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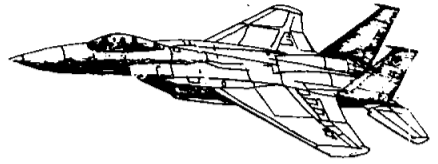
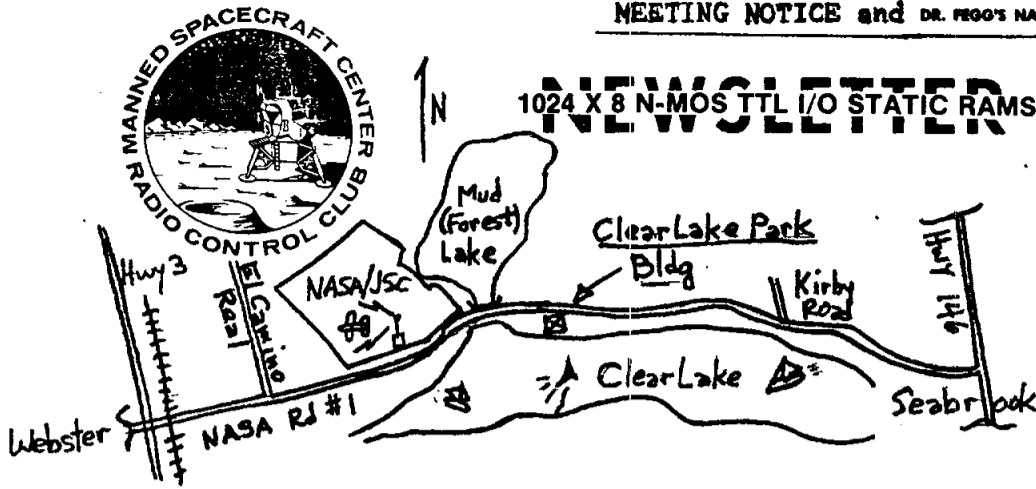
NEWSLETTER

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 13, 1980

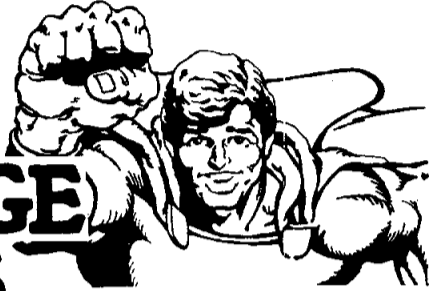
TIME: 7:00 - 10:00 PM

PLACE: Clear Lake Park Bldg.
(see map)

PROGRAM: THE AUCTION!!!



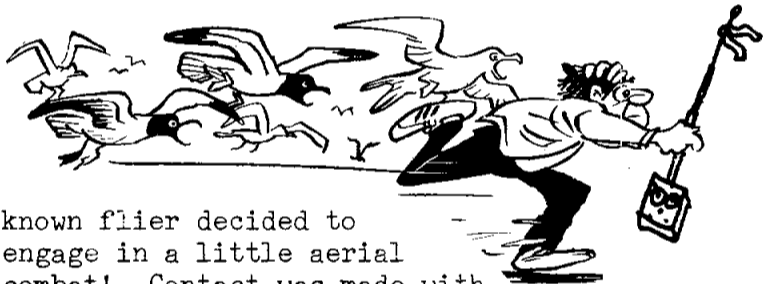
GET YOUR MESSAGE ACROSS



(from Dick Centnar - Prez)

Just a few notes on what's coming up at future meetings. We want to explore the membership's feeling about the bi-monthly contest, the programs during the second half of the meetings, and also ways of helping the new members.

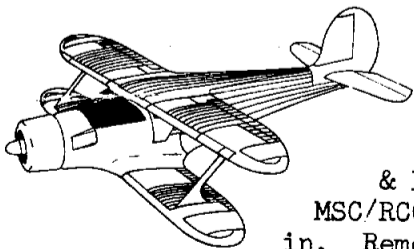
Seems as though one of our astute fliers has some explaining to do. Someone was flying a J. K. Gazariator (huh??) at the field when a flock of birds elected to fly by. The un-



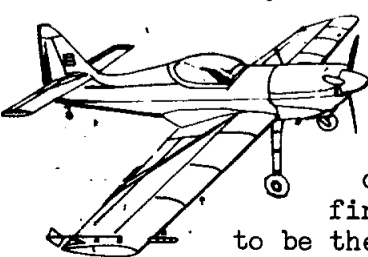
known flier decided to engage in a little aerial combat! Contact was made with one of said birds with the net result of a free-falling wing and a fuselage performing a lovely ballistic arc (that's fancy talk for CRASH, you novices)! We won't tell them who it was, Mike!

DON'T FORGET YOUR JUNQUE FOR THE AUCTION!!!!

As you like'em



this is an "uncontest" -- flying yo' creation isn't required unless you want to! Static scale judging will be provided (if you want it) on Sat.



morning. So bring out that scale (or almost) bird you've been hiding and put it out on display. Even if it's not finished yet, we'd like it to be there!! Let's have a really big turnout for this one!!

