

The Valley Flyer

Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #152

Our 47th Year

April 1997

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Encino Community Center, located at 4935 Balboa Bl., Encino. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be April 22. This month will be our annual Swap Meet.

Member of the Month

Ben Wolf

Ben Has helped at many events in the past and recently worked at the Q500 race and the Pancake Breakfast behind the grill of the snack stand.

Wanted: Membership Chairman

The Club is still in need of a Membership Chairman. The person will be responsible for collecting dues at the club meetings, updating the club roster, printing labels for the newsletter, updating AMA roster and providing statistics and input at the board meetings.



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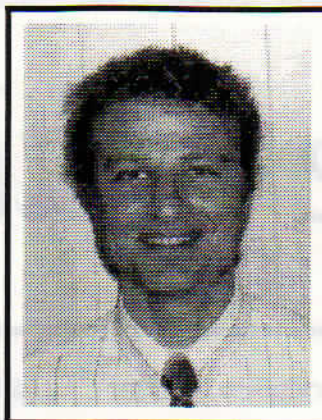
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All information for the next issue must be submitted no later than the second Tuesday of the month. The U.S. Mail is the easiest way for me to receive information from you. My mailing address is listed above.



Editors Desk

Dean Moskoff

My gripe this month is the lack of a Membership Chairman. We would normally print the club roster in the newsletter but because there is no Membership Chairman that means there is nobody keeping track of who is a member of the club. Without a Membership Chairman we have no members, therefore, I am writing this column for nobody. That was probably the case even when we had members because no one reads the newsletter anyway. The position of Membership Chairman requires no heavy lifting so you won't strain your back. The job consists of mostly paperwork. You take in membership forms at the club meetings, pass the dues on to the treasurer, and put the member on to the membership roster. You are also responsible for creating the mailing labels for the newsletter. You need to keep membership statistics and make sure the AMA has an updated list of the members in the club. You need to provide your input at the board meetings to guide the club toward our goal of forwarding the sport of R/C modeling. As a board member you are exempt from the annual dues, you get to sit at the tables at the club meetings and you hear all the gossip on who should be awarded the goof bowl. It's easier than you think and it can be a lot of fun. I did it for 3 years so how difficult could it be?

As Flight Instructor I would like to apologize for not being as responsive as I should be. I know a lot of you are anxious to get in the air; Roy, Rohit, Daryl, Ed and who ever else I may have forgotten to mention. I have not had spare time lately and I need to recruit some flight instructors. If anybody would like to become a flight instructor please contact me. Being a flight instructor is probably one of the most fun, challenging and satisfying parts of the hobby. It's also one of the best ways to keep the sport growing. You also get to fly other peoples airplanes, it doesn't get any better than that.

Anyway, that's all I have for now. See ya at the field.
Dean



President

Greg Horwitz

Can you believe it's April already? Where does the time go?

This month the club meeting will be a swap meet, so bring your stuff to sell and lots of money for everything you're going to buy.

I'll take this opportunity to remind everyone about the next two races we have coming up. They are the Trainer Race in May (Chuck Thompson - CD) and the Howard Reed Memorial Q500 in June (Bob Smith - CD).

Our event this month is a Pizza Fun Fly. It will be held on Sunday April 27. I hope to see a lot of you at the field for a fun day of flying and eating pizza. The CD for the event is Dean Moskoff, if you have any questions give him a call.

That's all for now.

Until next time, good flying and have fun. - Greg



Vice-President

Bob Smith

NOTES FROM THE VICE

Weather has been great these past weeks for fly'n! The March 23rd Giant Scale FLY-IN had a nice turn out. I parked my crusty Sweet N' Low next to Joe Bridi's beautiful Killer Bee. His airplane hadn't flown and it appeared to be entered for promotional purposes. I fired up the Tigre 4500 and had a ball. After the factory re-build from the ring retaining pin failure (repaired under warranty), I went to a 20 x 6-10" prop for break-in purposes as opposed to a 22 x 8. After 5 flights (about a gallon of fuel), the top of the piston is just turning a little golden brown. It idled better with the 22" prop but I'll wait after another gallon to switch to a bigger prop. I recommend using a big starter on these big

glow engines or gas for that matter. Even with a starter, the 4500 started backwards 3 times! Believe me, Giant Scale props really "SMACK" you when they kick back!

