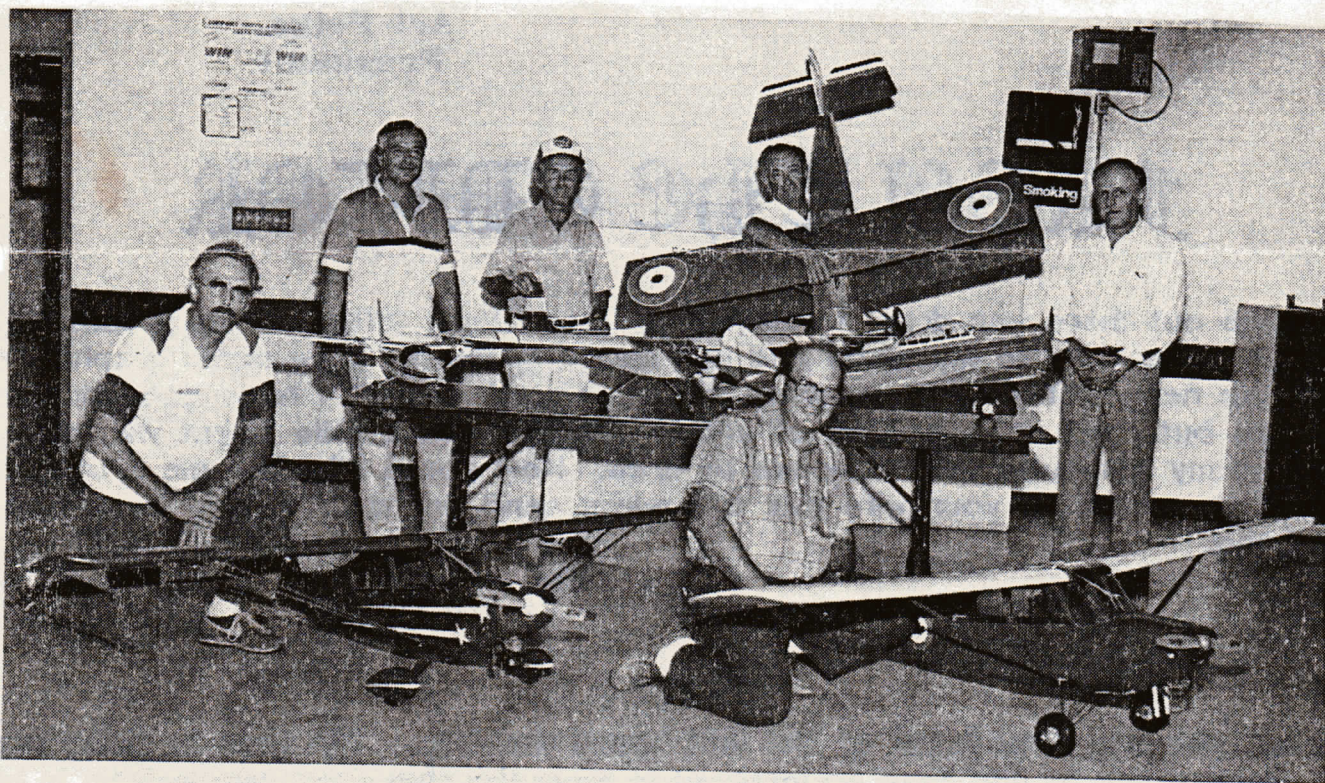


# THE VALLEY FLYER



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I'm pleased to report that the signs posted prohibiting flying over the golf course, were removed by non Valley Flyers, according to a club member who was at the field at the time of the incident. I was even more pleased when I went out to the field to find them back up. I hope that this will be the last of the incident. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ken Turner and his volunteer committee to find a new location for a club flying field. I personally think this would eliminate a majority of the problems that are beyond our control at the basin field. The new field would be private for club members only, giving the club full control of the pilots flying conduct and field improvement. On the surface this may be a pipe dream come true but , we'll never know if it can be done unless we pursue the idea. I'm looking forward to a favorable report from the committee in the near future. The way things are happening at the field, we may need another location sooner than was thought.

