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*Remember - The Valley Flyers
General Club Meeting is
Tuesday, November 25th at
the Encino Community Center*

*Remember - The Valley Flyers
Holiday Party is Saturday,
December 13th at the
University Club at CSUN*

Board Member Letters

President's Corner By Barry Leavengood

The end of the year is fast approaching and all I can say is, "Where has the time gone?" All in all it's been a pretty good year for the Valley Flyers. My term as president is ending and I must say I am proud of the club and the things we accomplished this year. We had a bunch of good events spanning most facets of our hobby and did our share of community programs again this year. We have more young members now than any time I remember and that is a good thing. Some field improvements were implemented with more on the way.

Not many events are left, only the Q500 / Q40 race next weekend and the Christmas party. I'm sure the race will be excellent as is usually the case when George Finch is the CD. The Christmas party is set to be another masterpiece put on by Ricc. I hope to see you all there.

I have noticed a little unrest from some of the club members regarding the general direction of the club. Some feel we should put more money and effort toward field improvements instead of rewarding the members with things like the workers' raffle and subsidizing the Christmas party. I, on the other hand, feel the members deserve all the awards we can muster for their hard work during the year. We should always keep in mind that the revenue stream that supports club, as well as field and community activities, comes from the events we put on and without club support there would be no events and therefore a lot less money to spread around. It's not so much a question of one or the other, it's a question of how we split between field improvements and member benefits. This year we are in a position to not only provide year-end benefits for the members but are also donating a substantial sum of money to the Foundation.

In closing I say again "Good Job Everyone," see you at the race and Christmas party.

Barry

Membership Report By Dianna Myers

The Valley Flyers are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Bob Tarlau	Matias Salar
David Tarlau	Ralph Herman

Treasurer's Report By Matt Carroll

Account Balances as of 9/6/2003

Checking	\$8,402.28
Savings	\$2,650.97
Total	\$9,352.46

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Program Director

By Ricc Bieber

Finally. The end of the year is here! Can you believe it? Where did it go, and did you accomplish the things you wanted to get done?

Lots of stuff here, so let's get started.

The November meeting at the Rec Center is the Officials Raffle. You don't need to be there to win, but it does insure not getting the glue! You can also take the opportunity to make your reservations for the HOLIDAY PARTY.

Oh, did I mention the **Holiday Party**? It's that time again. Here's what we have:



December 13, Saturday, at 6:00 PM at the University Club at CSUN 18111 Nordhoff Street in Northridge.

\$25.00 per person, (the Valley Flyers Club is picking up the balance!) which includes roast beef and chicken, veggies, potatoes, dessert, hot apple cider, soda, tea, coffee, and all the fun and games we can pack into a few hours. There will also be a no-host bar.

Ah, yes, fun and games! We try every year to go as all-out as is possible to make this a mostly non-airplane event so the family members not usually involved with flying can participate. We also like to say "Thanks" to many of the wives (for the most part) who put up with the rest of us playing throughout the year. Towards that end, there are always many nifty door prizes given away during the evening.

And then there's the gift exchange. I would like to try something a little different this year in regards to the gift exchange. Instead of a gift for him-her-them, bring a gift that you would like to get as a family or friend, i.e., a gift basket of coffee, or fruit, or whatever happens to tickle your fancy.

We are going to do the canned food drive, as well. We made a lot of folks real happy last year, and I would like to do it again. Just a few cans of something to pass on to someone who doesn't have. Hey! What the heck, it's the holidays!

Please bring your checks for \$25.00 per person to the meeting, or send them to me. Make the checks payable to:
Ricc Bieber, P. O. Box 280212, Northridge, CA 91328

We have enough room for everyone, so don't be shy!

Ricc Bieber

Safety Views

By George Finch

HOUSTON -- *A bizarre accident with a model helicopter killed a Houston man Sunday afternoon. The victim was watching the radio-controlled aircraft at Tom Bass Park in southwest Harris County. KHOU-TV*

Gentlemen & Ladies,

Sadly it's true, the Houston Heli community is deeply disheartened at the loss of our fellow heli friend Ron Kyle. Today sometime around lunch I



received a call from one of our local pilots that Ron had been hit by a heli. He watched the entire event occur. Here is what I know as of this time.

