

# THE VALLEY FLYER



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**Contest Director:** WALT CLARK

## PRESIDENTS NOTES

Thank's to the thirty or so people (club members and non-club members) that helped clean and paint the field Sunday. It took 4 gallons of paint (three donated by Wayne Nocher). We started about 9:30am and with tremendous co-operation from the folks flying that day, we finished about 1:00pm. Sure looks great.

The next step will be to paint our logo and "Home of the Valley Flyers" on the apex of the runway triangle. With that, and the new signs, the field will take on a fresh look.

We are still negotiating the water rights so we can plant the infield. Thanks for the vote of confidence when we talked money last meeting. With the Presidents economic package, we can see that city funds will be impossible to come by, but I think it's time we and the rest of the country stop relying on Big Government to take care of us. We have the finest flying facility in the country, if not the world, and it has cost us very little. All we have to do now is "decorate" it a little. Let's do it!!!!

This newsletter is coming out as early as we can get it published so that we can allow time for everyone time to build at least one THREE VIEW ARM POWERED PLANE for the tuesday night meeting and contest. Those of you that participated last year remember what a great time we had.

### Here are the rules:

- (1) Build a "dime glider" type model of any airplane published in a magazine, book, or whatever by tracing the fuselage onto 1/4" balsa ----- wings and tail feathers on 1/16". Cut out and finish in your favorite way or leave unfinished for flyability.
- (2) Bring the 3-view for proof of scale. No plane will be eligible without it.

Planes will be judged on looks and accuracy to the 3-view.

### EVENTS:

DURATION - (by elimination) or last to hit the ground.

SPEED - (by elimination) or first to gross finish line.

DISTANCE - (by elimination) measured in a straight line.

TROPHIES or RIBBONS thru third place. Additional PRIZES for BEST model, BEST finist, and MOST UNUSUAL will be awarded. Each Plane must prove it can Fly.

This time we are going to defray expenses with a nominal entry fee of \$.50 per entry. I don't think that will break anyone and the trophies and ribbons aren't cheap.

"Builder of the year" awards are going to be given at the Christmas Dinner. Whether you win "MODEL OF THE MONTH" or not, your entry will be given points so we can determine:

1. BEST BUILDER
2. MOST PROLIFIC BUILDER
3. BUILDER WHO TRIED THE HARDEST

Building R.C. airplane models - of any kind - is interesting to show the MEMBERSHIP at the meetings and someone always learns something from our efforts (good or bad).

In this NEWSLETTER is a copy of a letter we sent to the Mayor. Ken Tyler, a new member, has developed a good repor with Mayor Bradley: Hopefully we can establish, thru Ken, a working relationship with CITY HALL to our benefit.

See you all Tuesday night, march 10,1981 at the ENCINO WOMEN'S CLUB.

Wayne Mc Pres. SFVRCF

P.S. March 10th meeting will start at 7:30 PM!



\*\*\*\*\* EDITORS NOTES \*\*\*\*\*

Think I'll keep it short this month since we want to get this months newsletter to the printer early so you will receive it in time before next meeting.

With the support of the entire board, the newsletter is still very informative this month and has a few added features like a tentative schedule of entertainment for the entire year that will be updated and printed each month, better recognition of the 'GOOF BOWL RECIPIENT' and a reminder of the current month's contest calendar activities.

Just like to add that having guests at the board meetings is working out very well and that we appreciate the support!

Bob Smith, Newsletter Editor

\*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\*  
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\* The March 10th meeting will start at 7:30, so please be prompt. \*  
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Bob Adams - Set up fuel tank with no holes thru gasket and attempted fueling at field in front of witnesses!

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

1981

- February - Race Night with Larry Laulom & Foam Wing Cutting with Steve Lepler.
- \* March - Annual '3 View Arm Powered Glider Contest' Meeting to start at 7:30!
- April - Scale Night with scale raffle.
- May - Our guest will be Mr. Dave Johnson from Kraft Systems Inc. In 1977 Dave flew an R/C plane over the North Pole. Discussion with film. Entire family invited.
- June - Hopefully another visit to the K&B factory. Meeting to start at 7:00 at the Encino Womens club.
- July - Guest manufacturer.
- August - Movies.
- September - Engine clinic.
- October - Club auction, possibly held with other club(s).
- November - Mr. John Elliot of R/C Modeler Magazine and the pilot of the 1/20th exact scale 'Spruce Goose'. John and some of the other individuals that were involved with the project and flight, will have the aircraft here with film of the first flight!
- December - Christmas party.

