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*Remember - The Valley Flyers
General Club Meeting is
Tuesday, January 27th at the
Encino Community Center*

one member can share this position and its responsibilities include running the snack bar at events.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting. Until then "Good Flying."

Membership Report

By Bob Smith

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

Paul Daly	Adam Green
Valerie Tymoczko	Robert Wiikari

Yes, it's that time of the 'new' year again. Valley Flyer dues renewal. And guess what? I'm the guy to see. I'll have renewal applications at the next general meeting, so bring your \$25.00 (or \$10 if you're a junior). Please try and renew as early as possible. A membership roster has to be mailed to the AMA within a short period of time, so help me out on this one! If you mail in an application, please insure you write legibly and include all the information requested. Thank you.

Please see the members list on page 2 for the names of those who have paid or earned 2004 membership to date. When applying, you will need a fresh 2004 membership application. Please see me at the January meeting or email me and I will return one to you. The 2003 applications do not have me listed as the Membership Director and have address information for the previous Director, Dianna Myers.

On behalf of the club, thanks to Dianna Myers for providing this service over the last two years!

Regards, Bob Smith Membership Director

Board Member Letters

From the President's Desk

By Harvey Elmes

First, I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for the show of confidence in electing me your President. I look forward to supporting the club and our hobby. The Board held its first meeting on January 6th and their enthusiasm and camaraderie indicates the exciting times ahead. With our club members and Board working together we will be able to strengthen and grow our club in 2004.

Our primary focus for club meetings will be the presentation of information on modeling and interesting topics concerning our hobby. In the future please send any and all concerns regarding the field and public flyers to our newsletter to be published, or call them into the Recs and Park. The newsletter will now be the forum to discuss these issues. The Recs and Parks Supervisors receive a copy of our newsletter and will address the problems accordingly. This will now open-up our meetings and allow more time for club information exchange.

Let us lead by example in closely following the field and AMA rules. This includes flying with an observer. It would be helpful if club members wore a hat, jacket or shirt identifying them to other club members. This would assist in locating observers. Ron Brawder will be presenting the cost for these items at our next meeting.

We will have a final version of the 2004 Field Schedule ready for approval at the January meeting. If you have any questions or comments this will be the time to discuss them. The first event will be an AT-6 race on Saturday, February 21st so mark your calendars now.

There are openings available for several key positions in the club. We still need a club Web Master. If this is your area of expertise please help us out. Also if you would like to become a Contest Director (CD), now is the time to sign-up. You will need to be mentored at two events in 2004 to become a CD by 2005. We need additional Starters and Assistant Starters for the races as well. The Hospitality position is still available. More than

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Contributions: Contributions are encouraged. Kit reviews, events, contest reviews, interesting models, photos, tips or anything that may be of interest to other SFVRCF members are welcome. Articles may be submitted via e-mail or other electronic media. Please contact the newsletter editor for more information on article submissions. The deadline for article submissions is midnight Saturday after the first Tuesday of each month.

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Membership Report – Continued

Pending AMA license verification, the following reflect memberships paid or earned for 2004 to date:

Ricc Bieber, Joseph Blanchette, William Bolin, Damian Bolin, Stephen Brawders, Ronald Brawders, Ed Chizma, Rick Cincis, Ron Clem, *Paul Daly, Harvey Elmes, George Finch, Edward Gappell, Steve Garrison, Sam Gengo, *Adam Green, Dave Hendrex, Rob Janiger, Mitch Kahn, Barry Leavengood, Gary LeMaster, Ron Nelson, Jay Replogle, Ralph Rosen, John Savage, Vic Schneidau, Bob Smith, Gene Sidwell, Jason Somes, Richard Sonheim, Michael Trudell, Ken Turner, * Robert Wiikari, Ken Wright and *Valerie Tymoczko. * Indicates new members.

If you know you have sent payment and provided an application for membership but do not see your name listed here, please contact me at flynbs@pacbell.net or by phone: 661-298-2614 or via US Mail at:

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Safety Views

By George Finch, Safety Officer

George Finch,



Windy day Tims found the Santa Anas a great time to fly and crash their second string aircraft. Since no helicopters were flying and the wind was across the runway at 20-30 knots, they used the heli circles. Sort of

reminds me about the cat and duck instrument flying method. When you are flying full size aircraft in weather without an instrument rating, you take a cat and a duck along. You let the cat out of the bag and then watch him, because as is well known, cats always rotate with their feet facing down. Then you throw the duck out of the plane. Ducks are too smart to fly in weather, so they head for the ground. All the pilot has to do is follow the duck down. But I digress. Windy Tims made multiple touch and goes, with only one Tim crashing severe enough to stop his flying. What the Tims never figured out was that some of the takeoffs were either toward the pits, or the wind was blowing their ships toward the pits, where a few of us were huddled, trying to keep warm and praying for less wind so the pylons would stay up and race practice could start. Actually, one Brave Sole waited and the wind died down enough for a safe flight. Unfortunately, Brave Sole found out the hard way that he had a battery pack that would not hold a charge.

