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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

A few last minute things. The state of Ohio will be moving from the N.E. District to the N.C.E District beginning in 1978.

I would like to thank the Indian River Kontrol Society and Dr. Jim Cobb and Joe Pira for an excellent job in running the Championship Race. Congratulations and thank you.

Dave Shadel informed me that the vote to try 15% Nitro did not pass by a 3 - 2 margin.

Your new President is Bob Smith. He is going to need a lot of help, so if you are called on by him to do a job, if at all possible, please do it.

I feel the one thing that will bring new people into Formula 1 is for each and every one of us to let it be known that we will help a newcomer in any way possible. Making such an announcement at local clubs should start the ball rolling.

Financial condition of the NMPRA as of November 1, 1977 is: Income - \$6,482.91. Outgo: \$5,457.29. Balance left in treasury, including surplus from 1976 is \$4,635.97. Money spent on Formula 1 only \$1,180.00. Money spent on Quarter Midget only \$350.00. The latest figures show that the NMPRA has 40 Quarter Midget members, so as you can see, they have gotten back almost dollar for dollar to what they have put in. We have 202 Formula 1 members, 146 flying both and 57 people we do not know what they fly or if they fly.

With sincere regards and good thoughts to all the people who worked with me, thanks to my District V.P.'s and to Dave Shadel, Newsletter Editor and Whit Stockwell, Secretary.

Ron Schorr

## NEW PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I would like to thank all of you out there that voted for President this year. The turnout was the best we've had; and it's nice to see that a lot of you are concerned with the NMPRA. I hope that my term of office will be productive to all of us in the NMPRA.

The main reason I ran for this office was to promote Formula 1 in 1978 and maybe get some sponsors for a few races, one being a Las Vegas race which I will keep you informed when something definite is set up.

As most of you know, there has been a lot of discussion on Q.M. and the NMPRA. After giving this a lot of thought, I've come to the conclusion that Q.M. has a place in the NMPRA, but we need to get a lot more Q.M. racers in the NMPRA. One idea I'm working on is to have a Q.M. Editor and a Formula 1 Editor. This, I feel, will help both events be represented in the Newsletter, especially Q.M.

Hopefully, by getting better representation, more Q.M. racers will join the NMPRA.

We need to get 1978 V.P. nominations in. Please send them to me at: P.O. Box 543, Chatsworth, Ca. 91311. Nominations will be closed on December 6. Also, 1978 membership forms will be printed in next month's newsletter. Please hold off sending your membership until you receive the form.

Newsletter editors, secretary and treasure will be announced in the next newsletter. One final note concerning the 1977 NMPRA Championship race, this was the finest-run contest I have ever attended. The organization and participation of the club couldn't have been better. My hat is off to Jim Cobb, Joe Pira and the entire I.R.K.S. Club.

Sincerely,

Bob Smith

(Dave - See you in Vegas. Pam says hi -- and no (swap, that is!))

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### From the Secretary - Whit Stockwell

This year has been a good one for NMPRA. The membership stands at 459, including 127 new members. Over 46% of the membership is interested primarily in Formula 1, 7% primarily in Quarter Midget and the remainder in both. Under the guidance of Ron Schorr, with help from sales of the Pylon Racing Book, the treasury is in excellent shape.

## From the Secretary - Cont.

The NMPRA does have one outstanding debt - a debt of gratitude to Ron Schorr. For the past two years as President, and before that as a regular member, he has worked tirelessly and unselfishly on behalf of the organization. We have more members, are in better shape financial, and enjoy a greater amount of prestige than ever before. We all owe him a lot.

As many of you know, I am studying for a Masters degree in Business Administration at the University of California. The workload is such that I probably won't be able to race until next summer. As for my part, I have enjoyed working as your secretary (and California District V.P.). It has been fun working with the organization, helping it grow and prosper.

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## NMPRA CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The NMPRA Championship Race was held at Valkaria, Florida on the 22nd and 23rd of October.

Irwin Funderburk emerged the winner after 10 exciting rounds of hotly contested racing. Bob Violet turned a fast time of 1:13.1 with his Polecat powered by K&B. In an earlier round, Bob turned 1:17 for eleven laps and several stop watches in the pits had him at just over 1:10! Fastest Formula 1 racer I've ever seen. Best aircraft award went to Bob Silwanicz for his beautiful Prather Little Toni.

NMPRA President Ron Schorr received the NMPRA Man of the Year Award courtesy of Model Airplane News and Walt Schroder. I can't think of a more deserving person than Ron. Congratulations.

Our thanks must go to C.D. Dr. Jim Cobb and his assistant Joe Pira for an outstanding end to 1977's racing season. Also, thanks to the workers that stood in the rain for 2 days and gave us our cuts. Without them the racing wouldn't be much fun.