Art Pelka  
President

## FROM THE EDITOR

Some one out there can draw, I can not so I need help. What I want is some one that can come over to my place and use my computer to draw some graphics to use in the news letter. The graphics will be related to R/C. I have good drawing programs but I am not any kind of artist. Anyone with a little talent will have a ball using my computer with a mouse to draw. How about it? Give me a call and lets set up a date. If your wife has the talent send her over. Then I can enjoy myself too.

Vick

Well !!

I did not see any new faces at the last board meeting. the year is going fast and unless some of you take an interest in how the club runs, we will be in big trouble next January. Come on . You don't need a gold plated invitation to get active in club affairs. Get off your duff and join in the fun. Let me tell that the board meetings are anything but boaring. It is a real circus sometimes, more entertaining then the regular membership meeting. Why do you think I keep coming year after year. Certainly not for the pay. ALthough it can be rewarding.


VICK

## MEMBERSHIPS CHAIRMANS REPORT

The bad news is, it is too late to renew your membership for the year at \$25.00. The good news is that now we will be accepting half year dues at the rate of \$12.50 plus \$10.00 new member fee for a total of \$22.50. So please see me at the next meeting if you still want to be a member. New members and old members alike will have to pay the same amount. \$22.50 will pay you up until Dec. 31 1987 at which time renewal will be \$25.00.

The present membership stands at 127, of these 22 are nonpaying members and the current officers of the club. At the end of last year the membership was 150.

Just a few statistics that you may find interesting, the average age of our members is 48, we have twenty members over 65 and only 9 under 30. It appears that the financial burden of flying Radio Control is reserved for the older generation. What about the ladies? We only have four on the roster. How about teaching some of the wives and girlfriends to build and fly.

One last word about membership, it is  required by the rules of the club that you be a member of the AMA. This requirement is based on the need for liability insurance for the individual members. It is a sensible requirement and it is in your own interest. I still have members on the roster for whom I have no AMA number, If you think you are one of these people please contact me. If you do not presently have AMA membership, please get it, as you will be expelled from the club when we get the report back from the AMA.

MIKE WRIGHT  
MEMBERSHIP

## EVENTS DIRECTOR

The quarter midget race scheduled for July 5th has been cancelled due to lack of interest in attending on that date. It was to be a jointly sponsored event by the Valley Flyers and the So. Calif Quater Midget Assn.

The fun fly on the following Sunday July 12th is still on.

Gene Sidwell



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY R/C FLYERS

## GENERAL MEETING May 26, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:45p.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. We have Diar Nelson as a new member.

### OFFICERS REPORT

**PRESIDENT** - Art made a motion to find a storage facility at the last Board of Directors meeting. The motion was passed. Art found a 4' x 10' room for \$45.00/month near Burbank Blvd (EZ Storage). Mailboxes for the flight field are still on order. Art discussed his article/letter in the newsletter about the signs placed on the grass at the field. The signs displayed the new rules regarding flights over the golf course and were taken down by non-members over the week-end.

**VICE PRESIDENT**- Carl announced that there were a few good items in tonight's raffle; an engine, a spray gun, soldering irons, and a vice. He also discussed the committee to find an alternate field to fly at. Gene, Ken, Carl and Bob volunteered to help on the committee. Ken Turner, Chairperson for the committee, announced that he has some leads but nothing concrete. He mentioned that the field needs to be private and that the club would have to raise funds to purchase/lease the land when we find a place. Carl then discussed his Ducted Fan Event.

**SECRETARY** - John announced that we have not received our AMA roster. AMA sent a letter to the club regarding its renewal of its insurance for the City of Los Angeles. John also mentioned that having new stationary printed for the club would be very expensive.

**TREASURER** - Ron gave his report for the month.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN** - Mike reported that he is working on a membership packet and that the club has one new member this month.

**FIELD MANAGER** - Pat reported that the canopies at the field will be worked on. He will also contact Pete Chagares to get the striper.