For those that believe that a 40 size warbird isn't fast enough with a YS .91, the first of the YS 1.10 Dago Reds have begin to make appearances at the field. Just remember that much power increases the chances of structural failure so fly in a manner that the trajectory of the pieces will not intersect with the flight line or the pits. Actually, the Dago was trying unsuccessfully to fly formation with a turbine, so I expect to see a YS 1.40 crammed into a 40 size warbird soon.

Due to rules violations, Whittier Narrows model airport is now closed at 2:30 PM every day and pressure is being applied for a 12 noon closure. The rules breakers were crashing on the BMX track and in the rifle range. If you see violations of our rules, please remind the offender. As for a little silver lining, Dennis Moran has arranged for a race practice with pylons up at 2:30 PM the last weekend (both Saturday and Sunday) of every month. All AMA members are welcome.

When you are helping someone else, or have a new ship, a great idea is to have someone other than the builder make sure the plane is airworthy. Lately I have found a servo with no control horn screw, nylon clevis' that were not completely snapped together and/or no keepers, a quick link being used with a clevis having its pin through what should have been the rod hole, and a low pitch propeller whose hub was so narrow that the prop

nut was tightening up on the end of the crank threads before the propeller was tight so the engine kept throwing the prop.

I always check all the servos and their direction of travel just before or during the time I pull out on the runway, and impress my students how important such a check is, as it is the last chance to find something wrong cheaply. A couple of weeks ago I really impressed a student. Imagine a new member student and we are about to take off his RCM Trainer for the first time. The new Airtronics RD6000 has been range checked and everything is ready to go. I take over to check the radio system before takeoff by releasing the trainer button and everything in the encoder of the RD6000 quits, including the screen going blank! When I push the trainer button, the student has complete control but when I release it, nothing. I finally turned the transmitter's power switch off and on, the CPU in the encoder board apparently reset and everything appeared fine, even to Bobby Toms at Airtronics the next business day when Bobby replaced the student's transmitter.

I understand Daddy Tim got into an altercation, when someone suggested that having a two-year old running wild around the pits was not smart. A couple of LA's finest broke the fight up, took names but didn't arrest anyone.

This is the time when Christmas presents appear at the Basin in the hands of Clueless Tims. If you see someone who looks lost, or is trying to fly from a weird place, like across Woodley, offer to help him. The plane you save from a frequency conflict may be your own.

SAFETY, EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

NOTICE: RACING PRACTICE

Dennis Moran has arranged for both long and short course racing practice at Whittier from 2:30 to 5:00 both Saturday and Sunday the last weekends in January and February. If enough people show up, he will run a practice with the pylons up both days of every last weekend of the month for the whole year. AMA required. T-6, Trainer, Air Curiser, Slo Quickie, Q-40, and 424 and 428 Quickie.

Rotors and Motors

By Mike Trudell



Hello to all of the Valley Flyers rotorheads!

I am now serving as the new Valley Flyers Helicopter Director and I am looking forward to growing our organization.

Congratulations also to Bill Bolin as the Apollo XI Field Manager and the Helicopter Field Manager!

A few bits of background information about myself might not be out of order. I have been flying for two years now, starting with electric helicopters (Piccolo, Hornet and ECO 8), and progressing onto glow-powered helis (the X-Cell and Fury). It's because of the helpful folks at out field that allowed me to grow and I feel the need to give some of that back. I am also a professional pilot, and flight instructor, currently flying 727s, helicopters, gyroplanes, skydiving and occasionally, light airplanes.

A few things about the future. No doubt, most of you have heard about the proposal to move the existing fence in toward the parking lot and moving the pit tables under the tree for safety reasons. Although the plans have yet to be finalized and approved with the Recreation and Parks people, we are confident that this change will improve safety and add utility to the field.

We also would like to continue the LA Helicopter Classic tradition and provide an event this spring and again on Labor Day. Volunteers are always welcome and much appreciated. The first event scheduled for May, will be like the last single-day event, where all local and visiting helicopter pilots can get the whole field for one day. The second event, scheduled for the Labor Day weekend will be the large event, with contests, raffles and celebrity pilots.

