

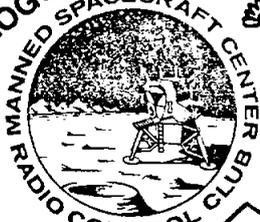
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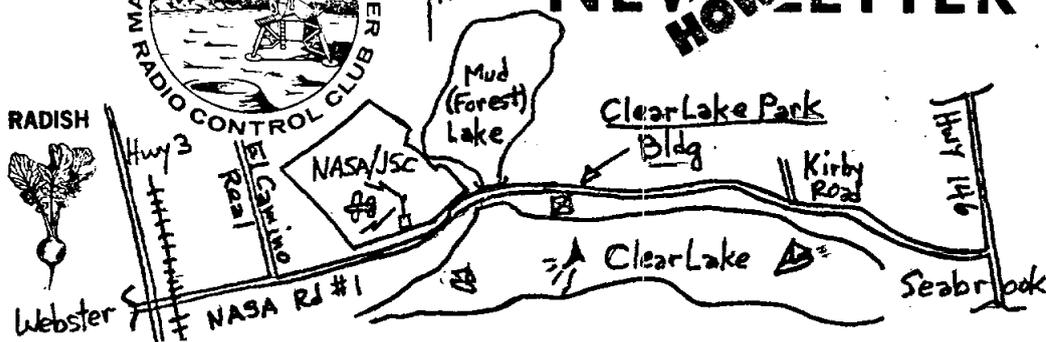
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 11, 1980

TIME: 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

PLACE: Clear Lake Park Bldg.

PROGRAM: Hoot Gibson Speaks!!

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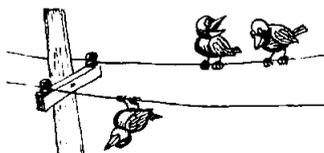
(from Dick Centnar - Prez)



Although Mother Nature failed to cooperate, this year's Uncontest had a very respectable turnout! Club trophy winners included Dennis Smerz - Best of Show with a Hawker Hurricane - and Tim Brown - 1st Static Judging with a P-47. Good show, guys!! The Raffle prize went to Reggie Lewis...a TopFlite F8F Bearcat. More on the contest from CD Owen Morris elsewhere.

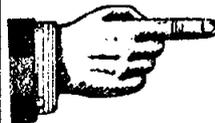
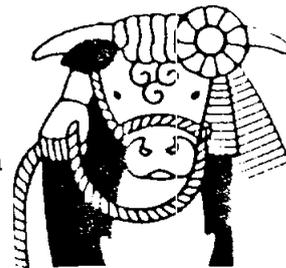
The past weekend warm spell seemed to get the dormant modelers out of the woodwork. Best turnout I've seen for a long time!

Attention new members and old ones who are sort of groping in the dark: Help is On the Way! The Club is going to form a committee of ~~turkeys~~ "advisors" to provide assistance in a more organized fashion. We need a better way to get information across on "simple" things like the installation of pushrods, antenna location, how to put in hinges, etc., before your plane is committed to an uncontrolled crash! (Ed.Note: that's right! Mine are always controlled). In addition, the process of flight trimming should be understood. Anyway, it is worth a try! A discussion on this will be held at the December meeting. We also need to talk about the prospects of monthly funfllys and what to do about the meeting programs. →



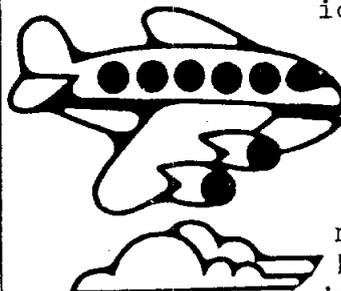
"I think Wilberforce has gone bats."

Other things to come: how about another Bar-B-Q like we had before? Plan on putting a "hold" on your diet in mid-Feb. The Dec. Program will feature Hoot Gibson - astronaut - telling us about a lot of things. Maybe in Jan. there will be some slides Club Bar-B-Q of the Tournament of Champions for us to see.



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The Greater Southwestern All Scale Fly-In, which was jointly sponsored by the MSC/RCC and Model Airplane News was held on November 15-16. While the weather left a lot to be desired with threatening rain all day both days and a north wind blowing approximately 15 mph with gusts to 25, it was remarkable that there was a considerable amount of flying conducted without a single accident more severe than a broken propeller or a slightly bent landing gear! This is all the more remarkable when the sophisticated nature of some of the models is considered.



