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FROM THE PRESIDENT: GLEN SPICKLER, 4208 Santa Cruz Street, Bakersfield, Calif. 93307

The NATS are over, and reading between the lines of the results we can see a trend for the future. In Formula I it looks as if we now have two very competitive engines in the ST X-40 and new rear-exhaust K & B. Irwin Funderburk won it all (no surprise to the people who have raled against him) using the new K & B. John Mc Dermitt took Fast Time Trophy (1:18.9) with the X-40. Top ten places were pretty well-divided between the two engines. In recent years ST and K & B have been our two main engines with one or the other seeming to have an edge at various times. Right now it looks as if either can win, depending on who is doing the flying and how much effort they choose to expend.

In Quarter Midget the Rossi came on strong winning eight out of the first ten places. Ed Rankin came up with a neat idea to eliminate tuning on rear exhaust extensions; he required a 3/8-inch slot for full length of extension - no way this can be made to tune (I hope). Bob Reuther won it all including fast time (1:40). There is quite a battle going on around the country on the Rossi; one group says the Rossi costs too much, the other side says its cheaper as you don't have to buy as many engines. In some areas they are putting a dollar limit on engines. I'm afraid my knowledge of Quarter Midget is too limited to say who is right or wrong. I just hope the problem can be worked out before we forget what the original intent of Quarter Midget was all about - cheap, easy, fun racing.

Last month I made a plea for people to run for V. P. offices, preferably new blood. The response has been fantastic - One current V.P. has agreed to run again and then nothing. It seems as if every one wants to play, and no one wants to work. Come on fellows, we need nominees now! It's not that tough a job, but it's darned important if we are to continue. All that's needed is a little of your spare time for one year. The main task is to keep track of points, and pass on to the President the desires of your District. Don't wait for the other guy. Send us your name today. We need YOU.

Getting back to the NATS, I would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to work and make this race a success: The Texas Group from Fort Worth, Dallas and Austin, the members of the LARKS ( I well remember this hard-working group from last year), various others who gave of their time, Jan Sakert my fellow ex-Marine who always puts out maximum effort, and especially Ed Rankin who took on the task of running this race at the last minute and from all reports did a bang-up job.

FROM THE EDITOR: Jay M. Replogle

Seems like the racing season just gets started, and then suddenly it's fall and the Championships are about to be run. Where in the world does the time go? I got a call from our Secretary, Bud Anders, to let me know it's election time for our "76" President. On another page you'll find a ballot to fill out and mail to Bud Anders. President Glen has found a couple of candidates who are **WILLING AND ABLE** to put in the time, energy and resources necessary to fulfill the very demanding position of the NMPRA President. To my way of thinking, this one man each year that takes on the responsibility of the President has got to wear some mighty big shoes. I feel we've been very fortunate to have had Glen Spickler these past two years. He's done a tremendous job helping to maintain and grow the NMPRA. Ed Rankin, Pete Reed, Bror Fabor and others have also been equally key in making our sport what it is today. For the people just mentioned and many more that I've forgotten, the NMPRA was important enough to give a year's time and more. Now that it's election time how about each of you taking two minutes to fill out the Election Ballot and mailing it in.

One more time, I got to say you're overwhelming me with material for our "Letter", so bare with me if I don't get it all in. For this issue, I'm going to do some catch-up by just putting in results for most of the meets. Guess that's better than nothing. Hope you're enjoying the Newsletter.

FROM: NELSON EDDY, Puyallup, Washington

August 16, 1975

FORMULA I - Enumelaw, Washington, CD D. Harvey.  
Five rounds of racing - six entries

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Nelson Eddy	Toni	ST X-40	1:47.3
2	Al Livesey	Mid. Mustang	70-K & B	1:55.5
3	Bob Hunt	El Bandito	OS-40S	1:56.0

QUARTER MIDGET - Six rounds, five entries

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Nelson Eddy	El Bandito	ST	2:03.2
2	Bob Hunt	Original	OS	2:35.6
3	Kirk Storm	Miss Paranoia	ST	2:21.0

FROM: ED RANKIN, Wichita, Kansas

September 6-7, 1975

QUARTER MIDGET RACING - September 6, fifteen entries, five rounds

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Bill Akin	Minnow	Rossi	1:46.5
2	Bob Holm	Rickey Rat	Rossi	1:46.8
3	Gale Helms	Minnow	Rossi	1:47.0
4	Larry Klusman	Rickey Rat	K & B	1:54.5
5	Larry Barnes	Cosmic Wind	K & B	1:54.5

Ten out of fifteen entrants were using the new Rossi. The AMA Race Course was used. All of the racing was accomplished from noon till 5:00 P.M., and then a picnic was enjoyed by all.

