



# NEWSLETTER

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## GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND....

These words have become all too familiar in the recent model magazines, what with the loss of modelling greats such as Hi Johnson and Sid Axlerod among others. But none of us realized that we would need them so suddenly and personally until Charlie Palermo succumbed to a heart attack last week.

I am looking at a picture of the MSC/RCC taken in early 1966 with Charlie right in the middle of the bunch, so I guess that's when we met. The Palermo's left this area for a year or so, but then returned permanently. By this time, Charlie was completely dedicated to the "two wings are better" school, but he was also toying with the idea of "big is better". There weren't many people in the country fooling with the monsters in those days. I still remember that it took three of us to wrestle the Great Lakes Trainer over on its back...the inverted engine wouldn't start any other way! Charlie also had one of the first proportional radios on the market, a Space Control analog which didn't work too well but previewed what is now so commonplace.

Unfortunately, Charlie's capabilities as a hot pilot never quite caught up with his design & construction abilities --- he just didn't want to fly simple-minded things like Falcon 56's and the like. I know we all kidded him a lot about this, but he did only what he enjoyed doing....if it wasn't scale, he didn't want to fool with it. So, he broke up a lot of planes, but that was his choice!

The important thing, though, is that Charlie was a gentleman and a true friend. I think that everyone he ever met really liked and respected him. He believed in playing fair, and about the only thing that would upset him was someone who wanted to gain an advantage by bending the rules. He also had little patience with those of us who blow off a lot of steam when we don't know what we're talking about.

So, our sincere condolences to Betty and the rest of Charlie's family. We have all suffered a great loss.

Tim Brown

DATE: Thursday 12 November, 1981  
TIME: 7:30-10:00 P. M.  
PLACE: Clear Lake Park Building  
PROGRAM: Easter Seal Trans-Am Rally  
slide show.

## PREZ CORNER:

One of my first jobs as President, is to thank Dick Centnar for all his time and effort in making the M.S.C.R.C.C. a fun place to fly. Without his leadership, we could not have had such a successful and fun filled year. Thanks Leader!

Yes, it is true! Owen and Morre Morris again sponsored a team for the Easter Seal Trans-Am Rally. It takes a Lot of spirit to fly in one of these, and we did have that. Our famous team consisted of Owen, Gil Symons, Reggie Lewis, Jimmy Ashley, Chris Lee, Doc Prior, and myself. At the meeting this month you will hear and see all of our experiences. WOW! what fun we did have. Wish more of our club could participate in such events. It is a different aspect to flying than we are all use to on the NASA Site.

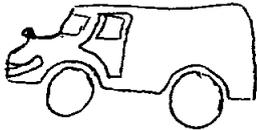
## Flying Safety:

Club members, generally, are concerned about safety, and do exercise good judgment when flying. However, in the interest of avoiding criticism from NASA Management, and maintaining the field as a safe area to exercise our hobby, we as club members must comply with field rules. We all know- or should know- these rules, and we are each responsible to do our part.

Let me extend to all club members an invitation to come to our meetings. We always have a good program, and we always enjoy the social hour. The club will only be successful if we have in-put from each one of you.

See you at the meeting,  
Henry Lee

## La Fiesta de Models



3 large containers (1 van, 1 pick-up, &  
1 stationwagon)

7 Space cadets  
1 Space Commander  
3 Spacettes  
1 Gray mascot  
2 flying ? machines

Mix with abundant amount of good humor, high hopes and early morning hours.  
Add: hot pink jackets for color and 1 female C.D. with the patience of Job.

Gradually add late minutes made up of:

4 dozen props and replacement of landing gear  
Multiple pit stops to change planes for Morris' nimble  
fingered patching in back of moving van  
Heavy rain storms~~x~~ & low ceilings

Top both planes with super jet, baking soda, and mono coat.  
Let set overnight.



Next Day Add:

changed C.D. (they are still trying to convince us it wasn't  
at her request!)

start first and be passed by other teams

3 camouflaged prairie warriors

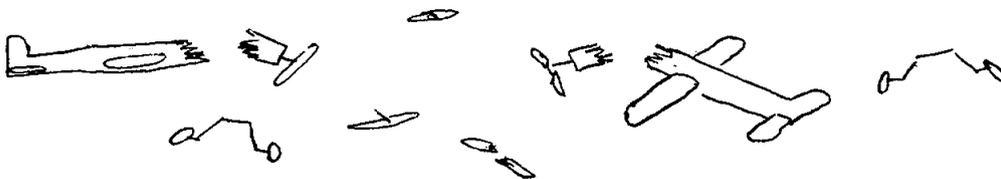
more pit stops

4 dozen more props

2 broken (but repairable) airplanes

Mix above with high head winds & top with 60 late minutes

Top whole adventure with coverage of youngest team member by  
Abilene T.V. crew for 10 o'clock news and boobie prize for a  
wonderful weekend & lots of fun!!!



WARNING: This recipe' leaves you with an aftertaste of wanting  
more & hoping to do it again!!!!!!!

By Susan Ashley and Morre Morris