<u>Race Results:</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
1. Irwin Funderburk	34	1:15.73	Bandit/K&B
2. Bob Smith*	32	1:26.11	Minnow/ST
3. Gary Hover*	32	1:22.22	Toni/ST
4. Mike Helsel	31	1:21.26	Minnow/ST
5. Tom Castellano*	30	1:23.78	Polecat/ST
6. George Zautner*	30	1:22.44	Polecat/ST
7. Dave Shadel*	30	1:19.98	Minnow/ST
8. Bill Hager*	30	1:16.32	Toni/ST
9. Bob Violet*	29	1:13.14	Polecat/K&B
10. Gail Jacobson*	29	1:24.86	Toni/ST

### Race Results Cont.

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
11 <sup>o</sup> . Dave Pearce*	29	1:16.78	Toni/ST
12 <sup>o</sup> . Jim Maki	28	1:17.0	Minnow/K&B
13 <sup>o</sup> . Dennis O'Brien	27	1:15.48	Polecat/ST
14 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Reuther	27	1:20.80	Toni/ST
15 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Brogdon	26	1:17.55	Bandit/K&B
16 <sup>o</sup> . Paul Zink	26	1:24.44	Toni/ST
17 <sup>o</sup> . Brian Richmond	23	1:21.21	Bandit/K&B
18 <sup>o</sup> . Carl Simms	23	1:26.11	Toni
19 <sup>o</sup> . Clyde Yarbrough*	22	1:22.4	Bandit/K&B
20 <sup>o</sup> . Jack Little*	22	1:34.91	Minnow

\* Denotes Fly Off

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### Season Points S.C.E.

1 <sup>o</sup> . Jim Maki	568.0	26 <sup>o</sup> . Jeff Kerlo	154.0
2 <sup>o</sup> . Brian Richmond	540.2	27 <sup>o</sup> . Bill Helms	151.8
3 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Brogdon	494.0	28 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Schuster	109.9
4 <sup>o</sup> . Dave Pearce	493.0	29 <sup>o</sup> . John Kerlo	105.2
5 <sup>o</sup> . Dave Donat	433.3	30 <sup>o</sup> . Erik Myers	93.0
6 <sup>o</sup> . Bill Williamson	409.9	31 <sup>o</sup> . Stephen Barrett	82.2
7 <sup>o</sup> . Bruce Richmond	383.1	32 <sup>o</sup> . Mike Grady	69.2
8 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Silwanicz	377.7	33 <sup>o</sup> . Dave Brown	66.0
9 <sup>o</sup> . Irwin Funderburk	375.9	34 <sup>o</sup> . Stu Richmond	63.3
10 <sup>o</sup> . Dallas Buck	353.5	35 <sup>o</sup> . Gale Helms	57.9
11 <sup>o</sup> . Bill Pries	347.9	36 <sup>o</sup> . Dan Johns	52.0
12 <sup>o</sup> . Clyde Yarbrough	316.9	37 <sup>o</sup> . Dave Thomas	40.3
13 <sup>o</sup> . John McDermott	310.0	38 <sup>o</sup> . Rod Gier	30.9
14 <sup>o</sup> . Tom Pownall	308.7	39 <sup>o</sup> . Robert Onori	28.2
15 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Violett	296.4	40 <sup>o</sup> . Bill Hogue	27.0
16 <sup>o</sup> . Greg Doe	288.1	41 <sup>o</sup> . Dan Kane	25.5
17 <sup>o</sup> . Dennis O'Brien	275.8	42 <sup>o</sup> . Bill Stewart	22.8
18 <sup>o</sup> . Bob Reuther	246.3	43 <sup>o</sup> . Craig Wilson	20.1
19 <sup>o</sup> . Carl Simms	241.1	44 <sup>o</sup> . Toby Grether	11.1
20 <sup>o</sup> . Jim Stegall	241.1	45 <sup>o</sup> . Melvin Stokes	8.5
21 <sup>o</sup> . Rudy Formanek	235.7	46 <sup>o</sup> . Frank Anderson	1.2
22 <sup>o</sup> . Jim Morehead	229.9	47 <sup>o</sup> . Robert Barrett	1.2
23 <sup>o</sup> . Cliff Telford	173.4	48 <sup>o</sup> . Scott Bingham	1.2
24 <sup>o</sup> . James Little	173.0	49 <sup>o</sup> . Dennis Grady	1.2
25 <sup>o</sup> . Gail Jacobson	160.9		

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### NMPRA National Points Totals for 1977

