



# The Valley Flyer



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**Remember – The Next Valley Flyers Club Meeting is Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Encino Community Center**

*Bring Your Transmitters!*

## Board Member Letters

**From the President's Desk**  
By Harvey Elmes

October is here and the weather is still great for flying. It's been a little windy and we're keeping our fingers crossed for the Club BBQ and fly this Sunday. Last year we were almost blown away, but the food and fun went on.



We have quite a few events coming up. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the Halloween Carnival at the Encino Center. They count on us to help support them. We would be charged a \$45 facility charge in addition to the \$18 per hour for the use of the room but they waive the fee because in the past we have supported their events. There are three different time slots open to help. They need help setting up on Saturday from 12 to 4 P.M. and from 8 to 11:30 A.M. Sunday and from 1 to 5 P.M. working in a booth. Any of these times will get you home in time for your neighborhood Trick-or-Treaters. So far only three people have signed up to help.

*Please support us with this!*

November 13<sup>th</sup> is the bus trip to March Air Force Base to view WWII and cold war aircraft. There is room for seven more on the bus. The cost is \$15 for the bus and \$3 entry. You can either bring your own lunch or buy it there. Contact Joe Guzzardi by phone 818-882-7651 or email au088@lafn.org.

November 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> is the Q500 race. It takes about 20 officials per day. Lunch will be provided. George Finch is the CD. Please see him or sign up at the meeting.

December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Giant Scale Squadron's annual Toys for Tots. This is a great chance to help needy children and have fun flying at the same time.

I turned a drawing into the Recs and Parks Dept. for a wheel chair ramp to be installed from the parking lot to the Restrooms and also to designate a second Handicap parking spot at the South end of the field.

We have several flyers in wheelchairs and we want things to be accessible to them. I will follow up by phone to help expedite this.

We still have open positions for the 2005 Board: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Snack Bar Hospitality. Without people to run the club, there is no club.

Hope to see you at the field or at the meeting. Good flying!  
Harv

## Membership Report

By Bob Smith, Membership Director

**NEW MEMBERS!** Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the Valley Flyers:

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Bob Bodie    | Gonzalo De Vivero |
| Sid Erickson | Bill Evans        |
| Fred Fishel  | David Strassman   |
| Tac Tronix   |                   |

The membership count through September 2004 is 157. If you are a new member and are in need of flight instruction, please contact George Finch at (310) 459-1577 or [gwinch@aol.com](mailto:gwinch@aol.com) if you prefer email. George is the Training Coordinator and will facilitate your training efforts.

Bob Smith, Membership Director

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## Safety Views

By George Finch, Safety Officer

Well it finally happened, a near fatality at the Basin. It was a beautiful Saturday morning, and only a few airplanes were up. Scared was flying a low-wing, .46 powered advanced trainer from a North pilot pad. Tim was flying a red zip-zip from south of the center taxiway, part way from a pilot's pad to the runway. Tim made a low pass so close to Scared, Scared felt the need to duck. When he ducked, his low-wing, which was low over the runway, drifted to the west.



Tim saw it coming and at the last second, tried to jump out of the way, opening up the inside of his legs to the low wing. The low wing then proceeded to open a gap on the inside of Tim's leg. Unfortunately the gap included Tim's femoral artery, which being cut in half, started emptying Tim's blood supply like a garden hose. As people were running to help Tim, he quickly ended up in a lake of blood. One of the first on the scene, hereinafter known as Hero, had medical emergency training and got his thumbs on one end of the artery, shutting off the pressure flow while scared got his thumbs on the downstream end. Almost everyone at the field with a cell phone dialed 911, and all received a recorded message that no one was available and to call back later.

One of our new members, Mike Lipsey, called the Park Ranger number, getting through and starting rescue vehicles in motion. Just as Hero's thumbs were beginning to shake from the strain, about ten minutes, the Park Ranger followed by LA Fire and Paramedics arrived to take over. One of the paramedics mentioned that another two minutes or so of unrestricted blood flow and Tim would have bled out. From the size of the blood lake, it appeared to contain close to half of Tim's blood supply. First reports from the hospital had Tim in intensive care with a repaired artery, but still not out of the woods, the doctors worrying about shock, blood clots, infection, and whether the leg was damaged by being cut off from its blood supply as long as it was. Saturday night, Tim was almost lost, having leaked at least 9 pints. Both Scared and Tim have AMA insurance. For future reference, if you don't have health insurance and you get hurt at the field, tell the hospital you have AMA insurance, as they seem concerned about getting paid.

