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BIG NEWS TO ALL GAS MODEL BUILDERS

You are all aware of the charges that have been made against gas models and model flyers in recent months. You know that at least two states have acted to ban gas model flying within their boundaries due to lack of confidence in this activity. It has called for strong counteraction and the N.A.A. and the International Gas Model Airplane Association have not been idle.

Thus we are pleased to announce action of the Unit leaders of the I.G.M.A.A. whereby this fine organization is merged with the N.A.A. to form a new N.A.A. Gas Model Division. This division will offer a new national and international program for gas models which we feel will give gas modelers the opportunity to end once and for all criticisms against their activity. Since I.G.M.A.A. leaders will become directors of this new division under the merger plan, administration of this program by gas model experts is assured.

The new Gas Model Division was made possible by the fine pioneering efforts of the I.G.M.A.A. members and Mr. Charles H. Grant, National Director for the I.G.M.A.A.

The actual working program of the Gas Model Division will be related in the following paragraphs.

Licenses will be issued gas model flyers by the new organization. Each licensee will be pledged to strict adherence to certain operating rules in the interests of safety. These rules are not anything really new but merely what the ordinary sensible gas model flyer does to protect both himself and his model. They include limitation either of time of engine run to 40 seconds or of fuel to not more than 1/16 ounce to each pound of plane weight and the restriction of plane weight to a maximum of 7 pounds. No one under sixteen years of age will be issued a license and no licensee can fly his models from airports where approval for such operation has not been given. Action against violators will take the form of suspension or withdrawal of license thus disbarring them from "official" contests and officially approved flying sites.

In addition to issuing licenses, the directors of the new organization as members of the Gas Model Section of the Academy will decide on rules for the annual National Gas Model Contest and will act to certify national and international gas model records.

At the meeting of the I.G.M.A.A. directors and members, it was decided that the annual membership and license fee

would be \$1.00. These fees help to cover a portion of the cost of issuance of the flying license, registration of each model, lapel pin, and the various individual and club services obtained. They have been held as low as practical for the benefit of all build-



Dr. Hugh D. Wilson, contest director, Topeka model chapter. Chairman of Kansas State N.A.A. contest board.

ers and cover only a portion of the total expenses incurred by the N.A.A. in carrying on this work.

Since the I.G.M.A.A., as mentioned before, will merge directly into the N.A.A.,

all members of the I.G.M.A.A. who become members under the new Gas Model Division of the N.A.A. before January first will be issued a certificate attesting that he is a gas model "early bird" and a pioneering member of the N.A.A.'s new division to further the cause of model building and to fasten more confidence in and support of gas model operation in all parts of the country. The I.G.M.A.A. pin will be the emblem of the pioneer members.

Another point of interest is that records for gas models will now be recognized internationally as well as nationally through representation of the Gas Model Division on the newly-formed Model Aircraft Commission of the F.A.I.

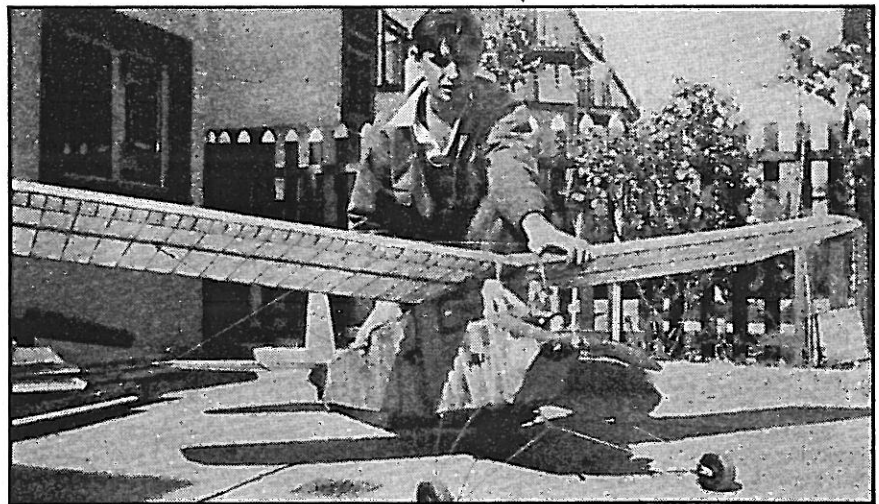
Here's the approximate form of the pledge that gas model fliers will sign:

Gas model fliers who make the following pledge are eligible for the N.A.A. Gas Model Fliers License.

The Official Gas Model Fliers Pledge:

I make the following pledge as my contribution toward the establishment of a standard for operation of gas models which will fasten greater confidence in and support of gas model operation on the part of airport managers, air transport companies, private and military pilots, state and federal aeronautical services, and the general public.

I swear that I will abide by this pledge at all times and in case I do not and my gas model fliers license is thus revoked, I will deliver this license immediately to an N.A.A. Model Contest Director or re-



Joe Richter and his eight foot gas model that he is remodeling to conform to N.A.A. specifications. It is powered with a Forster Brothers engine.


turn it to N.A.A. headquarters, Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C.

I hereby pledge and agree that:

Each time I fly a gas model I will act to control its flight range either by use of a timer which will restrict the engine run to not more than 40 seconds or by limitation of its gas supply to not more than 1/16 ounce per pound of model weight.