Ron was helping a another pilot (don't know his name at this time) for the past couple of weekends on a 60 size heli. Well, today they got it in the air and Ron was flying it and determined that it was good to go. He handed the transmitter back to the owner who took the heli into a hover. I have heard that it was about 5' high and not far enough out, but I can't confirm that yet. Nevertheless, the heli reportedly pirouetted around (unknown as to mechanical failure or pilot input). From another second hand conversation I heard that the heli was now nose in and lurched towards the pilot and Ron. The pilot yelled, "Duck Ron!" and managed to get out of the way. Unfortunately Ron didn't. The blades contacted Ron at the jugular vein and he hit the ground. From what I hear he was unconscious from that point forward. Justheli's called 911 but from what I hear 35-40 minutes later the paramedics arrived. Ron died in their hands and we lost him.
Payton

I have proposed barriers be installed along the runway (like at Whittier) and at pilot's stations to be established in the helicopter area with a dead line to space hovering helis from each pilots station. The Houston accident is no surprise to me, especially as helicopters have gotten bigger and more stable. With carbon fiber blades, a .60 size heli might as well be swinging machetes. How many times has a Heli Tim at the Basin hovered closer than his reaction time could save him if something in the control system goes nuts? The accident sounds to me like a thumbs problem, and those also happen at our field. I, for one, do not want to hold an artery to prevent a bleedout before medical help arrives.

Well a new Daddy Tim put in an appearance. He took a friend and his two young boys (about 8 and 10) out to observe (up close) his warbird flying talents. Then he proceeded to stand next to the runway and make low, high speed passes over the west edge of the runway, flying over his kids heads and missing them by about 5 feet. I have shouted about this stupidity on numerous occasions, but I can't get the word to everyone. Think about the loss of control in Houston and then picture an 8 pound warbird hitting an 8 year old kid in the head. The exploding head would end up looking like Richard D's handy work, only for real!

SAFETY, EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Rotors and Motors

By Mitch Kahn

As many of you may already know, there has been a fatal accident, near Houston, involving a model helicopter. Details are available easily online, and I feel I need not go into them here.



What this should hopefully do is remind us that our hobby involves potentially dangerous situations, but there are of course, ways to minimize these risks. It seems as if the accident was the result of a novice losing control of his model, or most recently there is talk of some mechanical or electrical failure. Either way, this is a usual enough occurrence in this hobby, except in this case the model actually struck someone.

The best way to try and avoid this is to have as few people near flying activity as possible. Our helicopters are intriguing, and spectators tend to gravitate far closer than they should. They don't know the real potential danger, but we do. We need to actively discourage spectators anywhere near the flight line. Just say: "feel free to watch, but please watch from the other side of the fence". We need to distance ourselves as well. There are two sides to our pit tables, a side closer to the pits and a side closer to flying. The last place I want

to be is with my back to a model helicopter. I want to see what's going on and have a chance to react as soon as something might go amiss. All of this is basic, and we have heard it all before, but there are avoidable accidents that we should continue to work to avoid.

The next thing is to make the physical space safer. The plans to move the pit area under the trees will be a huge step. Hopefully this will be done soon. It is maddening to me that it has not yet been done. Unfortunately it is a public park, and that automatically requires layers of bureaucracy a private facility wouldn't have. It is, however being worked on.

Let us use this as a reminder to be as safe as possible when at the field. Be deliberate and particular about where you stand and where you fly. If there is a new person who is less in control than you are comfortable, point out that further away is better; put distance between yourself and other pilots. If a situation is dangerous, discourage it. It is up to us, and the alternative could be devastating.

On to some other news. As much as I have enjoyed writing this column and being something of the voice for the helicopters and helicopter pilots at the Basin, it is time for someone else to have this position. I have flown at the Apollo Field for about six years, and have been on the Board of the Valley Flyers for about two and a half of them. This is my 30th or 31st article – believe it or not, and it is time to let someone else rant and rave. I have a nomination for a new Helicopter Director and that will be brought up at the next General meeting on November 25th.

I am not going anywhere, and I still plan on flying as often as I can. I am also hoping to see a couple more things accomplished. Mostly, I want to see our pit area improved. I want to see a clean, neat and safer area under the trees with seating, picnic tables and the trailer improved as well. There is talk of a solar cell on the roof with charging facilities inside. Benches and a vise and someone even talked of a stereo system and floodlights.

