

THE VALLEY FLYER

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VALLEY FLYERS REGULAR MEETING:

4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 7:10 P.M.
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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Normally the President takes pleasure in writing a message to the members. This message would be reporting the accomplishments in the club, at the flying field or announcing new events that will be taking place in the future. However, it is with regret that this message contains none of the above.

Last December 1986, two golfers were almost hit by model planes while they were trying to enjoy a game of golf. This incident was reported to the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, they in turn complained to the Valley Flyers for better flight control. The parks Superintendent insisted that signs be placed mid way adjacent to north and south taxi strip. These were to inform the R/C pilots that they were not to fly over the golf course at any time or over the 200 foot maximum altitude. After months of constant complaining by the Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks, I installed the signs myself on May 7, 1987.

Now it has been called to my attention that the signs were removed and destroyed by pilots (not vandals), that are believed to be members of the Valley Flyers who choose to do their flying at night and use the taxi strips for take-offs and landings. They felt that the signs were in their way and could destroy their planes. Therefore, they took it upon themselves to remove these signs destroying them in the process. May I remind those that did this, that this is a form of vandalism, which is against the law. It also cost the club a lot of money which now will not be available for some other field improvement. I myself find this hard to believe (I don't ED.) that someone would do this, but the fact that these pilots are Valley Flyer members is a total shock to me. Regardless of the fact that these signs were not their property to do with as they please, they were put there for a purpose. It's very difficult to control field safety for all pilots when some members are the biggest violators of a serious problem. Remember, our biggest enemy could be ourselves. These signs will be posted again in the same place to show the city that we are serious in controlling safe flying. Failure to leave them up will result in the field being closed down. The golf course represents a lot of income for the Dept. of Rec. and Parks, so if push comes to shove you guess who will win. Pilots/members the decision is yours. I only hope you will conduct yourselves in a prudent adult manor.

ART PELKA

MAY PROGRAM-DON'T MISS IT !

**HOWARD HUGHES-AVIATION PIONEER
H-1 RACER TO THE FLYING BOAT**

The early aviation years of Howard Hughes (from the h-1 racer to the flying boat) will be covered in a slide show presentation by John Mac Donald. John is producer, director and co-writer of the four hour film documentary, "THE LAST PRIVATE MAN-HOWARD HUGHES".

This will provide a rare insight into Hughes the airplane builder. John will try to answer your toughest questions on this aviation pioneer. Interesting aviation handouts will be available.

John has worked at Hughes Aircraft for 29 years and is also currently Technical Director of the Ballet Folklorico of Los Angeles.

Program Chairman
Jim Bradley

DUCTED-FAN FLY

Just a note on my pet project, The Ducted-Fan Fly on October 24-25th. Even tho we have five months left I would like to see our club well represented in entries. It would sure look bad if we had 75 entries from all over the country and only a few from our own club which is sponsoring the event. This event could turn into the largest annual event of its kind on the west coast if we support it with active participation. I'm working hard on getting participation from out of town, but how about our own club members? I'm urging you to start thinking about it now so that you will have time to build and get the bugs out. We have plenty of talent in the club and I think we should be well represented in one of our own sponsored events. How about it guys? You don't know what your are missing. Ducted-Fans are a gas. Ask me.

Vice President
Carl Stronberg

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY R/C FLYERS
GENERAL MEETING
April 28, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:50p.m. by President Art Pelka. Art led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Art then asked all new members and guests to introduce themselves. They included Dr. Cary Charlin of West Los Angeles, Dan Durst of Los Angeles, and Doug Beswik.