Jim Oddino was the guest speaker at the February Giant Scale meeting and pointed out the advantages of using 5 cells. I'm still amazed at how responsive my Sweet N' Low is with the 5 cell pack!

I've tried on three occasions to get my CAP21 with it's Tigre 3000 to start without having to turn the entire aircraft upside down (engine is inverted). It hasn't been a pleasant experience! I'll either switch to gas or side mount the Tigre (means another muffler and a less attractive airframe). I am finally convinced that glow motors over .40 just aren't designed to run upside down very well. I'm switching to GAS!

The Howard Reed Memorial Q500 race (of which I'm the CD) is scheduled for June 8th and I just received the Sanction in the mail. If anyone is interested in learning how the matrix PC software works and acting as the matrix manager at this event let me know! It takes some practice runs to get acquainted with it but it really isn't that difficult. Also, if there are any volunteers for the starter and assistant starter positions, give me a call at (805) 298-4866. Remember, workers get lunch and all refreshments on the house! The worker's raffle will feature a minimum of \$100 cash (to be distributed as \$50 and two \$25 dollar prizes) along with a Sport .40 motor! Additionally, tickets in your name will be entered into the year end Valley Flyer raffle!

See you at the April 22nd meeting!



Secretary

Mike Germansky

General Meeting Minutes
March 25, 1997

Michael Germansky Secretary

The general meeting was held at the Encino Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Greg Horwitz. There were 44 members and guests in attendance.

The following board members were in attendance: Greg Horwitz (President), Willie Gardner and Pat Nelson (Field Maintenance), Dean Moskoff (Newsletter and Flight Coordinator), Bob Smith (Vice President) and Michael Germansky (Secretary). Absent were Larry Laulom (Safety), Chuck Thompson (Event Director), Ricc Bieber (Program Director) and Ron Nelson (Treasurer).

Greg began the meeting by showing us his wing from his Clipped Wing Cub that he repaired using dope. It was his first time. He said it was a learning process.

Greg than showed us a chart regarding battery capacity. He compared a 4.8v to a 6.0v battery. Both batteries were 600mah. In doing the battery capacity calculations, he found that the 6.0v battery would not last as long as the 4.8v because the 6.0v used more power to drive the servos, etc.

The member of the month was awarded to Ben Wolf. Greg presented Ben with a nice certificate. Ben has helped at many events in the past and recently worked at the Q500 and the Pancake Breakfast behind the hot grill of the snack stand. Thank you Ben for your support. The club needs more dedicated members like you to help support our events.

Greg mentioned that VF club member David Wagner will begin working on the field sign. David is a graphic artist and has volunteered his time to redo the sign. Thank you David.

Greg brought pictures that he took of the Field Repair Day. He passed them around for everyone to look at.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Ken Collins. Ken was one of the few test pilots at Lockheed who flew the A-12 and its predecessor, the SR-71 Blackbird. Ken was in the Air Force and flew F-86's in Korea. His first flight in the SR-71 was February 1963. He said the project was so classified, that when his plane went down over Utah, he hitched a ride to the nearest police station and had to call to have someone pick him up. He told us the SR-71 flew in sustained afterburner at 22,000 mph. The planes fuel capacity lasted about 1 1/2 hours before refueling. Ken showed us a video of the SR-71 that has never been seen by the public. Also, he showed us a video from California Microwave who his developing automous flight using R/C and computers.

Thank you Ken for being our guest speaker. He is an amazing guy. For those who missed the meeting, you lost out on a great chance to meet someone who actually flew in the SR-71.

A break was taken.

When the meeting reconviened, Greg mentioned that the Annual Swap Meet will be next months April General Meeting. Also, he mentioned that the Pizza Fun Fly is April 27th. Don't miss it. Last year was great, this year should be even better. Dean Moskoff is again the CD of the event.