As your helicopter director for the Board, it is my job to see that your concerns are addressed. So, if you have a concern, or an idea, let me know!

- Mike

Editors Note: While I have all the **Helicopter** pilots' attentions, this may be a good place to document the input from the Circle Burners agenda for 2004 so there will be no surprises this season.

Control-Line Circle Notes: According to Ron Duly of the Valley Circle Burners, "We will only require the "helicopter" circle three days during 2004 and, with this advance notice, hope to avoid any problems..." He credits the Helicopter folks for their cooperation for the short notice of a few of last year's events.

2004 Schedule for Control-Line Events at the Basin:

April 25 - Stunt Clinic: Front two circles closest to the parking lot.

August 15 - Roland Baltes Memorial Carrier/ and P-40 Stunt Contest: Three control-line circles plus the one "helicopter" circle from 8 to 3.

Sept. 19 - Stunt clinic: Front two circles closest to the parking lot.

October 2/3 - Hi Johnson Memorial Stunt Contest; Both days: Three control-line circles plus the one "helicopter" circle from 8 to 3

Dave Hendrex has made sure that the C/L events are listed on our 2004 event schedule as well. Ron will let us know if any other events are planned as soon as they are determined and we'll keep the club informed. A big welcome to Mike to the 2004 Board.

--Sam Gengo, Editor

Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes

November Club Meeting Minutes

by Ken Wright

November 25, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:47 by President Barry Leavengood.



OLD BUSINESS:

Barry spoke on two e-mails regarding safety. One about a three-year old wandering about the field. The second one was about a full-scale flight instructor observing R/C aircraft flying above the 400-foot height limit. Willie printed the second e-mail and it's available on the bulletin board at the field.

Proposed Bylaws changes:

Regarding the Board meeting prior to the regular meeting - The proposal was retracted. Regarding Members receiving a discount on events - This was voted down. Regarding dues payment change - This was voted down.

Nominations for Board positions are as follows:

President	Harvey Elmes first and seconded.
Vice President	Ron Brawdars first and seconded.
Treasurer	Ed Gappell first and seconded.
Safety Officer/Training	George Finch first and seconded.
Program Director	Video Vic and Ricc Bieber first and seconded.
Membership voted in	Video Vic for Program Director.
Event Director	Dave Hendrex first and seconded.
Helicopter Director	Mike Trudell first and seconded.
Secretary	Ken Wright first and seconded.
Membership	Bob Smith first and seconded.
Hospitality	<u>no nominations</u>
Field Manager	Bill Bolin first and seconded.

Christmas party is \$25 per person. Mail your check to Ricc Bieber.

NEW BUSINESS:

George Finch raised the issue of installing barriers between the pilot pad and the runway. George to provide a sketch detailing his ideas.

Harvey Elmes raised the issue of the account balances and what funds will be carried forward to the new Board. Donation to the Foundation is based on the treasury balance. Barry stated we will donate up to 2K to the Foundation, but won't let the balance fall below 5K. Also, Mitch has items that he is holding from the heli event. Barry will talk to Mitch.

November Show and Tell



Rick Cincis shows off the Extra 300L; 49" wingspan; and is using a Saito 72 four stroke for power.



Rick also has a T34 Mentor. After flight, the servo relaxed and it wasn't traveling the full distance. This will drain the battery.

November Club Raffle winners



Jeff won the plane.

Annual Worker's Raffle

A special thanks goes to Bob Smith for organizing the workers' raffle. If you don't already know Bob spends a lot of time throughout the year purchasing items for our monthly raffles in addition to the workers' raffle. Everyone that works in an event to support the club is a winner. Now you can't beat those odds. Without the support of the workers, our events would not be a success.

Valley Flyer's Officials Night
or
"Fun in the exercise room!"

by Bob Smith

First off, thanks to Jay Replogle for allowing the club to purchase all the officials gifts at cost! A lot of work for not very much in return on his part, but we appreciate it!

Was that a blast or what! **Harvey Elmes** and **Barry Leavengood**, event officials extraordinaire, finishing 1-2 in the number of event tickets collected for 2003 and... 1-2 in the official's drawing! It couldn't have been more fitting than that.

I hope everyone that attended enjoyed his or her gifts. I sure did. Stay tuned for 2004, when the saga will continue. Want to join in on the fun? Help officiate events in 2004 and you too, can reap the benefits.

