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WHAT IS THIS ANYWAY ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Its this: ever since I got active in stunt I've heard people tell about doing something to assist in making competition better, get the event up to date, influence rule changes, and generally look out for our event. Unfortunately, all I ever heard was talk. Last September Keith Trostle and I briefly talked over a stunt newsletter and association while visiting at his home after the Dayton contest. Keith recently moved to Washington D.C. and wrote me rekindling the issue. He is eager to help with an association and will be "our man in Washington" to assist liaison with AMA headquarters.

SO WHAT IS THIS ASSOCIATION ? WHAT COULD IT DO ?

Here are some general objectives and ideas which a unified group could effect:

1. Form a stunt organization composed of competition stunt flyers and other interested flyers and modelers. Retired competition flyers could be members. It would be pretty difficult to restrict voting rights to those who had competed within the last 5 years; at least old stunters (you know - prehistoric modellers like Gieseke) would be more in tune to stunt than a free flighter or an RC person.
2. Establish a monthly newsletter for ideas, articles, views, proposals, polls of members, names and addresses, contest information, lists of judges. This would cost about 11c per newsletter per man. A questionnaire or mail vote costs about 21c because it works better to enclose a stamped envelope.
3. Establish mail voting on issue concerning stunt. Like the safety thong thing. If PAPA voted against it, then we could mail out the results to AMA HQ, bombard all the vice-presidents, and individual stunt flyers could attack their vice-presidents; and, we could have articles put into the magazines.
4. Here's a biggie: Arrange that the stunt association would pick who would be the event director for the Nationals, and the FAI's. This could take place immediately after the nationals at the Saturday night meeting. The group could vote on nominees (who had previously consented to run the Nationals) for the next year. We would need support on this from AMA HQ and right now I personally am not certain of the exact politics involved, but if we raise some dust then we can certainly be heard.

(This is an exact replica of page one of Vol. 1, no. 1, including misspelling questionnaire, poor grammar, the word "place" used twice, etc.)

5. Start a list of qualified judges by regions; make up some qualifications to be a certified judge; have some judging clinics; publish some guidelines for judges to go by; start a list of judges that would be available for the Nationals and FAI. This is everybody's big gripe and yet we still don't have even a list of Nationals judges to pick from for our two biggest activities. They do this in swimming, diving, gymnastics, ice skating, wrestling -- why can't we do it?
6. Be recognized by the AMA, so that our voices will count.
7. Collect dues of \$5 per year to start a treasury for mailing, telephone calls to HQ and officials, paperwork to publish guidelines for judges, maybe even get cards or patches for certified judges; start a travel fund for a coach for FAI.
8. Raise money to send a coach to the FAI's. (probably a thousand would do it). Yes, several have expressed the idea of having a stunt man who is not on the team go along to help the stunt men as a sort of coach, and also help as a sort of manager.
9. Publish results of contests. People would like to know who's doing what. As long as we're not too bashful to send in results of our own contest work then everybody will keep up on what's going on.
10. Have a good catchy name for the organization. Maybe you don't like P'APA (it is difficult to type, too)

American Society of Stunt (ASS)
National Aerobatic Association (NAA)
Federation of Precision Aerobatics (FPA)

11. Have two or three annual meetings: Thursday or Friday of the Nationals week and Saturday night after the finals. And another meeting at the FAI's.
12. Encourage more novice type competition to get more people into stunt. We could sponsor novice stunt contests. Make up our own medals and charge entry fees to offset the cost of the medals.
- 13.. Send publicity to magazines, both airplane and other types - like Sports Illustrated, Playboy !
14. Have Keith Trostle act as a liaison in Washington. Keith is knowledgeable, interested in stunt, and can certainly be a big help.

(This page had to be typed over so I'd like to add) If you're interested in this idea at all and cannot make the Nationals drop me a line with your opinions, etc.
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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE ? ? ? ? ?

Lets discuss the idea of a group during the Nationals week. Keith has suggested that we form a sort of executive committee to draw up some formal objectives and plans.

Initially, I feel that if we could get communication going among stunt people and if stunters would at least reply to questionnaires on issues so that the will of the group could be made known to AFA, then we would have taken a step forward. A judges' list that everybody would know about would also be a big help to the event director at the Nationals and FAI. If stunters would at least co-operate to that extent, we could get off the ground. Keith, Gene Schaffer, Les McDonald have said they would help get things going.

Lets have an impromptu get together at Howard Johnsons motel at the swim pool on Friday night after the qualifications. Time to be 8:00 PM unless the finals (I mean, prelins) get over later than 6:30. Look for a couple of posters around the bulletin board and around the stunt score bulletin board.

Who this is going out to:

Adamsin, Alan	Rice, R * Corpus Christi, Tex.
" , Art	Rogers, Kent
" , Dennis	Rutherford, Bill
Bambrick, Don	Schaffer, Gene
Baron, Bob	Shafer, Dan
Byron, Richard * Grandview, Mo.	Simons, Bill *
Buffo, Don *	Silhavy, Jim
Ditrich, Mike	Soloman, Gerald
Gieseke, Bob	Stevens, Kenny (junior)
Hancock, Randy (senior)	Swoboda, Bob
Hubick, Bill	Thompson, Neal
Johnson, Steve	Thompson, Mike *
Lauer, Larry	Trostle, Keith
Lynch, Jim	Young, Jim *
McFarland, Old man	Wagner, Mike *
McKinney, Bob	Whitley, Bob
McDonald, Les	Wervage, Bill
McMillin, Jerry	Wilson, Preston
Paul, Wynn	Warden, Tom
Phelps, Jerry	McDonald, Rolland *
Pilgrim, Jerry	
Rabe, Al	
Rogers, Kent	

The starred names are ones that I don't have addresses for but I've asked someone to send it to them. (Like Gene can give Bill Simons his).

See most of you at the Nationals