Anyhow, Tim's leg is still with him, he is walking with the aid of a walker, and was released to recover at home by the end of the week. Having had a catheter in my femoral on more than one occasion, I know that Tim will have a painful reminder for quite a period.

What went wrong? First, high speed passes should be made to the east of the runway, not close to the pilot boxes. Then, many empty pilot pads were available at the north end, yet Tim was standing south of the center taxiway and was not using a pilot's pad anyhow.

Now lets talk about BARRIERS and staying behind them. I have proposed four foot high U shaped barriers at each pilot pad constructed from PVC pipe and plastic barrier net. The PVC pipe would be supported in ground level concrete bases having a metal support pipe in the concrete. This is so they can be removed for races, grass mowing, and replacement when, like last time, someone disagrees with their placement.

Design suggestions are requested and encouraged. Whittier Narrows uses a long plastic removable fence barrier and the Weed Whackers Field in San Diego uses a permanent chain link overlapping design, but their pits are close to the edge of the runway.

## What have we learned?

- Don't fly from the wrong end of the runway.
- Don't stand anywhere but on the pilot pads.
- Fly with a spotter.
- All passes where a landing or touch and go is not contemplated should be east of the runway.
- Have the Park Ranger's phone number in your cell phone speed dial. **213-485-3223**

One of the club's newer transmitters on 41 was putting out spurious signals on other frequencies that were loud and clear on Chuck Gould's scanner. Chuck discovered that fact because one of the spurious signals was the frequency Chuck was about to fly on. We did some field experimenting and found that having the club's transmitter close to Chuck's airplane cut about 20% off of Chuck's antenna down range. **BRING YOUR TRANSMITTERS TO THE OCTOBER MEETING AND AT LEAST ONE SCANNER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHECK EACH TRANSMITTER'S HEALTH.** If your transmitter is broadcasting on multiple frequencies, it is surely transmitting with reduced power on the desired frequency.

Thanks to Mike for finishing the assembly of a donated Big Stik ARF and doing the after test flight adjustments and modifications. The Club now has a well-behaved tail dragger on a Buddy Box for those that want to try taking off and landing a tail dragger before purchasing one (once its transmitter gets back from Hitec).

A couple of Heli Tim's decided to fly north of the fence. When "wrong area" was whispered in Tim #1's ear, apparently he went deaf because he kept doing almost impossible maneuvers with his chopper north of the fence until one proved truly impossible, reducing the chopper to rubble on the grass near the pits. Tim #2 tried to make an autorotation landing and apparently forgot where he was. His ruined chopper ended up hanging from the fence like a gill netted shark. The reason for the south heli flying area was to keep the 2000 rpm, carbon fiber blades away from soft human bodies. It doesn't work if Tims keep flying from the grass.

SAFETY, EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AT APOLLO FIELD:

- **First Try 911 in an EMERGENCY that is serious enough to require on-site emergency attention. It may be busy!**
- **At the same time, Dial the Park Ranger 213-485-3223**
- **Tell Emergency services who you are, how many people are injured, and what type of emergency or injury they will be dealing with.**
- **The address for the field is 6201 Woodley Avenue**
- **Do not hang up the phone first! Allow the Emergency Operator to hang up first after getting all the information that they need.**

**6201 WOODLEY AVE.**

**What's Happening In October and November?!**

By Dave Hendrex, Event Director

- Oct. 24 Valley Flyers Fun Fly and Barbecue.
- Oct. 30-31 Phoenix, AZ. "Scale" Meet.
- Nov. 6-7 Phoenix, AZ. Electric Fly.
- Nov. 12-14 Lake Havasu, AZ. London Bridge Seaplane Classic
- Nov. 19-21 Mesa, AZ. Jet Meet.
- Nov. 19-21 Van Nuys, CA. Races. Q-40, APRA and AMA Q-500

See Model Aviation event schedule for pertinent details.

The October 24th BBQ will start serving around 1 PM with the main course provided by the Valley Flyers. All those attending should bring some sort of side dish, salad, condiment, or dessert.

The pylon races on November 20 and 21 will require member participation to wrap up the years club events on a high note. George Finch will be the CD, replacing Greg Horwitz who is experiencing health problems. Lets all come out and support the event, and wish Greg the best.

Keep in mind that these events generate the funds to subsidize such things as the annual BBQ, Officials drawings, meeting room rent, and the holiday dinner in December. Or to put it another way: No participation, no event. No event, no proceeds. No proceeds, no benefits. How many "members" who have not supported the years events will sign up for the holiday dinner?

Does this make the picture clearer?

Dave H.

**Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes**

**September Club Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2004 by Ken Wright

The meeting was called to order by President Harvey Elmes at 7:30 p.m.



who also led in the flag salute.

**Old Business**

November 13<sup>th</sup> is the Giant Scale trip to March Airforce Base museum in Riverside.

The electric area has begun with the 50 x 25 runway. Further work to be continued on the pit area for the electrics, the parking lot and the helio area will get D.G. There is no report on the signs or handicap areas after numerous phone calls.

Pylon 3 for the AT6 race moving and leveling is complete.

We netted \$288 on last Sunday's fun fly.

The following Board positions were put to the membership: President; Secretary; Treasurer; Hospitality Snack Bar; Director of Jets; Director of helicopters; and Safety Officer. Stephen Fine is interested in becoming our Safety Officer.

**New Business**

Member of the month is Chuck Gould.

Input on next year's calendar. Bob Smith has circulated a survey to state your interest in the upcoming events.

The Club Barbecue is coming up! **Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

There is a correction to the bus trip address for sending money. It should be 91306-2013.

There will be an ACE program approved by the Board for the April 2005 calendar. It will be a half-day fly on one of the Saturdays.

We had a tragic accident at 10:30 AM at the field September 25<sup>th</sup>, in which an individual was struck with an aircraft and had an artery cut.

There will be a film shoot in the helicopter area. The Valley Flyers Foundation will receive 1,000 for Thursday's field use. *[Postponed]*

The Halloween Carnival is coming up at the end of the month. Our club participation in this event lowers our meeting room rate.

Jeff brought up the issue of installing parking meters. This will be discussed at Board.

We will make a recommendation to the Parks and Rec to put in a wheel chair ramp at the restrooms, and we need to trim the trees in the parking lots to avoid damage to our cars.



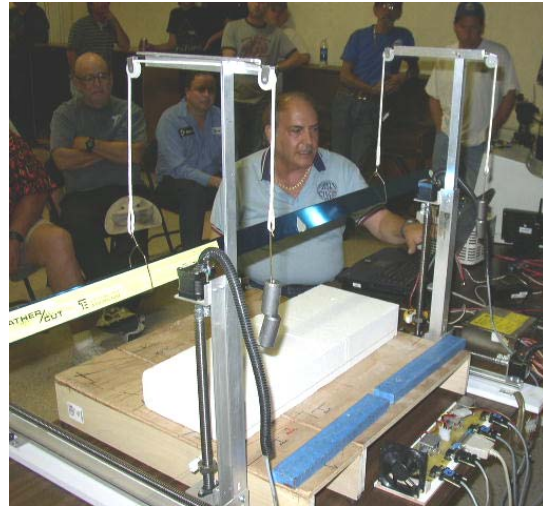
*Video Vic's Christmas Party Commercial*

*Reminder: The Holiday Party is Saturday, December 18th, 2004. SAVE THE DATE!*

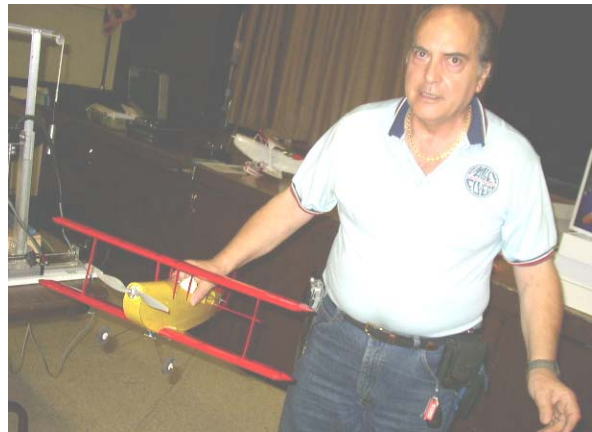
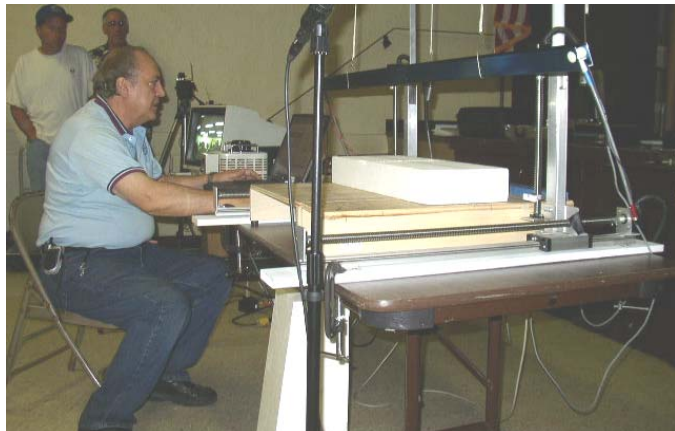


Show and Tell

**Tony Di Leo** from Model Systems demonstrated foam cutting. Tony actually cut a wing core in front of our very eyes. He passed around samples for us to see and touch. [*Tony, are you taking orders??? Perhaps we could start a club project??*]



Tony also brought in wide array of electrics.