The following folks have prizes coming to them and should see me at the January 27th meeting to claim them (or contact me for other arrangements):

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| Matt Carroll | BVM servo tray |
| Ernie Comstock | 2 glow plugs |
| Richard Dragin | Hot Stuff |
| Paige Dunlap | Hot Stuff |
| Bob Green | Sander |
| Greg Horwitz | Heli blades/plugs |
| Brian Kerr | Hitech servo |
| Bill Langham | fuel & Hitech servo |
| Jay Lowrey | Heli fuel |
| Art Major | sander |
| Jim McGinnis | sander |
| Dianna Myers | O.S. 50 heli engine |
| Ron Nelson | BVM servo tray & Hitech servo |
| Ralph Rosen | Hot Stuff |
| Video Vic | Hitech receiver & \$15 gift certificate |
| Jim Shaffer | fuel & sander |
| Gary Stevens | heli fuel |
| Scott Sweet | 4 plugs |
| Bob Wilcox | BVM servo tray & Hitech servo |
| Ben Wolf | Dubro Quick Starter |

Bob Smith - flynbs@pacbell.net - (661) 298-2614

Here are some pictures taken by Ken of the many prizes given out that evening.



More Photos of the Workers Raffle Giveaways:



See the Event Schedule in the back of this newsletter. Show up to help with the event. Be sure to get your name on that day's list of event workers. That's your ticket to some great end-of-the-year prizes!

We always need enthusiastic folks to help judging racing turns, lap counting, or helping with the snack stand or transmitter process. No experience necessary... we'll train you! And give you lunch. How can you beat that... and it's fun too!



Meeting was adjourned around 10 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2004

By Ken Wright

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Barry Leavengood.

In Attendance: Sam Gengo, Dianna Myers, Ken Wright, Bob Smith, Harvey Elmes, Dave Hendrex, Ed Gappell, Ron Brawdres, Vic Schneidau, Ricc Bieber, George Finch, Ron Nelson, Barry Leavengood and William Bolin.

Barry Leavengood: The signs are in process with a target date of Jan'04. The helicopter fence will not be moved at this time. The 2004 schedule will look pretty much like the 2003 schedule. We must be proactive to preserve the field.

Ricc Bieber: Needs about 14 more people for the holiday party.

Ron Brawdres: We need to coordinate events with the other clubs, i.e., Giant Scale and Black Sheep.

George Finch: He will provide a detail drawing on where to put the flying barriers.

Sam Gengo: Sam put together a sign-in sheet and Board Directory. Sam made a motion to put up a new wind indicator as the old one is ripped and faded. All voted in favor of this motion. Please send newsletter information to sam@valleyflyers.com. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the Saturday after the Board meeting. Next deadline is Jan 10th.

Dianna Myers: Dianna made new Board packets for the incoming Board and distributed membership and treasury files. The Club will need to buy a copy of Quick Books and Adobe Exchange in order to continue with the current procedure. Barry will get the signature card to add the new Treasurer.

Harvey Elmes: The following are delegated action items: Make sure that Vic and Ricc get together to go over the next holiday party; Develop a flyer to go in the newsletter for the club barbecue by March, and a flyer for the Christmas party by July; Ron to locate the hats, shirts and video library; All motions are to be spoken slowly and entered in the minutes; Flight coordinator to provide an inventory of training planes; We need to give credit to the flight instructors; Need to look out for a member of the month that is doing something positive for the club; and William to work on a map for the electric area.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM

Board Meeting Minutes of Jan 6, 2004

By Ken Wright

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Harvey Elmes.

In Attendance: George Finch, Sam Gengo, Mike Trudell, Ed Gappell, Dave Hendrex, Harvey Elmes, Vic Schneidau, Ron Brawdres, Bob Smith, Ken Wright, Bill Bolin; and guest Ricc Bieber.

Ricc Bieber – Holiday party was a success. The date for 2004 party will be December 11, 2004. The remaining balance due Ricc for the Holiday party is \$1,685.67.

Harvey Elmes – Rec and Parks is having a user meeting Jan 13th. 7:00 p.m. at 17015 Burbank Blvd. At the meeting, Harv will propose to have temporary field signs put in place. The club needs a webmaster, someone to run the snack stand and Contest Directors (CDs). Bill Bolin will check into getting someone to run the website. Harv wants the Board to consider changing the By Laws so that the new Board will take over at the transition meeting. Also, that the By Laws will not be published in an abbreviated format. Ed Gappell will take over hospitality and Steve Garrison will take over as treasurer. Dave Hendrex is going on line, so we will be able to contact him via the Internet soon. Action items: Call Recs and Park on the war bird race permit. Also, need to have the new bank account card signed.

