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VALLEY FLYERS REGULAR MEETING:

4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 7:10 P.M.
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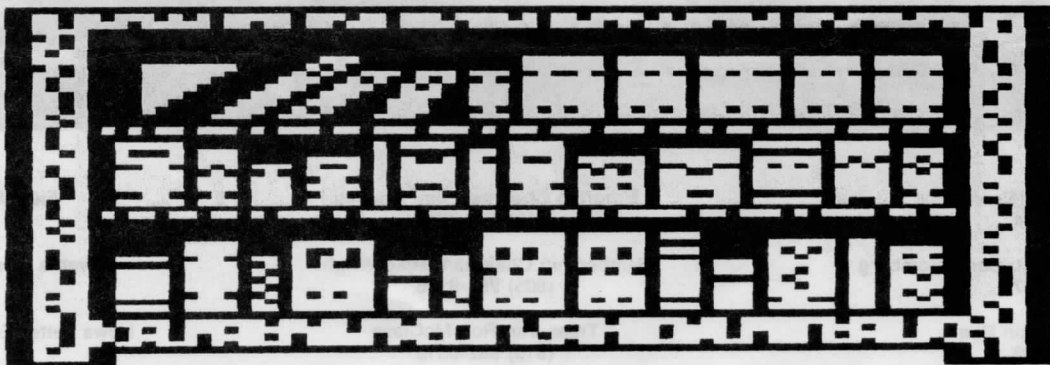
FROM THE PRESIDENT

The club has rented a storage locker at E Z Storage, 5823 Peach ave. Van Nuys. This is an approximately one mile from the flying field, one block west of Sepulveda Blvd. and one block north of Hatteres St. If any member has possession of or know the location of any club owned equipment, please contact me so that we can move all these items to one location for storage. This will allow the club to control inventory and keep track of all our equipment, There are currently two keys for the locker. One will be kept by the president and the other by a designated club Equipment Custodian. I would appreciate it if some member that lives in the area of E Z Storage would volunteer to be the Equipment Custodian. When there is need for access to the locker the individual getting the equipment will have to contact the Equipment Custodian to make arrangements to meet him or her there. All items removed will be signed for by the person removing them. Currently there are club items at unknown locations all over the valley! On numerous occasions a Contest Director has had great difficulty gathering the necessary equipment to make the event successful.

THE HOURS AT E Z STORAGE ARE
WEEKDAYS 9- 5
SATURDAYS 9- 5
SUNDAYS 10- 4

I'M ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE A SIMPLE 4 OR 5 SHELF WOOD RACK 36" LONG BY 84" HIGH BY 18" DEEP. THIS RACK WOULD BE USED IN THE LOCKER AS EQUIPMENT IS CURRENTLY STACKED ON THE FLOOR. A LITTLE HELP FROM MANY MEMBERS MAKES A LARGE TASK SMALL.

ART PELKA



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 Bob McCelvic as a new member.

OFFICERS REPORT

President - Art discussed the problem the club is having with Valley Sod. Art had met with all the parties involved on the 17th of June. Those parties include Valley Sod, Corps. of Engineers, Department of Recreation and Parks, and of course the Valley Flyers. The meeting resulted in an agreement to remove the fence posts, the extent of which remained unsolved. It was also decided that the Valley Flyers will apply for further liability insurance through the AMA. Art also mentioned that he would like to establish a committee to investigate security measures at the field.

Vice President - Carl announce the list of prizes for tonights raffle.

Treasurer - Ron gave his monthly report.

Secretary's Report - John announced that he will be applying for additional liability insurance to cover Valley Sod and the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Newsletter - Vick announced that there were extra newsletters available for anyone interested. He also asked for help for anyone with an artistic hand to help design cartoons, logo's, etc.. If anyone is not getting the newsletter, please contact Mike Wright. Our mailing list is continually being updated. Also, anyone wishing to advertise or put an article in the newsletter should contact Vic Martin.

Membership Chairman - Mike announced that all members of the Valley Flyers are required to be members of the AMA. If you are a member of the Valley Flyers, but are not a member of the AMA please see Mike. Your membership status in our club could be in question.

Ken Turner - Ken reported on his committee to investigate possible locations for a new field. Ken, Bob Smith and John Dyer flew in a Cessna 172 to scout the local area for alternatives to the basin location. Some area's that might be worth further investigation included the Lake Encino area, Hidden Hills, West Hills, Chatsworth Reservoir, Rockwells Simi Plant, the old Nike base and an area north of the Simi fwy. off of Winnetka. The lower Van Norm Dam area might also be worth a look. He also mentioned that he had toured the Van Nuys Tower and that while he was there he heard a pilot complain about R/C aircraft in the basin. The pilot said that the models were flying above him. Ken reminded everyone to keep their planes lower.