OFFICERS REPORT

President - Art announced that the Easter Egg Hunt/Event held at Balboa Park on the 18th of this month had a large turnout. Our club had 12-14 aircraft on display and the children seemed to be very excited about them. Art also received 48 new coffee cups from our supplier. They will be given out as awards to our members and as gifts to our guest speakers. Art apologized for the lack of a newsletter this month. He was not sure of the reason, but he will make the newsletter the #1 priority of the Board of Directors. Art mentioned that the officers are trying to collect all the clubs paraphernalia and equipment from the various individuals that may have been storing it for the club. An inventory of all equipment will then be made and the property will be placed in public storage at a location near the field. The President, Secretary and the Events Director will have the keys to the storage unit. Security vests have also been donated to the club. The use of them, however, is still under consideration. It will be very costly to have patches put on them. Art mentioned that two R/C aircraft had crashed into the reclamation plant across Woodley. The operators of the facility were upset and asked to meet with Art to discuss the matter. Four mail boxes have been ordered from Builders Discount. They will be used to hold various information flyers until the city builds our bulletin board later this summer or in early fall.

Vice President - Carl announced that work is still progressing on the Ducted Fan Fun Fly being held on October 24th & 25th, the same weekend as Las Vegas. It appears like it will be a good fund raiser, but Carl still needs people to help. Carl also mentioned that he has three manufacturers committed to attending the event.

Treasurer - Ron gave his report for the month.

Secretary - John asked all new members, guests and Show & Tell participants to sign their names on the appropriate lists. The club has received its official charter from AMA for the year 1987.

Membership Chairman - Mike reported that dues are now \$35.00 and that we have 103 members. Mike is still looking for help to compile a list of Past Presidents. Anyone who might have any information that Mike can use is requested to contact him.

Events Director - Gene announced that there will be no club sponsored events the remainder of this month or early next month. The Giant Scale Squadron will be holding an event on May 2nd & 3rd at the basin. The Black Sheep Squadron will also be holding an event later in May.

News Editor & Field Manager - Were absent

Program Director - Jim announced that our guest speaker tonight will be Jim Odeno who will speak on radio frequencies.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Turner talked about problems at the field and made a motion to investigate possible locations for a second field for our use. The motion was seconded and passed. Ken will be the chairman of the committee, but no members volunteered to help him. The discussions prior to the vote demonstrated that it would not hurt to look and that if we found a new location field control would be more effective and the flight line less crowded.

Show and Tell

Models and other items presented during the Show and Tell were:

- A Flight Box was demonstrated by Michael Nemetz.
- Willie Gardner show his original concept called the Mad Max.
- Marc Schwartz displayed his Rearwin Speedster.
- Jay Replogle showed off his G.M.P. Hughes 500E (shuttle) helicopter.
- Tony had his Technicoll on display.
- And finally, Marc Broadnas showed off his Top Flight P-40.

Awards were given to Marc Schwartz and Marc Broadnas.

The Goof Bowl award was given to Pat Baner again for not coming to the meeting with the Goof Bowl Award.

Tony MacLane introduced Ralph Councils unique tape recording (a verbal simulation of a full-size aircraft. Ralph then demonstrated how he made the simulation.

After the break Jim Bradley introduced the Guest Speaker for tonight. Our guest was Jim Odeno who gave us a very good talk about our R/C frequencies and how they will be affected during the next few years.

Art announced that the next board meeting will be held one week earlier than usual. It will be held on the 1st Tuesday of May at the home of Mike Wright.

The people working our refreshment stand was given a "Thank You!" by Art. Tony MacLane announced that Bob Schmitz has made tremendous improvements during the last few months and may be at the field this weekend.

Also tonights raffle had six winners.

The meeting was called at 9:50p.m.

San Fernando Valley
Radio Control Flyers

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 5, 1987

Club President Art Pelka called the meeting to order at 8:15pm. at the home of Mike Wright. Those in attendance were: Art Pelka, Carl Stronberg, John Dyer, Mike Wright, Gene Sidwell, Ron McClave, and Vic Martin.

Officers Reports:

Vice-President:

- Carl handed out flyers for the Ducted Fan Fun Fly will be held in October. Carl donated the first 1,000 flyers that were printed. Grace Pelka may be helpful with arranging travel plans for the participants. Gene Sidwell was asked to double check with Pat Baner to see if he will still be the C.D. for the event. Gene also mentioned that he had a gentleman lined up to supply the refreshments for the weekend, but that he wants all the receipts.

