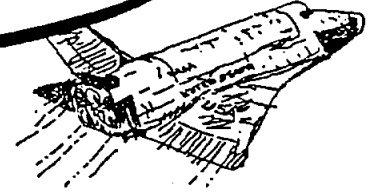


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PILOTS, MAN YOUR PLANES!

When I was a kid, too many years ago to admit, the Thompson Trophy races were big news and we fantasized that we were pilots of the latest racing designs. (As I recall, mine looked suspiciously like a lawn chair turned upside down). At the call "Pilots, man your planes" we cranked up our imaginary big radial engines, shoved the throttle full forward, and leapt into the air, fighting for pole position. There is still a lot of little kid left in me, and taking over the reins from Dennis Smerz is a lot like those days of my childhood--new things to learn and to do, and the risk of a total disaster from a moment of inattention. So, that is where the title of this column came from. Wish I could still fit under that chair--I'd be up and away again in a flash.

There are always things going on that the club should find interesting. I will try to cover off on them in the monthly newsletter, if they are not covered elsewhere. One item of key importance to all of us is the problem of the additional odd-numbered frequencies. Radio manufacturers have not committed themselves to manufacture to the tighter specifications required, and the problem of out-of-spec transmitters (and sloppy receivers) promise to make flying an iffy thing. We earlier discussed the proposal that the Club ban the odd-numbered frequencies from the field--the existing frequencies are sufficient to our needs, and we would avoid the expected problems. All current frequencies would remain usable. We don't need to do anything immediately, but you should give this some thought. If you have any suggestions or comments, please pass them on to Dick Centnar, Chairman of the Safety Committee.

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**CHRISTMAS
PARTY- MEETING
THIS THURSDAY
DECEMBER 8th
at 7:30**

in the Clear Lake Park Building

Instructors:

Dave Thomasson	471-0642
Dave Hoffman	479-1945
	476-5206
Dennis Smerz	482-9431
Mike Goza	554-4016

CHRISTMAS PARTY

REMEMBER, the Christmas party will be held at the December 8th meeting. It will, as usual, be a potluck dinner with Janie Hoffman (Dave's wife) kindly coordinating again this year. **BE SURE TO ATTEND AND BRING SOME GOODIES.** We will also have the drawing for attendance prizes-- some lucky souls will get early Christmas presents.

The new 1989 CLUB OFFICERS as elected at the November Meeting are as follows:

PRESIDENT

JIM BROCK

VICE PRESIDENT

MIKE GOZA

SECRETARY

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TREASURER

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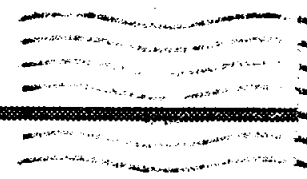
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PILOTS, MAN YOUR PLANES! (CON'T.)

The Safety Committee will make recommendations for dealing with the odd-numbered frequencies after the membership has had a chance to comment, including any By-law changes that might be required.

Last, but not least, a real vote of thanks to Denis Smerz for his efforts as President last year, and to Craig York for Secretarying and running the annual auction. And special thanks to Joe Kastetter, who edited and published the newsletter last year and--deo gratias--will continue to do so this coming year.

KEEP'EM FLYING!

Jim Brock