

# The Valley Flyer

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came to the field to fly R/C and try out their Delta darts. In next months issue I will go more into depth on the happenings. We still have a second week of building and flying to go in this month.

In the month of August we have the Camp Encino fly on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> which we will need a couple of volunteers to help with. August the 19<sup>th</sup> is the next to the last Q500 race. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, September the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> we have the second annual Helicopter event. We may have participants attending from out of the county. If we schedule for the same weekend next year we will have an AMA triple AAA event.

I hope everyone has set aside the 9<sup>th</sup> of September for the Valley Flyers BBQ. I am sure looking forward to seeing everyone out there.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting in good health.....

## Vice President's View

By Shawn Miller



Well this last month has been a busy one at the field. We had a full schedule of events, which has caused concerns by many of the users of the Apollo XI field. I just want everyone to understand we hear the issues and steps are being taken to ease the pressure at the field. All the clubs that use the Apollo XI field will be taking steps to ensure that next years schedule will not be as full. As for this year we the Valley Flyers have removed two events from the remaining schedule.

But we have a much bigger problem that needs to be addressed. I spent a great deal of time speaking to the Superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the valley region and if the fighting does not stop at the field and we as adults can't act in a more sportsman like manor he will close the Apollo XI field down completely for good. His office has better things to do than deal with these kinds of issues, and I have to say I can understand his viewpoint. La tely his

## Letters

### From the President's Desk

By Harvey Elmes



This month there are many important issues that significantly affect the field and the club. Other board members are covering these issues so I advise everyone to read this newsletter cover to cover. Since these issues are presented in such a clear manner I will not reiterate on them but spend the time writing about other club business. If after reading about them you have input be ready at the next meeting as there will be time set aside for discussion.

Board of director's update: I want to welcome Dianna Myers as the new newsletter editor. The board has already seen Dianna in action and looks like she will really keep us on our toes. Ouch!!!! We certainly want to thank Ken Wright for the wonderful job that he did during the 10 months he had the job. I hope that he will elect to take another position on the board when he is able to.

Ricc Bieber has a heart condition that we all hope the doctors can square away. He has opted to stay in his position. However he could use some assistance in some of his duties. Anyone that wants to volunteer to help him please let us know at the next meeting,

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> we had a team of guys from the Valley Flyers and the Black Sheep Squadron building Delta Darts with twenty kids for the LAX Aviation Education Academy. Then on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> the kids

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office has been dealing with phone calls and letters that make us as a R/C group sound like a bunch of children that can't play nice together. I know this is not the majority but that is not how it is being viewed, so I am asking everyone to please act like adults and conduct themselves with good conduct at the field while we try and fix some of the airspace problems.

While I am up here on my soap box I need point out that I know we as R/C pilots have good common sense, so why is it that when we come to the field we leave it at home? I see pilots doing some really stupid stuff that I know they know is not the right thing to do. We have long time pilots not posting their frequency flags. We have Heli pilots flying 20 feet out of the pits. We have pilots taking off from the taxiways. We have pilots using the wrong taxiways. We have pilots flying in the in-field, and this list goes on and on. Most of us have been in this hobby for a long time and have crashed because of a radio problem or a mechanical problem, so with that knowledge can't we see that doing these stupid things may hurt someone? You can be the best pilot in the world but you are only as good as your equipment at that given moment in time. So lets take more time and use some common sense for everyone's sake!

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Ok, with that said I would like to share some information about what is taking place to improve things at the field. We have turned in a proposal to have many improvements for the field for all forms of the hobby. These changes have been reviewed and approved by all the groups that use the field and the Recs and Parks offices. The cost for all of these improvements is estimated at about 35K; \$16,400.00 of that is to build another U-control circle on the west side of the parking lot. The rest is for many small but needed improvements for the facility. The big problem now is money and we are looking into ways to locate it by means of grants and other budgets within Recs and Parks but I have to tell you we may also have to put into the kitty if we want the field improved.