Events Director:

- Gene mentioned that the Black Sheep Squadron will be hosting an All Electric Event at the field on the 17th of this month. There will not be any Valley Flyer sponsored events during the months of May or June. We will, however, be sponsoring a Quarter Midget Contest on the 5th of July as well as a Fun Fly on the 12th. In August, we will be sponsoring a Formula One contest. There will not be any more club sponsored events until the Fun Fly and Swap Meet on October 11th and the Ducted Fan event on the 24th and 25th.

Membership Chairman:

- Mike reported that Tony & Addie of the Black Sheep Squadron have also joined our club. The membership roster has been updated. Our membership now stands at 127 members. Mike is also working on the membership packet. The new membership forms will be on a 8-1/2 x 11" sheet. Mike reported that the advertising placed in various sources have not gotten any response. The advertising put out might be more effective if it were placed in the hobby shops only.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron gave his report.

Secretary's Report:

- John discussed the cost of having some stationary printed. The need for other estimates was obvious.
- Idea's for the printing on the letterhead are welcome

Vic Martin:

- Vic mentioned that the club needs to recruit more Contest Directors (C.D.'s).
- Vic discussed the requirements for becoming a C.D..
- It was suggested that we use the telephone committee to call around and ask for volunteers to become C.D.'s and Flight Instructors.
- Ron will ask Buff McClave to contact the committee.
- It was also suggested that we schedule all our events during the previous year.
- The Giant Scale Squadron will replace a walkie talkie that was damaged during their event, but the microphone for the P.A. system also needs to be replaced. Ron may have one and will donate it to the club.

Misc. Info:

- Carl will help form a committee to help Ken Turner find an alternate flying site for the Valley Flyers.
- A motion was made and passed to purchase computer software to help produce the newsletter.
- A discussion was held to determine ways to get new members and the old members to get to know each other. The club may have more social events to promote this interaction. Plans for the Christmas Party are now underway.
- An effort must also be made to get these new members to volunteer for events. This is a proven way to get people to meet and get to know others.

The meeting was called to a close at 10:30pm.

FREE AMA MEMBERSHIP



May 11, 1987

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE FREE AMA MEMBERSHIP ? Yes you can get free membership in the AMA year after year and even get a lower AMA number. Mine used to be 29832 but now I have AMA Number 272. Starting back in 1980 I have not paid any AMA dues. That has more than paid for one of my radios. It's easy, just become a Contest Director. As a CD you will be a leader member and receive mailings that regular members don't get. You also vote on

things that regular members don't ever hear about. Once a year you just "CD" a sanctioned contest or event for the club and your AMA insurance and Model Aviation subscription is free. That's all there is to it. The club does need your help to run events each year and you need not be experienced to start out. Just think, you can save \$40.00 and have fun while doing it. See Gene Sidwell at the meeting for information, or better yet call him right now and he will get you started right away. Call 213 465 5836 now.



FROM THE EDITOR

Starting this month I will be the editor and publisher of the Valley Flyers newsletter. I must ask your help. Input from the membership is a must. Anything that is related to R/C is required. Articles or For Sale adds will be accepted. But you must send them to me by mail or else they will be lost before I have a chance to run them. This is your club so have your say.

Vick

May 11, 1987

Yo may already know that we are trying to put the history of the club in order. I need help to get information before 1979. Of past presidents and the years they served. If you can remember anything that may help or if you have old news letters, see me at the next meeting. We want to establish a plaque at the meeting place with all the past presidents dating back to the start of the club whenever that was. Also we are trying to locate the book that Reed Packard used to keep up with all the pictures in it.

Speaking of Reed, you may not know that it was he that took all the pictures that was on the front of the news letter for all those years. Now we need someone that will volunteer to do in the future. I also need to talk to someone that knows how to prepare photos for reproduction.

