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**Remember – The Valley Flyers
 General Club Meeting is
 Tuesday, February 24th at the**

Membership Report

By Bob Smith

Membership Applications in The News! The following list reflects modelers that have signed on as new members of The Valley Flyer's as of January 29th. On behalf of The Valley Flyer board, welcome! For those of you that are new pilots, you will see George Finch listed as the Flight Coordinator. Please contact him to arrange for any training needs you might need. If you are a new member, applied by mail and find it inconvenient to attend the actual meeting, please call me at 661-298-2614 or email me at flynbs@pacbell.net and I will see that you get a membership 'package' by mail. There is important information regarding club bylaws and the architecture/rules of the field for you to review. **Again, thank you and welcome aboard!**

If you are a new member and are also signing up for AMA insurance, please advise me of your AMA number as soon as you receive it. Phone, email or US mail will suffice. For those that renewed their membership, thank you and welcome back! If you haven't yet sent in a 2004 renewal application yet, it is available online at the Valley Flyer web site and a hardcopy for your convenience is being included in this month's paper mailings as well.

New members for 2004	Debbie Schram	Valerie Tymoczko
Thomas Gabor	James Sokoloff	Hunter Thompson
Jerry Jarvis	David Tarlau	Clinton Whitman
Anthony Orefice	Robert Tarlau	Bernard Yoo

Curious about the membership count? It's currently at 75 members and counting. Brought to you by...

Bob Smith, Membership Director 2004
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Board Member Letters

From the President's Desk

By Harvey Elmes

So far it's been a cold, wet and windy February. Hope you've been able to get in some flying. I've been kept in the hanger too many days. I'm ready for spring and warmer days.

January's meeting was very entertaining as Video Vic acted out how to fly a pattern using a plane on a very long stick. But on the serious side, he would like to start training pilots who want to learn to fly basic patterns. If you're interested you can sign up at the meeting. Maybe this can lead to a contest during a Safe-fly later in the year.

This month Mike Trudell, Director of Helicopters and an accomplished pilot and parachutist will be the guest speaker. As always we will have show and tell. Please reserve the show-and-tell as a time to present models that are in progress or completed. The members are interested in what you like about the plane or any problem areas. This is a good way to review products. While we are always interested in new products for our hobby, members who have a business and would like to demonstrate their wares need to contact the Program Director, Vic Schneidau, so that he can schedule you as a guest speaker.

Our first event of the year is an AT-6, Air Cruiser, Slo Quikie, and Trainer race. It will be on February 21st. We need more officials to run the event. Please sign up at the meeting. I'll be there and I hope to see you either as an official, a participant or both.

We need a minimum of 24 shirt orders before the supplier will do the silk-screening. If you don't have a Valley Flyer shirt please consider ordering one. Wearing a club shirt at the field encourages safe flying and promotes the Valley Flyers. At this next meeting let's see if we can fill the chairs with people wearing their Valley Flyers Shirts.

Good flying,
 Harv

Valley Flyers ~ Board of Directors - 2004

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Treasurer's Report

By Steve Garrison

As of February 9, 2004: There are no outstanding deposits or receipts in my possession. Our current account balances are:

Checking	\$1,706.06
Savings	<u>2,656.99</u>
Total	\$4,363.05

Accounting for the 2003 Holiday Party is now complete. The club cost was \$2,084.62. Thank you to Ricc Bieber for another outstanding job.

Our current balance is one of the lowest I can recall in my experience as treasurer. Please remember this when you are in a position to incur expenses on the club's behalf. Thank you.

The Discount Syndrome

By Bob Smith

Did you ever wonder what that list of Hobby Shop names on the back of your membership card meant? The same information is also on the back of the club's newsletter. It reflects a list of Hobby Shops that have a tradition of supporting The Valley Flyers in many different ways.

Some provide fuel for racing events at a greatly discounted price and on occasion at no cost! Others provide engines and various gifts at Safe Fly events. One provides products at cost for the monthly 'give away' at our meetings! Some also provide additional training support to helicopter and fixed wing aviation enthusiasts. All have supported the club over time.