There were 22 registered participants and several others who had models but didn't register. Over the period of two days we counted about 40 different models in the display area. The quality and diversity of the models was the best that I have seen at any scale event in this area. The standoff scale judging (static only) was won by Tim Brown with his P-47

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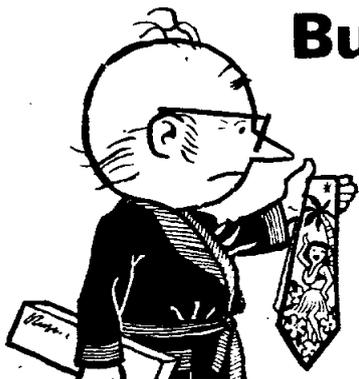
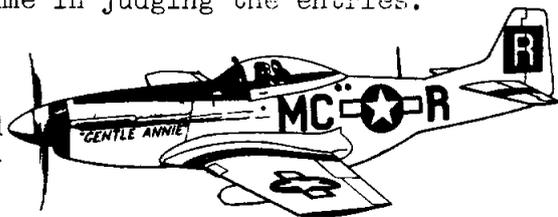
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Thunderbolt. The model is a highly modified TopFlite kit and is covered entirely with olive drab and gray Super MonoKote with black & white on the checkerboard nose. By burnishing the MK with #400 sandpaper and applying it in small pieces, Tim has achieved an almost unbelievable scale-like appearance. Second place in static judging was won by Terry Tingler who had modified a TopFlite F4U Corsair. Terry's workmanship was immaculate and his model had just the right amount of detail for standoff scale. The third place in static was won by Dennis Smerz with his Hawker Hurricane which is a highly modified MickReeves kit. Special thanks to our three judges for the event: Tom McPherson, Hoot Gibson, and Charlie Palermo. They really did put in the time in judging the entries.

Dennis Smerz also won the Best of Show award with the Hurricane. His workmanship and attention to detail has to be seen to be believed! In addition to retracts and flaps, the model also sports many additional functions among which are onboard starter, landing lights, running lights, powered sliding canopy, power seat elevation for landing, animated pilot, and an onboard sound system which simulates machine gun firing! Dennis has been working on the bird for about three years and has about 700 hours of construction time invested.

Other awards - determined by ballot of the entrants - included Charlie Palermo's $\frac{1}{4}$ -scale Skybolt as "Best Mammoth", Hal Rosenberg's PT-17 as the best biplane, Tim Brown's P-47D as best Modern Monoplane, Joe Pasztor's Cub as Best Antique Monoplane, and Moree Morris' Chipmunk as Best $\frac{1}{2}$ -A!!

(O. G. Morris - CD)



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(KITS AND ACCESSORIES)

How's this for an office sign:

BORED?
TIRED OF YOUR JOB?
LOOKING FOR SOME NEW CHALLENGES?
THEN JUST MESS UP ONE MORE TIME!!

Unbelievable!

Yes, that's the way we felt about our 2nd visit to the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas -- well, not really the TOC exactly, but just being in Vegas!! As Dave Thomasson reported last month from a stool in front of his favorite slot machine; he & Pat, Moree & Owen Morris, John Kiker, Mike Moore, and Bunny & I



all went out for Mr. Bill Bennett's Bash which is headquartered at his Circus-Circus Hotel. Now I must admit that the Browns aren't really dedicated TOC'ers, preferring instead to partake of slots 'n shows, etc. (So what's another mortgage on the house!) The three hours total we spent at the flying site was enough to show us that Hanno Prettner certainly had not lost his touch from 1978! As for the others, however, it was somewhat disappointing in that about half the flyers used Laser 200 aircraft. Since kits are available - and it certainly is an excellent looking and flying machine - I guess it was to be expected that many would be used. Certainly a high point of the TOC was the daily (noon) appearance of the Christen Eagles aerobatic team to show how it's done in the real world. They are simply beautiful to watch, partly (to me) because the Eagle doesn't have the dumpy look of a Pitts. Mr. Bennett certainly does know how to do things right! There were also demo flights of Byron F-16's, etc., as well as four Evans Scimitars -- ugly plank-wing things that remind me of control-line combat. At the

TOC, this was like "casting swine before pearls", or whatever the saying is.

Because of the special rates that Circus-Circus gives to TOC visitors, it doesn't have to cost much at all to stay 2 or 3 days in Vegas.

I WON! Eating can be very cheap, in fact.

Busses to the field are provided at no cost and, if you like to hike, you can see all of the "Strip" with no difficulty. We even killed an hour in the back parking lot of Circus watching about 2 minutes of film being shot for the "Vegas" TV show....Robert Urich and all!! But, of course, you can run up a bill on the shows -- and if you gamble, the sky's the limit. So, thanks again to Bill Bennett for a marvelous time!

(Tim Brown)