**EVENTS DIRECTOR** - Gene announced that he needs help to put on events. The Quarter Midget event is coming up in July, as well as the Fun Fly. The Formula 1 race is also coming up in August. Gene also asked that members consider becoming Contest Directors. Art mentioned that we need more member participation/help in club sponsored events.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR** - Jim announced that our guest speaker tonight will be John McDonald. John will talk to us about Howard Hughes and his film "The Last Private Man: Howard Hughes."

**NEWS EDITOR**-Vick Martin will be helping J.W. Hedden with the Newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS** Art announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Pat Baners house. Marv Zauss announced that there will be an Open House at JPL on June 6 & 7, as well as the 14th & 15th. Marv also mentioned that there will be an event in San Luis Obispo on June 6 & 7. Marv was also proud to announce that the Giant Scale Event in May was very successful and gave the club a check. Marv then told the club that we need to find someone to take over the snack stand. It was a good money maker for the Giant Scale Event, but Marv and company will no longer be able to run the stand. A Contest Director will also be needed for the Toys for Tots event in December. Walt Clark will not be running it this year, but may be able to offer advice. Art is still pursuing the history of the club. Anyone with information that will help Art in this endeavor is asked to call Art or bring the information to the next meeting. It was suggested that the club ask the Recreation and Parks Department if we can use the empty storage area between the two bathrooms at the field. Art will look into the matter.

### SHOW AND TELL

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

- Gene Sidwell displayed his Formula One Racer.
- John Rice displayed his Sunbird 40 by GM Precision Products.
- Colby Evett displayed his Scale Cessna Citation.

An award was given to Gene Sidwell.

The Goof Bowl award was given to Marv Zauss for coming to the field with the fuselage to his plane, but without the wing. In a separate occasion, Marv also left his radio, flight box, and fuel can at the field. He was lucky enough to get it all back. After the break, Art discussed the suggestion box and he need for club instructors. Jim Bradley then introduced our guest speaker John McDonald.

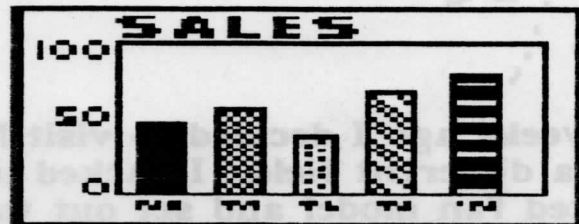
The meeting was called at 10:00p.m.



## JUST A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

*The club still has for sale plenty of club attire, to look your best and to beat the summer heat.*

HATS	\$ 6.00
T-SHIRTS	\$10.00
POLO SHIRTS	\$23.00
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*let us let everone know at the field who we are and support the club.*

Ron McClave  
Treasurer

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

Don Schorr will unravel and reveal the mysteries of model painting, trimming and finishing. Tried and true techniques will be demonstrated. Find out how to keep dust out of your pain job. You may not become an expert on the first try, but he can get your hopes up a little.

Jim Bradley  
Program Chairman

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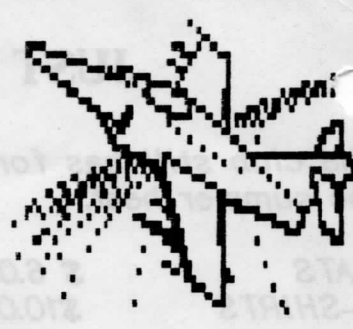
Due to the expense incurred in publishing the newsletter, the board has decided to accept advertising. The rate for business card size ad is #3.00/mo. or \$30.00 a year. Your ad will help keep the news letter at a high level. You don't have to be in business to run an ad. Call me if you are interested.

Vick

## CLASSIFIED ADDVERTISING

If you have something to sell or that you want to buy you may list the item for free in the newsletter and if it sells donate something to the treasury if you want to.