Friday, March 28th, the field will be closed. A film is being made. The Valley Flyer Foundation is getting a donation of \$500.00 from the film crew for the use of the field.

Gene Sidwell mentioned to the membership that he is looking for volunteers to help restore some P-38's that will ultimately be put in the Smithsonian. Please call him if you can help.

Greg mentioned that Marty Wittman, Past President, has moved out of the area and left his club jacket behind. If someone would like to buy it, see him.

Dean Moskoff presented VF member Gil Tansley with his wings. Gil recently soloed twice. Now Dean has one less student. Congratulations, Gil.

Goof - Bowl

Greg Horwitz was awarded the goof bowl last month and was anxiously waiting to relieve himself of the

award and was looking for any mishaps at the field. He had no luck but he overheard new junior member David Stuppel say he crashed his trainer plane because he watched Jay Replogle fly inverted and thought he would be able to do as well. Well, David did not know he needed to add down elevator to keep the nose up and ended up crashing his plane. Nobody else had any other nominees, so David won the goof bowl.

Give - Away

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Chuck McCain | Thunder Tiger Trainer
2000 |
| 2) Michael Piscitello | Powermaster 10% Fuel |
| 3) Joseph Coulombe | Ernst Stand |
| 4) Ron Rader | Solder |
| 5) Paul Boulet | CA Accelerator |
| 6) Michael Germansky | Top Flite Hot Glove |
| 7) Robert Abbott | Z - Bender |
| 8) Pat Nelson | Cool Hand Glove |
| 9) Dale Utterback | 30 min. Epoxy |
| 10) Michael Piscitello | SR-71 Picture |

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next board meeting is April 1, 1997.

Board Meeting Minutes 4/1/97

The board meeting was held at Millie's Restaurant. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

The following board members attended: Bob Smith (Vice President), Dean Moskoff (Newsletter and Flight Coordinator), Ron Nelson (Treasurer), Willie Gardner (Field Maintenance), Greg Horwitz (President), Pat Nelson (Field Maintenance), Chuck Thompson (Event Director), Larry Laulom (Safety Officer), and Michael Germansky (Secretary). Absent was Ricc Bieber (Program Director).

Dale Utterback was present as a guest.

Safety Officer

Larry Laulom began the meeting with a discussion about the problems of the helicopter pilots at the field. A motion was made by Larry that the Valley Flyers look into a finding a safe area for the helicopters to fly within the Sepulveda Basin. Greg and Chuck will try to come

up with a solution and bring the discussion back at a future meeting.

Dale Utterback

Dale reported back to the board with the following findings in regards to this years annual Holiday party. He checked the Sportsman Lodge and found out that the cost would be approximately \$45.00. The board said no way. He then mentioned that he went to Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills. He found the prices and menu to be suitable for the club. The board will decide on the final menu at a later date. The price per person should not be more than \$30.00. A motion was made by Ron Nelson to accept Knollwood as the place for the holiday party. The motion was passed by the board. A deposit in the amount of \$400.00 was given to Dale to reserve the room. The date of the Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 21st.

Dale then showed us some designs that he has come up with for the Rec. & Parks parade float. Everyone liked them. This year's theme is Warbirds to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force at the Van Nuys Air Fair. If you have a warbird plane, please contact Dale to have it displayed on the float. Bob Smith mentioned that he would like to be in the building committee for the float. Thanks Bob.

Field Maintenance

Pat said he would like to sweep the runway in the near future. Greg said we will plan on it in the coming months.

Treasurer

Ron reported that the checking account has \$2,826.00 and Savings remained untouched at \$3,100.00. Ron announced that he passed his CD test. Ron thought the pancake breakfast had a good turnout. He mentioned that we need to have flightline control although. It was decided that we will have Larry Laulom control the flightline at the next fun fly.

Newsletter and Flight Coordinator

Dean mentioned that he doesn't want to do membership. If all is not aware, Andy Davis is no longer Membership

Chairman. WE NEED SOMEONE!!! Greg said he will take over until we get a new membership director.