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\*Please note that the March meeting will start at 7:30 PM!

Walt Clark, Entertainment Director



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Detailed Information on April, May and June Entertainment

APRIL Scale Night - Bring your finished or un-finished scale planes for a giant show and tell. We hope to have some members of the Scale Squadron visit with us with their airplanes.

MAY Mr. David Johnson of Kraft Systems Inc. and Mrs. Johnson will be with us for a very interesting program. We will have a short business meeting, show and tell and raffle and then turn the stage over to the Johnsons. First Dave will take about 30 minutes discussing and showing all the new Kraft systems, then Dave and his wife will narrate a film about their trip to the Artic Circle and show his R/C aircraft flying over the Artic. Please bring your wife and kids. This will be a very entertaining program!

JUNE Our Annual trip to the K&B factory, with a giant raffle!  
For this event we will meet at the Women's club at 7:00 PM so that we can car pool and meet at the factory at 8:00 PM.

Walt Clark, Entertainment Director

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - February 1, 1981 thru February 28, 1981

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Membership	\$ 507.00	Raffle - Smith Brothers	\$ 129.00
Raffle	128.00	Q-500 printing	19.79
Badges	30.00	Newsletter & cards	111.08
Patches	3.00	Donuts, cups & sugar	17.88
Coffee & Donuts	13.00	AMA Race Sanction	3.00
	<u>\$ 681.15</u>		<u>\$ 280.75</u>

Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1981	\$ 28.41
Income received	<u>681.15</u>
	\$ 709.56
Total disbursed	<u>-280.75</u>
Balance on hand as Feb. 28, 1981	\$ 428.81
Savings Account balance	\$ 1,070.52

Tony Maclane, Treasure

As of the February meeting, there are 66 members who have paid their 1981 dues. Don't forget!!!! at the April meeting, renewing members must pay the new membership fee of \$25.00. The upcoming March meeting will be your last chance to renew your membership at the \$18.00 rate.

If you cannot make the March meeting, please fill out the form below and send it to me with your check or money-order for \$18.00 and I will ensure that it is processed promptly. Your renewal fee must be received before April 14, 1981.

SEND TO:

Lester Bernell  
 20343 Chapter Drive  
 Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	LAST NAME	FIRST	AMA NO.	SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS
	STREET	CITY	STATE	
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RAFFLES

I would like to thank the following members for their assistance in providing raffle prizes for the membership:

- Dave Lloyd - Dave's Custom Models
- Chuck Smith - Smith Brother's Hobby Centers
- Jay Replogle - Hobby House
- Colby Evett - Evett's Model Shop

To show our appreciation, the Valley Flyers will provide these members with complementary membership for 1981!

Les Bernell, Vice President

..... MINUTES OF FEBRUARY VALLEY FLYER MEETING .....

February 10, 1981  
Presiding Wayne McElrath  
Meeting convened at 8:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Wayne McElrath

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed field improvements, i.e. re-painting the pits, seeding, landscaping.

Larry Laulom read letter from Mayors office describing current situation and history of the rest room facility located at the south west end of the runway.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to freeze savings account balance at \$1000 to reserve as field improvement fund. Motion was second and approved by the membership.  
After re-painting the pit area, next task will be to improve signs.  
Ron Schorr will provide sheet metal.

Vic Martin asked for volunteer support at the Veterans Administration for patients that are interested in model aircraft.

Goof Bowl Nominees

Bob Adams - No holes in fuel tank for fuel lines  
Jay Ross - Incomplete cuban 8 with in-decision on pulling out which resulted in straight in crash!  
Dan Samanski - Didn't read instructions when using coverite for the first time!  
Winner was Bob Adams!

NEW MEMBERS \*\*\*\*\* WELCOME ABOARD \*\*\*\*\*

Scott Gordon, Robert Loftin, Charlie Manzo, Bud Schwartz, Don Vail & Brian Vallentgoed.  
All were approved by the membership.

BREAK @ 8:55

SHOW AND TELL

Les Bernell - foam Spitfire by Sureflight in Military flats  
Wayne Mc Elrath - Kaos pseudo-Spitfire in Military flats and set up as a tail-dragger.  
Jay Ross - Believe it's a Bertken Formula I with a McPike wing and of course K&B for horse power.  
Ken Turner - Very interesting K&B Superpoxy with metallic overcoat!  
Marv Zauss - Superb Waco. K&B .61 with pump makes it an excellent flyer!  
Sig Comet Sport/Pattern ship. Makes an excellent sport bird.