That I will not fly a gas model on or near any airport or heavily populated area unless the take off site has been approved for gas model flying by an N.A.A. Model Contest Director, airport manager, Bureau of Air Commerce Inspector or State Aeronautical Inspector.

I will not build or fly any gas model which exceeds 7 pounds in weight or which has a wing loading not less than ten ounces per square foot or which has not been registered with the N.A.A. or such registration applied for.

 I hereby certify that I meet the official age qualifications for gas model fliers (16 years of age or over) and that I will not permit any person less than 16 years of age or any person who is not licensed as a gas model flier to fly gas models owned by me.

The Following are Member Benefits:

Under the new program each licensed gas model flier is automatically enrolled as a member of the new gas model division of the N.A.A. and receives or is eligible for the following:

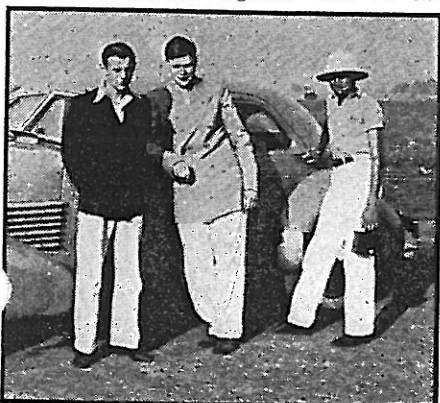
1. The N.A.A. gas model fliers license with which is combined the membership card signifying membership in the gas model division of the N.A.A. As holder of the N.A.A. gas model fliers license eligibility to fly from "approved" sites.

2. The N.A.A. wing emblem lapel pin.

3. Registration of each gas model airplane owned by the license holder. An official registration label identifying the plane and decalcomania N.A.A. identification emblems to be placed on each plane.

4. As holder of the N.A.A. gas model fliers license eligibility for entrance in gas model contest sanctioned by the N.A.A. with the right of protest and appeal. Eligibility for award of N.A.A. city-wide Championship Certificates.

5. Upon proper application, official recognition of any state, national or international records established together with an en-



Three point winners of Aurora chapter flown to National contest in T. M. Sloner's plane.

graved record certificate attesting to such records.

6. Upon proper completion of performance requirements and upon written application, the gas model fliers Rating Certificates of the N.A.A. These rating certificates are issued only to those members who in officially timed flights are able to meet the minimum performance requirements specified for each rating.

7. Upon written request any national record lists, drawings of record breaking aircraft, model rules or listing of sanctioned model contests published by the Association during the year.

Only members may compete in N.A.A. sanctioned contests.

A Brief Outline of the New National and International Organization for the Gas Model Division is as Follows:

First, there is the F.A.I. International Model Commission made up of representatives from the N.A.A. Academy of Aero-



N.A.A. member Francis N. Royal of Brisbane, Australia, with his Brown-powered gas model. It has flown for 7 min., 48 1/5 sec.

nautics, Society of Aeronautical Engineers of Great Britain and model governing organizations in Germany, Italy, France, etc. Under this is the N.A.A. Academy of Model Aeronautics gas model section made up of gas model leaders from all sections, under the chairmanship of Charles H. Grant. These will decide on national contests and awards, national gas model classification and competition rules, national records, gas model flier license and plane registration requirements. Under the Academy is the N.A.A. gas model division headquarters staff made up of stenographers and clerical help under the supervision of N.A.A. Contest Board Secretary. This will handle all clerical work.


Under this branch are the State Model Boards, made up of model leaders and model directors in the state, headed by a prominent model leader as state director, chosen from the ranks of model builders. They will promote the organization of statewide contests, approve statewide records, etc. Under this state board will be the National Model Contest Directors who will be chosen from



Winners of the contest held at Camp Kearney on October 17th

individuals qualified by experience, age, community standing, to act as supervisors of gas model activity. They will direct contests and plan their function.

Under this branch of the organization will be N.A.A. Gas Model Clubs and N.A.A. Metropolitan Model Wing. The N.A.A. clubs are made up of model builders and fliers in towns where a single club is most practical. The Metropolitan Model Wing is made up of contest directors of each club in the metropolitan area. Under the Metropolitan Model Wing will be District N.A.A. Gas Model Clubs which are made up of model builders and fliers located in each district of the metropolitan area.

 All gas model clubs will be eligible for charters as a gas model chapter of the N.A.A. There will be a periodic national model aircraft conference at Washington.

N.A.A. Model Chapters are Taking the United States!

Louisiana is not resting on its laurels. As related in the last issue, Louisiana has four fine Chapters. To this number they have added another in New Orleans which will be under the direction of Whalen J. Norman. According to reports from Mr. Norman, plans are going ahead rapidly for the Southern Meet, which is a brain-child of the Glorioso brothers. They are contacting all Contest Directors and clubs in the southern part of the United States and from the looks of things it's going to be a swell affair. In case you are interested and have, not, up to the present time, been contacted regarding this meet, we are sure that Rocco Glorioso, New Iberia, La., will be happy to give you any information. They plan to hold this meet next summer in New Orleans.

You will all be interested to know that the Charlotte group has been issued their Charter and are now a Chapter in good standing. Elsewhere in these pages there is a story of the plans of that club which will give you some idea of what a progressive group they have and what a good addition they are to the N.A.A.

One Chapter that will never lack for