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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL ! ! ! !

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

This is the last time around for the old man. I can't say the last two years haven't been hectic, but they have been interesting. There were a lot of things we wanted to do that never came about, but fortunately, with a lot of help from others, we did manage to get a few things done. I would like to give special thanks to Ron Schorr and Bud Anders - they both were a big help in getting the NMPRA on its feet. Others too numerous to mention have put in many hours of hard work to help make my job easier. Thanks to everyone.

The Japan Miniature Pylon Racing Association is off and running with over 170 members. Sunao Sonoda is their President, and he has written to ask that our two organizations become associated. Mr. Hijikata sent me a set of their decals, and they are very nice. I feel the best way to handle this association is to have a reciprocal membership arrangement with newsletters being exchanged between our two Presidents. Japan flies Formula I as their .40 event and, as expected, their flyers have improved rapidly to where they now fly as fast as ours. They had a group at the 1974 Nats and also the 1975 Bakersfield Air Races. Mr. Hijikata (Hiji to his friends) has been with them both trips. The flyers are exceptionally fine people and very competitive minded.

We still need volunteers to run for Vice President in the N.E. and N.C.E. Districts so will hold off elections for one more month. I hope someone will step forward and volunteer for these jobs. Your new President Ron Schorr will need help from these areas if he is to have communication with them.

We finally have all the points in that I think we are going to get, and here is a list of the top 10 for 1975.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Terry Prather 600.6 | 6. Ed Hotelling 482.2 |
| 2. Bill Zautner 515.3 | 7. Jim Bertoglio 471.1 |
| 3. Al Sager 557.5 | 8. Pete Reed 460.3 |
| 4. Jim Maki 540.8 | 9. Kent Nogy 459.9 |
| 5. Bill Williamson 489.2 | 10. Hal De Bolt 457.7 |

These fellows will be sent trophies for their accomplishment compliments of K & B Mfg, who were kind enough to donate them. I believe this list shows how well our point system works in equalizing race size. The awards are pretty well distributed throughout the country as they should be. Terry has been the man to beat for the last two years and is very deserving of 1st.

That's about it for this month, though once again I would like to say thanks to all the people who have helped NMPRA to grow, and extra thanks to Jay Replogle for the super job he has done on the Newsletter this year. His shoes are going to be hard to fill. I intend to retire from active participation in contest organization next year in order to have more time to spend with our local racers. I may even learn how to call, so see you at the races - fly fast, think safety.

FROM THE EDITOR: JAY REPLOGLE

Well it finally happened, December has arrived, and I'm working on my last Newsletter. Next year Maurice Franklin will be Chief newspaper editor. If Maurice receives the same amount of material to work with that I've received this year, I'm sure he'll produce the kind of news you expect. There have been many people who have consistently sent in photos and material all year, and I'd love to name all of you, but it would take too much space. I do want you to know that I really appreciated the help. The person who really did the most for the Newsletter was my wife Christine. She spent hours each month typing and organizing the letter and really deserves all the credit if you liked the "Letter" we put out this year.

Now for a note of business. Pete Reed dropped me a note reminding anyone interested that he's still putting heli-coils in stripped out heads of all kinds, so if you've got a good engine with a bad head, possibly Pete can help some one out. He gets 3.25 a head I believe and can be reached at 19 Eastwood Drive, Plainville, Conn. 06062.

Last but not least, I want to wish all off you a very happy holiday season, and I hope you all break 1:15 next year.

JAY

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FROM: BOB NICKLE, QMRC, So. California, August 3, 1975 - Mile Square

Rapid Ramzi Thomas defended the honor of the San Diego Wild Bunch by tying for First Place with his Orange County Brother, Kent. Up in the top five was Frank Szcuela, So. Calif. Formula I, District V.P. Could be Frank found his level in QM racing.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLANE</u>	<u>ENGINE</u>
1	TIE		
	Ramzi Thomas	P-51	Supre Tigre
1	Kent Thomas	P-39	K & B
2	Don Dombrowski	Miss Dara	Supre Tigre
3	Bill Racer	P-39	Supre Tigre
4	Frank Szcuela	P-51	Supre Tigre

Rick Paine, last year's winner, had nothing but bad luck all day and ended up second in the overall Champion race. Hal DeBolt was third.