1. Bob Smith	589.3	11. Dave Kelly	541.3
2. Mike Atzei	585.7	12. Brian Richmond	540.2
3. Bill Hager	581.9	13. Kent Landefeld	534.8
4. Tom Christopher	571.1	14. Laird Owens	526.6
5. Tom Castellano	569.0	15. Ed Allen	522.7
6. Jim Maki	568.0	16. Mike Helsel	500.7
7. Ed Hotelling	567.3	17. Ronald Schorr	496.3
8. Jeff Bertken	562.8	18. Bob Brogdon	494.0
9. Dave Shadel	560.1	19. Dave Pearce	493.0
10. Pete Reed	551.7	20. Bill Zautner	492.7

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### NMPRA N.E. District Standings

1. Bill Hager	581.9, 55-P	11. Al Sager	428.5, 47-1C
2. Tom Castellano	569.0, 22-L	12. Jack DePace	421.8, 2-J
3. Pete Reed	551.7, 1-PR	13. Glenn Sicotte	412.9, 17-J
4. Dave Kelly	541.3, 77-X	14. Harold DeBolt	402.9, 1-K
5. Kent Landefeld	534.8, 76-L	15. George Baynes	383.2
6. Bill Zautner	492.7, 67-K	16. Dave Keats	362.4
7. Adam Sattler	484.3, 41-K	17. Nelson Thomas	359.5
8. Bob Wallace	463.0, 12-J	18. Steve Nagy	356.9, 14-X
9. Paul Zink	460.4, 19-L	19. Arnold Wile	352.0, 8-M
10. Bob Barkowski	449.4, 51-J	20. Bill Weesner	342.7, 38-V

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### SCW District Standings

1. Ed Rankin	468.8	7. Charles Monnet	300.5
2. Mark Harter	438.9	8. Larry Barnes	285.8
3. Steve Barrett	362.1	9. Deeds Bigelow	222.8
4. Clay/Moncreif	355.9	10. Bill Breis	186.0
5. Gale Helms	320.2	11. Pat Jones	175.3
6. Gary Heithold	309.1	12. Robert Onori	173.6

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## EDITORIAL

In the past few months racing has declined in nearly all parts of the U.S.

Many comments have been made on how to increase participation. In a past newsletter, we voted on whether or not to try a race in each district using 15% nitro fuel. A total of 98 people voted and the only district that wants to try a race with 15% fuel was the North East.

Apparently, not many people in the NMPRA are real-life pylon racers, Formula 1 in particular, or they just can't be bothered.

An alternative to the regulated use of a particular fuel is to have a standard class in which there is no static judging and let them burn 15% (or whatever) fuel so that beginning racers have a place to start. Naturally, these racers could not be considered for championship points but at least they could gain experience and eventually move to expert class.

Better awards for contests is also being proposed. When you come right down to it, Formula 1 racing is one helluva lot of work to be competitive in such areas as Florida and California and other areas too.

Perhaps in the coming year we can change the profile of Formula 1. It needs a shot in the arm and I think that Bob Smith can give it the needed shove in the right direction. Let's all support him.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of you out there that contributed to the newsletter in the past months.

Dave Shadel

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California's final race of the Formula 1 season was held at Whittier Narrows on October 1, 1977. Normally all California races are 2 day events, but due to the lack of entries, both Standard and Expert were run together and 8 rounds were run in one day.

The excellent weather made for some very quick times, with Bob Smith the fast time winner at 1:14.7. Young Bob Williams dominated Standard Class again with a best time of 1:23.0. NATS champ Ed Hotelling won Expert with a best time of 1:17.2. Our thanks to the San Gabriel Valley RC League and the BIRDS for an excellent race.

### EXPERT WINNERS

1. Ed Hotelling
2. Bob Smith
3. Jeff Bertken
4. Dave Shadel
5. Gary Hover

### TIME

- 1:17.2
- 1:14.7
- 1:18.2
- 1:15.0
- 1:19.0

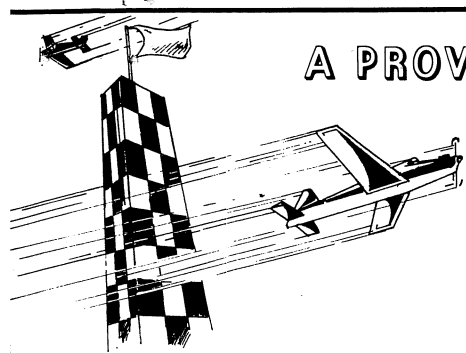
### AIRCRAFT/ENGINE

- Toni/ ST
- BBR/ ST
- Polecat/ K&B
- BBR/ ST
- Toni/ ST

FINAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT STANDINGS  
Whit Stockwell - District V.P.