However, not all of them offer the 10% discount on their products. Please call the place of business before deciding to make your visit and purchase, and determine whether or not a discount is offered.

Thanks again to our local hobby shops for their support! You cannot learn to fly or hand carry that building project problem into a hobby vendor residing in another state.

Bob Smith, Membership Director

Safety Views

By George Finch, Safety Officer

As I tell my students, an R/C plane is like a beautiful woman. If you don't take care of her, she will leave you, and even if you take care of her, she eventually will either leave you, or get so old, wrinkled, and oil soaked, you won't care what she does. Anyhow, I had this beautiful RCM Trainer whose wings were held on by small metric screws. Apparently, one of my students, using the runway, modified the balance of the propeller just enough to vibrate the wing screws out. I heard a strange noise and was preparing to land it when the wings came off and my beautiful RCM transformed itself into a maple seed and a lawn dart. If you have an RCM Trainer, I suggest you convert the metal wing hold down screws to 1/4-20 nylon bolts.

This month, all the Tims were ratted out by their friends. I missed them, probably because a couple of weekends, I was either blown away or my hands went numb from the cold and I left too early to catch them.

CanDo Tim flying a U Can Do 3D was reported putting on a show that had the folk in the north pits diving for cover. After taking off from the taxiway, he proceeded to do a rolling circle right over the pits, just missing the trees

and the scattering pit dwellers. Apparently there are Tims out there that assume their superior flying skills will save them and others no matter what goes wrong. I was present during the original layout of the present field, and although my input was negligible, I remember discussions about placing the pits back from the runway for safety. The old field was at what is now the corner of Woodley and Burbank, and there was little separation between the pits and the runway. The ample separation we now enjoy does no good when Tims don't use it.

A well known pilot crashed his beautiful GeeBee on the east side of the runway. Now a crash can happen to anyone and normally doesn't warrant a Tim title, except when after crashing, you call all your unknowing accomplices and girl friends out to help pick up parts, or just stand there discussing the state of the field next to the runway while three turbines are whizzing by and trying to land. The parts of a crash are never worth the risk to those body parts you can't afford to lose. When you need to retrieve an aircraft, use a minimum number of bodies and get out of the danger zone as swiftly as possible. There is no need to accumulate a mob and stand adjacent the runway when lethal amounts of momentum are passing by.

The opposite extreme is the Tim that had some sort of radio problem and crashed in the middle of the runway, spreading pieces everywhere and effectively cutting the useful runway length in half. Instead of dashing out, when safe, and gathering at least the biggest chunks, he left the whole mess on the runway for fifteen minutes while he looked for a scanner to see if he could identify whether his problem was caused by a real radio hit, or just a bad radio. When you crash on the runway, walk behind the other pilots to the position 90° from the plane, then, after making sure all the other pilots know you are on the runway, trot out, scoop up the parts and retreat at least to behind the pilot pads before doing an inventory. If you crash on the runway, there won't be many usable parts left anyhow.

A crash can happen to anyone and normally doesn't warrant a Tim title, except when after crashing, you call all your unknowing accomplices ... to help pick up parts, or just stand there next to the runway while three turbines are whizzing by, trying to land.

Then my favorite, HumV Tim came out with a warbird sporting a YS 1.20. He asked another pilot to check it out for him (a good thing) and then, after Tim was told the engine or mount or something else was loose (a bad thing), he went ahead and flew it anyway (a dumb thing). Perhaps he doesn't understand how tail heavy and uncontrollable any plane is when the engine departs. Anyhow, the engine stayed on, no one was injured by a spinning warbird and Tim did not have to make one of his many trips out in the weeds with his monster vehicle, to look for pieces, and chase poor bunnies out of cover and into the waiting talons of the organic free-flights.

After the AMA show, an AMA Official dropped by the Basin to wonder at its operation and was engaged in a discussion about AMA insurance. Seems that half the claims are "slip and falls" at AMA airfields, which the Basin is not. The next quarter of the total claims have propellers involved, you know those devils that tend to disappear from view when they are at their most dangerous. Back when I started flying model airplanes, the props were wood, a forty was a huge engine, and Schnuerle porting was unknown. Then, a finger in a prop meant a sore digit or perhaps a cut that stopped bleeding before my mom saw it. Now, most engine-prop combinations will produce an amputation! Never take a prop for granted, because like a strange dog (or the beautiful women mentioned above), they can bite at unexpected times.