Our flyoff for Sport Novice Champion was very close with the lead changing hands several times in the first two heats. Chuck Boyer ended up the victor with Bill Brandow second and John Nelson third. Great racing....

Hal DeBolt won Formula I easily with 55 points. Harry Greenacker was second with 44, and Kent Landefeld was third with 41.

Formula II was won by Dennis Thomas with 59 points, second was Rick Paine with 54 points and in third was Dave Smith with 50 points. Sport Expert winner was Earnie Nickodem with 34 points. Dave Smith was second and John Grigg was third.

SEASONS CHAMPIONS

Dennis Thomas
Chuck Boyer
Earnie Nikodem
Dennis Thomas
Hal DeBolt

Overall Champion
Sport-Novice
Sport-Expert
Formula II
Formula I

Dennis Thomas was awarded the traveling OVERALL Trophy for this year. He will also receive a shirt lettered as such. Shirts will also be awarded to the above individual event winners.

TOP TEN FINISHERS

1. Dennis Thomas	97	6. Harry Greenacker	75
2. Rick Paine	86	7. Ernie Nikodem	74
3. Hal DeBolt	80	8. Dick Smith	71
4. William Brandow	78	9. Chuck Boyer	64
5. Dave Smith	76	10. Eric Maxmeier	47

FROM: BOB OWENS, Editor, Valley Flyers Newsletter, Contest Report, Southern California Formula I, September 12-13, Sepulveda Dam

It was another "Crash-o-rama Spectacular" performed during two foggy, muggy days at the Basin. Thirty-two Standard and 29 Experts signed up for the predicted 10 rounds of the greatest competition anywhere. An excess of experts on 72.400 resulted in three plane heats in that class. I wonder if everyone of these fellows were trying to avoid flying against Terry Prather. Charlie Smith and Kathy Smith (related) made up the heat cards and kept score while Len Katz did a beautiful job of managing the ready line and backup lines. He also called the action during the races via the public address, then promptly announced the results. Ron Schorr, Contest Director, kept things organized with only one re-fly to settle a protest. John Elgin helped with lap-counting. However, some of the competitors who have learned to land properly and don't need the time between rounds for repairs, did get out to do some flagging. I didn't get all the names, but thanks to all that helped.

Scale judges took a pretty good look at the planes, including the UNDERNEATH side. The CD cautioned that models that bear numbers other than those of the flyer would be disqualified in the future. Also, because of the frequency conflict, it was announced that at the Whittier contest no more than 25% of the entries would be accepted on any one frequency in one class. This will be handled on a first come - first served basis. There was an immediate demand for registration forms.

I heard that there were 22 planes lost during the two days. Only a couple appeared to be radio-type problems. Five mid-air accounted for 10 planes. That means that about 1/3 of the planes entered were lost. Since I got pretty busy at the finish with minor repairs, preparing for a fifth place fly-off then getting the camera set for the awards, my note -

JULY 1975 MARA RACE RESULTS

STANDARD CLASS

Place	Pilot	Plane	Engine	Points	Best Time	Heats
1.	R. Tyson	Rickey Rat	K&B	13½	2:17	4
2.	J. White	Minnow	ST	12½	2:20	4
3.	F. Alicandro	Top Dawg	Taipan	11½	2:30	4
4.	D. Berner	XP 40 Q	ST	11	2:22	3
5.	J. Sweeney	Owl Racer	K&B	10½	2:27	3
6.	A. Wolter	Miss DARA	ST	9	2:42	3
7.	A. Talisman	P-51	ST	8	2:24	3
8.	J. McAfee	Rickey Rat	K&B	7½	2:36	3
9.	S. Battaglia	Rickey Rat	K&B	7	2:18	2
10.	M. Carver	Doublet	ST	7	2:51	3
11.	S. Nielsen	N/A	K&B	5½	2:29	2
12.	M. Weinstein	Rickey Rat	ST	3	3:16	2
13.	A. Sacco	Rickey Rat	ST	2	2:28	1
14.	H. Bronstein	Shoestring	K&B	2	2:48	1
15.	F. Lumb	Rickey Rat	K&B	-	----	-
16.	K. Schrimpe	Mustang	ST	-	----	-