Dave shows a 60 size Razzle



**Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2004**

By Ken Wright, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Harvey Elmes.

**In Attendance:** Harvey Elmes, Ken Wright, Dave Hendrex, George Finch, Bob Smith, Sam Gengo, Bill Bolin, Rob Janiger, Patrick Ashour, and Ed Gappell; **Absent:** Steve Garrison, Ron Brawdres, and Mike Trudell.

Harvey Elmes – The photo shoot was canceled because they had no car. They may return.

Pilot pad fences: we need to get the Parks and Recs to accept the idea and install them. The club has installed fences in the past and they were destroyed.

Parking meters for flying – motion carried not to implement the parking meters due to cost; each meter costs \$300-\$500. Plus the fact that it would be nearly impossible to enforce and the meters would likely get vandalized.

Bill is ordering two signs that will go on the frequency stand containing the field address, Park Rangers and local fire departments phone numbers.

Sacramento Red Barons is having a raffle to try and save their field. George will write up an article for the newsletter.

West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa neighborhood council needs a board rep for to represent the Valley Flyers; need to live in the 818 area.

A drawing was turned into the Recs and Parks to add parking side and a wheel chair ramp by the bathroom.

The events year to date less the two day race on August 7 & 8 and the helicopter event have netted the club \$1,530.79.

Bob Smith – Passed around the survey results. Motion carried to increase the raffle budget to \$200 for the next two months. Motion carried for the year-end raffle not to exceed \$1,000.

George Finch – Sent in the club trainer radio for repairs. It was hitting other frequencies.

Sam Gengo – Existing signs at the field indicate a “Maximum Altitude of 200 Feet” currently. Since our field limit is 400 feet, Sam suggested the two mis-informative signs be removed ASAP. Otherwise, people using the field will be that much more likely to disregard all signage. Harvey and other board members assured the signs would be removed when the new ones were installed on Thursay, October 7th.

Rob Janiger – Motion to take the safety barrier issue to the Parks and Recs for approval.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 PM**



Gene Sidwell has the Wattage biplane with a speed 400.



Raffle



**Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**



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## Classifieds

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### Give USC a hand?

Anyone got a good working PCM radio that can provide the following fail safe functions for the 3rd Annual AUVSI Student UAV Competition?

- Throttle closed
- Full up elevator
- Full right rudder
- Full right (or left) aileron
- Full Flaps down (if so equipped)?

The USC team (and a new club member) would like to borrow it or buy it at bargain rate so their budget can be used for GPS and other budget matters for use from November until the competition in June 2005.

Contact George Finch.

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### Contest Directors Needed

If you have been a member of the AMA for at least three years, you can be a **Contest Director**. Advantages: You can get a four or less digit AMA number. You can get a portion of your AMA dues free.

**E-mail George Finch for further instructions.**

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### Wanted new Valley Flyers Instructors – Especially Weekdays!

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.

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*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.*

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## Tail Feathers

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### Quarterly users meeting with the Recs and Parks of Los Angeles 10-12-04

Chaired by Ken Novack head of Maintenance for the Balboa Parks  
Report by Harvey Elmes, President of the San Fernando Valley Flyers

The meeting started with the flight field.

1. **The signs:** The installation of the signs is now divided into two parts. First the location maps that show the designated fly and no fly areas will be installed the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Then a sign that explains the new rules will be installed in a month. It was not defined as to a 4-week month or a 5-week month
2. **The electric area** pits and shade structures as well as the helicopter pit area are still scheduled on the master plan. However there is no date of scheduled to resume work on them.
3. **The handicapped ramp** by the rest room and installation of the missing sign has been approved. Bill Bolin was congratulated for coming up with the idea. The handicapped ramps to the pilot pads are still scheduled. The dates to start for both are not determined but they are forth coming.
4. **The emergency sign** was discussed. It seems that we have a lifeguard service on duty during the operating hours of the parks. The have an EMT and trained personnel that can handle the large emergencies until the Paramedics get to the scene. The lifeguard service also has a direct dial number to the dispatch center for the fire

department. There was also a LAPD Officer Han who said we could use his number. He is a rover within the park and he said they cut us slack because of the contributions that we have made as a club for the community and the services like the Encino fly and the Halloween Carnival. My recommendations for the sign for emergency information is:

**Apollo Field, 6201 Woodley Ave.  
Lifeguard service 818-756-9744 or 818-756-9743  
Park Rangers-213-485-3223  
911**

Also it should include a statement that these numbers are for serious injuries requiring immediate paramedic help and not minor injuries that can be handled by taking the injured party to the hospital posted on the bulletin board.