When this is all done, I want to have a local Fun fly to celebrate. I have a NIB JR Venture that was donated for the "Classic", but didn't show up until afterwards. I also have an adjustable work stand that was a prize from about a year and a half ago no one claimed. I'll hit up a few other vendors and we can have a nice little party with some great prizes.

Thanks to all and have a safe and happy holidays.

-- Mitch

Event Reports

4th Annual Safe Fly / Magnum Engine Clinic CD Harvey Elmes, Assistant CD Matt Carroll - June 29, 2003

By Harvey Elmes

Another Safe Fly Magnum Engine Clinic is history, and I for one, had a great time. Since so many club members showed up to officiate the event and help out in the snack bar I was free to help various participants find co pilots, training pilots and walk the field and pit area to talk to the people. With so many helping out everyone had an opportunity to fly as well as supervise the event. I want to thank the guys because they made it happen: Ricc Bieber, Greg Horwitz, Ken Wright, Bob Adams, (Video) Vic, Ed Chizma, Sam Gengo, Jacques Toselli, Willie Gardner, Chuck Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Hunter Thompson, Paige Dunlap, Jim Shaffer, Brian Kerr, Gene Sidwell, Steve Garrison, Dan Ziliak, Fred Roberts, and Matt Carroll. If I missed anyone please contact me.

This seems like a lot of officials but when you look at the status of the event it was the largest turnout of pilots that we have ever had. There were 64 registered pilots and 6 Hobby People. Approximately 10 Electric, 4 Jets, 2 Quarter Forties, 5 Helicopter and the rest were Fixed Wing pilots. The field was active all day. However, we did give the racers and the jets an opportunity to fly on their own. No one seemed to mind and there were no complaints that these guys had their space too.

Mike Greenshield's write up echoes the enthusiasm of a great time had by all. 6 of the Hobby People were there to do the seminars and work with the guys in the pits tuning aircraft or working on the electrics. Their guys had the opportunity to fly right along with the rest of the participants.

Some who had participated made comments like we should do this every weekend. Others wanted the field to be mandatory AMA. Some said that with club members on the field (the field not only limited to the officials but having club members in the pits and in air) that there was a feeling of camaraderie. As I think back on the way the event ran from the first time we tried a safe fly to the last few that we have put on I feel it more than warrants the effort that the club members put in as participants and officials.

This event was intended to educate flyers on how to tune their Magnums and get a sense of how it is to fly using AMA rules. It was never intended as a large moneymaker for the club. Well when you have a large turn out and people are having fun the money seems to come along. The snack bar raised \$268.85 and the event raised \$447.24 for a total of \$716.09. It was decided at the June board meeting to award all the officials that participated a free club t-shirt.

Rather than go on with how great the event was I thought I would leave room for some photos of the event courtesy of Ken Wright. Once again thanks guys for the great support.

See you next year.

Harv.

BBQ AND SAFE/FLY EVENT

With all good intentions, the annual BBQ and Safe Fly was held on Sunday, October 26th. The usual cheep grumblers initiated the event with their complaints. So what else is new? We had sixteen entries, 4 non-Valley Flyers and the remainder were club members. Somewhat of a turn around for a Safe Fly, which usually features many more non-members joining in on the fun. However the Santa Ana's and local fires with their smoke kept many from showing up at the field at all that day!

Thanks to Harvey Elmes my assistant, Bob Adams, Sam Gengo, Willie Gardner, Video Vic and Jacques Toselli for helping setup, run and complete the Safe/Fly portion.

As far as the BBQ portion, we initially were going to not have it, as the noon hour approached. But after Barry spoke to Ricc (Ricc purchased the meats but was unable to attend due to injury) it was decided the food would go to waste if we didn't cook it that day. The tuna was already on the grill when we decided to cook all we had!

Anyone at the field that day was treated to a delicious meal! Steak, chicken, tuna, baked potatoes along with salads and desserts were abound!

Thank you to Greg Horwitz, Danny Coe, Barry Leavengood, Ricc Bieber and Chris Hoyer for helping prepare the food and put away the cooking equipment!