Jay Ross took the competition category and Ken Turner took sport.



MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING CONTINUED

ENTERTAINMENT

Larry Laulom discussed many items of Formula 500 racing. Caller functions and responsibilities, launching techniques, radio installation, fuel system and security. Also discussed general construction using hot stuff, foam, epoxy and silicone.

RAFFLE provided by Smith Brother's Hobby.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30

Bob Smith, Newsletter Editor

MINUTES OF THE VALLEY FLYER BOARD MEETING

Meeting held at Tony Maclane's house on February 24th, 1981. Present were Bob Smith, Walt Clark, Wayne McElrath, Les Bernell, Bob Adams and of course Tony Maclane. Guests present were Vic Martin, Larry Laulom, Ken Turner and Ken Tyler.

OLD BUSINESS

Tony discussed new membership cards for the club. Also re-ordered club stationary. Discussed the possibility of getting large club patches but still in the works. Modeler of the year details were worked out. Hobby shop owners who participate in club activities and raffles for a minimum of one year will be considered for curtesey club membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Club will discuss current status of the 'SCRAP BOOK' with Reed Packard.

Flight field rules update were discussed for the new sign.

MARCH CLUB MEETING WILL START AT 7:30 INSTEAD OF 8:00 PM!!!!!!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Bob Adams, Secretary

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RADIO CONTROL FLYERS



HOME FIELD  
SEPULVEDA BASIN MODEL AIRPORT

February 24, 1981

Honorable Tom Bradley  
Mayor of the City of  
Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Bradley:

My name is Wayne McElrath. I have been elected to a second term as President of the San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers. We are "Host and Caretakers" of the Sepulveda Basin Flying Facility.

At our board meeting last month, I made the comment that we have the best flying field in the country, if not the world. After some "chuckles and sure we do!" type comments, we stopped and realized that my statement was true. Los Angeles does have the finest radio control flying field in the world!

We, The Board of Directors representing the membership of the San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers, are writing this letter in appreciation to you and the City of Los Angeles for this facility. We are also posting notice of this fact to inform the non-member flyers and spectators who use the basin so they can also realize just what they have.

In light of the country's financial status, the club has undertaken a clean-up and beautifying project at the field. We feel it is our duty to take care of the great facility the city has provided.

Thanks also to the Dept. of Parks & Recreation and the Corps. of Engineers for their cooperation, thus far, in our endeavors.

Again, Thanks.