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 Cruiser, Slo-Quickie, Q-40, and 424 and 428 Quickie.

Rotors and Motors

By Mike Trudell

Now that we're (hopefully) beginning to see some better weather and more opportunities to go flying, let's put out some stuff to keep in mind. I know we need the rain, but I also like to keep sharp.



We have thankfully seen continuous new faces at the helicopter end, and it is very rewarding for me to see the progression of folks that start off initially learning about their machines, how to set them up and maintain them, watching folks learning to hover with the wiffle balls, then taking them off, then learning nose-in hover, forward flight, autorotations and aerobatics! Since we have such a diverse group at the Valley Flyers, we must remain aware of the dangers associated with model helicopters as well, considering the rapid number of new faces we all see. I know it is extremely tempting to "hang it out" when watching the skygods around us, and the desire to grow as fast as possible would make most of us consider risks that we (and our wallets) would otherwise not entertain. Keep in mind the basic AMA rules and place particular emphasis on those who might be watching from the fence. For the vast majority, we thank you and I remind myself as well to maintain safe practices.

One of the most rewarding aspects of owning and flying model helicopters is getting to know that machine (or machines) inside and out. From personal experiences, if I have witnessed a change in the model's behavior (even if it's subtle), it usually means something's in need of attention. While installing new high performance servos in my electric Logo 20 for example, I noticed some binding in the controls from the servo control rods to the swashplate. I then remembered how the helicopter had degradation in handling from earlier flights. Unless I removed the flight controls myself and checked them on a regular basis, I would never know that problems were accumulating! I had become quite accustomed to not having to clean my electric helis after flying, a true joy! However, cleaning the mainshaft and a little light coating of oil was all that was needed.

These rewarding little machines really do require the same attention as their full size counterparts! What doesn't help us end users is the lack of decent maintenance details that come with our kits, and we are left to rely on the virtual mountains of information in online forums to find solutions to problems that occur. Most of the time, the problem is a simple one and if you're having problems with your machine, trust that the solution might be easier that you think!!

If I may post a little unsolicited plug, check out <http://runryder.com>. It is an R/C helicopter forum that users can exchange experiences, help others with problems and is a great learning resource. It has a great search engine and subjects are easily broken down to cover just about all of the varieties of models out there. Give it a look.

Finally, make sure to forge ahead in your own learning. Having help in assembly, setup and flying is a great way to get started but make sure that you're progressing independently. Don't become disturbed if the progress seems slow, just be satisfied that it is progressing.

For what it's worth, here's a list of my personal progression in learning to fly helicopters.

- Hovering tail in
- Hovering nose in
- Pirouettes
- Forward flight (stretched 8s – outfacing, then infacing)
- Hovering autorotations
- Power recovery autorotations
- Full-down straight-in autorotations
- Stall turns (180 and 540 degrees)
- Loops
- Rolls
- Flips
- Pirouetting autorotations
- Sideways rolls
- Inverted hovering
- Inverted forward flight
- Backward flight
- Death Spirals
- Rolling tailslides
- Tick-Tocks
- Outside loops
- Funnels
- Inverted backwards flight

And so on...

What's Happening – Field Events

By Dave Hendrex, Event Director

The schedule of events is cranking up with our first activity of the year on the **21st of February**. This is the time for experienced race officials to brush up on their skills, and first timers to get a feel for the various functions involved in supporting our clubs racing events. This event is the opening round of club pylon racing for the season. Classes participating are "Trainer," Bridi "Aircruiser," .25 size House of Balsa / Global ARF AT-6, and Slow Quickie. See full-page Flyer in this issue! We will conduct two races, while the San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League (Whittier Narrows) normally holds four races, so there is some club rivalry involved in the series. Our members came out on top at the end of last season in three of the classes.