Because we would all like to see the field in much better condition now and for the long term and because of the way budgets work within the government Recs and Parks are looking for ways to make the park fall into yearly budgeting but in order to do that the Apollo XI field must show income. I am sure you smart folk's can see where this may go in the future. This also will answer a question that many of you have asked me in the last two years "WHY IS OUR FIELD NOT MAINTAINED LIKE ALL THE OTHER PARKS IN LA FOR THE LAST THIRTY YEARS?" Well now you know it is because the field is not in the budget and never has been. All the money we as clubs have put into the field has

not made any difference with the budget issue or our position as clubs. The cold hard fact is we are just joe public in Recs and Parks view.

So let's think about what this could mean:

- 1) We as club's find a way to get the money for the improvements needed and we fight to leave things as they are.
- 2) We let Recs and Parks turn it into a pay per use facility with a 100-200 a year fee per pilot.
- 3) We let Recs and Parks start charging for permits with a price tag of 100 - 350 dollars each which will basically stop the events at the field. Which brings us back to where we started because they will not show any income at the facility.

So before anyone goes off the deep end we need to make sure we understand the position we are all in. It is my opinion that Recs and Parks would like to see this facility turned into something else so please think twice before doing anything that could put our field in jeopardy.

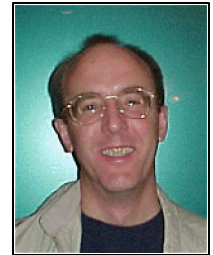
If you have any input you would like to add please come to the next club meeting and we will open the floor and talk about it.

**Treasurer's Report**

By Steve Garrison

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 7/11/01

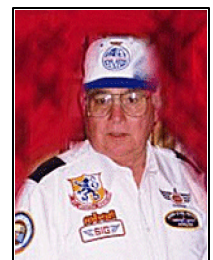
Valley Flyers Checking	3,993.27
Valley Flyers Savings	5,045.14
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>9,038.41</b>



**From a Safety View**

By Jay Lowrey

It seems summer has arrived and with it the warm winds of frustration have blown in. It seems to me that ones mind just doesn't run on all points when the sun is trying to boil it. This is when we get careless, over looking little things we would have noticed if we were of a cool head. On the highways and freeways we have to contend with road rage and we don't need this sort of thing on the flying field. Tempers run short in the heat no matter where you



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are or what you might be doing. So don't get too upset if someone hits you in the back of the head with a chopper or a park flyer. After all he or she probably didn't mean to. And if you are setting on the runway and someone

lands on top of your pride and joy don't lose your mind. Just think "I should have gotten off the runway quicker so that fellow could have landed." And I have to hand it to the afternoon flyers they must be a special breed. When the temperature stands at three digits I feel it is the time to talk about flying not actually stand out there and do it.

I guess I should have everyone's attention by now. The point being you should prepare for these hot windblown summer days. Bring lots of drinking water to the field with you and don't forget the sunscreen, about a 50 should do the trick. Bugs are another problem. Nothing is worse than trying to fly with a bug in your ear or eyes. I know a lady who sells anything a flyer might need to keep the bugs away and keep you smelling presentable. Her name is Chris. Jay over at the Hobby House works for her. Her products work for me.

Well after you get all this stuff in your car or van and there is any room left for a plane, flying box, and radio go out and have a nice day at the field. Club members and non members alike have put a lot of money into this field this year so let's all get out there and enjoy as it was intended for.

And remember; fly like you wish everyone else would "SAFELY!"

Until next month

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## Membership Report

By Bob Joyce



Membership in the Valley Flyers offers us benefits and opportunities. Free flight instruction, participation in club events, and discounts at local hobby shops are some of the perks. Promoting model aviation, helping youth groups, maintaining and improving the flying field, and general support of club events and objectives are a means of giving something back to a sport we love so dearly. Now more than ever, these opportunities are present and need your help.

As you are aware from my article in last month's newsletter, the use of the field by the general public and the local flying clubs has become an issue. The Valley Flyers has already taken steps to provide a more balanced approach to field use. However, the many positive contributions the Club has made to model aviation and to field maintenance are not widely recognized or appreciated. Recognition among City departments and City politicians is important as the issue of field usage is dissected and debated. We urge your support in helping the Club publicize the contributions that we make toward the betterment of model aviation. Tell your friends, write your councilperson, or whatever else you think will help broaden and improve the perspective others have of our activities. Your support will be helpful and appreciated.