Video Vic – Suggested doing a disciplined routine that could be scored. Vic is looking for new ways to gain club interest and educate new comers to the sport.

Ron Brawdres – Shirts may be in the back of the big trailer. Dave and Ron will look in the trailer tomorrow. Lancaster uniform has done business with us in the past, and Ron will do an order form for the newsletter.

Bob Smith – has checks for the treasurer - \$275 in membership fees; \$13 net from November giveaway. (\$167 income \$154 cost). Bob is working on the membership cards.

Bill Bolin – has had conversations with the electric pilots. They are apprehensive about moving to the end of the trailers. In regards to the heli pit area move, Bill has the drawings.

George Finch – commented on the war bird race. Since the race design is in violation of AMA rules, the site insurance would probably not apply. George has a meeting with Dave Brown in regards to the safety netting and FAI rules for record setting. He is also getting the Circle Burner event dates. George needs an old non-Z receiver for the trainer. Dave has one that might work. All of the students have an instructor. Whittier is having race practice 2:30 to 5:00 the fourth weekend Jan and Feb'04.

Sam Gengo – Newsletter deadline is this Saturday. You don't have to format the submissions; a Word document is preferred. Bill will put up the new wind sock. Suggested to move signs to the front of the fence so that they are easier to read. Suggested to increase the paved parking area. Sam suggested to have a 9X12 sign "R/C Surface vehicles are not permitted." Proposed to update the 2004 rules posted at the field when they become available.

Ed Gappell – is trying to locate the coffee maker. Ron will look in the shed.

Dave Hendrex – is working on the 2004 event schedule.

Mike Trudell – Someone painted "No helicopters" on the far circle near the river.

Move to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

Event Report

Last Race Of The Year

by Bob Smith

George Finch was the CD for the November 23rd racing event. We took in a little over \$700.00 before expenses, so we made a little profit.

Who helped out you say? Jacques Toselli, Ralph Rosen, Dick Waddell, Steve Garrison, Patty and Casey Miller, Bob Smith, Video Vic, Denis Moran, Fred Roberts, Gene Sidwell, Ken Wright (asst starter), Harvey Elmes (starter), Willie Gardner, Danny Coe, Chris Hoyer and Barry Leavengood. The Usual Suspects! Thanks everyone for your support!

There were 5 rounds completed for Q40, Q500 APRA and AMA classes. 29 entries based on my count with 25 pilots.

Q40 featured our own Chris Hoyer in 1st, Matias Salar in 2nd and Valley Flyer Danny Coe in 3rd! Bill Vargus had fast time of 1:03:91!

The AMA class featured Valley Flyer Travis Flynn in 1st and fast time of 1:08, Jacob Raquet in 2nd and Doug Killerbrew placed 3rd.

APRA Sportsman featured Clark Leadbetter in 1st, Valley Flyer Ron Clem in 2nd and Norm Teague was 3rd. Clark and Norm are from the Canyon Crosswinds Club. Gale Enstad had fast time of 1:35 and Ron Clem was fast time for the 9-lap class with 1:35:89.

Lot of Valley Flyer participation both on and off the course!

Thanks again, ladies and gentlemen!

Bob (the scorekeeper) Smith

Vice President's Corner

by Ron Brawdgers, VP

The club purchased T-shirts with our logo on the front and back in August of 2001. Some were sold to members, but the whereabouts of the remainder is a mystery. Also on the missing list is a box or two of videotapes. These tapes are instructional and informational tapes about our hobby that the club has collected. Will anyone who knows, or thinks they know, where either the T-shirts or the tapes are please give me or one of the other board members a call or e-mail. If you have any of the items and are coming to the next meeting, please bring them along.

We are considering purchasing baseball caps and polo shirts with pockets. The shirts and the caps will, of course, feature our logo and will be sold to the membership at cost. We are also looking at some nylon jackets, which Harvey will model at the next meeting. The jackets will be a special order item and will have your name and the club logo embroidered on them.

Name badges for the club with the club logo and "Member of the Valley Flyers" with the individual's name for \$3.50 can now be purchased at the meeting. Payments may be made at the meeting.

Following are some prices and pictures to give you some more information of what we may have the opportunity to obtain:

Solid Flexfit Cap w/ front logo.
\$13.00 ea.



Solid Headmaster Adjustable Cap #9112 w/ front logo. \$9.50 ea.