For all those members that brought food to share with everyone, we thank you also! It was delicious.

Until next year!

Bob Smith and Harvey Elmes

Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes

October Club Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2003 by Ken Wright



The meeting was called to order by President Barry Leavengood at 7:39 who also lead the group in the flag salute.

Guests and New members: David and Bob Tarlau are working on a Hobico SuperStar. And Matias Salar who you might have seen racing; and Ralph Herman were welcomed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Smith CD'd last Sunday's fun fly. We had seventeen entries and a great barbeque. Make that a feast; albacore, steak, chicken, venison and many side dishes.

Dick suggested that members without computers should have access to phone numbers. Sam reassured that the numbers are on the website. [Editor's Note: Phone numbers of board members are now included in the Board Members listing in the newsletter.]

Video Vic commented on the excitement of free flight events. Barry also did some free flight at Whittier...with a race plane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member of the Month goes to Sam Gengo for his continuous effort and hard work with the club.



Barry presents Sam with the Certificate

The wetlands project met with the VF Board and their plan will be submitted the first of the year. Their recommendations will be to not do anything on the west side of Woodyly.

November 23 is the next Q40/Q500/APRA race. We are targeting five rounds and will get the first race going as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible. Be sure to come out and support the club.

Halloween carnival is this Friday night. This presents a good image for the club and the kids have a great time.

Board Nominations:

President: Harvy Elmes first and seconded.

Vice President: Ron Brawdres first and seconded.

Treasurer: no nominations

Safety Officer/Training: George Finch first and seconded.

Program Director: Video Vic first and seconded.

Event Director: Dave Hendrex first and seconded.

Helicopter Director: no nominations

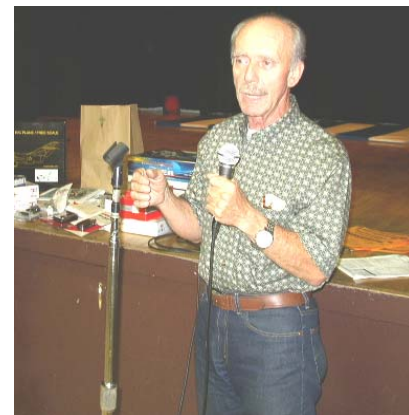
Secretary: Ken Wright first and seconded.

Membership: no nominations

Dianna Myers presented a membership dues change to the bylaws. The proposal will be published in the newsletter and voted on next month.

October Show and Tell

Jay Replogle from Jay's **Hobby House** showed off many neat items. As many of us already know, if you need it Jay's got it.



Some of the many new and unusual model tools and toys that Jay brought for his presentation

Harvey Elmes brought in an old Kwik Fly 60L ARF. However, when he got it was a NRF (not ready to fly). It had been hanging up as a display for a few years and the covering was shot. Harv replaced the entire plastic wing and stab tips with balsa and added a half-inch to the vertical stab and rudder. As you know it is almost impossible to get this plane to do a knife-edge in its original state. Getting all of the glue off the balsa was a time consuming task. The canopy was set back to give it a balanced look. Each wing surface has a different transparent color.



Harvey proudly displays his work of art and craftsmanship



Travis Flynn displayed an electric race plane for the FAI-F5D. These planes go extremely fast and the batteries get quite hot.

The Monthly Raffle Ticket Drawing



A View of October's raffle loot!

October Raffle Winners – Congratulations to:

RAAF ARF	William Bolin
Precision Tools	Rob Janiger
Craft Design	Ralph
Ultra Stand	Chris Weerts
Sticky Weight	Damian Bolin
Engine Oil	Sam Gengo

Meeting was adjourned around 9:50 PM.

Dianna's proposed change is to increase annual dues from \$25 to \$35 and to give a \$10 discount for early renewal, effectively leaving membership cost unaffected. The actual wording is as follows:

SECTION II PAYMENT OF DUES. Dues shall be payable at the first meeting of each calendar year. Dues of a new member shall be prorated as per schedule: January 1 thru June 30 \$35.00; July 1 thru December 31 \$20.00. Members who renew before the end of the current calendar year shall receive a \$10.00 discount on the next year's dues.