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## Field Manager

By Willie Gardner

Vandal(s)

It is sad and alarming to find that vandalism exists in this Wonderful Modeling World. There are a few in our Community who have no respect for rules, property, etc.

Sunday evening, several frequency tubes were broken off of their support bars and one bar was broken off at the base. There will be New tubes made up later on, so good luck until then, thanks to the vandal! Also there were stories of turmoil at the field Sunday afternoon, but no one owned up to who did the damage with an individual's name.

What a great way to preserve a beautiful flight field and its fixtures. Lets see what happens when no one cares about the field next year.

Another incident occurred Monday after the Runway seal coat trucks finished for the day and locked the road gate behind them when leaving as I requested. I had to leave shortly before that to meet an appointment 2 hrs later, when I returned, the gate was open and 4 helicopter pilots were using the U-Control pad. This left the field open to flyers who were not to use the pit area until Wed a.m. This was posted at the gate on a BIG SIGN. I thought that some one had used a key they were not supposed to have. Several keys are floating around that have been made by a Locksmith at the field from a key that one other person has beside myself. I am the only person designated by Recreation & Parks to have a key, this because of my Field Manager status. I discovered later when leaving that the lock had been destroyed with a BOLT CUTTER!!

Normally I am very easy going, as most every one will agree to. But this incident brought the anger out in me, so I want to say that who ever has a BOLT CUTTER, had better leave it home, because you have committed a crime against the State by breaking and entering of State property, and if ever caught, you will wish you had never used it. Any person who carries a BOLT CUTTER is up to no good, or they would not have one. Does any one else carry a BOLT CUTTER?? Of course not!! I want this message to be passed on, so that this individual will eventually know that this has not gone unnoticed, and is on record with a vandalism report at Rec. & Parks.

Aside from all that, the Field looks "great" with it's new Black surface with bright Yellow markings. The striping crew arrived at 9:30, Tuesday morning and was finished at 3:00. The gate was locked and no one came in the rest of the afternoon. The field was open Wednesday a.m.

In closing, I hope that all of the members will enjoy the "New Look" and cherish the facilities that we have for all of our flying "enjoyment."

Sincerely

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## Event Director

By Barry Leavengood

It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July and we just completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> AT6-Air Cruiser-Trainer race. The turn out was good, about 26 entrants, and all had a good time. We held this event on Saturday, thereby taking one less Sunday from the sport flyers. We also let the sport flyers fly until 10 am Saturday morning. Several club members including Willie Gardner, Barry Leavengood, George Finch, Gene Sidwell, Brian Maiani and Ron Brawdgers competed. The trainer class seems to be the up and coming event. We allow most any trainer type plane and put a limit on RPM using a 10-6 prop. If you are a rank beginner, you only fly 8 laps while more experienced racers fly the full 10. Greg Horwitz did his usual great job with the food and helped with the matrix. My thanks to the course officials including Harvey Elmes, Herb Hoyer, Dave Hendrix, Bob Wilcox, Steve Garrison, Video Vic, Sonia & Barry Leavengood, Steve Brawdgers, Bob Adams, Victor Schneider, James Bowring, Brian Buraas and a couple of Whittier club members.

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Valley Flyers and Black Sheep hosted the LAX ACE summer camp kids. We flew 22 or 23 of them on buddy boxes while the Black Sheep instructed them on Delta Darts. It was great to see the interest they had in model aviation. Support for the event included Harvey Elmes, Bob Joyce, George Finch, Dave Hendrix, Marv Zauss and Barry Leavengood. We banged up two of our trainers and will be talking to Hobby People about replacements.