XPERT CLASS

Place	Pilot	Plane	Engine	Points	Best Time	Heats
1.	K. Hahn	P-51	K&B	16	1:59	4
3.	B. Ferris	Miss DARA	Rossi	14½	1:45.1 *	4
2.	B. Blouch	P 51 (Orig.)	K&B	15	1:59	4
4.	M. Freiberg	Shoestring	K&B	10	2:07	4
5.	P. Zink	Miss RJ	Rossi	9½	1:45.4 *	3
6.	R. Spieler	Mustang	Rossi	9	2:01	3
7.	B. Jensen	Miss Paranoia	K&B	9	2:05	3
8.	R. Bressler	Cosmic Wind (Or.)	K&B	7	2:01	2
9.	B. Fuori	Shoestring	Rossi	4	1:57	1
10.	F. Fogelman	Rickey Rat	Rossi	2½	2:15	1
11.	H. Oxenrider	Mustang	K&B	2	2:25	1
12.	S. McAfee	Miss RJ	Rossi	2	2:33	1
13.	J. Sternberg	E1 Bandito	Rossi	-	----	-

* Bob Ferris' 1:45.1 establishes a new MARA record. Paul Zink's time of 1:45.4 was in the same heat.

MARA CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

Quarter Midget Racing - Oct 12, 14 Experts, 15 Standards,
5 Rounds flown in each class.

Experts

Place	Name	Plane	Engine	Time
1.	Bob Blouch	Blouch P-51	K&B	1:43
2.	Mark Freiberg	Shoestring	K&B	1:48
3.	Paul Zink	Rickey Rat	K&B	1:42
4.	Bob Ferris	Miss DARA	Rossi	1:48
5.	Ron Bressler	Miss Cosmic Wind	K&B	1:46
6.	Fred Fogelman	Shoestring	Rossi	1:44
7.	Scott McAfee	Rickey Rat	Rossi	1:50
8.	Rube Tyson	Deja Vu	Rossi	1:55
9.	Ken Hahn	P-51	K&B	1:51
10.	Bill Fuori	Shoestring	Rossi	1:48
11.	Bill Jensen	Miss Paranoia	K&B	1:53
12.	Jay Sternberg	Miss DARA	Rossi	1:52
13.	Tom Feicco	Shoestring	Rossi	2:02
14.	Ron Spieler	Miss RJ	Rossi	--

Standards

Place	Name	Plane	Engine	Time
1.	Dick Berner	XP 40 Q	ST	2:15
2.	Al Sacco	P-51	K&B	2:19
3.	Frank Alicandro	Top Dawg	Taipan	2:21
4.	Arthur Talisman	P-51	ST	2:23
5.	Frank Heil	Miss RJ	Taipan	2:07
6.	Jim Sweeney	Owl Racer	K&B	2:16
7.	Mel Carver	Doubler	ST	2:34
8.	Steve Nielsen	Shoestring	Taipan	2:14
9.	Denis Donohue	P-51	K&B	2:16
10.	Jim White	Minnow	K&B	2:18
11.	Kirk Cirillo	Miss Paranoia	Taipan	2:12
12.	John McAfee	Doubler	Taipan	2:21
13.	George Barry	Doubler	ST	2:41
14.	Ted Tobias	Miss RJ	K&B	2:48
15.	Sal Battaglia	Rickey Rat	K&B	--

The race was held at the new Cedar Creek flying field in Nassau County, Long Island. Special thanks to both the Merokee RCC Inc. and Long Island Drone Society, custodians of the field and to their members who provided the help.

Average time for the Experts was 1:56.62, including 15 11 lap times. Temperature in the 70's and low humidity for this area combined with light winds to provide an excellent day for racing.

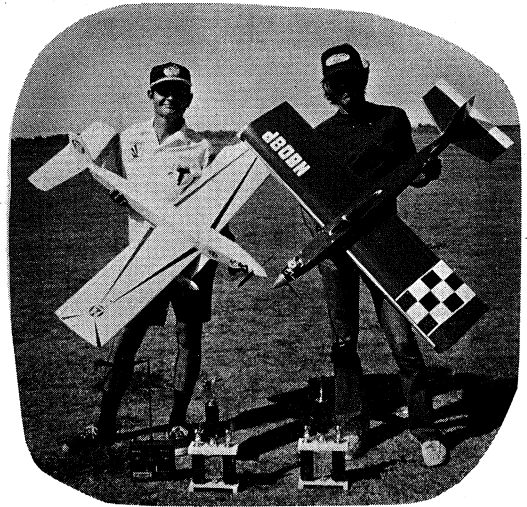
George Zink
Editor, MARA Newsletter

"RACING FROM THE SOUTH WEST"