FORMULA I - September 7, sixteen entries, six rounds

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Gary Heithold	Miss Dara	K & B	1:33.2
2	Wayne Browning	Toni	ST X-40	1:33.2
3	Lee Hudson	Miss Dara	K & B	1:39.3
4	Ed Rankin	Miss Dara	K & B	1:32.3
5	Jim Bertoglio	Toni	ST X-40	1:27.4

Consistency was the name of the game. Monty Moncrief and Gary Clay were back as a team after a year's absence. They made their presence known by turning 1:22 three times, but two flameouts spoiled their day. Their ST X-40 and Segall Minnow were really moving for the Wichita area.

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NMPRA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT  
FROM: FRANK SZEKULA, District VP, Los Angeles, California

*to Gary*  
Here are the results of the Formula I race held at Chula Vista, hosted by the Chula Vista Model and R/C Club, on August 16 and 17. This was an excellent contest directed by Ray Floyd, with excellent help from people like Betty Stream at the desk, and the old pro, Glen Spickler as official starter. This was the first Formula I race for this club, and they did an excellent job. A special thanks to all the workers for donating their time and effort. There were twenty-three entries in Expert, and twenty-five in Standard.

We had two new people to the winner's circle as Ron Gilman won the Expert Class and Gary Hawk won Standard. Gary Hawk and Dennis Osborn have graduated to the Expert Class as a result of their outstanding speed and consistency at this race.

EXPERT CLASS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Ron Gilman	Toni	X-40	1:18.6
2	Terry Prather	Toni	X-40	1:17.5 (Best Time)
3	Ron Neff	Minnow	K & B	1:19.4
4	George Flynn	LRI-A	K & B	1:22.9
5	Jim Rogers	Minnow	X-40	1:21.9

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
6	Keith Davidson	D & S Rat	X-40	1:21.9
7	Jack Lee	?	K & B	1:23.2

### STANDARD CLASS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Gary Hawk	Toni	X-40	1:21.4
2	Dennis Osborn	Toni	K & B	1:22.5
3	Ramzi Thomas	Minnow	K & B	1:42.5
4	Ron Hadaway	Toni	X-40	1:28.4
5	Bob Emery	Rickey Rat	X-40	1:23.0
6	Gary Farish	Dara	X-40	1:37.2
7	Joe Stream	Minnow	K & B	1:32.1

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN QUARTER MIDGET PYLON RACING ASSOCIATION  
 FROM: COL. JOHN A. DE VRIES, USAF (RET'D), Colorado Springs, Colorado