RIGHT ON! The Big Birds, Middle-Size Birds, and Little Birds will all flock together on Nov. 15

& 16 at the MSC/RCC scale fly-in. Remember that



Sound-Off

(DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS)

From the relaxed chair (Ed. Note: spelled BAR STOOL) of your ex-Prez -- my congrats to your new club officers: Dick Centnar - President, Henry Lee - Vice President, Pat Thomasson - Secretary, Dave Hoffman - Treasurer. I know they will give you a great year. So...let's have another party, folks!!!!

This short note was written between pulls on one of the Las Vegas slots. We are here attending the '80 Tournament of Champions, sponsored by Mr. Bill Bennett and his Circus-Circus Hotel. Will try to have some pictures available. At the half-way point, Hanno Pretner is leading the pack....but that's really no surprise, since he has won the TOC every year since it started!

Moree & Owen Morris, John Kiker, Mike Moore, Bunny & Tim Brown, and we Thomasson's are all out here for the event. Oh, by the way -- one request: Hoffman, send MONEY!!!!

Pat & Dave



DICK



PAT



HENRY



DAVE



Loud and Clear

EDITORIAL: THE AMA ELECTION

Those of you who read the AMA portion of Model Aviation - particularly President Earl Witt's column - know about the "war" that has been going on at AMA HQ between the Witt faction & the HQ staff under Exec. Director John Worth. The latest and greatest battle, of course, is that Witt was not placed on the upcoming ballot for a 2nd term by the Nominating Committee.

As editor, I receive a lot of mailings from a variety of sources requesting that I pass the information along to you. Recently I got a two-page announcement from California supporting Mr. Witt and accusing HQ of throwing out candidate names that members sent in but the HQ personnel didn't like. It proposed a write-in campaign for Witt "to continue his crusade to improve the AMA". It then listed 24 "accomplishments" which Witt had performed in less than 2 years as president.



Well, OK -- it behooves us to get the facts, etc., & then act accordingly. The first puzzling thing to me was that many of Witt's "accomplishments" had very little to do with Witt! For example:
-Petitioned the FCC for 50 more frequencies... (AMA has had a Freq.Comm. for years doing this).
-Hired a full-time employee to work the flying site problem...(this was proposed by Don Lowe when he was on Exec. Comm.).
.....and so on!!

I then made a couple of phone calls to people who had served in AMA positions to get their interpretation of the "facts":
-The Nominating Comm. must boil-down all the nominations to the two candidates they feel can best work for the overall good of AMA. The AMA Charter dictates this procedure. The Nom. Comm. did this and ruled-out Witt because of the chaos during his presidency. There was nothing underhanded about it. Always remember that AMA is a small organization (on a national scale) and can't survive an administrative war between two factions for very long.

- Most of the other Witt "accomplishments" were either in the mill or were logical ways to go; however, this is not meant to imply that Witt didn't have any good ideas -- he did!

- The two candidates on the ballot will be John Grigg and Homer Smith, both very capable. Smith is considered an excellent administrator by one of my sources, but take your pick.

Conclusion: when you get your ballot, please vote for one of the two nominees. We need to get AMA back on the track with everyone working together. A relatively small percentage of the members bother to vote, so yours is important. Don't let this write-in campaign for Witt lead to another two years of infighting and low HQ morale.
(Tim Brown)

P.S. - Since this was written, I have received another announcement....this from Homer Smith. He now has the endorsement of both Maynard Hill and Johnny Clemens. You might also read a letter from M. Hill to Earl Witt which is printed in the latest Model Av.

THE ONE MINUTE CONNECTION KIT

Yes, that's right! Your kit is enclosed with this mailing so's you can connect back up for another year with this weird outstanding club! (Should take about a minute). Treasurer Dave Hoffman has even provided an addressed envelope for you to use. So, for the umpteenth time, here are the simple(minded) steps for you to try to follow:

GET CARRIED AWAY



(1) When your AMA Renewal Notice comes, make out a check to AMA for the required fee - or use a VISA or Mastercard number.

(2) Fill out the club form and a separate check for \$20 (or \$25, see below) to MSC/RCC.

(3) Stuff it all into aforementioned envelope, put a stamp on it, and mail it!

It's so simple, even you can do it correctly. But seriously, it really helps out Dave for us to do it this way and it insures that your registration won't get lost, etc.

Since Dave usually works frantically on the auction paperwork, he won't be able to talk to you about these registration materials; however, there will be someone around to answer any questions. Also, don't forget that because of AMA deadlines, we have the following club rule: dues are \$20 if Dave gets them prior to Dec. 1 and \$25 if you send them later. So, don't forget!!



Overheard at the flying field by Mike Gaudiano:

(From a club member who was trying to use a high start in the midst of a multitude of power models) "It's hard to soar like an eagle when you have to fly with a bunch of turkeys!"

OR:

