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THE VALLEY FLYER



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VALLEY FLYERS REGULAR MEETING:

4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 7:10 P.M.
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4935 BALBOA BLVD., ENCINO, CA

San Fernando Valley
Radio Control Flyers

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 10, 1987

Club President Art Pelka called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. at the home of Gene Sidwell. Those in attendance were: Art Pelka, Carl Stronberg, John Dyer, Ron McClave, Mike Wright, Pat Baner, J.W. Hedden, Jim Bradley, Gene Sidwell, and Vic Martin.

Officers Reports:

President:

- Art discussed the article printed in the Daily News. He is writing a letter in response to it.
- A letter that Art had received from Clare West was read and discussed.
- The suggestion box and the suggestions put in it were then discussed.
- Art mentioned that he had taken the Jim Reed plaque to the Encino Center. The plaque will be mounted in our meeting room.
- The work order for our new bulletin board has been placed. Art suggested that we go ahead and install two mailboxes for distribution of our flyers. Art will look for two good boxes and Pat will install them.
- Jim Andervich (L.A. Recreation and Parks Dept.) sent Art a suggestion list to help us fill out the application to the Amateur Athletic Foundation.
- Membership was then discussed. Emphasis was placed bringing in younger members.
- Art talked to Mel Gifis regarding the club cups. He found out who our supplier was. He will place an initial order for 125 decals and 48 cups.
- John will look for an alternate source.
- Art reemphasized the need for an inventory on all club equipment.
- Security vests were then discussed. Art has been checking into the costs. We will need volunteers to wear them on the week-ends.
- Art received a call from the Corp. of Engineers regarding a few near misses with the tractors plowing the field. The issue of Basin usage and control was then discussed. Pat will look into the problem.

Vice-President:

- Carl said that the Ducted Fan Fly-In is on for October 17th and 18th. Pat Baner will be C.D.. The Toys for Tots event will be held on December 6th.

Treasurer:

- Ron gave the Board his report.
- The cost of the raffle was discussed. The cost of the prizes awarded seems to be too high.

Field Manager:

- One of the shades at the field was uprooted by some one over the weekend. Pat will have them resecured.
- Some pilots have been either hit or almost hit by planes beginning their take-off rolls. The board is considering displacing the threshold of the runway to a point just beyond the pilot line-up.
- The taxi-ways need to be restenciled.

Program Director:

- Jim still needs help with the coffee breaks at the meetings. He will have the coffee/hot drinks available, but needs help with the cold drinks.

News Editor:

- J.W. has been working on obtaining the original artwork for the newsletter. After talking to PIP (Postal Instant Press) the board will have the newsletter changed from a three color format to a two color format in an effort to reduce the cost.
- The subject of getting a color copier was discussed and will not be pursued at this time.
- Any items to be published in the newsletter must be received by J.W. by the 3rd TUESDAY of the month.

Events Director:

- Gene reminded everyone that there was a Fun Fly scheduled for the 15th of this month.
- New pylon protection fences need to be made. The Parks Dept. accidentally carted them off to the dump.
- Vic will have the new sign with the current schedule posted at the field this week.

Secretary:

- New business cards need to be printed, as well as some new stationary. John will have some printed.
- John has been working on the 1987 AMA Charter package and will send it off later this month. It will include membership up to March 1st.

Membership Chairman:

- The club now has 97 paid members.
- We have 400 patches and window stickers left.
- Mike has placed membership ads in the **Newhall Signal** (T.V. Section), and the **Pennysaver**.
- The option of giving a Senior Citizen's discount was discussed and tabled until later.

The meeting was called to a close at 10:30pm.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY R/C FLYERS

GENERAL MEETING
February 24, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Art Felka. Art led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests and new members were then asked to introduce themselves. They included Ford Clark of Tarzana, David Grant of Sepulveda, Steve Hook of Los Angeles, and James Provenzano.

OFFICERS REPORT

President - Art discussed Jim Andervich's (Recreation and Parks Department) participation in the Board of Director's meeting earlier this month. Jim discussed building a bulletin board at our field. It would be similar to the one now in use at the Balboa Park Facility. Jim suggested that volunteers for field security complete Official L.A. City Volunteer forms so that any security vests we use can also have the L.A. City Seal placed on our security vest. The Board of Director's, with the help of Ken Tyler, is also working on an application to the American Amateur Athletic Foundation (AAF) for a grant. Jim also suggested to the board that we attend the Easter event at Balboa Park and set up a static display. The board took this under consideration. Art mentioned that he had printed a flyer for general distribution that gives some information regarding the field and its use. Art then reminded everyone about the suggestion box. The only suggestion given was to give all participants of the Show & Tell a cup. This, however, would be too costly.

Vice President - Carl talked about the fun fly that occurred at the field over the weekend. It worked out very well although it was quickly scheduled. The raffle for this meeting included a Super Tigre engine, a spray gun, a 60pc. drill set, a portable solder iron, and a 12pc. needle file set. Carl also mentioned that he is working on a ducted fan contest/event to be held toward the end of summer.

Secretary - John asked that all new members and guests sign their names on the roster. He also asked that members feel free to give him suggestions regarding the format in which the Minutes of the meetings is written.

Treasurer - Ron gave his report for the month.

Membership Chairman - Mike reported that we now have sixty-eight (68) paid members. Membership, however, is less than it was at this time last year. He also mentioned that February was the last month to renew without paying an additional ten dollar fee.

Field Manager - Pat mentioned the support that we now have from the Recreation and Parks Department. Jim Andervich considers us as the controlling agent at the field. Ralph Rosen mentioned that in past years we were given a conditional use permit which gave us control of the field. Since then, and until now, communications were lost and we seemed to have lost that control. Pat also mentioned that as a result of the fun fly, held recently, that we were enlightened as to how high our 200 foot altitude limit really is. It was much higher than we thought. Pilots should also be aware that the Recreation and Parks Department does not want us flying over the golf course. Signs shall be posted to this effect.

Program Chairman - A future guest speaker may be the Mission Controller for the Voyager aircraft. Art has asked him to speak, but we are still awaiting his reply. Jerry Dyer said that he had gone to the Mojave airport to visit the Voyager and that it was well worth the trip. The Voyager is located in Hanger 77 and has several items on display. The airport is also filled with other very interesting airplanes.

News Editor - J.W. is now having our printing done at PIP (Postal Instant Press), but is still looking for a better alternative. The club roster should be available next month and will include members as of February 28. An updated roster shall be published at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

It was brought to the attention of the membership that we are too money minded and tend to monopolize the field on weekends. It was suggested that we need to improve our image at the field as well as to provide better information as to exactly what contributions the club is making to the maintenance of the field. Let's keep this in mind.

Dave Peltz, AMA District 10 Vice-President, mentioned how great he thought the field looked. Dave then read an article from Model Aviation describing the Toys for Tots event last December.

Show and Tell

Models presented during the Show and Tell were:

- Carl Stronberg's F-15, a non-scale kit from Great Planes.
- Vince Carbino's Super Sportster.
- Willie Gardner's Eagle 63
- Ron McClave's Quickie 500
- Dave Peltz's Piper J-3 Cub
- Jerry Dyer also had a set of plans for a derivative of the V-1 on display.

Awards were given to Dave Peltz and Vince Carbino.

The Goof Bowl award was given to Pat Baner for putting J.W.'s airplane into the ground while attempting an outside loop.

Jim Bradley then introduced the guest speaker, Dave Peltz. Dave gave an interesting talk about the AMA Headquarters and his work in District 10.

Art reminded everyone that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Gene Sidwells house.

The raffle winners were: Pete Chagares (2x), Pete's wife, Mark Sutter, and Ken Kronick.

The meeting was called at 10:15pm.

UP COMING EVENTS

The next events at the Basin will be money making events for a change. The first will be a Formula One race (actually two one day races) March 21, and March 22, sponsored by the National Miniature Pylon Racing Association. They (NMPRA) will not require any of the Valley Flyers to help, but we will collect a percentage of the gross as per the new Recreation and Parks Department policy.

The second event will be a Quickie 500 or Formula One race on April 5th, which the Valley Flyers will sponsor under the direction of Larry Laulom. He will need all the help he can get from the membership. Plan on being there for this exciting event.

One of the best sources of income we as a club have is from the events we sponsor. We need this revenue to keep the field in good shape and make improvements. The City of L.A. Recreation and Parks Dept. at times doesn't have the funds to make improvements to the field, that is why we (members) need to support the various events both as participants and workers.

GENE SIDWELL
EVENTS DIRECTOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE VALLEY FLYERS AND GIANT SCALE SQUADRON

We are in great danger of losing our flying field. As you know, Van Nuys airport is only a short distance north of us and because our field is in the take-off and landing pattern of the East runway (16L - 34R), we have a maximum altitude restriction of 200 ft. That's not very high. We can bust that restriction every time we do a loop.

What's been happening recently that did not happen in the past is that we - as a group - club members and non-club pilots, are flying more stupidly than we ever have. This is not to say we are breaking rules more than we have in the past, just that times have changed!

Those of us who have been flying at the basin for many years know there are lots more flyers now than ever before. It's also apparent that a greater number of these flyers are not club members and don't know our rules. It follows that an increase in the number of flyers will cause an increase in the number and frequency of violations of our field rules.

There are three rules that are broken constantly. Breaking any one of them can cause us to lose our field.

1. Flying over the golf course.

Think about this. The golf course generates revenue for the city. If there are too many complaints from golfers about models flying overhead, or worse, a model hits a golfer, our field is history.

2. Flying over the pits or behind the runway.

This is a serious safety problem. If you've never seen someone hit by a model, I can assure you it is not a pretty sight! People have been killed by model aircraft. If a model injures or kills someone, our field is history!

3. Exceeding the 200 ft. maximum altitude restriction.

A most immediate and serious problem is flying too high, ie, above the 200 ft. maximum altitude and thereby endangering the lives of pilots and passengers in full size aircraft landing or departing Van Nuys. Let's look at some cold, hard facts. If a model is ever judged to be involved in an accident to a full size aircraft, regardless of who is at fault, our field is history! This doesn't mean we have to collide with the airplane-just if we come too close and cause some fledgling student pilot to do an abrupt maneuver to avoid one of our models, and he crashes as a result. And this is quite possible as the aircraft could be very low and slow on approach to 34R, the runway that's most used for training.

Even if we never cause an accident, if there are too many complaints -- the field is history. Why? Because our field is within the Van Nuys Airport Traffic Area (ATA). An ATA is that area within a five mile radius of a controlled field (which Van Nuys is), from the surface up to but not including 3000 ft. above the airport elevation. All aircraft movement within the ATA are under the positive control of the Van Nuys Control Tower. If the controllers in the tower, who currently give us a waiver to fly our models within the ATA, get too

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many complaints (they now get several each week), they will simply drop the axe, remove the waiver, and our field is history!

Right or wrong, today, aviation in general is not viewed in a very favorable light by the public. Full size aircraft are seen as dangerous (remember Cerritos), and model aircraft are thought to be frivolous, expensive toys. Unlike a decade or so ago, everyone out there is not enthusiastic about things that fly. To most people, all aircraft are noisy and dangerous things which disturb their peace and quiet and will someday kill someone.

I think I have described the problem. Now I offer some solutions to those of you who are still with me.

We, as a group, have to clean up our act! This means that all club members must strictly comply with all the field rules, and also see to it that others using the field comply as well.

If you see someone breaking the rules, go out and introduce yourself; then in a friendly manner let the person know he or she is breaking the rules and the consequences that can follow. At the same time, encourage them to join our club. This is not a membership drive, but at least we have authority over club members which we do not have over non-members.

Finally, if being friendly cannot get a flagrant abuser to stop, get their name if possible, and/or their license plate number and give them to a board member. The board will see to it that this information is passed to local authorities for follow-up. And try to document the occurrence: Name, date, time-of-day, violation etc. Lets all work together to save our field.

I fly both at the basin and out of Van Nuys airport. I am a Private Pilot with Instrument Rating and have passed the commercial and flight instructor exams so I know a little about both worlds. I've been modeling and flying full size since 1968.

If you would like to discuss this further, see me at the field, at a club meeting or give me a call. I'm in the club roster.

s/s Pete Chagares

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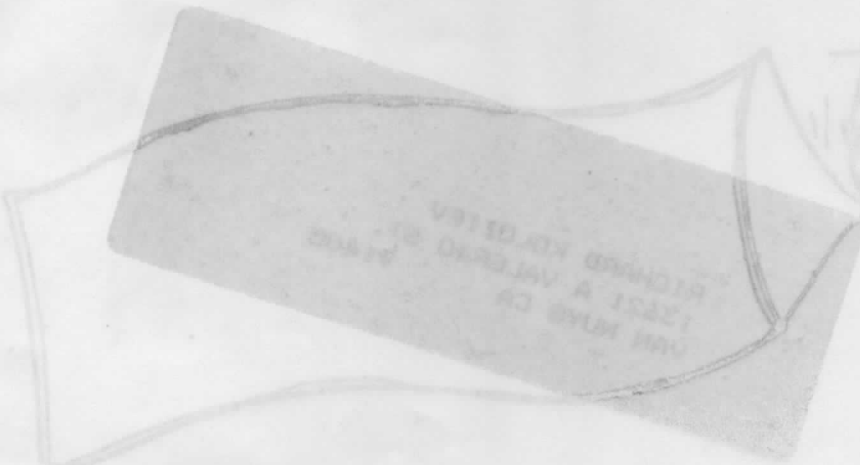
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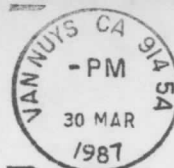
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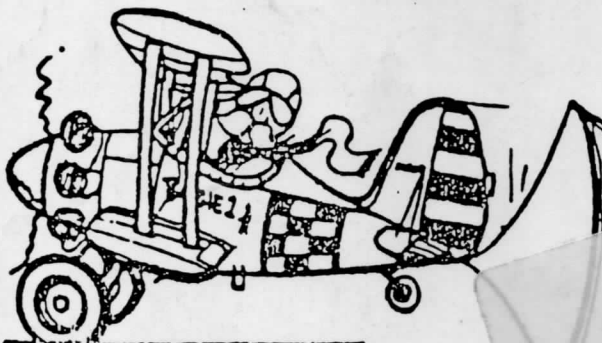


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