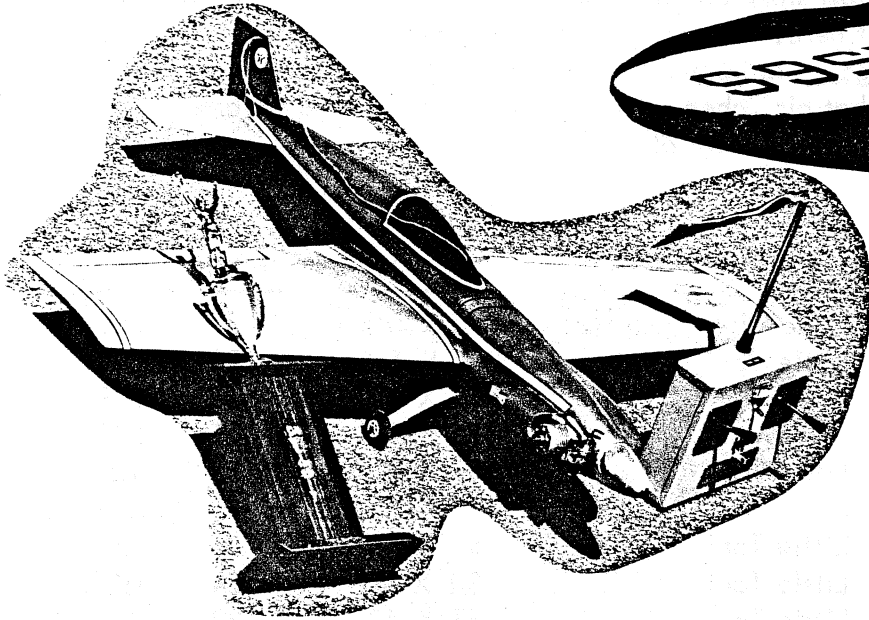
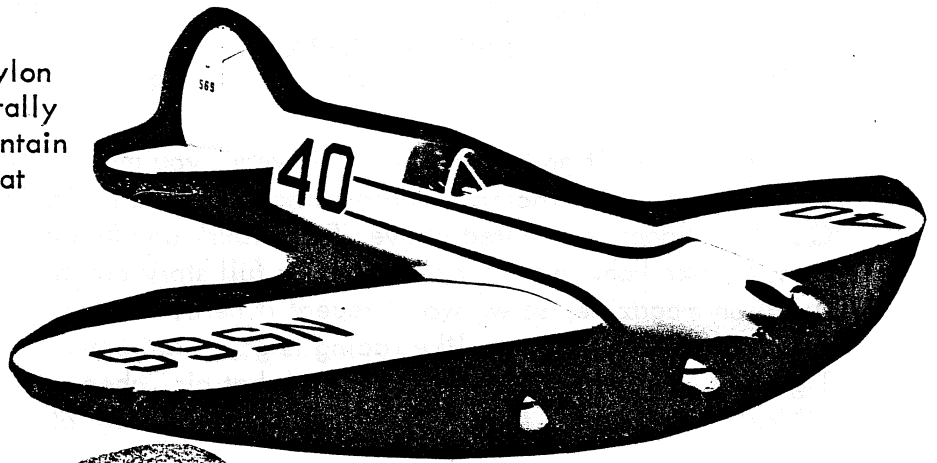
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Sid Gates, President of Royal Electronics, and John Aycock, owner of Custom Hobbies, have been sponsoring Quarter Midget Racing in the mid-Rockies this year under the name of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Midget Pylon Racing Assoc. (Editor - How big a patch does it take to get that all on?). Four races were held with the last one run August 31. Jack Stafford of "Stafford Models" came by and raced a new Brown B-3 with a Rossi in it. Jack had fast time of the day at 2:16 which is "movin" at 7,200 ft. altitude. T. McGinnis was the big season-points winner and the winner of the fourth race flying a "Spirit", K & B-powered. Second was Jack Aycock with his Miss Dara also K & B-powered. Third was Bill Pachak and his L'il Gem, Tigre-powered. For Colorado Flyers, they can look forward to the Rocky Mountain Quarter Midget Pylon Racing Association going full force in '76" using AMA rules and a possible engine cost limit of \$50 to keep the costs down and the fun up.



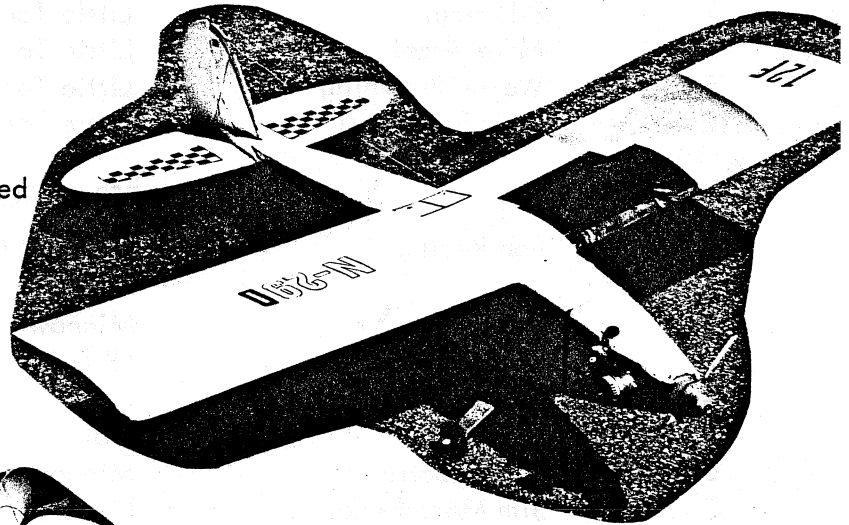
Rocky Mountain 1/4 Midget Pylon Racing Assn. winners (season and 4th race - 31 Aug '75). L to R standing: Duane Pisciotta, Jack Dech, Brian Gates, Bob Heitkamp, Bill Pachak, Sid Gates, Jack Aycock. Kneeling: Travis McGinnis and George Eide. Photo by J.A. de Vries, Col. USAF Ret'd.