These races will use the three pylon (isosceles triangle) "1/2 A" course that measures 298 feet high with a 60-foot base. The size of the course, 660 feet (1/8th mile) per lap, makes for some exciting action, then throw in a "flying start" for the AT-6s to add some tactics to the mix and it really gets to be fun.

The race official requirements are: Four people for the lap counting station, a cut judge for each of the three pylons, starter and assistant starter, matrix master, and pit boss/registration. The addition of a "recorder" with the cut judges would make their lives much simpler. If you would like to have the "Best Seat in the House," come on out and help with the events throughout the year. From first hand knowledge of the proceedings at these events, I can guarantee you will have a wonderful day in the sun and fresh air. The first heat is scheduled to go off by 08:30 AM, so plan to be at the field by 07:30.

The next event will be the L.A. Jet Rally on the 27th and 28th of March featuring the bubbling personality of Bob Wilcox as Contest Director.

LA Jets
March 27th & 28th – Sepulveda Basin
CD Bob Wilcox 818-203-4923

Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes

January Club Meeting Minutes

Club Meeting – January 27, 2004

By Ken Wright

Meeting was called to order by President, Harvey Elmes at 7:27 PM who also led in the flag salute. The minutes from the Board meeting were accepted by the membership.



OLD BUSINESS:

Club Schedule: Motion carried to accept the 2004 event schedule.

Need board members for Hospitality, web master and public relations. George Finch knows of someone to be the web master.

Treasurer's report: \$3,684 balance.

NEW BUSINESS:



George Finch presents the 2003 Reed Packard award to Sam Gengo for his outstanding contribution to the club.

Harv and a few other club members attended the Rec and Parks user meeting. The Rec and Parks stated that they haven't received any electronic samples of the desired signage. Once they are provided a copy of the signs in MS Word, they will laminate and place them in the designated areas. Designs have been submitted to add wheelchair access to the pilot pads.

Dave Hendrex will CD the AT-6 race Feb 21st. The classes include trainer, air cruiser, AT-6 and slo quickie. Please sign up to race or help out.

Valley Flyers club Jackets, shirts, hats, and badges are available for sale to the club members. Ron Brawders (Vice President) is heading up the sales.

The rental for the meeting room has gone up \$15 per hour.

Guest Speaker

Video Vic has an idea for all of us to participate in. In a lively and entertaining presentation, he introduced to the club a contest of scale aerobatics that everyone can take part in. Basically, there are a series of maneuvers and the pilot is scored by an observer. These maneuvers appear to be quite easy, however, when someone is scoring you it changes the perspective. He handed out booklets describing each of the maneuvers and a sequence that he and Rob Janiger have worked out. For details, see Video Vic at the field or you may get in touch with him at 818-424-8900 for more information.

January Show and Tell

Chuck – T6 with an OS-25. He used a Tupperware cowl and the engine is mounted upright. Weight 2.5 lbs.



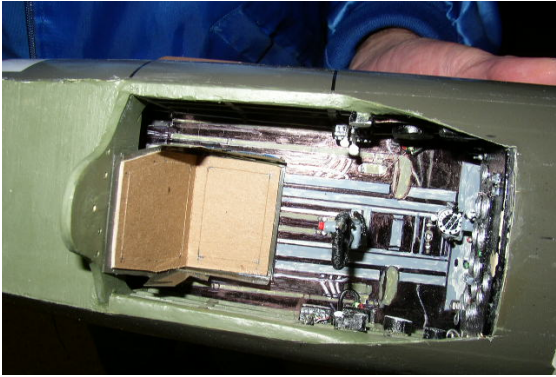
Bruce – Top Flight Zero. 8 lbs 3 oz with a Saito 91 four stroke.



Harv – Brought in a Kyosho Spitfire fuselage that he has been adding a great deal of detailing to.



Harvey included several custom-made scale parts such as a mirror, windshield wipers, and a very impressive gunner sight.



Notice the extensive cockpit detail of Harv's Spitfire.