Cotton Delux Pique Polo Shirt w/ Pocket #20486
w/ logo on right chest and name above pocket.
\$21.10 ea.
XXL +\$2.00



Dunbrooke Satin Jacket w/ logo on left chest,
logo on full back, and name on right chest.

Flannel Lining \$54.50 ea.

Quilted Lining \$60.50 ea.

2X +\$2.00 ea. 3X +\$4.00 ea. 4X +\$5.00 ea.



An Old Friend Passes Away

by George Finch

Art Morganstern, the prior owner of Vinylwrite died suddenly of a heart attack during the week after New Years. Art was known for his resonant voice, honed by years as a disc jockey, his large slow airplanes and his willingness to produce just about any plane decoration out of vinyl. He was a fixture at the south-center end of the pits, expressing his opinion on just about everything. He has been missed since moving to Virginia last year, and now, sadly, he will not be back for his promised visits. Art was 64 years old.

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.

Wanted – Valley Flyer Web Master On page one of Harvey's Presidents corner, he mentions that the club needs a Web Master. On January 31st of this year, a few days from now, the site www.valleyflyers.com will no longer have a web host. We need someone to upload the current site to a new web host. Harv has a CD (Compact Disk, not Contest Director in this case) containing all our site data up to this point in time.

We will need someone with internet / web development experience to take the roll of Web Master for the Club. If you know anyone, please inform a board member ASAP. The qualifications do not require they be a club member! In preparation for the transition, I have set up a mailbox for Newsletter Editor at thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com to be used in the event we do not get the "@valleyflyers.com" mailboxes re-established immediately after the end of the month.

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 sam@valleyflyers.com. Ads must be submitted before the first Tuesday of the month.

Wanted: Digital Photographs of planes, pilots, and model aircraft of all types. If you've been following the Sepulveda Basin thread on RC Universe, you've seen some recent pictures from the field showing up. With digital cameras so plentiful nowadays, some of you even have them on your cell phones— why not share some photos with the club. Send in your photos and we'll print them right here on the pages of The Valley Flyer.

Send digital photos or text submissions to sam@valleyflyers.com

Tail Feathers

A Few Words From The Editor's Desk

by Sam Gengo

Here is another busy last-minute putting-together of The Valley Flyer. This month I told myself that I would print what was sent in by the members and board members and not contribute a column of my own right off the bat for the new year. But there is so much happening right now that I just cannot table it all for another month.

First off, there's wishing all of the club members as well as the readers of The Valley Flyer a happy and safe 2004. It is the beginning of a new year and a new era for the club. While nearly the entire Board of Directors has changed for 04, it is made up of a generous amount of experience as well as desire to change things for the better for our club and for our field. More importantly, to keep things exactly the way they are and the way they've been for a long time for those things that should be kept that way. Like another year of flying from our large, paved runway – the Apollo XI flying field – one of the best in the country for model airplanes!

You may have noticed some small but significant changes already out at the field. The old, faded, tattered and torn windsock has been replaced by a new one, ready to take on more seasons of strong cross winds as well as steady head winds for perfect landings. The signs at the field on the fences that welcome visitors to Apollo Field "Home of the Valley Flyers and Giant Scale Squadron" have been moved out in front of the fence where they are much more visible. Take a look... I'll bet many of you didn't even know they were there! The new field manager, Bill Bolin, has done these tasks and many others already. He has enthusiastically jumped right in to the new position with both feet. I want to thank Bill and his son for their hard work so far and it's still only January.

As many of you know, Harvey has served the Club as President in the past, but I guess he wanted another "lifetime of free membership" otherwise, why else would he be doing it again? Seriously, we are fortunate that Harvey stepped up to the plate. Thank you, Harv, on behalf of the entire club! A hearty **Welcome** to all the 2004 Board members: Please see the updated list on the first page of this newsletter. And sincere **Thanks** to the previous Board members who have served the club and done an outstanding job. Your work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

The Sepulveda Basin Users Group Meeting on January 13th was very informative and productive. I'm sure Harvey will bring us all up to date at the Club meeting on Tuesday – there is some new business that will be of interest to all that fly at the field.

Some of you may have noticed an increase in R/C Cars and other surface vehicles at the field in recent weekends. I approached them to inquire about the "event" they had set up in the dirt area of the parking lot. The idea seemed to be that they are misunderstanding the line on the rule list that says, "...no R/C cars or trucks..." and have taken it to mean, "...within the Pits" and not within the airfield. See my "Top 10 List" October 2003 issue for my opinions about the subject. We are planning signage to post much like the "No Rockets" signs so that the rangers will have something to point to if called out.