Jack Stafford's Brown B-3 1/4 -midget pylon racer. This bird has a Rossi 15 that literally screams. Fastest racer at the Rocky Mountain Pylon Racing Assn's . fourth season race at Colorado Springs.



Jack Aycock's K&B 15-powered "Miss Dara." Right wing is holding up Jack's trophy for 4th place finish in the Rocky Mountain Pylon Racing Assn's 4th season race. Aycock, Association sponsor, finished second overall for the four-race, sixteen-heat season.

Lt. Col. Jack Dech's much-repaired "Spirit" at the Pikes Peak R/C Club's field. High-winged "Spirit" is "the" hot 1/4 midget in Colorado's thin air.



Rocky Mountain 1/4-Midget Pylon Racing Association's season's winner, Travis McGinnis of Denver. He won it all with twin-silver "Spirits". He's holding onto the big prize, a 6-channel Royal radio.

FROM: ED RANKIN, Texas

IRWIN FUNDERBURK WINS FORMULA I - "75" NATS  
BOB REUTHER WINS QUARTER MIDGET

If you didn't go to the NATS this year, you missed a good one. There was relatively good weather and lots of racing. Forty-nine competed in Formula I and fifty-one did battle in Quarter Midget. As noted above, Funderburk and Reuther put together the winning combinations to take home all the marbles. The full story can be found in the upcoming AMA Model Aviation magazine, so we won't repeat it here. It was the first big appearance of the new K & B 6.5's, and it looks like racing is going to be more competitive between K & B and the Tigres as the months progress. Enough hot air, check the results of Formula and Quarter Midget. You'll note that the Rossi made itself known at the NATS.

FORMULA I

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Irwin Funderburk	El Bandito	75 K & B	39	1:22.0
2	Bob Violet	Little Toni	75 K & B	36	1:19.3
3	Bill Preis	Minnow	ST X-40	35	1:19.9
4	Tom Baker	Minnow	75 K & B	35	1:27.0
5	John McDermatt	Little Toni	ST X-40	35	1:18.9
					(Best Time)
6	Doug Rouble	Little Toni	ST X-40	34	1:19.0
7	Bill Hager	Little Toni	ST X-40	34	1:24.2
8	Mike Atzei	Little Toni	ST X-40	33	1:23.7
9	Wayne Browning	Little Toni	ST X-40	32	1:25.2
10	Whit Stockwell	Little Toni	ST X-40	30	1:25.2

QUARTER MIDGET

1	Bob Reuther	Cosmic Wind	Rossi	36	1:40
					(Best Time)
2	Tom Baker	Minnow	Rossi	35	1:47
3	Robert Royall	LR 1-A	Rossi	33	1:42
4	G.E. Jacobson	P 51	Rossi	31	1:45
5	Greg Doe	P 51	Rossi	31	1:47
6	Robert Barret	Minnow	Rossi	30	1:46
7	Jim Moorehead	Little Toni	Roxxi	30	1:42

FORMULA I From Tulsa, Oklahoma  
REPORTED BY: PAT JONES, Wichata, Kansas

July 27, 1975

Five rounds were flown with nine entries on a very humid, hot Sunday in Tulsa. The flying was done off a gravel runway which is an experience in itself. Deeds Bigelow, from Oklahoma City, and Hank Filson, from Wichata, Kansas had a midair with Bigelow losing his "Toni" and Filson having to rebuild his Dara. Pat Jones put it all together after a zero in the first round with a four-year old BAC (Editor: What's a BAC?) and Nightengale K & B. His fast time was 134.3 for eleven laps.

