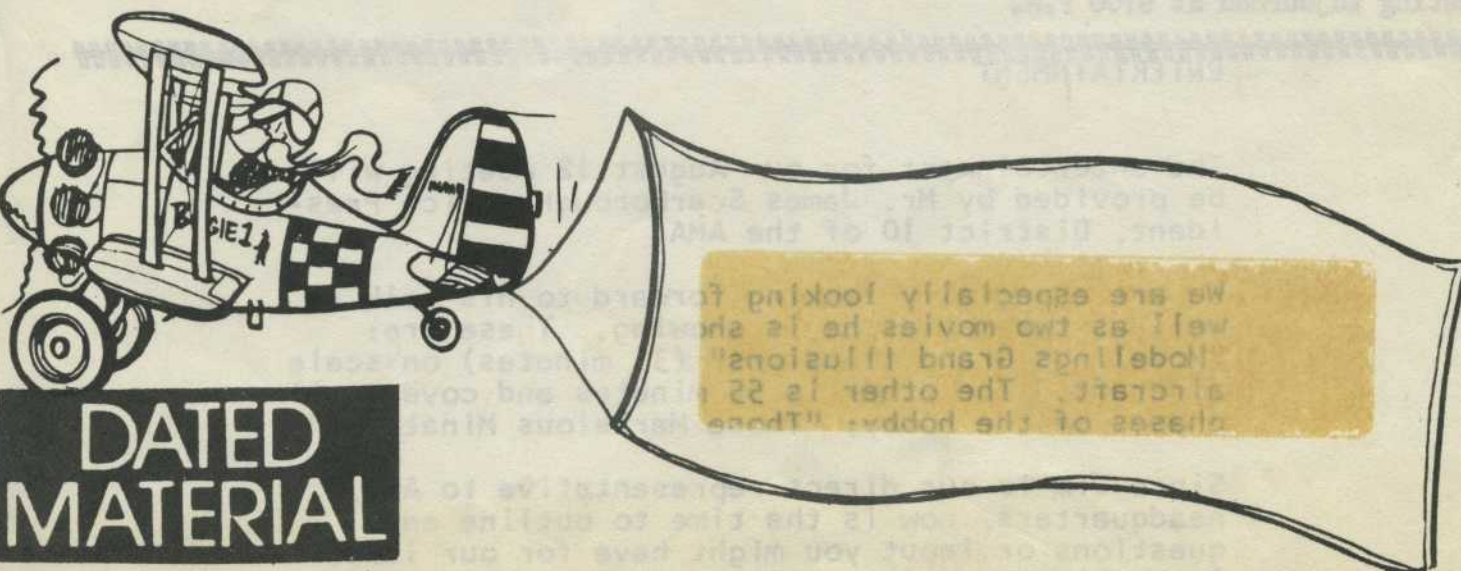
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