Additionally, in order to increase the benefit of membership, the following addition to the bylaws is proposed:

SECTION II MEMBER BENEFITS. Members in good standing shall receive a discount on the entry fees for all Valley Flyer sponsored events, the exact amount of the discount will be up to the Contest Directors for the individual events and shall be overseen by the Board of Directors.

Board Meeting Minutes

By Ken Wright

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Barry Leavengood.

Barry Leavengood received e-mail from Ed Gappell to be treasurer. The Board of Directors meeting time is called out in the bylaws. There was general discussion on how a quorum is defined. We need to send out a letter with all the particulars for the Christmas party. Barry will publish a list for the two-year plaques.

Dave Hendrex noted that next year's Giant Scale events would be held on the second Sundays of March, June, September, and December.

Ricc Bieber stated that the Christmas party is in five weeks. Motion passed to subsidize the excess of ticket costs over \$25, invite the 9 additional guests, and the balance of \$2,100. Ricc received a \$500 deposit to get things going. A Motion passed to allocate \$2,000 for the official's raffle to be sent to Bob Smith.

Ron Nelson commented that Van Nuys is going to have an air show June of next year.

George Finch questioned, "What point did training director and safety director get combined?" (We didn't have that page of the Bylaws present). Also, Vic volunteered to help with the training. We need to consider putting in barriers similar to Whittier (Poles with orange netting); one set for fixed wing and another for the helicopter area. *The Board commented that this was a good idea, however, we need to work out the issue on how to protect them from vandalism.*

Matt Carroll announced that we made \$5,000 last year on events and currently have about \$10,000. In addition, the hall is paid up through next year. A Motion passed to give \$2,000 to the Valley Flyer's Foundation. Greg Horwitz reported the Foundation has about \$7,000.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

ISSUES FROM OCTOBER MEETING

by Bob Smith

For those members not in attendance at the last meeting, here goes. There is a proposal to make changes to the bylaws. The following (*existing bylaw is in bold italics*) is how the first item currently reads that is proposed for change;

(#1)

ARTICLE IV, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION III REGULAR MEETINGS.
Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at a place designated by Board of Directors.

I am proposing the bylaw be changed as follows:

ARTICLE IV, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION III REGULAR MEETINGS.
Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday of each month at a time and place designated by the current term Board of Directors.

Bob's EDITORIAL COMMENT TO ITEM #1

Neither the membership nor the bylaws should control what 'time' the board meets. Each set of board members should decide for themselves!

(#2)

A new provision, which you should read about elsewhere in the newsletter, was originally drafted as follows;

NEW SECTION TO BE ADDED TO THE BYLAWS:

ARTICLE IX - CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP
SECTION II MEMBER BENEFITS

Members in good standing shall receive a discount on the entry fees for all Valley Flyer sponsored events, the exact amount of the discount will be up to the Contest Directors for the individual events and shall be overseen by the Board of Directors.

Bob's EDITORIAL COMMENT TO #2

This proposal has actually been in practice, to some degree, for sometime and not in the bylaws. An example is the recent BBQ/Safe/Fly that I was the CD of. As I prepared my event flyer, I advised the VF board that the Safe/Fly would be free to Valley Flyer members. The reasoning behind this is obvious to me so I won't go into it. The paragraph includes the words 'all' and 'overseen'.

This concerns me. When I was the Contest Director for racing events, I didn't offer a discount to Valley Flyer members. My rationale there, was that it was a competitive event in which entries come from all over the country and sometimes the world to compete. Many of the entries are members of local clubs and not of ours. I don't want to get into a fee war with a neighboring club or offend guests that have traveled hundreds if not thousands of miles to sign into our event. They should not be subjected to a larger entry fee because they are not a Valley Flyer member!

For the above reasons, **I recommend that this new proposed bylaw be rejected.**

The logic here is to let the CD decide what is best practice for 'their' event and not have it a 'bylaw' decision!

(#3)

The following is the way ARTICLE VIII SECTION II reads;
ARTICLE VIII DUES, SECTION I AMOUNT OF DUES.

The annual member dues of the corporation shall be payable in full at the first of each year, in the case of continuing members. The

corporation shall not operate at a loss due to insufficient dues payments, and may by majority of vote of the membership, change the dues structure. The Board of Directors and Past President members are exempted from dues. Family and junior members shall have special reduced rates. A dues schedule shall be recommend and voted on at the Annual Regular Meeting.

SECTION II PAYMENT OF DUES.

Dues shall be payable at the first meeting of each calendar year. Dues of a new member shall be pro-rated as per schedule:

January 1 thru March 31	\$25.00
April 1 thru June 30	\$20.00
July 1 thru Sept. 30	\$15.00
October thru December 31	\$10.00

REVISED DUES BYLAW PROPOSAL

A 2003 board member is proposing a change in the dues structure. I believe it's an increase to \$35.00 if you do not renew by the end of the calendar year, December. Additionally, the prorating schedule is proposed to be changed to \$20.00 when paying after June, I believe. **The actual proposal should be documented in this newsletter by the submitter.**

At first I thought nothing of this but then considered the consequences if this proposal is passed. Only the members that are present at the November meeting will know that they need to pay their \$25.00, 2004 dues, before the end of the 2003-year! **Remember, there is no Newsletter scheduled for December and no meeting!** Without some very special handling, members not attending tonight's meeting will not be aware of this new change, if approved. Come January, when other members are thinking in their traditional way, 'time to renew', they'll be hit with the statement at the membership chairperson's desk, "sorry, but you now owe \$35.00 for 2004!" I can guarantee they won't be saying "OK, that's no problem"! More than likely they'll say "no thanks" and walk out the door!

This sounds like another negative benefit for club members and has nothing to do with retaining members! I understand a motivation to get members to pay in a timely fashion. I don't think this is it. **A January cutoff date would have been more reasonable at this late date or proposing this for the 2004/2005 year (but I am not making this a revision to the proposal).**

My recommendation is to not pass this proposal.

IN CONCLUSION

I have been a member and an officer of this club for over 20 years. I have held offices from the newsletter editor, membership chairperson, Event Director, Vice President and President of another club. I have also been a Contest Director for most of this same period. This time period and club office experience give me a different view of the club than most. I have seen many years where board members have had great accomplishments for this club. With that being said, I am open to new ideas from those new members that say, "What does the club do for me?" If you want more from your club, tell the board what it is. Make proposals at the 'board' meetings, where policy is dictated.

My overall concern is that the membership does not approve bylaws that **undermine** the will of the future Board Members or Contest Directors.

If the membership loses the will to become Board Members or Contest Directors, we become the public and not a club.

Thank you for your time to review my position.

Bob Smith, CD and club member

Members Corner

The Valley Flyers thank the members who contributed letters to the editor for this month's newsletter!

Apollo Field on the Internet?

by Richard Dragin

With Internet access so readily available there is a type of website that is gaining tremendous popularity, it is called the Internet Forum. A forum is a virtual place where people with similar interests meet to discuss and trade information about their shared interest. There are many forums on the Internet that caters to RC enthusiasts but none seem as popular as RC Universe. With a claimed membership of 60,000+ users (membership is free) RC Universe is far and away the most visited of all the RC forums I have seen.

RC Universe has sub-forums for any aspect of RC and of course the Airplane sections are what would be of most interest to members of the Valley Flyers. There are sub-forums where you can find out about a specific model and trade information with several others around the world who have owned it and probably with the same engine you are considering. Got a question about a set of vintage plans or the newest charger and there will be someone to discuss it with.

There is one discussion going on that will be of special interest to our club members and it can be found in the Clubhouse section, the discussion (or thread as it is referred to) is titled, "Sepulveda Basin." People are having an ongoing conversation about anything and everything to do with our flying site. Topics range from history of the field, regulars who seem to always be there, politics with the Parks Department, the latest big crash or any other current event that provokes discussion.

Some folks from as far away as the East Coast stop by to tell of how they learned to fly at the Basin forty years ago. Some ask directions because they will be visiting Los Angeles and have heard about what a special place it is. There are a few who like to "post" negative comments about it and then there are the many others who rebuke them. There are as many opinions and discussions as you would have on any visit to the Basin itself and at times, it feels as if you are actually sitting at one of the picnic tables, shooting the bull with the guys.

So the next time you are surfing the Internet, stop by and see what everyone is saying and if you feel so inclined, post a message of your own!

--Richard Dragin

You can get to the website by typing in: www.rcuniverse.com to your web browser's address line; or to go directly to the Sepulveda Basin thread type in:

www.rcuniverse.com/forum/Sepulveda_Basin/m_839955/tm.htm



David Tarlau Flies!

by Bob Tarlau

My 14-year-old son David and I joined Valley Flyers at the most recent meeting. David got a Hobbico Super Star 40 RTF for his birthday. George Finch is teaching him how to fly. The engine break-in and first flights were this past Saturday, November 1st and the maiden flight went very well.

Editor's Note: Congratulations David on your first flights and a big "Welcome to the Club" to you both! You can view more photos of David and his airplane adventures and progress at the Apollo Field online at: www.pbase.com/bobtarlau/model_aircraft

Here are a couple of photos sent in by Bob showing the enthusiastic young aviator and his aircraft.



Cranking It Up: David starts the engine for its first break in.



Student and Instructor: David, on the buddy box, learns from a pro.

*Now **there's** the look of a happy pilot!*

High Torque Brushless Motors

by George Finch

Craig Allen whose business web site is www.high-torque.com made a stop at Apollo XI on the way to an electric event down in San Diego. He distributes inside out brushless motors. The magnets are attached to the outer case and the coils are mounted to the firewall. The case turns with the propeller, the motor is flat mounted to the firewall by a backplate of the coil assembly. With much more diameter to mount magnets (14 magnets in the 1200 watt), the motors put out high torque so the need for a gear box is eliminated. Also the spinning magnets remain cool so problems with demagnetizing magnets are eliminated. The web site shows how all the motors are built, as they are offered both as complete motors and as kits.

Craig offered to let me fly his brand new Great Planes Ryan STA Giant Scale ARF on 24 NIMH batteries and a 1200 watt motor, showing his brave soul, as it was one of his demonstrators for the event the next day. He sells the 1200 watt motor for \$140, to which you need to add a 70 Amp controller. Normally the Ryan is flown with a 1.20 4 stroke, but it was a very nice sport plane with the 1200 watt motor. I did a take off, a couple of humpty bumps, an Immelman, a 2 turn spin, consecutive rolls and a landing. The plane was just about as nice flying as any sport pilot would like. Craig showed me a new 1700 watt motor he is going to offer soon that would change the performance of the Ryan from sporty to fully acrobatic. I think he said its cost will be \$240.

If you are interested, give Craig a call, but be aware, one of the reasons he was in LA was to have medical tests before he donates a kidney to a friend, so he might be under the weather for a couple of weeks.

Classifieds

Wanted for donation to the Valley Flyers Foundation

If you have trainer you no longer need, or radio gear (Futaba, Hitec, Airtronics) that could be used in a trainer, please make a tax deductible donation to the Valley Flyers Foundation. The Foundation will then provide the donated gear to the Valley Flyers Training Program that is getting low on equipment due to some poor landings. Please see Bob Smith, Barry Leavengood, Bob Joyce, Greg Horwitz, or George Finch.

Wanted new Valley Flyers Instructors

Give something back to the hobby by volunteering to be a Valley Flyers flight instructor. Benefits include practice in recovery from unusual attitudes, a sore finger from the trainer button, and a healthy suntan. New instructors will be taught how to instruct by an ex-professional FAA certified flight instructor. See George Finch.

Video Vic is looking for people to host or be a part of a video on building and all forms of modeling. These videos will be shown on cable TV. Video Vic may be contacted at 818-424-8900 for details.

To run an ad in the Valley Flyer Classifieds please submit your ad via e-mail to dianna@bombfactory.com. Ads must be submitted before the first Tuesday of the month.

Reminders From The Board

YEAR END OFFICIALS DRAWING

by Bob Smith

If we can get through the so-called business end of the meeting, November will feature the annual event officials drawing. If you worked an event and are a member of the club you have been entered into the drawing.

I track names of members and their friends who help support our club events during the course of the year. That list is then extracted into tickets for those that have participated during the year. The more events you were in the more time your name is entered. Everyone that is a member and participated will receive a general gift. The main prize portion of the drawing will limit you to win no more than one of the 'main' gifts. Clean and simple.

Best to show up at the meeting to insure you get the prize you want!

