

NEWS LETTER

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY R/C FLYERS, INC. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TO

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Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Encino
Women's Club, 4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino, California, at 8pm

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Retiring President.....Frank Capan

ADIOS.

New President.....Dick Adams

Our friendly Editor has just jolted me with the fact that I should write something for the Newsletter. What a horrible thought -- after the flu, Christmas, taxes, etc.

My first thoughts are to thank you for your confidence. Second thought -- never miss a meeting - you may be the next President! (Dick had to "work" the night that meeting fell on, and guess what! Ed.)

Seriously though, I do want to thank you for your support. Now just keep it up when we ask for help in the Club activities. I know that contests are not everyone's cup of tea - but we have in the past and will in the future try to provide something for everyone.

I hope that we have a large attendance for the first meeting -- you know membership dues and money matters. So see you January 14 at the Women's Club in Encino!! Come on in and pay your dues and the coffee pot will be in operation!

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VITAL CLUB NOTES

1. Membership dues are \$7.50 for the coming year. This includes VF Club membership dues, AMA Charter Club dues, and \$.50 for the return address/mailers. Just be certain that you give the correct address and name for the mailers.
2. The rules and regulations will be on the sign at the Basin so read, heed and enforce!
3. Check your homeowner's policy for insurance coverage limitations - for the most of them to be in force you must have an FCC license for operation of r/c equipt.
4. Suggestions for entertainment at the Club meetings should be directed to the Vice President, Bud Anders.

5. Contest Calendar

22 Feb.	Phoenix	Everything
20 Apr	Basin	Formula I (450 only; go fast class) AMA-AA
? May	Basin	LAMHA
1 Jun	Basin	Scale AMA-AA
10 Aug	Basin	Stunt AMA-AA

6. Scale Groupings

- a) Fly-in 3rd Saturday every month at 2pm
- b) Meeting 3rd Friday every month, place to be announced in Newsletter.

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CLUB TOPICS.....Loretta Hall

The Valley Flyers annual party for 1968 was a swinging soiree to day the least. We had the largest turnout in our history, over 100 people. The success was due in large part to the live music which was supplied by Randy Mytar and his group, three extremely fine musicians, which made dancing a pleasure and kept the floor busy most of the time.

Everyone was having such a ball that we had little or no formal presentation of officers and all the jazz that usually bores everyone to death at year end parties. I guess everyone in charge assumed we all knew who was to be what for next year.

Only one award was presented and this one a very important one. For a long time Mrs. Woody Woodward (Dotty) has been working for our club in every capacity that she was called on for help. She has been scorekeeper at nearly every contest that we have had, she has arranged banquets, she has run errands, she has made phone calls and she has never complained nor has she ever been thanked. It is so easy to take people like her for granted that you really don't know just how much they give until maybe they suddenly stop, then you find that there is a helluva big hole to fill. Anyway, the Valley Flyers at last go around to a long overdue THANK YOU to Dotty, and as is always the case with her kind of people, she was embarrassed by the attention.

Along with all the other fun and games that went on we also had what may well be the shortest floorshow in history. Some of the wives got together and put on a little song and poem routine that, judging from the laughs and applause, we took to be a success. Mrs. Reed Packard (Dorothy) did the lyrics for a parody on the song "Nothin' like a Dame" from South Pacific which was so beautifully written that if it weren't for Rogers and Hart we could publish it and make a million. For those of you who were unable to attend and for our out of town readers I would like to tell you about the show:

First Dotty Woodward recited the following poem;

Tw'as the night before Christmas
and all through the houses
There paced up and down
Some very mad spouses.
The stockings were hung
By the chimney with care
But their modeler husbands
Just weren't there.
They'd forgotten the date
and the time of the night

And decided to stay
For just one more flight.
When they finally got home
There arose such a clatter
They ran into the house
to see what was the matter.
As they came through the door
The music was ringing
And all of their wives
Were standing there singing,

(The chorus line was composed of: Pat Leonard, Rose Cone, Dotty Woodward, Donna Harting, Jo Thomas, Lori Upton and yours truly.)