Dean said he is going to contact some people for help with the newsletter as well as contacting people to help out as flight instructors.

Vice President

Bob owes \$30.00 from the entries from the fun fly. He will send to Ron. He will also get a receipt from Jay R. for the March give away and send to Ron.

Bob mentioned that we usually have the Arm Powered contest soon. It was decided that it will be at the May general meeting. Bob will do the flyer and send to Dean. Bob asked if there was flyer done for the Swap Meet in April. Mike G. gave Dean a flyer from the last year. He will make the changes and put it in the Newsletter.

A discussion regarding who should have keys for the shed was next on Bob's agenda. A discussion followed and it was decided that anyone who wants entrance to the shed must come to a VF board meeting and ask for a key.

Secretary

I mentioned that Passover falls on the date of the Swap Meet in April and we need someone to cover the duties of collecting the cost of the tables from the sellers. Greg will ask Bob Adams if he will volunteer.

Event Director

Chuck made his flyer and rules for the ARF Trainer race which will be held on May 18th. The board approved the rules. This will be Chuck's first official CD.

President

Greg brought up the issue of hats, shirts, and jackets. A discussion followed. A motion was made to digitize our clubs logo and get every combination of lettering and fill. The one time cost is \$350.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith. The motion passed. Greg will finalize the cost for each jacket, hat and shirt soon. The board decided to have 2 colors of shirts, they are blue and white.

Greg asked Dean if he is ready for the Pizza Fun Fly on April 27th. He said he will be ready.

Bob Smith said he would bring the sodas and coffee and Willie said he will bring the donuts to the Swap Meet. Greg and others will not be at the swap meet because of Passover.

Greg mentioned that next year, Jan '98, the club should talk about a family membership and a \$5.00 junior membership.

Greg mentioned at a prior meeting that the club should standardize its events. The board decided that all events will be planned for the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning January 1998. The club schedules at least 10 events each year at the field.

That was everything Greg had to say.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next boarding meeting will probably be held at Millie's again. Greg will confirm.



Here's a picture of the winners from the Feb. 23 Q500 race.



Treasurer

Ron Nelson

TREASURER'S REPORT

March was an unusually slow month for the treasury. We paid AMA \$70 for our club charter. The fuel for the Q-500 race cost \$45 and we bought some supplies for the refreshments at the

monthly general meetings for \$58. The food stand did very well at the Q-500 race and grossed \$402. At the Pancake breakfast, the food stand grossed \$356. I do not yet have the cost of supplies from Ricc nor what we took in for pilot's fees. Remember though, the Pancake Breakfast was a fund raiser for the District X Model Expo later this year. We also took in \$30 from the refreshments at the February general meeting.

The bottom line is that we have \$2,826 in the checking account and about \$3100 in our savings account.

Not to belabor the point, but we always need to make safety a part of our flying. By this I mean to be aware of how many planes are in the air, what are they doing, where is our plane headed, what the pattern is (right or left) and adjust our flying accordingly. To me this just seems like common sense. Unfortunately, some planes were lost at the Pancake Breakfast by some careless flying. One pilot was not watching where his plane was headed and he overtook a slower plane and proceeded to demolish it in his propeller. Another pilot was flying against the pattern and took out another plane. And then there were pilots performing aerobatics and hovering maneuvers over the runway when there were many other planes in the air. We all enjoy building and flying our models. I think we all also look forward to bring them home in one piece when we are done. So just give your flying a little bit of thought and look out for the other guy (just like when you drive your car) even if you have to compromise your flying style until there are fewer planes in the air. Enough said, let's go have some fun.

Last one in the air is a rotten egg!

Ron Nelson



Safety

Larry Laulom

Sorry I missed last months column, but my schedule has not allowed me much free time. I did manage to get out to the flying field a couple of Saturdays ago though.

Without a doubt, Saturday is the busiest day of the week, by far. If you're ever going to pit in the proper pit area and get to know the other people on your frequency, this is the day to do it.