Oct. 4, 1975 - Dallas, Tx.
"Firecracker 500"

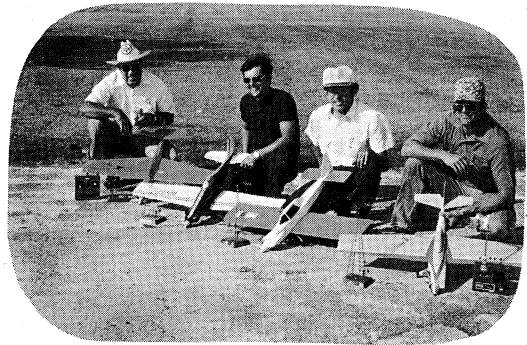
Left to Right - 1st Std. C. Viasco
2nd Std. C. Knopp, 5th Std. D. Smith
6th Std. E. Adams, 7th Std. B. Estill
1st Exp. G. Parks, 3rd Std. B. Thienes
3rd Exp. P. Claeys, 2nd Exp. A. Arro



"Firecracker 500"
1st Place Winners - Left to Right:
1st. Place Std. Class:
Charlie Viosea
1st Place Expert:
George Parks



"Firecracker 500"
1st Place Winner - Expert Class:
George Parks and his caller Donna

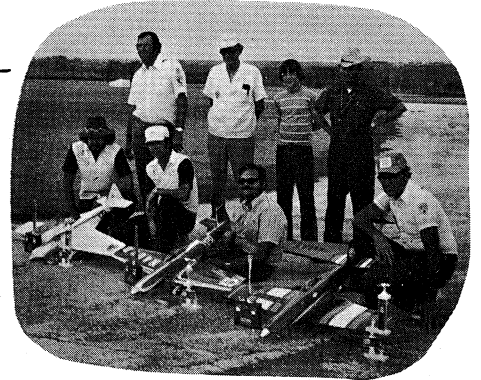


Oklahoma City, QM Race
September 27, 1975 - Left to Right
4th Gale Helms
3rd Wayne Lawrence
2nd Dennis Brown
1st Bob Hohm

SOUTHWEST RACING CONTINUED



September 20th - Ft. Worth
Qtr. Midgets - Thunderbirds
Left to Right
5th Bill Akin
4th Paul Verger
3rd Bob Hohn
2nd Gale Helms
1st George Parker



Formula I - September 28th
Oklahoma City - Kneeling Left to Right
M. Moncrief and caller G. Clay - 1st Okla-
homa City - 3rd Fort Worth
D. Downing - 2nd Oklahoma City - 4th
Fort Worth
W. Browning 1st Fort Worth
Standing Left to Right:
B. Barrett - 5th Oklahoma City & Fort Worth
J. Bertaglio and caller L. Baggot - 4th
Oklahoma City - 7th Fort Worth
D. Bigelow - 3rd Oklahoma City - 2nd Fort
Worth.

OKIE Style Racing

September 28th - From Don Dowling - SCW-VP.

Twenty two formula I racers met the morning of September 28th and did battle for five rounds at the Oklahoma City "Torks" field. The members of the Torks club ran an excellent contest that saw M. Moncrief come out on top by one point over Don Downing.

In the afternoon another five rounds of racing was held by the Fort Worth group because of their meet being rained out, the previous week. In this meet Wayne Browning put it all together and Deeds Bigelow was right behind only one point down. Monty Moncrief had best time in this meet and also finished third which made this a very big day for him.

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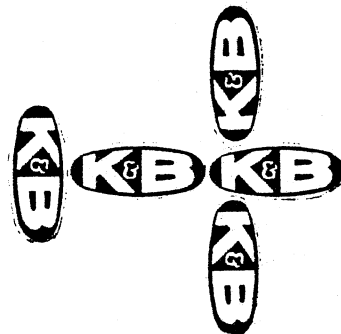
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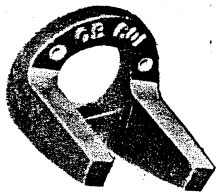
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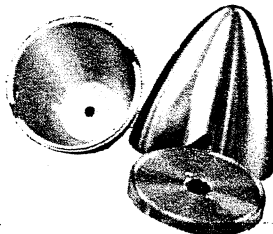
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