Field Manager - Pat has taken receipt of the striper and is in the process of obtaining stencils. Radio interference seemed to increase last weekend. It may have been due to radio signals bouncing of the wet grass.

NEW BUSINESS



There will be a club Fun Fly on July 12th, everyone is asked to participate and have fun. Tony MacLane received the Goof Bowl award for telling Ralph Council to gas the motorcycle they were both riding. The situation was a problem because the motorcycle was on a collision course with a campsite full of model airplanes. The result was a couple of broken airplanes and a few banged knee's.

Show and Tell

Models and other items presented during the Show and Tell were: - Ken Kronick displayed his Sig Astro Hog. - Dick Kolodziej displayed his Aeromaster. - Jerry Dyer displayed a Lucky Stik. - Jim Robertson displayed his PT-17. Awards went to Ken Kronick and Jim Robertson.

Our guest speaker was Ron Schorr. Ron gave us a very informative talk on spray painting techniques, equipment and supplies. Three prizes were then raffled off. The meeting was called at 9:45p.m.





San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 10, 1987

Club President Art Pelka called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. at the home of Pat Baner. Those in attendance were: Art Pelka, Carl Stronberg, John Dyer, Mike Wright, Gene Sidwell, Pat Baner, Jim Bradley, Vick Martin, Larry Laulom, and Ron Schorr.

Officers Reports:

President: - Art finally obtained the four mailboxes he had been trying to get for months. He is having name plates made for them and will have them installed as soon as possible. Art also called the Recreation and Parks Department regarding the fence posts that were placed around our field. Problems with the fencing were discussed with the Recreation and Parks Department as well as the Valley Sod Comapny. Art and Ron Schorr will meet with representatives are both groups as well as the Corps. of Engineers to discuss the situation later this week.

Vice-President: - Carl mentioned that the committee to research a location for a new field was unable to schedule a flight. They will attempt to schedule another flight later this month. Carl discussed Art's suggestion to get a larger variety of items for the raffle, i.e. less spray guns. It was also discussed that we should apply for "Additional Insured" insurance through the AMA for both the Recreation and Parks Department and Valley Sod. John will take care of it.

Membership Chairman: - Mike displayed the new membership application form for the club. He also displayed the new membership packet that he has been working on during the last several months. He reminded the board that all current members of the Valley Flyers must have an AMA number. This also implies that all members without an AMA number must either join the AMA or be dropped from the membership roster of the Valley Flyers.

Treasurer's Report: - Art gave the Treasurer's Report for Ron.

Field Managers Report: - Pat will get the striper sometime this week and will try to strip the field this weekend. The shades were also nailed down this week.

Vick Martin: - Vick discussed membership fee's and Mikes article for this months newsletter. Vick also receive a new list of names to add to our mailing list. Vick announce that Bob Adams will take photographs at each of the future meetings for publication in the newsletter. It was also announce that Vick is looking for a photo album that belongs to the club as well as a list of past presidents. Anyone that has information related to either of these items is asked to contact Vick Martin. Vick mentioned that the last newsletter had 6-1/2 pages. Postage, as a result, increased. In the future Vick will try to limit the size of the newsletter to 5 double-sided pages or less. Also, anyone wishing to advertise in the newsletter is asked to contact Vick

Program Director: - Jim turned some money over to the treasury. Jim also announced that he has not been able to line up a speaker for this month. Suggestions were made to ask Steve Crow to speak, but Ron Schorr volunteered to speak on spray painting techniques. Vick suggested that a future activity might include a tour of the K & B engine plant. The gentleman who gave us the speach on Howard Hughes may also be asked to come back and speak again.

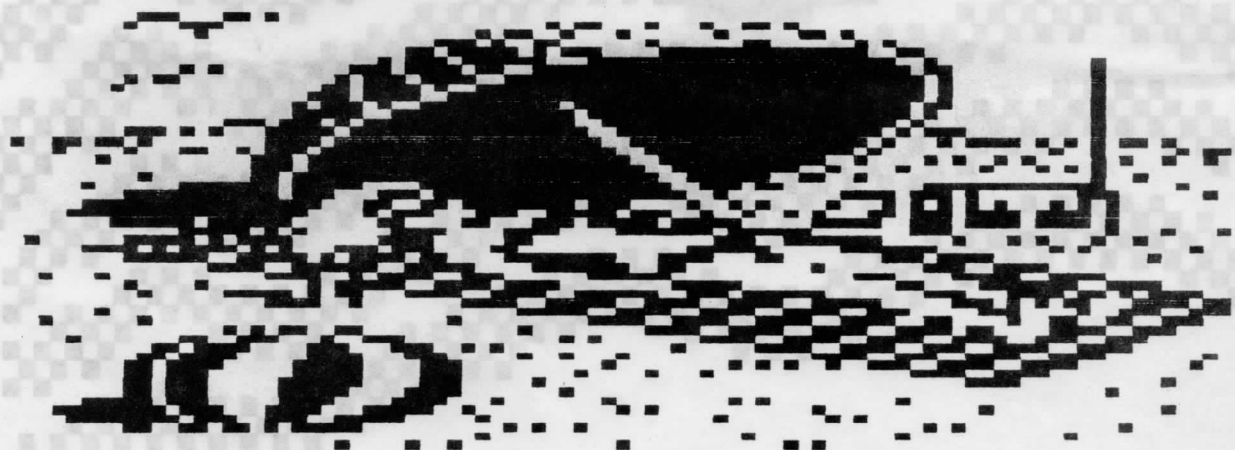
Misc. Information: - Art made a motion to retain the Longhorn Saloon, again, for this years Christmas Party. The motion passed. Art is also receiving bids for food sales at some of our events. One company is willing to work on a percentage of the gross. Art has asked for a price list. Gene also has a vendor who will feed the workers at each event but he does not give a percentage of the gross. - The Quarter Midget event has been cancelled. Help is needed for the Fun Fly on July 12th. A Formula One event is on August 22 & 23rd. The Ducted Fan event is on October 23 & 24th. Another Fun Fly is scheduled for October 11. The Toys for Tots event is on December 6th and the Club Christmas Party is on December 14th at the Longhorn Saloon. - Ron Schorr suggested that the club consider changing its meeting hall. - Field use and maintenance was also discussed.

The meeting was called to a close at 10:20pm.

MEMBERSHIP

A review of the membership records over the past couple of years shows that about 25% of our membership is transient. Although we retain about the same level of membership from year to year, each year we have about 25% new members. This doesn't mean that all the new members leave after a year, we do lose a portion of long term members too. In 1986 we enrolled 36 new members in the club, of these 20 did not rejoin in 1987. Because many of the new members are beginners in the hobby there are some that are going to lose interest. But the number that don't rejoin does seem to be high. So we have to assume that we are doing something wrong. The club needs those members who leave each year. WE must maintain a numerical force to influence the powers that be who are in control of our flying field. Welcome those new members, invite them to join your discussions, don't leave them out to stand around by themselves, make them feel wanted. Now a word to you new members, get included, it is your club too. Don't leave because there is something you do not like, others may also not like it, and things can be changed. After all the prime objective is to make the Valley Flyers a successful club.

Mike Wright



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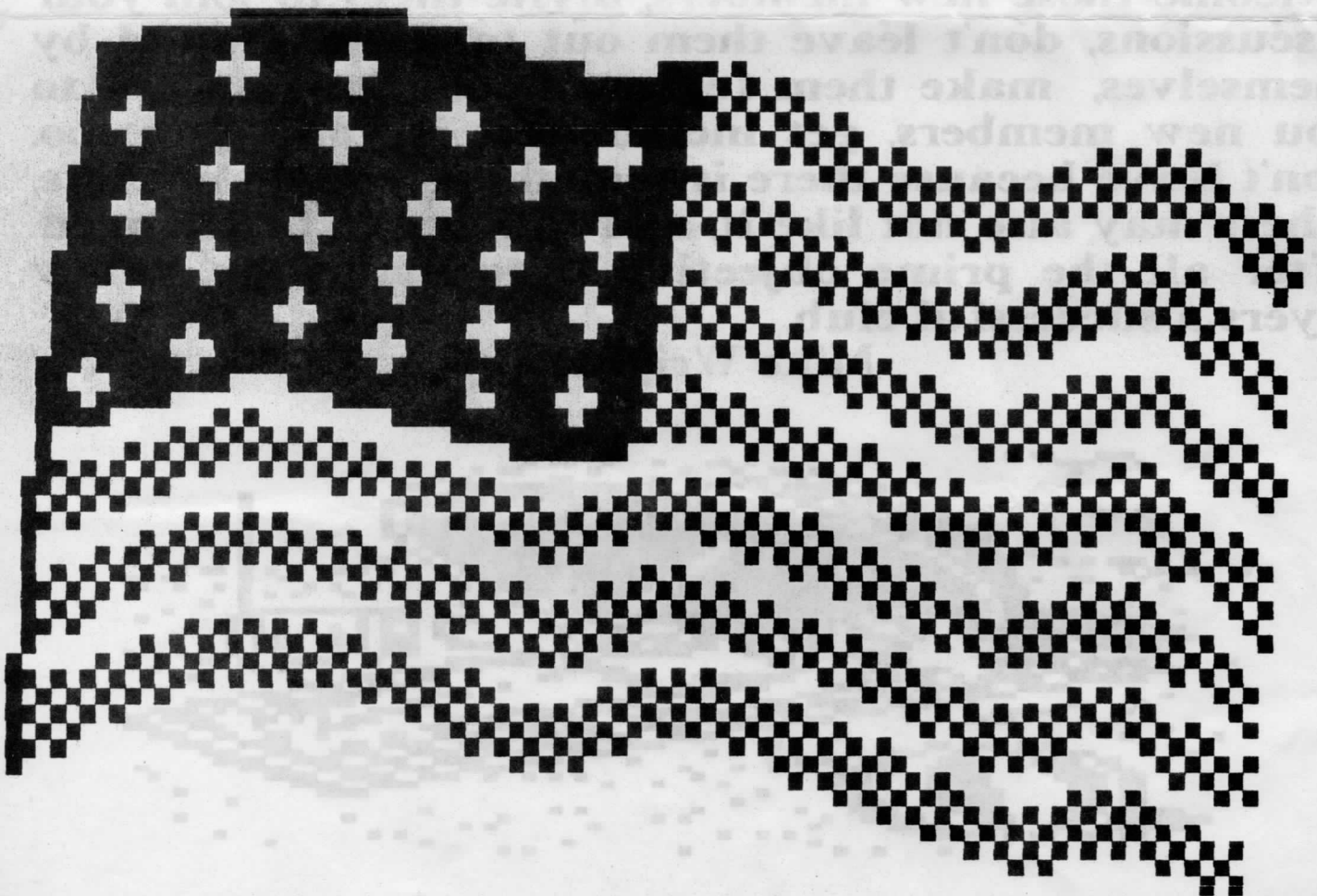
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EVENT DIRECTOR

Formula One racing is considered the premier event in Radio Control competition (at least by the Formula One pilots). The airplanes are scale models of Formula racers at Reno, Cleveland etc. They are good looking and fast at speeds of 175+ MPH. They race head to head, 4 planes at a time and are very exciting to watch. If they mid air you may see up to a \$1,000 worth of airplane bite the dust. The next event at the field will be a Formula One Race put on by the N.M.P.R.A. We will share in the profits so if you can come down to help out, you will have a lot of fun. AS a timer or a pylon judge you get a close up view of what is going on (and we teach you how to duck). Ron Schorr is to be the C.D. As you know, Ron is a Valley Flyer Past President. So let us give him our support.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mark Broadnax (Contest Director) and his helpers for the outstanding job they did on the July 12th club fun fly. Thanks again guys, you all did a great job !

Gene Sidwell

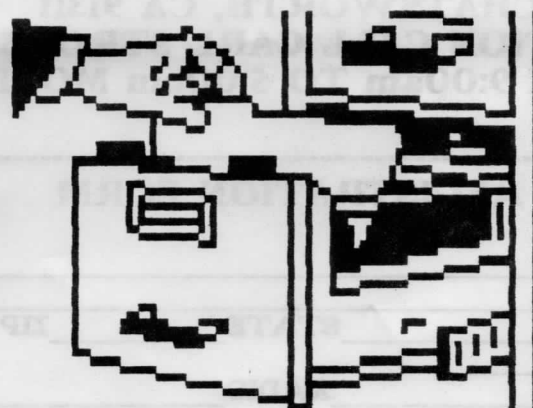


FROM THE EDITOR'S FILE

Things seem to be slower at the field these past months. I don't see as many flyers as I used to. Is it that some of you are loosing interest or to busy doing other things? WE still need to keep a high visibility down at our flying field.

Sometimes I wonder why some of you join clubs. Our club needs help and if some of you don't step forward soon, you may have to look around for another club to join. I know that many of are not to happy about the direction we are going in but nothing will change unless you do it. Come to a board meeting and see for yourself that one person can do a lot. Just tell the president to invite you to the next meeting (or tell me and I will see to it that you do get invited).

VICK



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FROM THE EDITOR'S FILE



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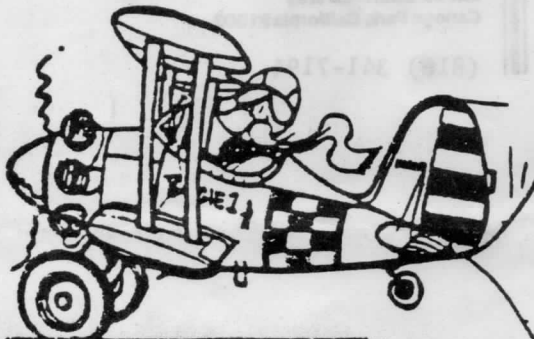
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