Sonia and I are leaving for New Zealand and Australia on the 17<sup>th</sup> to participate in the FAI World Championship race. The team consists of: Manager Barry Leavengood, pilot and Valley Flyer member Stu McAfee, caller Lyle Larson, pilot Bob Smith of Bob Smith CA, caller Bruce Thompson, pilot Henry Bartle of Northwest Hobbies, caller Bruce DeChastle, pilot and returning champion Chip Hyde and caller Tony Lopez. This is an international competition with between 15 or 20 countries competing. The American team is both returning Team and Individual champions. We hope to continue in the winning ways of our predecessors and keep the perpetual trophy in the US.

There is considerable controversy going on over the field at the present time. The clubs are working hard to resolve the problems. There is, however, one area which the clubs have no control over. The weekend before last there were fist fighting, vandalism, and trespassing incidents at the field reported to the Parks Dept. These reports bubbled up to very high levels in the Parks Dept. and these people are not happy. We, the modeling community, have to control ourselves or the Parks Dept. will implement rules none of us will like. In other words, as Sonia would say, PLAY NICE!

Until Next Time

### Program Director

By Ricc Bieber

#### THE MEETING MUST GO ON DEPT.

It's summer. It's hot. Let's make it easy. Giant Show and Tell. Works in progress, sort of finished, finished--Heck, bring it out to show! (It has only been a year since I started the Kadet Senior and I'm almost finished!!)

#### GLUTTONY IS GOOD DEPT.

It's still summer and it's still hot, and that means that our annual club Bar B Que is just around the corner. That also means that we need to get a fair idea of just how many are going to show up, and who is going to bring what. As always, we supply the meat and potatoes, and you all bring the salads and deserts, and yourselves and family too. And don't forget them thar flyin' machines! (Maybe my Kadet WILL be finished by then!)

#### YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN--UNDER DEPT.

Barry and Sonia Leavengood are on their way to Australia to teach em how to do it, and we wish them a safe journey--and admonish them to kick butt!

Don't forget to bring a friend to the meeting. We don't bite. Along those lines, there was an article in the recent AMA Magazine regarding newcomers, and the poor reception one fellow had along with an unpleasant field experience. I am going to venture that "Lance" didn't visit our field, though the description sounded like our place. I have only been involved with this mess for about five and a half years, and I have always found everyone to be helpful and usually well informed. We take the time to help each other, and the camaraderie at the field is testament to this fact. The inherent warmth and enthusiasm shown to "newbies" at our meetings and events is a positive issue, as well. Let's keep up the good work!

This months' tip--watch your health. Without it, you can't accomplish very much.



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### Rotors and Motors

By Mitch Kahn

So far this summer I have not been able to fly as often as I would like. My schedule is busy and involving and actually I hadn't thought I'd be able to be at the field at all. As it turns out, my sanity requires at least a certain amount of stick time and I have gotten a few chances on the weekends.



Now I know for a great many of you flying only on the weekends is usual. I had been fortunate recently (prior to summer) to be at the field twice or more during the week and Saturdays also. We have all seen an obvious increase in traffic. I however have seen it in more gradual increments until just now.

Boy, there is a lot going on! Last weekend there were at one time more than twenty-five helicopters grouped at the North end of the pits. We grabbed the second new table and brought it to the North where it was quickly covered with all things helicopter.

It is old news that there has been a large increase in all aircraft. It is also old news that conflicts over table space, airspace, etcetera, are growing. Old news also are plans of reallocating airspace at the field (really, it IS in the works). So what we have today is a busy park with lots of partially conflicting interests. So be it, it is what we have right now.

Our hobby requires a fairly large investment of time, effort, some money, more time, more effort etc. When we finally make it out to fly many come to the park with the attitude "I have made this great effort and I am of course going to fly and fy NOW." Think about Disneyland. Have you ever been there on a busy weekend? "I traveled all the way here, I paid my admission, I'm going on every ride in the place." Yea, right - get on line Bub. You got a problem with that? Tell it to the giant Rodent.

So that's it; if you can't make it here when it's quieter, realize you may have to stand in line a little while. I have been hearing stories about fistfights and people cutting locks on the gate and other remarkably stupid stuff. Hobby, fun?

Ok, enough of that for the moment. So while we become generally better people I want to tag something else along with it. It seems as if ours is a somewhat dirty hobby. We have fuel bottles, and spent glow plugs, broken parts and packaging. We also spend the day and bring lunch and such. We as a group should really be able to treat Apollo Field more as a park and clean up after ourselves a little better. The picnic tables are for food not for work - this is actually a ticket able offense from a Park Ranger. As in the rest of our lives, if possible (it's always possible) leave the park in NICER shape then it was when you arrived.

So let's see - clean up after yourselves, play nicely with others, wait your turn. Sound familiar?

Ok, ok. Back to heli stuff. I had the great pleasure of helping Ceazar with his new Freya which was won at the Hirobo Cup in April - thanks again to Jeff Green from Altech. Boy what a beautiful flying heli. Most of it was already set up so with very little fine tuning we were hovering and gently flying around. I then set up the throttle hold and shot an easy first auto to the gentle fwap of the blades and Ceazar's loud intake of breath. He, he. Enjoy it buddy!

For everyone - have fun, fly well, learn something new.

**Director of Jet Aircraft**

By Bob Wilcox

Busy, busy, busy! In the last month, I moved my house and my business. It is amazing how much stuff you have when you're moving. My garage is still unusable but it is slowly getting organized. The jets will be back on the building table shortly!

There has been quite a bit of activity in the jet world last month. The AMA is looking into a whole new set of rules for turbine-powered aircraft. There have been several proposals from manufactures and the special interest group within the AMA (Jet Pilots Organization) for a better set of rules. The main "thrust" is now to qualify pilots on their ability to handle different levels of turbine-powered jets. Basically, you start with a limit on power and speed. Then, as you qualify for higher levels, you have fewer restrictions. In my opinion, it will not be easy to enforce but will be interesting to see what comes about. If you are interested, look on the JPO web site for more info. <http://www.jetpilots.org>. The one rule I was surprised that the AMA lifted is for home built turbines. You will be able to fly home built turbines at AMA events. To make a home built is quite a daunting task. I guess if you are good enough to make it run, then you should be able to fly it!

I have a new job! As of July, I am now working for the German company that makes the turbines I was involved with last year (JetCat). They decided to set up a business in the US and offered me the job to be their General Manager. By next year, we will be assembling, repairing and distributing the JetCat turbine engines and helicopters. I am off to Germany for two weeks going over the business plans, marketing, and tech stuff. So I will miss the general and board meetings. Matt Carroll will be substituting for me at the board meeting.

JetCatUSA is at 5331 Derry Ave. Suite L, in Agoura Hills and the Valley Flyers are welcome to visit!

See you at the field!

**Newsletter Editor**

By Dianna Myers

I would just like to take a second to thank Shawn and Harvey for having the confidence in me to be the Newsletter Editor. And thanks to everyone at the last club meeting for voting me in. I will endeavor to live up to the high standards that have been created by those have been the Editor before me.

My biggest goal for the newsletter is to find a way to bring down the cost while increasing the print quality. One way this will happen is by having anyone with an e-mail address go to the website and download the electronic copy (PDF) newsletter and print it out themselves. This will bring down the cost of mailing by almost ¾. Anyone who still wants a paper copy mailed to them can contact me and let me know.

Two things I would like to see in added are a member article section and a member advertising section. I think it would be nice if some of the membership would share their views of what is happening in the club or current events at our field or share experiences from events they have traveled to. Ads would be free to club members and there will be nominal per issue charge to non-members. Ads will run for only one issue unless I am asked to run it for an additional time.

Articles and ads will need to be submitted at least two weeks before the next general club meeting. Anyone interested in this should contact me with his or her article or item for sale information.

Corrections from the June issue:

PROGRAM: This picture and the article regarding the r/c flying in the early 1940s was presented by Darrell Bergstorm (from the Condor Club, we apologize for any name miss-spelling) and not Daniel Brinstorm.



Mr. Bergstorm is on the left and Mr. Evett is on the right.

SHOW AND TELL: The following are corrected captions.



If you have any corrections, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me.

**Minutes from Meetings**

**Valley Flyers Board Meeting**

July 5, 2001

By Bob Joyce, acting for Ron Batesole

The meeting was lead by the club president, Harvey Elmes. Others in attendance were Gene Gaines, Willie Gardner, Greg Horwitz, Bob Joyce, Jay Lowrey, Barry Leavengood, Shawn Miller, and Bob Wilcox.



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### Support at Events

Some of the remaining events for the year need additional help such as the T-6 race July 14, the Q40/Q500 race 19 August, and the Camp Encino children flight instruction on 13 August. Contact Bob Wilcox, CD for the first event and Barry Leavengood, CD for the second and third events.

### Field Modification for Helicopters and U- Control

Shawn Miller discussed the plan for the new helicopter site at the south end of the field and the new u-control rings adjacent to the parking lot. The Parks and Recreation Department have approved the concept, but a schedule for the work was not established. The City does not have funding available for this effort, and contributions from private sources will be needed. The paving contractor is preparing a cost estimate.

### Use of the Flying field

This continues to be a somewhat contentious issue that requires a balance between use by the general public and the special events sponsored by the 3 valley flying clubs that limits the use to AMA members and/or club members. As a result of complaints from the public, the Valley Flyers has canceled 2 fun flies and requested event CDs to limit closure time to that necessary to support the event. Three-day events are a particular concern. A motion to limit field closures to a maximum of 2 1/2 days was defeated because events such as the Boy Scouts and major helicopter meets are attended by out-of-staters arriving on Fridays. To the extent practical, concurrent flying with the general public and event participants will be permitted at the discretion of the CDs.

Scheduling of events for next year will be worked jointly by members of the Valley Flyers, Giant Scale Squadron and the Black Sheep Squadron. Criteria for the events and the number of events will be established. Barry Leavengood suggested that the Department of Parks and recreation be involved in the process. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

Of particular concern to the board is the lack of recognition the Valley Flyers club receives for its' promotion of model aviation, safety and the maintenance and repair of Apollo field. The entire \$56,000 cost of last years repaving and the \$4600 cost of this years sealing and repainting was paid for from private funds raised by the 3 valley clubs. Free flight instruction offered to youth groups and events that draw large crowds of spectators are also examples of benefits the club provides to the general public. In some respects we are a community service. Efforts to promote our cause and to gain increased recognition among City Departments and City politicians are needed. This could include attendance at City Council meeting and contributions to political campaign funds. Addition discussions of these efforts will be held at upcoming board and general meetings.

### Attendance by Board Members

While it is recognized that board members are generally busy people with legitimate conflicts with scheduled regular meeting or Board meeting, their presence at these meetings is important. Consequently, those in attendance requested that all Board members make concerted efforts to attend meetings to the maximum extent possible.

### Treasurer of the Valley Flyers Foundation

Greg Horwitz was elected by the Board to serve a new 5-year term as Treasurer of the Valley Flyers Foundation. Congratulations Greg!

### Valley Flyers General Meeting

JUNE 26, 2001  
by Ron Batesole, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President **Harvey Elmes**. Board members absent: **Shawn Miller, Mitch Kahn and Bob Wilcox**.

Harvey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were: **Gus Piangerelli**, new member and **Richard Sonheim**, past VF president (1969-1970)

### FREQUENCY SWEEPER

**Harvey Elmes** reported that this device was not really necessary to our operations. It was MSC not to purchase it. It will save our treasury \$950.00.

### NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Due to his changing schedule, **Ken Wright** will no longer be able to handle the position of Newsletter Editor. To handle these duties, **Dianna Myers** was nominated and elected by acclamation to fill this board position.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR AILING

**Ricc Bieber** has been diagnosed with a heart condition that prevents him from coordinating the program part of the meetings. He will remain on the Board until the next election, but not be the emcee of the programs. He will still organize the programs.

### HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR REELECTED

Because board positions are staggered in the years when they are to be refilled, the one to be refilled in 2001 was the Hospitality Director. Because of his great job and dedication to the club, **Greg Horwitz** was nominated and reelected by acclamation. He will serve for two more years.

### NEW CLUB SHIRTS

**Gene Gaines** has made arrangements for silk-screened club shirts to be available soon, along with hats. He is taking orders. We should show our club colors at the field at times in addition to the weekends when we have events.