*Ward*

RESULTS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Pat Jones	BAC	K & B S	1:34.3
2	Larry Bagot	BAC	K & B S	1:34.5
3	Glen Zellner	BAC	K & B S	1:47.6
4	Mark Harter	Rickey Rat	K & B S	1:35.0
5	Maurice Woods	Toni	ST X-40	1:44.0
6	Deeds Bigelow	Toni	ST X-40	1:35.7
7	Hank Filson	Dara	K & B	1:50.0

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FORMULA I, Salina, Kansas

August 3, 1975

Five rounds were flown in temperatures over 110 degrees and very high humidity. There were nine entries with two new pilots in for their first race, Bart Phillips from Colorado and Wayne Lawrence from Wichita, Kansas. Believe it or not, the two of them midaired after only 1.17 seconds into their first race! What a way to start out in Formula I racing. Larry Klusnan (Editor: I'm not taking any bets on the spelling of these names) and Charlie Swan from Kansas City had the mis-fortune of radio malfunctions.

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RESULTS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Jim Bertoglio	Toni	ST X-40	1:31
2	Pat Jones	BAC	K & B	1:36
3	Larry Bagot	BAC	K & B	1:33
4	Loren Tregollas	Dara	ST X-40	1:38
5	Hank Filson	Cosmic Wind	K & B	1:54

RACE RESULTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

FROM: SIMON DREESE, Broadview, Montana

August 10, 1975

FORMULA I RESULTS - Seven entries, five rounds of racing

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<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Cowger	Cosmic Wind	K & B	19	1:43
2	W. Higgins	El Bandito	K & B	19	1:45
3	Cady	El Bandito	K & B	17	1:40
4	Dreese	Miss Dara	K & B	16	1:46

FROM: BRIAN SATTLER, Schenectady, New York

July 12, 1975

FORMULA I - Seven entries

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<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Al Sager	Miss Dara	ST X-40	Best time of me
2	Bill Zautner	Toni	ST X-40	1:24
3	Bob Barkowski	Toni	ST X-40	
4	Kirk Cirillo	Toni	ST X-40	
5	Tom Castellano	Miss Dara	ST X-40	

FAI - Five entries

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>
1	Jerry Wagner	Cosmic Wind	ST X-40
2	Bob Barkowski	Bob Cat	OPS - 40
3	Bill Zautner	Super Duck	OPS - 40

SPORTSMAN - Eleven entries

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1	A. Schroder
2	L. Weddle
3	A. Wile
4	G. Sicotte
5	J. De Pace

FROM: B. SATTLER, Hamburg, New York

July 27, 1975

FAI - FORMULA II - Nine entries

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Dennis Thomas	1:46.8
2	Rick Paine	1:46.5
3	Dick Smith	2:13.0

FORMULA I - Six entries

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	F. Meyers	2:07.0
2	E. Maixeier	2:13.2
3	D. Thomas	1:51.4
4	D. Smith	2:13.0

FORMULA I - Canada - London, Ontario

August 2, 1975

RESULTS OF THE FIRST CANADIAN NATIONAL FORMULA I RACES

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	Al Sager	Toni	ST X-40	1:33
2	E.K. Landefeld	Cosmic Wind	K & B 40 S	1:46
3	A. Sattler	Toni	ST X-40	1:34

The best time of this event was by Bill Zautner - 1:30.2



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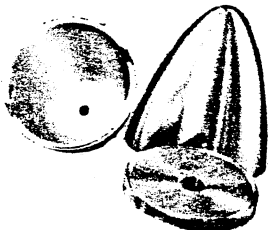
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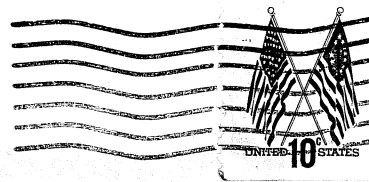
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