The song went like this:

||We've got lashes we can flutter
We've got skirts above our knees
We've got perfume, paint & powder
You can very plainly see

We've got lots to ooh and aah at
We can play a lot of games
But what ain't we got?
We ain't got planes

We've got built-in human servos
That you simply won't believe
Our transmitters are in order
Are you ready to receive

We can try to make you listen
We can make a lot of claims
But what Ain't we got?
We ain't got planes

Lots of things in life are beautiful
But Brother!
There is one particular thing that is nothin'
Whatsoever in any way shape of form like any other!

There is nothin' like a plane
Nothin' in the world
There is nothin' you can name
That is anything like a plane

We can't compete with a plane
We're not as neat as a plane
We don't need fuel like a plane
Don't keep our cool like a plane
We don't need glue like a plane
We never flew like a plane

But here's a thought we'd like to
Leave in your head
Who ever heard of goin' to bed
With a dope covered, balsa wood
most unfeminine plane? "

End of song, end of show, end of column!

STUFF & JUNK by EARL

Frank's long awaited Xmas party is over and here we go again. I'm sure we all wish Dick Adams good luck this year. As a past officer of the club I know the work that it entails, so with this in mind, try to be a help this year to the club and our new officers.

So what else is new? Not much. I did manage to have a mid-air with Dave O'Brien and so the Tokyo Echo past on to the great beyond. Being as how I was down a Toy I had to have a new one. As I am just a bit buggy I thought a Jr. Skylark would be a lot of fun hopped up to full house. Well Sir, it works! \$5.95 for the kit and a couple three bucks for some extra trailing edge stock, 1/16 sheet and some vaseline to stuff the gear in that small fuse and away we go. I did manage to get the weight up to 2lbs 2 ozs plus 2 ozs of fuel. Uses a Kraft 6 rec. with the little servos and a 225 pack, Enya .15, and silk span covered. So far I've had three incidents with it. I'll report them, not necessarily in order of importance or occurrence.

The first happened on the test flight. Admittedly it was badly out of trim and it needed some up as well as left. So much so I had to use my left hand to roll it in. OK, hold the stick with the right and bring the left hand over and pull back for the up. Easy! I pull the thumb down and down goes the airplane. Like a teflon coated anvil it goes down! About this time Loreta Hall ask if I always turn off the trans. when flying? "Of course not", I reply. "Oh yes you do!", and reaches over and turned it back on. Now I like to be turned on as well as the next guy, but thats a terrifying way to do it!

Second adventure. The engine jumped out! While the airplane was airplaneing. Exciting and the damage was repairable. The wild thing is the prop didn't break!

Number three. Now I did not witness this so its on hearsay. Nevertheless, I have it on good authority that my wife bit the nose of the airplane (is she up to her old tricks?) while it was under construction! Could this account for the other two incidents? Is she a jinx? Should I be wary? How about uxoricide?

Look that up in your Funk & Wagnalls!

PARTY.....Dotty Woodward

" 'Twas - huh -The - a - Night - ah - Before - ah - Christmas?"

'Twas the night of the "Banquet"
And seated around
Were modelers, friends and
Their wives in abound.

The food was delicious
And the show was to start
When this very stunned person
Plain forgot her part!!!

I must try to tell you all how surprised (as if it wasn't noticeable) and delighted I was to receive such a beautiful gift. A most sincere THANK YOU to you all. Also, a special thank you to Loretta Hall - one wonderful Gal.

To be a "Valley Flyer Wife" and to call you all friends is my great pleasure.

Though I am not an R/C Flyer this great hobby is a very important part of our family. And, each time I am able to help at the Basin, it is really not "work" - it is good fun. (Though I do like that Adding Machine!!!)

Now, I apologize to Loretta, Dotty, Lori, Donna, Pat, Rose and Jo for flubbing that line and I thank them for being so understanding and such great Gals. It was fun!!

It was a very special night for me and I do thank you!

Dotty

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 January, at 8 pm, Encino Women's Club. Come in and meet your officers for 1969:

Pres. Dick Adams
V-Pres. Bud Anders
Sec'y. Roger Owens
Treas. Randy Mytar
CD's Frank Capan, Woody Woodward,
Bob Upton & Larry Leonard

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NEW PRODUCTS

Nylon engine mounts - Each beam bolts separately to the firewall; made from virgin DuPont Nylon; undrilled and requires no blind nuts; fuel proof. - By C. Chopp, 21 West 210 Ahlstrand, Lombard, Ill. See the circular at the next meeting.