Sincerely,

Wayne McElrath

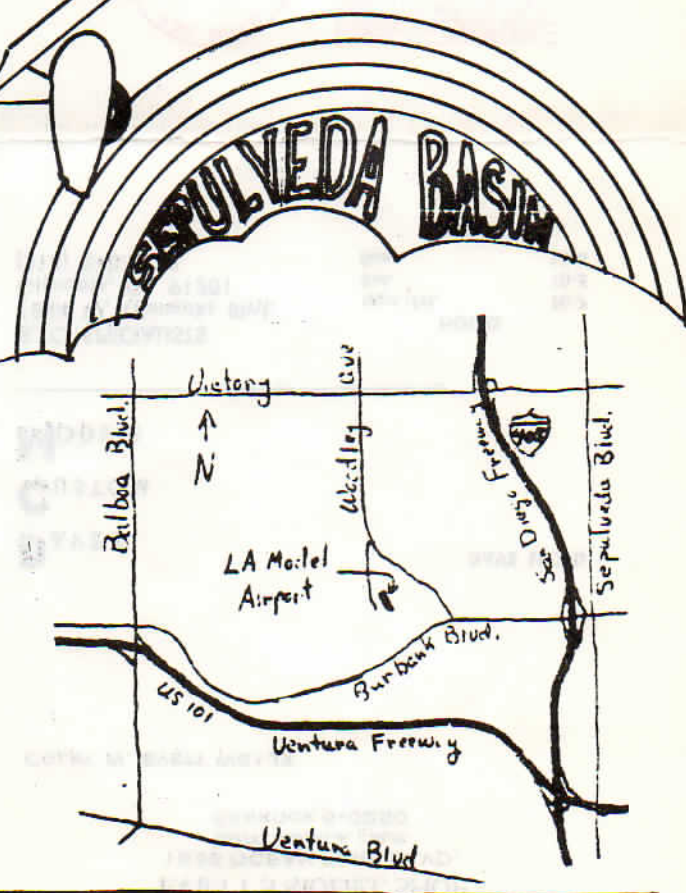
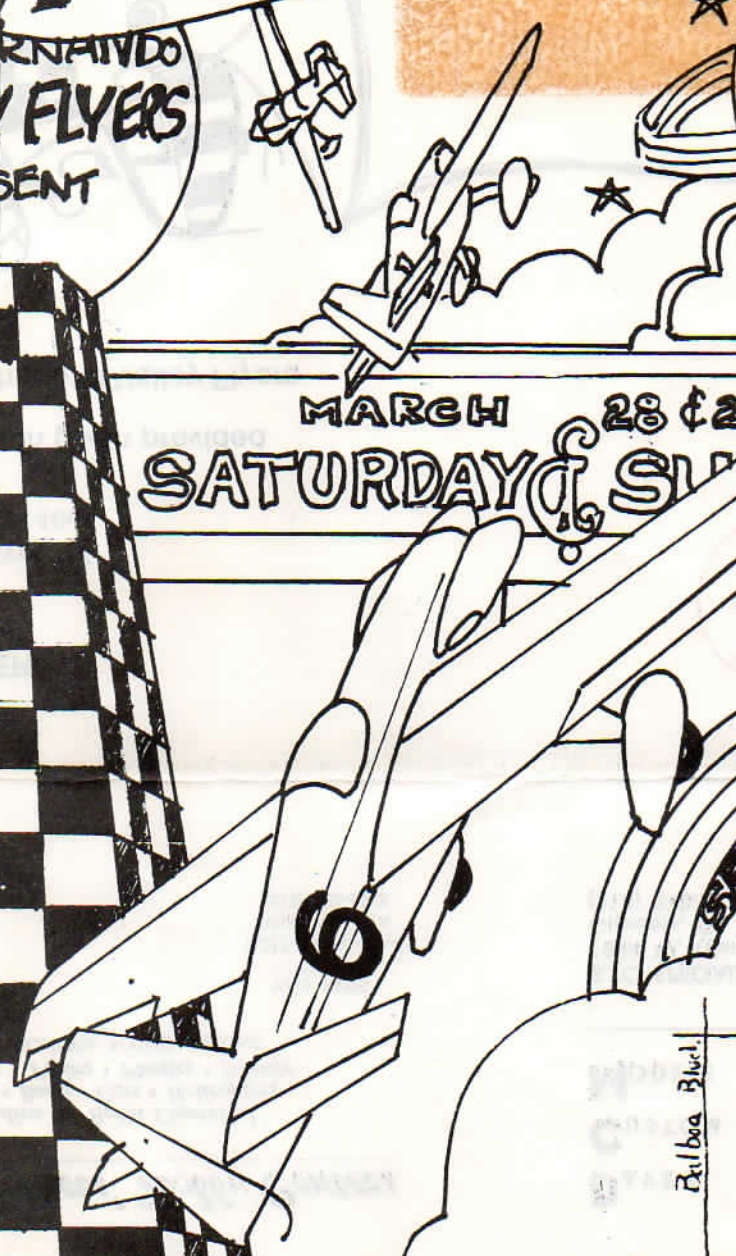
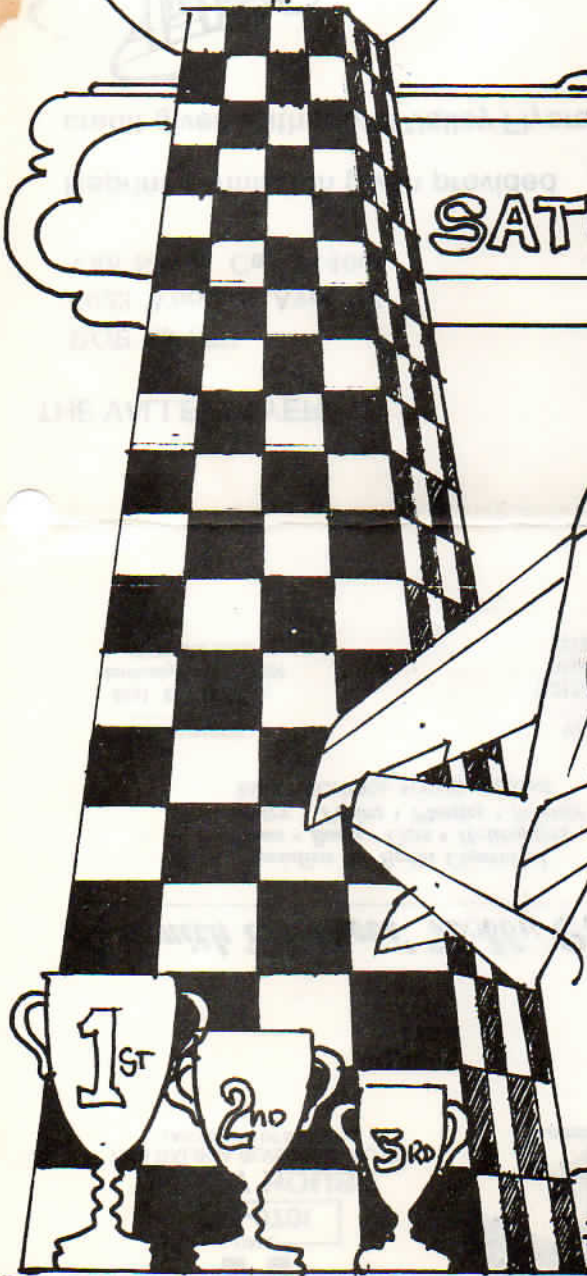
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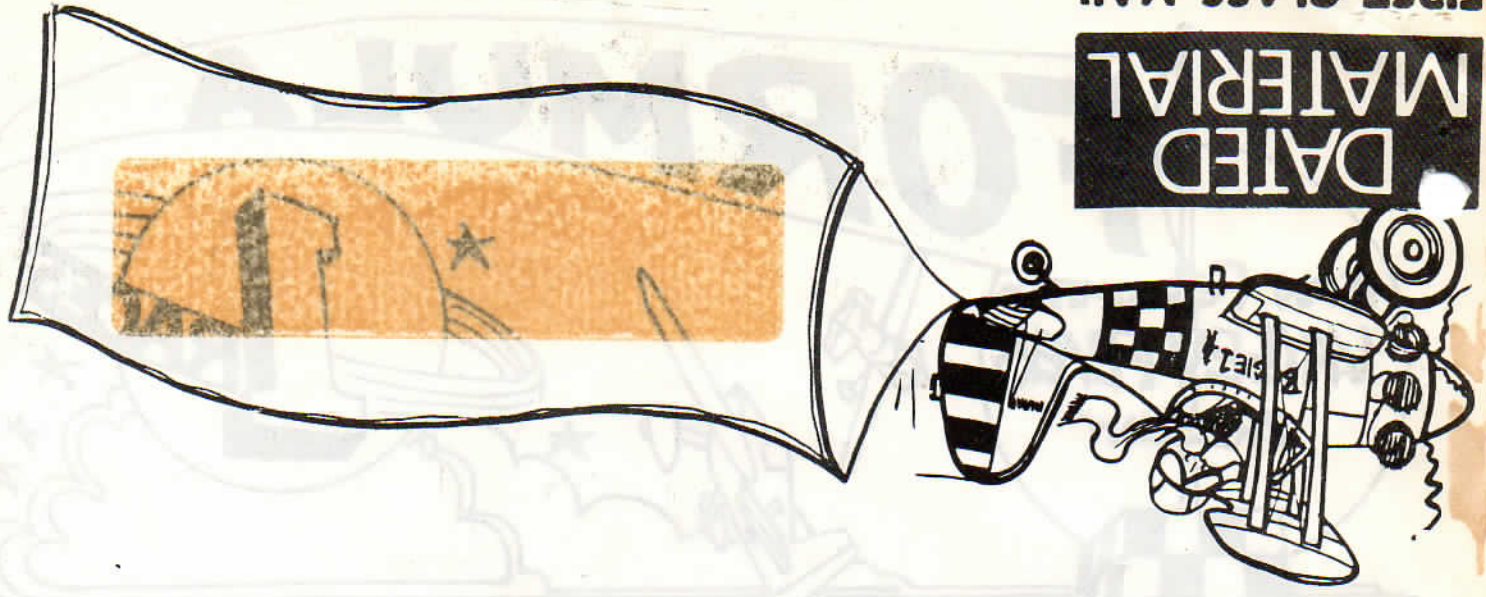
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ENTRY FEE \$15.00

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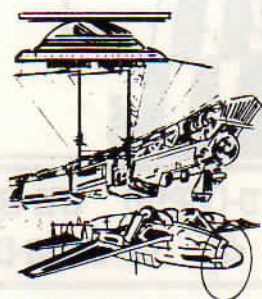
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