A few weeks ago, a very willing park ranger arrived in time to prevent bad manners from becoming physical injuries between a control line flyer and a parent of an RC car driver. The ranger was sympathetic for the flyer who had had his control line run over by the RC car and told by the parent, in so many words, that since the son was at the circle first, the flyer had no right to even ask to fly. There should be no situation to have to question as to who gets to have the privilege to use the control line circle to fly his control line airplane. That's what they were built for, not for RC cars, but for airplanes.

But even park rangers, with no sign, can sing no song of who is right or who is wrong. (Whoa... yeah, I just typed that last sentence, and you know what? I'm going to leave it in!) Signage has been a bit of a sore subject at the field in the past years, I know, but that is one of the things that we plan to make change in 04. Harvey will be providing us with some good news at the meeting about that as well.

The Event Schedule for the year is completed and it is a beauty! Thanks, Dave! Helicopter types, along with control-line pilots, will both appreciate the fact that we have put the Valley Circle Burners schedule on the VF Event listings this year. As usual, we plan to satiate your appetites for racing, jet flying, electric flying as well as the annual Engine Clinic & Fun Fly. Something new added this year: **A warbird race!** Will it happen for sure? Who knows... *come to the meetings and tell us what you think!* I will bring extra copies of the 2004 Apollo XI Event Schedule to the January meeting. You can take a copy to hang on your refrigerator without having to rip apart your newsletter. That way you can use those Hobby People coupons on the back as well.

Winds of Change: Not only are things going to be changing for the better in the coming year, but the actual winds are finally changing for the better at the field. We are not still out of the occasional Santa Ana winds from the North or those cross-winds from the East, but it we will be much more likely to make landings *into* the wind *and* left-hand turns. (See point 4 in my "Top 10 List" in the October issue.)

Video Vic has some great ideas planned for the upcoming Valley Flyer Club meetings. I have been doing some research for him for the presentation for the meeting on Tuesday and I have learned an incredible amount already about scale aerobatics. Just working with Vic a few weekend days out at the field, I've progressed from the occasional loop in my rectangular pattern to doing a decent hammerhead, knowing the difference between a split-S and an Immelman, performing a roll with control, and putting together a sequence of maneuvers. Working with skillful instructors or with a little bit a guidance, knowledge, and direction, anyone can tremendously improve his or her flying skills!

In the January Club meeting, Vic plans to give us some of all three as well as introduce to the Club an ongoing competition that we can all take part in. So don't miss the meeting! Unfortunately, we did have to cancel the lingerie show. Perhaps another time we'll have models! Model *airplanes*, I mean! Vic does, however, want to remind all you gentlemen that **Saturday, February 14th is Valentine's Day** and the ladies do appreciate it when we remember them. Treat her well so "the boss" will let you come out and play more often! Notice we don't have any flying-related events scheduled for the 14th. Coincidence? I think not!

Of course we'll have the usual opportunity of goodies to win on Tuesday evening as well as some goodies to eat and drink! One further reminder; the meeting is an easy way to help get that good feeling of *giving*, by bringing your dues that night so Bob can issue your new 2004 Valley Flyers card. Bob gladly accepts cash, checks, or containers of old worn-out glow plugs for payment. See that! You didn't know that you should have been saving them all these years!

See you at the meeting.
Happy Landings,

- Sam



Next Valley Flyers Event:

T-6 / AirCruiser
Slo Quickie
Trainer

Pylon Race
At the Sepulveda Basin
Saturday February 21st

Enter one enter all - All AMA members welcome!

New racers welcome... 1 or 2 lap handicap
for those who qualify.

Contact Contest Director Dave Hendrex for
more information at (323) 758-2935

We need volunteers to help serve snacks,
count laps, and keep an eye on those turns
about the pylons.

Sign up at this Tuesday's Club Meeting!



Community Recognition

This month we feature a few pictures to honor the fire fighters of Southern California who worked so hard and sacrificed so much as part of their daily work in fighting the tremendously destructive fires across California's forests, towns, and homes this past fall & winter of 2003.

I work with a volunteer fire fighter who has provided me with many outstanding pictures of those who put themselves in harms way in their efforts to help save the life and property of others. Many of the pictures he has were taken with his own camera while on a scene.

Here's to the men and women of Fire Departments everywhere. We appreciate you all. The photographs are without captions as they are self-explanatory.



2004 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.