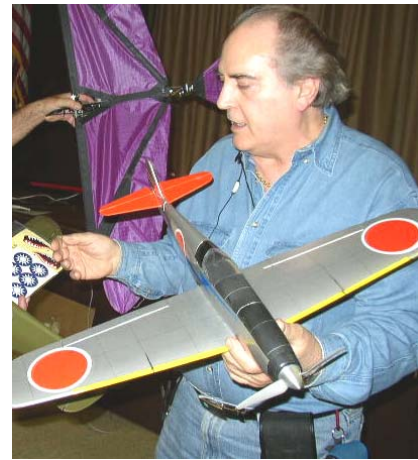
Bob – Dragon Lady. This is a sweet flying airplane nicknamed "Spin Queen". Weight is 10 lbs 2 oz. This almost ready to cover (ARC) is covered with Ultracote™ and MonoKote.™ Power is a pumped OS 1.08.



Jeff – Brought an electric helicopter and a Dave Brown flight simulator.



Tony –With a P40 Warhawk and an electric Extra 300.



The Raffle Table



Some of the January goodies and prizes like the ones available at every Valley Flyers Club meeting. Will you win the next big prize? Come join us on Tuesday the 24th and find out!

February Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2004

By Ken Wright

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Harvey Elmes.

In Attendance: Bill Bolin, Sam Gengo, Rob Janiger, Harvey Elmes, Victor Schneidau, Mike Trudell, Steve Garrison, Ron Brawders, Ed Gappell, George Finch, Bob Smith, Ken Wright, Dave Hendrex and special guest, Willie Gardner.

Harvey Elmes – Rec and Parks is going ahead with the helicopter move. Sam will send Parks and Recs a copy of the signs electronically. Patrick Ashour will be our new webmaster. Sam will look into the cost of making event schedule signs. **Recommended and Board okayed to post the schedule showing the events only; no open weekends.** For the helicopter classic, Mike will find out if they are going to have the event and costs for t-shirts and hats. Rec and parks will be putting in six handicap access paths to the flight pads. George will write a letter to the individuals that wrote bad checks.

Video Vic – The next program will be on the Sylmar hang gliders.

Mike Trudell – would like to organize helicopter training, and is working with Vic on a helicopter preflight video.

Ron Brawders – has a firm bid of \$17.50 for polo shirts, but needs a minimum order of 24; caps are about \$9.50. **Motion passed to buy the minimum number of hats for the next meeting.**

Steve Garrison – showed two reimbursement forms. The first is for CDs to complete for each event; income and expenses are to be listed. The second is for miscellaneous expenses. The club's net balance is \$4,368.16.

Ed Gappell – we will have coffee at the next meeting.

Dave Hendrex – will contact CDs about their events.

George Finch – needs more Tims to report. We also need more trainer cords for the new square style of Futaba connector jacks. **Motion passed to buy two new trainer cords that will convert from traditional (round connector) to new style.** Dave Hendrex to procure the cords.

Bill Bolin – Bill to lead a committee with Willie and George to work up a plan for field improvements.

Sam Gengo – Helicopter training that Mike proposed will be a value-added benefit to help out our club. Are we going to have a flyer for the LA Jet event? Article due date is Sunday night. Sam suggested if anyone has carpet to bring it for the park flyer area. George will look out for some carpet (fuzzy vinyl).

Rob Janiger – There are more and more jets, so fly safe. AMA is trying to pass a new set of rules for the jets.

Bob Smith – has prizes left over from 2003, and membership cards have been mailed to all the new members. Updates for the AMA roster have been sent. Bob will write a letter to the members who have let their membership lapse.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Members Corner

A Product Review

By Bruce Snider

Sig Stix-It – Makes MonoKote™ Stick!

A few months ago, I purchased a pint can of Sig Stix-It at Hobby Shack. I wondered for a while if it was really the right product to make MonoKote stick well to balsa wood. I wanted to know how well it would work, so before using it on my model, I performed an experiment.

I cut three 3" squares of thin balsa wood. I vacuumed the dust off all and prepared the samples with the following coatings:

- Aerogloss Clear Dope
- Sig Stix-It
- bare (no coating applied)

I let the coating dry for several hours, then I cut dove gray MonoKote into 3" x ½" strips and ironed four strips onto each balsa sample. I set up a beam device, which converted an upward pull to a downward pressure on a digital scale.