### RELOCATION OF HELICOPTER FLYING AREA

Jim Ward from Rec and Parks approved the relocation of the helicopter flying area to the south end of the field. However, the City has no budget to make the necessary changes to the U-control area. We will accommodate the changes as best we can.

### USE OF FIELD

**Harvey Elmes** led a discussion of field usage. There have been complaints about the closure of the field for practice all day on Fridays prior to two-day events. We have scratched two Fun Flies to mitigate these problems. After much discussion by several members on the number of multiple day events that should be held, it was determined that the three clubs that schedule events, Valley Flyers, Giant Scale Squadron and Black Sheep Squadron should meet prior to establishing the 2002 event calendar and work out an equitable schedule. It was understood that not all flyers could be pleased, but the fact is that without the three clubs, the field would not be operational. It is not high on Rec and Parks' list of priorities. The area would probably be converted to a parking lot without our efforts. The idea of creating a political action committee to contribute funds to the councilperson controlling the field was suggested. **Harvey** will organize a meeting of CDs from all three clubs to create a more adequate equitable

schedule for 2002. Of the 36 members present, most were fixed-wing flyers who do not fly on weekends.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 13 — LAX Kids Fair—Build Delta Darts—See Harvey
- July 14 — AT-6/Trainer Race—Volunteers are needed
- July 27 — Pilots to assist LAX kids flying at field.
- August 13 — Camp Encino summer camp—Flying at field—Volunteers needed.

**TRAINER RACE**

**George Finch** encouraged all pilots who owned trainers to enter the race on July 14<sup>th</sup>. No experience is necessary to have a great time.

**SHOW AND TELL**



**Harvey Elmes** - Fourstar 40. ARF, powered by an MDS 40. Mr. M & M is the pilot.



**Andrew Girouard** - Electrified glider, made from all sorts of spare parts.



**Bob Smith** - Quickie 500--Revolution by Del Ponte, from Ron Shore's estate. Needs engine installed. Will use a Super Tiger for 8/19 race.



**Chris Hoyer** - Quickie 500—Built by Chuck Briggs. Fiberglass wing and fuselage. Vortex. Cost about \$600.00

**GOOFBALL AWARD**

Several members were mentioned as nominees, but it was determined that their foibles were not sufficient to merit this wonderful award. More attention will be paid to faux pas in the future.

**RAFFLE**

**Ron Brawders** SIG Somethin' Extra

**Gus Piangerelli** Pipe Dreams model

**Willie Gardner** Donuts

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

**Valley Flyers Foundation**

**Foundation News**

Bob Smith, Vice-President  
Valley Flyer's Foundation, Inc.

The much-heralded auction was conducted on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Giant Scale meeting. The members showed their appreciation for having access to such quality 'kits' (Proctor and IKON N" WST are really builder's kits) by spending \$1519.00 to purchase the great majority of the items. I was glad personally to see the product out of my garage!

For those that attended last month's meeting, you're aware of the SIG Somethin' Extra ARF that was the give away prize. Along with this item was a Byron Pipe Dream utility type airplane kit.

I want to thank Bob Joyce, club membership chairperson, for donating his kit to the club's raffle.

Just for the general membership's information, the budget for purchasing the give away is \$150.00. When we collect less than \$100.00 it becomes a REAL BIG give away. When this continues for a period of time, adjustments should be made to the purchased items so that the club does not experience a continued loss. Hopefully these adjustments are not that obvious to the membership.

So... I'm asking two things of the membership. Donate a new or almost new product to the "give away" and spend a few dollars to support the club's meeting event!

Regards

## Schedule of Events

### Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM Refreshments will be available. Please bring a couple of extra dollars for the refreshments and raffle tickets.

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.