2004 Club Meeting Schedule

January	27th	July	27th
February	24 th	August	24 th
March	23 rd	September	28 th
April	27 th	October	26 th
May	25 th	November	23 rd
June	22 nd	December	11 th (Holiday Party)

Board Meetings

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

<u>2004 Schedule</u>			
January	6 th	July	6 th
February	3 rd	August	3 rd
March	2 nd	September	7 th
April	6 th	October	5 th
May	4 th	November	2 nd
June	1 st	December	7 th

Notice of Meetings for the Sepulveda Basin Users

17015 Burbank Blvd. at Balboa – in the Recreation Center
(818)756-8189

Meetings start at 7 PM on the following Tuesdays:

January	13 th
April	13 th
July	13 th
October	12 th

The January meeting went very well and it gives the club a voice for the City Recreation and Parks for our flying field. For more information on attending a meeting, see Harvey or any of the Valley Flyer Board members.

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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
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Smith Brothers David	8941 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 10-5)	(818) 885-8636

Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2004

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)			
FEBRUARY						
21	SAT	VF	T-6 / AirCruiser / Slo Quickie / Trainer Pylon Race	Dave Hendrex	(323) 758-2935	dha@valleyflyers.com
MARCH						
14	SUN	GS	Fly In	Marv Zauss	(818) 768-0855	mzauss@earthlink.net
27	SAT	VF	L.A. Jet Rally	Bob Wilcox	(818) 203-4923	bgwc@earthlink.net
28	SUN					
APRIL						
16	FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500/APRA/AMA Pylon Races	George Finch	(310) 459-1577	gwinch@aol.com
17	SAT					
18	SUN					
25	SUN	VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 Circles	Ron Duly	(818) 843-1748	
MAY						
2	SAT	VF	Heli Fun Fly	Mitch Kahn	(818) 708-9725	mknla@juno.com
16	SUN	VF	Fun Fly/Engine Clinic	Harvey Elmes	(661) 252-0367	helves@thevine.net
23	SUN	N/A	War Bird Race - Tentative	No official CD yet		
JUNE						
13	SUN	GSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Dave Hendrex	(323) 758-2935	dha@valleyflyers.com
25	FRI ½ Day	VF	Howard Reed Memorial Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races	Barry Leavengood / Chris Hoyer	(818) 998-4564	bl10@aol.com
26	SAT					
27	SUN					
JULY						
24	SAT	VF	T-6 / AirCruiser / Slo Quickie / Trainer Pylon Race	Chris Hoyer / Barry Leavengood	(818) 348-3492	bl10@aol.com
AUGUST						
6	FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races	Chris Hoyer	(818) 348-3492	
7	SAT					
8	SUN					
10	TUESDAY	VF	Camp Encino Training Session	Harvey Elmes	(661) 252-0367	helves@thevine.net
15	SUN	VCB	Carrier/P-40 Contest – 4 Circles	Ron Duly	(818) 843-1748	
27	FRI	VF	Helicopter Classic	Mitch Kahn	(818) 708-9725	mknla@juno.com
28	SAT					
29	SUN					
SEPTEMBER						
12	SUN	GSS	Giant Scale Fly In	John Curran	(818) 701-9663	fly300s@aol.com
19	SUN	VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 circles	Ron Duly	(818) 843-1748	
26	SUN	VF	Fun Fly	Open		
OCTOBER						
2 - 3	SAT SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Mem C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	Ron Duly	(818) 843-1748	
10	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato	(818) 842-5062	
24	SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ	Bob Smith	(661) 298-2614	flynbs@pacbell.net
NOVEMBER						
7	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato	(818) 842-5062	---
19	FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races	Greg Horwitz	(818) 609-7633	gshorwitz@aol.com
20	SAT					
21	SUN					
DECEMBER						
11	Sat Night	VF	Valley Flyers Holiday Party	Vic Schneidau	(818) 503-4697	videovic8@yahoo.com
12	SUN	GSS	Toys-for-Tots - Open to all sizes	Darrel Martin	(818) 368-1488	mmartin168@aol.com

½ Day: Although the schedule states ½ day for the first day of a multi day event, the field may 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 the field will always be open for sport flying during the practice day morning.

AMA	Academy of Model Aeronautics	Official national body for model aviation in the United States
APRA	Arizona Pylon Racing Association	Quickie pylon racing rules committee
BSS	Black Sheep Squadron	Peanut scale, miniature, electric, and indoor aircraft
GSS	Giant Scale Squadron	Giant Scale flying club
VCB	Valley Circle Burners	Control Line (C/L) flying club – The 4 events do not effect runway activities.
VF	Valley Flyers	San Fernando Valley R/C flying club

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