Vick

May 13, 1987

The month of June will be quiet for the Valley Flyers with no events scheduled. The next event is on July 4th & 5th. The Valley Flyers in conjunction with the Southern California Quarter Midget Association (scqma) will host a quarter midget race. Our participation will be to help SCQMA man the race and furnish a small amount of equipment for which our club will share 50/50 in the profits. The Valley Flyers will not CD (furnish a contest director) the race.



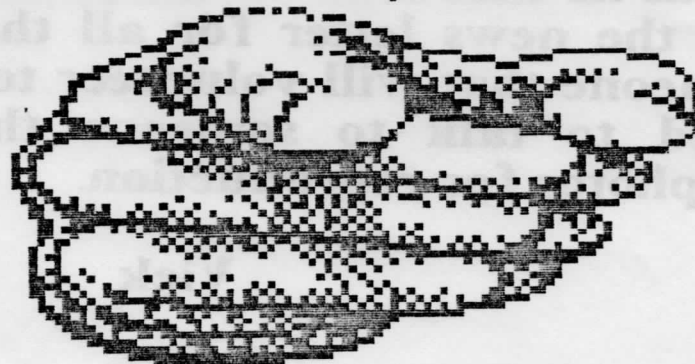
July 12, the Sunday following the race, The Valley Flyers will hold a fun fly for which we will need a CD. Anyone interested please contact me.

While on the subject of Contest Directors, you may be interested to know that CDs get their membership free the year following the year they CD a event. To become a CD requires taking an easy open book test.

One of our largest and most important events comes up on August 22nd & 23rd. is a Formula I race. This type of event is usually very profitable for the club as all we have to furnish are the trophies.

Gene Sidwell Event Director

P.S. We also need a Contest Director for the Formula I race.



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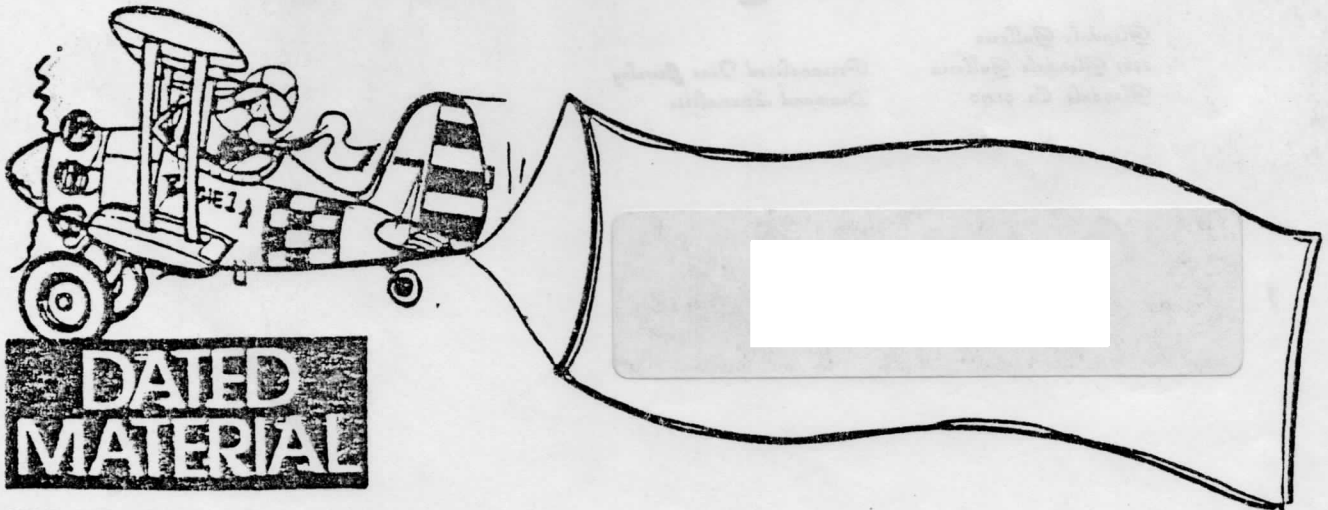
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