Name	Races	Points	Name	Races	Points
1. Bob Smith	6-7	589.3	40. Maurice Franklin	2	149.4
2. Mike Atzei	6-9	585.7	40. Jim Jensen	2	149.4
3. Tom Christopher	6-7	571.1	42. Dave Fucucell	4	144.3
4. Ed Hotelling	6-7	567.3	43. Jim Kimbro	2	134.3
5. Jeff Bertken	6	562.8	44. Bob Root	2	126.2
6. Dave Shadel	6-8	560.1	45. Steve Kirshner	2	110.8
7. Laird Owens	6-9	526.6	46. Tony Amezcua	5	110.1
8. Ed Allen	6-7	522.7	47. Bob Baker	5	108.8
9. Mike Helsel	6	500.7	48. Jim Burlile	4	107.8
10. Ron Schorr	6-9	496.3	49. Scotty Smithwick	4	105.2
11. John Rouse	6-7	484.1	50. Jess Coffman	4	97.8
12. Gary Hover	6-7	474.8	51. Paul Kinney	3	93.5
13. Terry Prather	5	470.2	52. Fred Weaver	2	83.0
14. Ron Sheldon	5	428.4	53. Jeff Beutler	5	81.8
15. Jim Stafford	6-8	398.3	54. Larry Leonard	1	78.4
16. Ron Gilman	5	340.6	55. Mike Mitchell	2	77.5
17. Joe Zdankiewicz	5	294.9	56. Fred Reese	2	77.1
18. Kent Nogy	4	285.3	57. Gary McPike	2	74.9
19. Scott Johnson	4	282.8	58. Gary Loundigan	2	72.0
20. Len Ledson	5	268.8	59. Jack Lee	1	67.6
21. Whit Stockwell	3	250.1	60. Jay Replogle	3	67.1
22. Rusty Van Baren	3	248.3	61. Chick Beutz	3	66.0
23. Bob Williams	6-8	240.2	62. Ron Hadaway	1	65.4
24. Rex Raymond	5	233.4	63. Dennis Dunn	1	63.7
25. Larry Laulom	3	232.8	64. Ken Busse	2	62.9
26. Jerry Boyce	3	222.4	65. Lee Helsel	2	62.6
27. Ron Russell	4	214.2	66. Don Kaylor	3	52.7
28. Russ Kime	6-8	211.5	67. Paul Smith	1	47.7
29. Tad Sato	6-7	207.2	68. Don Chrisman	3	46.8
30. Bob Wilde	2	184.4	69. Karl Schick	2	46.7
	*****		70. Bob Seigelkoff	1	42.7
	*****		71. Larry Watson	4	42.4
	*****		72. Jay Ross	1	33.0
31. Paul Benezra	2	169.9	73. Bob Bailey	1	24.8
32. Joe Stream	5	167.1	74. Chuck Brown	2	10.4
33. Dennis Osborne	3	167.0	75. Richard Jones	1	9.0
34. Gene Sidwell	6-7	162.4	76. Tom Swift	1	4.3
35. Gary Farish	6-7	160.1	77. Randy Coffman	1	4.0
36. Chuck Hendrickson	2	153.0	77. Frank Szeacula	1	4.0
37. Doug Ruble	2	150.9	79. Roy Mills	1	1.2
38. Rick Walters	3	150.7	79. John Swift	1	1.2
39. Jack Stafford	2	149.8			

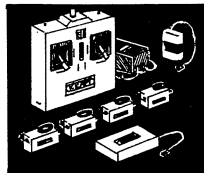
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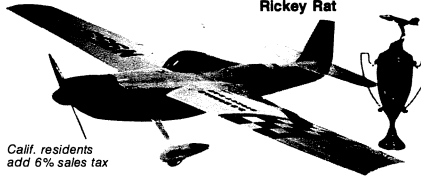
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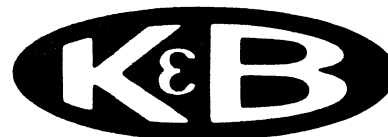
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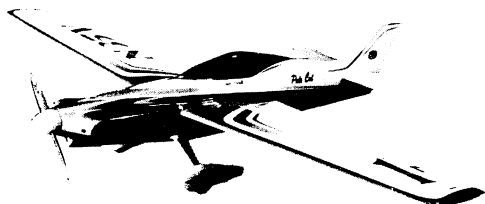
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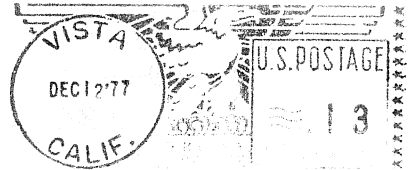
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