# INTEREST IN DUCTED FAN GROWING FAST



About two weeks ago I decided to visit Mile Square and try my hand at flying at a different field. I packed up my old Jet Model Products Starfire ducted fan model and set out to fight the Friday traffic. To my surprise I sailed right through in about an hour. When I arrived I found about half a dozen other ducted fans modelers were already there, including Larry Wolf of Jet Model Hobbies, with his beautiful silver F86 Saber. Flying a jet model on a 2,000 foot full size runway sure makes for a relaxing day. I met many super people from that area who are interested in flying at our October "Fan Fly".

They all agreed that we need more ducted fan activities on the West Coast. Most want more interaction with other groups, and meets like the one we have scheduled are an ideal opportunity to pull the groups together.

Last Sunday the same group showed up at Sepulveda Basin at my invitation. We had Byron F16's , F100 Sabers, Mirages and a huge twin byrojet powered F15 Eagle (9 ft. long 32 lbs.). It was as impressive just sitting there as it was in flight.

Our group of ducted fanners is growing rapidly. already several club members have started construction of various jets.

If anyone needs information or help on a ducted fan aircraft don't be bashful. They are different, we are starting to enjoy good reliability and performance which is attracting many modelers into the field. By the way to the many people who have seen me blow up three fans, the problem was the engine seizing up caused by an out of round cylinder in one of my O.S.77 engines. I have since changed engines and have had no problem. I am now testing a new Dynamax II fan prototype sent to me by Tom Cook and the fan gave me about 15% performance increase and a 40% increase in fuel economy in my new " foxfire ". Boy! what a difference. It's not in production yet but it is going to be a winner. I am also pleased to say several people have started to build my new " Foxfire ". It has turned out to be a real hot performer. Plans and custom kits are available to anyone interested. It's not to late to start a jet for the October Fan Fly. Why wait ?

**CARL STROMBERG**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

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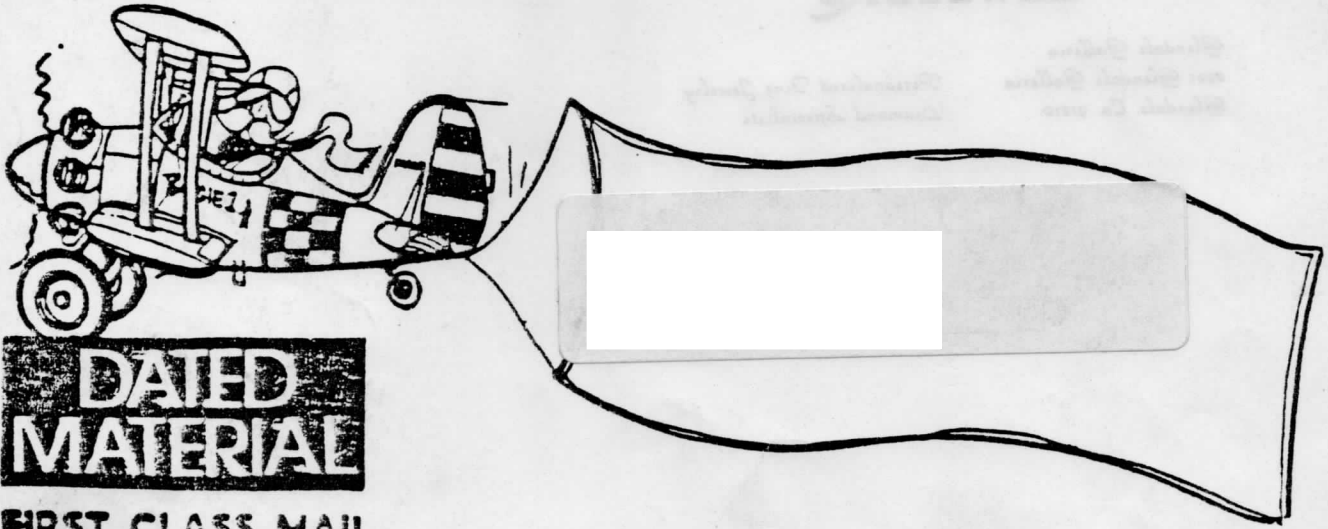
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