Thanks again for your support at our events this year.
Regards, Bob Smith

DONATIONS TO THE CLUB

Jay Replogle of the Hobby House donated a HITECH 4 channel radio that has 2 feather servos and an FM Direct Feather receiver. This can be used in park flyer type aircraft. He also donated a Dave Brown R/C Flight Simulator designed for Windows 95 operating systems. For those members with this level of operating system this simulator will match it. These items swill be included in the year-end officials drawing.

Thanks Jay for your support.

Bob Smith, year-end officials drawing coordinator

This month we vote for the 2004 Valley Flyers board members and officers. Another item not to be missed at the November meeting is the HUGE raffle for the workers that have put in their time during the year to help out with the club's events. The club thanks you for your time, talents, and efforts throughout the year.

Editor's Note: This is the final issue of The Valley Flyer for 2003. I've included both November and December **Hobby People** Ads including December's coupons that you have the whole month to cash in on. Remember too, there is no club meeting in December but everyone is invited to the annual Holiday Party. See Ricc's article on page 2 for details.

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you. Thank you for all of your great comments and inputs for the newsletters. You have plenty of time to send in articles that you wish to have published in the next issue. As always, your participation in the newsletter content is encouraged and appreciated. The first Club Meeting of the new year is **January 27th** so mark your 2004 calendars.

Look for your next issue of The Valley Flyer the third week of January.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2004.
--Sam Gengo

Editor, The Valley Flyer
sam@valleyflyers.com

Tail Feathers

The Fortunate Five

The Answers to Last Month's Puzzle
 "How's Your Logic"

Vic	MonsterManta	\$50
Stan	AirCuda	\$40
Walt	PhatFlyer	\$25
Roger	BumbleBee	\$20
Ted	NordicNightmare	\$10

This month, George Finch sends us the following photo for a caption contest. Send in your captions to sam@valleyflyers.com and we'll publish 'em in the next newsletter. Hint: Keep it clean if you want to see yours in print! By the way, in case you're wondering if the unthinkable happened, the title of the picture is "Thunderbirds Near Miss" so I'm sure that the F16 pilots had a rather eventful debriefing session that afternoon. Enjoy.



Annual Holiday Party



Saturday
December 13th

6:00 PM at the
 University Club at CSUN
 18111 Nordhoff Street in
 Northridge

Only \$25 per person!

See Ricc Bieber

Apollo XI 4th Quarter 2003 Facility Schedule

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director
OCTOBER			
19	Sunday	GS	BBO
26	Sunday	VF	Fun Fly/BBO Bob Smith (661) 298-2614 flynbs@pacbell.net
NOVEMBER			
9	Sunday	BS	Electric Fun Fly
23	Sunday	VF	Q40/Q500/APRA George Finch (310) 459-1577 gwfinch@aol.com
DECEMBER			
7	Sunday	GS	Toys-for-Tots Darrel Martin (818) 368-1488 MMartin168@aol.com
13	Saturday	VF	Annual Holiday Party

½ Day: Although the schedule states ½ day for the first day of a multi day event, the field will be closed before noon if a significant number of event participants are present and ready to fly. The exception to this is Pylon racing in which case the field will always be open for sport flying during the practice day morning.

Schedule of Events

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Please bring a few extra dollars for refreshments and raffle tickets.



Board Meetings

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

2003 Schedule

January	7 th	July	1 st
February	4 th	August	5 th
March	4 th	September	2 nd
April	1 st	October	7 th
May	6 th	November	4 th
June	3 rd	December	2nd

2003 Schedule			
January	28 th	July	22 nd
February	25 th	August	26 th
March	25 th	September	23 rd
April	22 nd	October	28 th
May	27 th	November	25th
June	24 th	December	13th (Holiday Party)



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Hobby House Jay Replogle	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335 (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11-7); (Sat 11-6); (Wed & Sun closed)	(818) 609-1968
Hobby Lobby Tony and Addie	3512 W. Victory Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505 (Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-6:30); (Mon & Sun Closed)	(818) 842-5062
Hobby People Chris	5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	(818) 995-1162
Hobby Zone Edwin	1617A Victory Blvd., Glendale Ca 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 1-5)	(818) 546-2291
Marty's Hobbies Marty Friedman	1728 Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	(805) 497-3664
Robin's Hobby Robin Hambley	1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)	(818) 240-2093
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