For each sample, I pulled back the MonoKote strip a bit from the edge to get a grip, then gripped the MonoKote either with a binder clip or with a small Channel Lock plier. I measured the force required to pull the strips away from the balsa, pulling each strip directly back. The weight of the Channel Lock plier or binder clip was added to each scale reading. The weight of the Channel Lock plier was 182 g, hence the one reading I got with bare wood was so low that the strip pulled off under the weight of the Channel Lock alone. After that happened, I switched to using the binder clip for the low adhesion bare wood and clear dope.

I got the following readings (in grams):

Wood Coating	Strip 1	Strip 2	Strip 3	Strip 4
Aerogloss Dope	294	302	250	304
Sig Stix-It	1442	1026	broke	658 (tore)
Bare (no coating)	<182	156	170	234

The removal force with Stix-It was much greater than bare wood or doped wood! I'm sure I would have got high readings with all four strips, probably over 1000 g, but in two cases the strips tore or broke before I got a true reading. The difference in measurements between Stix-It and Clear Dope is statistically significant. Clear Dope adds a bit to MonoKote adhesion; at least it makes adhesion more consistent.

Stix-It has a tendency to produce bubbles below the surface of the MonoKote. To reduce the number of bubbles produced, it helps to set the iron at a moderate level.

Stix-It does not add much weight to a model, even if it is applied all over the exterior. I did not measure, but it appears that I used only about four ounces of liquid for the Top Flite AT-6 Hollywood Zero kit have been building. I covered the whole exterior. The weight of the dried Stix-It was maybe a couple of ounces. This model has a 72-inch wingspan.

Editors Note: Thanks, Bruce, for sharing the results of your interesting, descriptive, and scientific experimenting of this product for us. Keep us up on how your AT-6 project is progressing.

Classifieds

For Sale: Magnum XL 4 Stroke .91 AR Engine Brand-New in box. Never run nor used. Retail price was \$190. Asking \$100. Please call Stan Gordon at **818-781-4118** if interested.

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.

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

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.

Tail Feathers

A Few Notes From the Editor's Desk

By Sam Gengo

Noticed some changes in the Valley Flyers web site, lately? The Valley Flyers would like to welcome Patrick Ashour as the new Valley Flyers web master. Patrick has uploaded the information from our the existing site created by Dianna Myers and has updated the 2004 information including the new Board of Directors, Field Events schedule, and meeting dates.

I encourage everyone to visit www.valleyflyers.com and check out the information. Some additions in the near future will include an expanded variety of model aviation-related links. I think that a link to current weather at the basin may be useful as well as freeway traffic conditions. If you would like to see anything in particular added to the Club's site, feel free to tell us what you would like... make this site your own. Send Patrick or myself an email.

Applications for Membership: Included online is the current 2004 Membership Application for the Club. If you have any old copies on your hard drive or at your desk, please discard them. I am including in the US postal mailing of this month's newsletter a hardcopy of the application. If you haven't yet renewed your 2004 membership, Bob Smith would like you to fill out this new application. For those of you that do not need it (many of you have already renewed... Thanks!) please feel free to pass the application onto someone that may be interested in joining the club.

Thanks for reading The Valley Flyer™ and thanks to those who participated in contributing towards its content including the articles, show-and-tells, and members who participate in the monthly prize giveaways. See you at the next meeting on Tuesday the 24th or at the field. Remember the RACE on Saturday February 21st as your participation as a contestant or worker is very much appreciated. If you have never worked a race before, this is a great one to get started on. And it's fun! If you have worked races before, we could use some experienced help as well. I'm looking forward to a great time for all. And for those of you thinking about racing for the first time, this is a good one even for newbies to try their hand at trainer racing. See you all there!

Until then... may your number of take-offs and landings always be the same!