The crack repair we did out on the runway a few weeks ago seems to be holding up okay. Keep your finger crossed. I know it isn't as good as a new runway but it's a whole heck of a lot better then it was before.

The only problem I've seen at the field lately is flyers still have a conflict on where to stand while flying their models. Some people are right on the runway and some are 50 feet back. While still others are flying from the other end of the runway. This, in turn, greatly increases the chances of a landing accident. Everybody, for safety reasons, should stand at the same end of the runway depending on the wind. They should also be standing approximately 20 to 25 feet back from same. I know this may seem elementary to most of you but I think some people would stand on the podium in the pits and fly if you let them. With all the signs we have out there, I'm sure one more would go unneeded. Actually, I believe we can take all the signs we have out there and throw them all in the trash can. We only need one big sign - about 25 foot square - planted at the entrance to the pits. It would read "Only sane, considerate, experienced pilots past this point."

'Nuff said! Fly safe.

Larry



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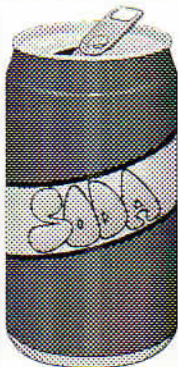
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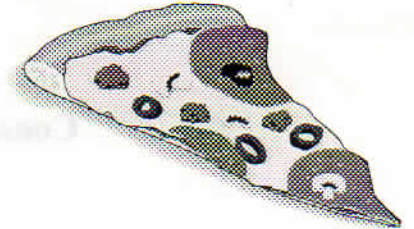
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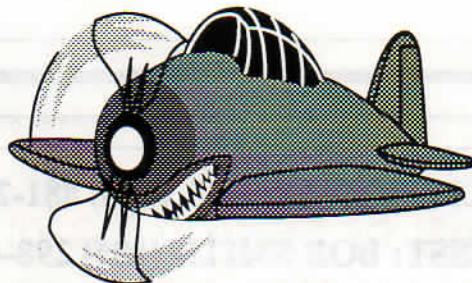
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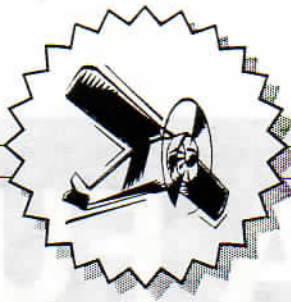
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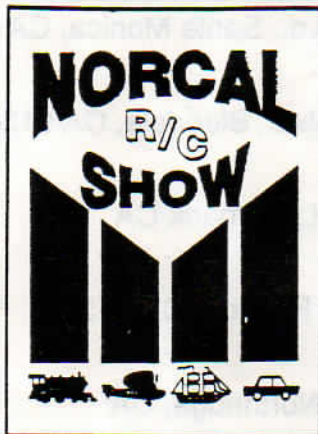
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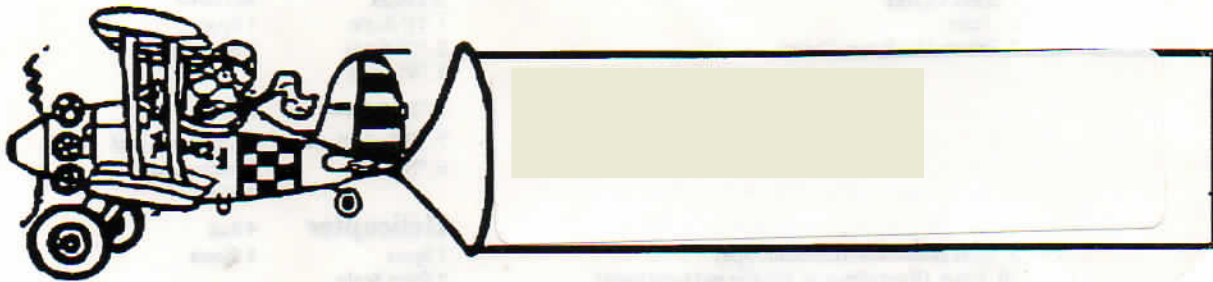
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