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-- MARCH MEETING --

The March meeting will as usual take place at the California School, 3232 California St., Costa Mesa, Ca. The date will be March 1 st., 1978. Further details of the meeting are listed in the president's corner.

-- MARCH CONTEST --

The March contest will take place on March 5 th. It will take place at Estancia High School. This Sunday Phil has something a little different planned. After the first round, the top 50% will have to launch off of shortened lines for the remaining two rounds. The times of the three rounds will depend on weather conditions.

-- FEBRUARY CONTEST --

The February contest was rained out, so the following week Phil held a fun fly. See presidents corner for results.

For all of you who have not paid your dues, this is your last freebee newsletter.**

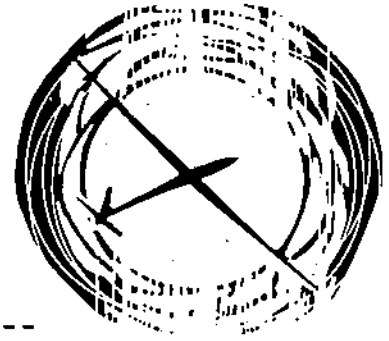
FOR SALE -- threechannel Kraft radio call Phil 962-3078
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SOARABILITY



-- TREASURER'S REPORT --

Beginning balance-----	\$224.31
Memberships-----	76.00
Expenses-----	32.84
Ending balance-----	\$267.47



-- PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

The February meeting of the H.S.S. had a much better Attendance than the previous one, probably because of the great program by Mark Smith. The talk and the movie were really something. Those of us that did not see "Jonathon Livingston Seagull" wish that it would come back so that we could see Mark's work in it. If you call going to Hawaii and living it up work. Thanks again to Mark and also to our entertainment director, Jim White.

For the March 1 st. meeting, Jim has arranged for Lee Renaud to give a demonstration on the art of Mono-Koting. Lee has been in this hobby for many years, so I am sure that we will all learn something. So please come and bring your questions.

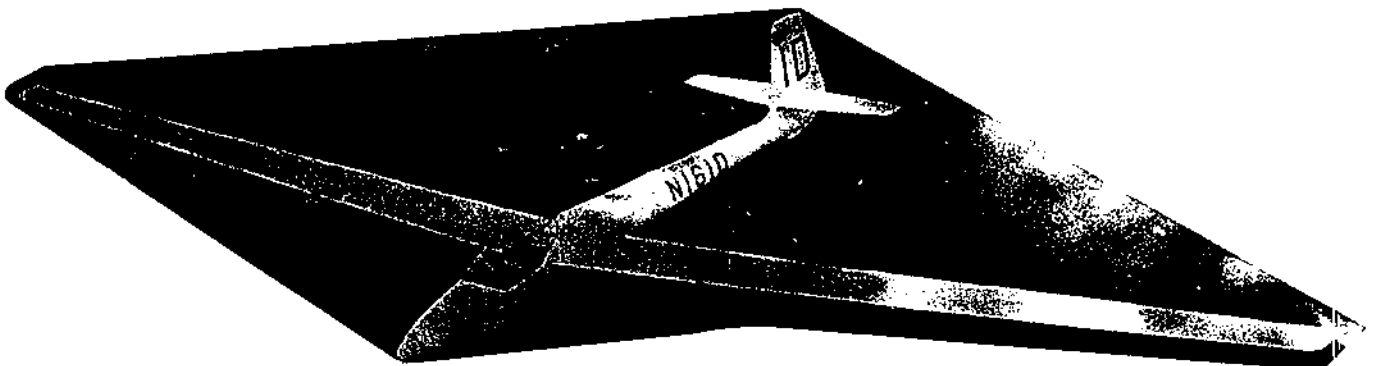
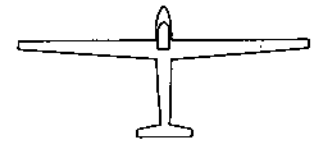
The February contest was rained out, so the following Sunday Phil had a fun fly, and it was a goodie. He drew names out of a hat, two at a time, to form teams. As there were fifteen people, there was one three person team. For the three man team, he took two thirds of their points. The tasks were 3, 5, and 10 minute precision flights. Open flight order was used.

The day started quite good, but ended up cold and windy. Out of 45 possible landings, there were 28 zeros. Kaye Lake Teamed with Bob Gerbin to take first place. Bob is a new member of H.S.S., but not a new face around contests. He showed us how to land a plane when the wind is up. Good flying, both of you - Kaye and Bob.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING -- Gordon

-- CONTEST RESULTS --

- 1) Kaye Lake & Bob Gerbin-----3825
- 2) Don Endicott & Mike Martin-----3694
- 3) Kirk Hanson & Frank Chasteler &
Ralph Ray-----3561
- 4) Phil Harris & Jim Russell-----3552
- 5) Jim White & Mike Costello-----3302
- 6) Leo Lake & Gordon Ritschke-----2935
- 7) Tim Renaud & Mike Muncey-----2490



Uncle Charlie (aka the FCC) Needs Your Help This Year

By JOHN D. McCLAIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hey, CBers, Uncle Charlie needs a break. He wants to tell us, again, that our CB licenses are free, and to ask that we quit inundating him with money he doesn't want.

Despite an announcement a year ago, and subsequent reminders that no money should accompany license applications, he's still being swamped with checks, money orders and cash.

And while he struggles to refund those fees, he's wrestling with another problem: how to refund millions of more dollars in fees collected during the last six years.

Uncle Charlie, of course, is the Federal Communications Commission.

"Will you help us solve a problem?" John B. Johnston, chief of the FCC's Personal Radio Division, wrote recently in "An Open Letter to the CB Community."

"We are being flooded with CB fees that we must return."

The FCC stopped charging license fees a year ago after a federal court ruled the commission was charging too much and must create a new fee structure.

At the same time, the court said the FCC must refund all fees collected between 1970 and 1976. An estimated \$163 million, much of it collected from CBers, is at stake.

But the fees keep rolling in.

"We are being swamped with money that we must return," Johnston wrote. "Some folks think they can help us by sending in the fee, even though it is not required," he added. "Others are confused because millions of old CB applications and temporary permits are still around asking for the \$4 fee."

But the need to refund those fees, Johnston said, is "complicating our ability to get CB licenses processed."

Meanwhile, the FCC continues to wrestle with the problem of returning the \$163 million in previous fees the court ruled were illegally collected.

Officials say they believe they can devise a refund program by May for those who paid fees over \$20. That involves some 270,000 licensees who paid about \$85 million.

But the big problem involves refunds to 10½ million people who paid between \$4 and \$20 for their licenses. This category includes CBers and amateur radio operators.

The FCC has been told that, even if only half of those licensees asked for refunds, it would require processing 25,000 requests a day for nearly a year.

It was told it would require 40 extra staffers and cost \$800,000 the first year just to refund those fees over \$20. No one could say how much it would cost to refund the smaller fees.

But while it wrestles with that problem, the unwanted fees continue to roll in. Thus, Johnston's letter to CB retailers, magazines and newsletters and various organizations.

"You can help us and every CBer by spreading the word again," he wrote.

And he enclosed several posters to help spread that word:

"Do not send money — do not send cash, money orders, or personal checks — fees are not required with CB license applications."

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Application for Membership in the HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY, 1978

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AMA Number _____ (Required for Membership) F.C.C. _____

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Fees: Senior (18 & over) _____ \$8.____
Junior (17 & under) _____ \$2.50
Special Junior (Family member) \$1.00