--Sam Gengo

2003 Year End Gifts

By Bob Smith

In the January newsletter, I reported on gifts remaining to be claimed by the 'Event Officials' membership. Dianna Myers, Art Major, Video Vic and Jay Lowrey are members that have collected their prizes. I will bring the items to the February meeting for the opportunity to make the final claim. If you cannot attend and want to claim your gift, please call me at 661-298-2614 or email me at flynbs@pacbell.net. Otherwise they will revert back to the club for the 'gift pool.'

--Bob Smith

Memory Lane or Time Flies!

I have to point out an error I made in the 2004 Membership package cover letter. The date of the installation of the new runway was May 4th 1973. So... this past May we missed the opportunity to celebrate the Apollo Eleven's runway 30th anniversary! Long may she live!

Regards, Bob Smith





RACE'N AT THE BASIN

Saturday, February 21st

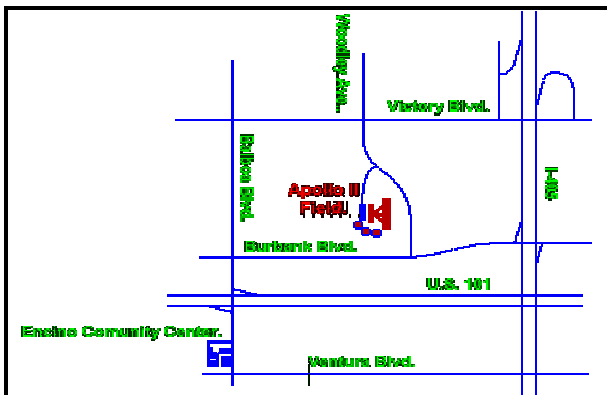
Practice starts at 1:00 PM Friday the 20th

Trainer (13,500 rpm limit)
Air Cruiser (16,000 rpm limit)

T-6 (16,000 rpm limit)
Slo Quickee (13,500 rpm limit)

\$15 entry fee for 1st event, \$10 for 2nd event, \$5 for 3rd & 4th events

Trophies to 3rd place each class!



- Proof of 2004 AMA membership required
- Hard Hats Required
- No fuel supplied
- Registration closes 8:30 AM Saturday

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George W. Finch (310) 459-1577
Barry Leavengood (818) 998-4564

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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	27 th	July	27 th
February	24th	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.

2004 Schedule			
January	6 th	July	6 th
February	3 rd	August	3 rd
March	2nd	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.

SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

eHobbies.com Brian Carlevato	14325 Alondra Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638 Valley Flyers Online discount will be deducted in the shopping cart by using link from the Valley Flyers website.	(877)eHobbies (346-2243)
Evet's Model Shop Colby Evett	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun Closed)	(310) 452-2720
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
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 gwfinch@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 helmes@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 helmes@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



San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers

2004 Application for Membership



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date of Application _____ / _____ / _____

Name _____

AMA Membership Number[^] _____

[^]Current AMA membership is required to be a SFVRCF member, failure to supply a valid/current AMA number within 45 days of application will void SFVRCF membership.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

I am a certified AMA CD (Contest Director). Yes/No

I am a member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. INITIAL

I would like to receive my newsletter "The Valley Flyer" via (Please circle one) Internet US Mail

As a member of San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers I agree to abide by the San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers Club bylaws, AMA rules, the Apollo XI Field regulations, and the normal standards of conduct and courtesy.

Signature _____

Membership Type	
Check Applicable Description	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Family Member	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other*	
* Please explain	

Interests	
Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning to fly	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Park Flyers
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning to build	<input type="checkbox"/> Pylon Racing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Flying	<input type="checkbox"/> Jets
<input type="checkbox"/> Pattern	<input type="checkbox"/> Giant Scale
<input type="checkbox"/> Scale Models	<input type="checkbox"/> Helicopters
<input type="checkbox"/> R/C Combat	<input type="checkbox"/> 3D Aerobatics

I'll help with
Check all that apply
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instruction
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Instruction
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Contests
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Maintenance

Membership Feed Back

Please give us your comments on how you feel about the club/field or other items you think can be improved or things you would like to see happen:

Based on the prior year's events, how would you like the schedule to look in 2005?

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