### Remaining 2001 Schedule

August	7 <sup>th</sup>
September	4 <sup>th</sup>
October	2 <sup>nd</sup>
November	6 <sup>th</sup>
December	4 <sup>th</sup>

### Remaining 2001 Schedule

July	24 <sup>th</sup>
August	28 <sup>th</sup>
September	25 <sup>th</sup>
October	23 <sup>rd</sup>
November	27 <sup>th</sup>
December	15 <sup>th</sup>
	Holiday Party

### Apollo Field Events

#### Remaining 2001 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Club / Sponsor</i>	<i>Field Status</i>
<b>JULY</b>				
13	R/C	VF LAX Aviation Day	Valley Flyers - Harvey Elmes	Closed ½ day
14	R/C	VF T-6 /Air Cruiser/Trainer Race	Valley Flyers - Ricc Bieber	Closed
22	R/C	Electric Fun Fly	Blacksheep	Open AMA – Electric Only
27	R/C	VF LAX Aviation Day	Valley Flyers - Harvey Elmes	Closed ½ day
<b>AUGUST</b>				
12	C/L	Hi Johnson Memorial Stunt	Blacksheep	
13	R/C	VF Camp Encino	Valley Flyers – Barry Leavengood	Closed ½ day
19	R/C	VF Q40/Q500/APRA	Valley Flyers – Barry Leavengood	Closed
31	R/C	VF Helicopter Meet	Valley Flyers - Dabling Howard	Closed
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
1-2	R/C	VF Helicopter Meet	Valley Flyers - Dabling Howard	Closed
9	R/C	VF BBQ	Valley Flyers - Ricc Bieber/Bob Smith	Club Members
16	R/C	Giant Scale Fun Fly	Giant Scale	Closed
23	C/L	1/2 A Clinic	Blacksheep	
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
7	R/C	GS BBQ & Social	Giant Scale	Open
28	C/L	Fun Fly	Blacksheep	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
11	R/C	Electric Fun Fly	Blacksheep – Tony Nacciroda	Closed
17	R/C	VF Q40/Q500/APRA	Valley Flyers - George Finch	Closed ½ day
18	R/C	VF Q40/Q500/APRA	Valley Flyers - George Finch	Closed 18
25	C/L	Pizza Fly	Blacksheep	
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
9	R/C	Giant Scale Toys for Tots	Giant Scale	
16	C/L	Fun Fly	Blacksheep	



## Other Events

## Remaining 2001 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club / Sponsor</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>JULY</b>				
7-8	F/F	Terminator Challenge	Bakersfield Flying Team	Lost Hills
9-14	ALL	AMA Nationals	AMA	Muncie, Indiana
13	F/F	Fun Fly	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
14-15	F/F	SCIF O/T	SCIF	Lucerne Valley
21-22	F/F	Maxmen - FAI	Maxmen	Lost Hills
29	F/F	Twin Pusher		Paris, CA
<b>AUGUST</b>				
10	F/F	Indoor Record Trials, EZ-B	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
11-12	F/F	SCIF Fun Fly	SCIF	Condor Field, Taft
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
1-2	F/F	AMA, O/T, FAI	Tri Clubs Bonanza	Lost Hills
7	F/F	Indoor	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
8-9	C/L	Mackey Contest	Erick Rule	Mile Square Park
30-Oct 6	F/F & R/C	SAM Champs	SAM	Las Vegas, NV
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
6-7	F/F	SCAT FAI	SCAT	Lost Hills
8-13	F/F	FAI World Champs	FAI	Lost Hills
12	F/F	Indoor	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
13	C/L	Virgil Wilbur Memorial	Control Line Speed Flyers	Whittier Narrows
20-21	F/F	Nostalgia	San Valeers	Condor Field, Taft
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
9	F/F	Indoor	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
10-12	F/F	US Free Flight Champs		Lost Hills
17-18	F/F	Patterson FAI		Lost Hills
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
1	C/L	Speed - Toys for Tots	Control Line Speed Flyers	Whittier Narrows
7	F/F	Indoor WWII Scale	Blacksheep	Luther Burbank Middle School
8-9	F/F	Steve & Lynn's 8th Annual X-mas Fun Fly	Steve & Lynn	Condor Field, Taft
15		VF Holiday Party	Ricc Bieber	N/A

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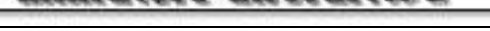
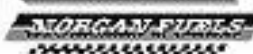
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