Office Han's number, 818-731-2551, will be for club members only. Please get this number into your cell phone or on your personal phone list.

5. **Rates and fees** for the use of the field will be discussed in a meeting for next year. Whether that will be our next year calendar or theirs that begins in June was not determined. It will be a meeting of officials of the P&R of LA with the officers of the clubs who use the field
  6. At the end of the meeting some of the other users asked what was their chance of getting their signs up? They asked Ken and he said he had only been involved for seven months. I had been writing some notes and only half heard the question. Ken asked how long had it taken to get the signs this far along. I asked "what phase?" He said with him. I said, "ten months but it has taken the club four years." There was a sudden silence in the room.
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### Membership 2005 Event Survey By Bob Smith, Membership Director

Thank you to those members that have participated in the membership event survey, published in the September newsletter. If you haven't responded and would still like to do so, please refer to your newsletter for a copy of the survey and follow the instructions.

I have included a little spreadsheet of the results to date. The report identifies each potential event and the number or count of 1st through 5<sup>th</sup> place priority numbers assigned to the event submitted by each survey/member. If the member did not have a priority assigned to an event - it equates to a zero or non-support.

So far, the survey clearly identifies the desire for fun type of events. Hopefully this information will aid the board in preparing their 2005 event schedule and selection of the events. It also provided input for those members that desire to become AMA event officials.

I cannot help but correlate the fact, that since the AMA has removed the benefit of having your AMA dues being waived for the year that you perform CD duty, our club 'involved' CD head count has been reduced significantly. Coincidence? You be the judge!

The 2005 event schedule planning is still in progress. Hopefully more members will submit their input to me, so that we have input from ALL of those members that are event oriented.

Thanks Again.

Bob Smith, Membership Director

The following is from Bob Smith's spread sheet data taking into account the members' inputs available to him at the time. If you haven't turned in your survey, there is still time to get your voice heard, copy or print it from the September issue of The Valley Flyer and bring it to the Club Meeting on October 26th.

And don't forget to bring your transmitters to the meeting as well!  
See George Finch's Safety article on page 2 for details.

| EVENT                                | 1st<br>priority | 2nd<br>priority | 3rd<br>priority | 4th<br>priority | 5th<br>priority |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 ENGINE CLINIC                      | 12              | 4               | 1               |                 |                 |
| 2 ANNUAL BBQ & SAFE FLY              | 12              | 3               | 3               |                 |                 |
| 3 SAFE FLY <b>CLUB MEMBERS ONLY!</b> | 12              | 1               | 2               | 1               | 1               |
| 4 T-6/AIRCUISER/                     | 11              | 6               | 2               |                 |                 |
| 5 T-6/AIRCUISER/                     | 7               | 7               | 4               |                 |                 |
| 6 HELICOPTER CLASSIC 3 DAY           | 7               | 5               | 4               |                 |                 |
| 7 STAND OFF SCALE CONTEST            | 7               | 3               | 2               | 2               | 1               |
| 8 L.A.JETS RALLY                     | 6               | 6               | 4               | 2               |                 |
| 9 HOWARD REED Q500                   | 6               | 2               | 5               |                 |                 |
| 10 Q40/Q500/APRA/AMA                 | 5               | 4               | 4               |                 |                 |
| 11 Q40/Q500/APRA/AMA                 | 4               | 2               | 5               |                 |                 |
| 12 CAMP ENCINO                       | 4               | 7               | 5               | 1               |                 |
| 13 Q40/Q500/APRA/AMA                 | 4               | 6               | 4               |                 |                 |
| 14 LAX ACE ACADEMY FOR JUNIORS       | 4               | 6               | 2               | 2               |                 |

#### EVENT OPEN SUGGESTIONS

Fun Fly Contest  
3 Safe Flys for the year/AMA regs  
Aerobatic 40-60  
MiniMac 40-60  
2nd Helicopter 2 day  
Fun Fly Contest

#### August 6-7 Race Event Officials

By Bob Smith

If you worked as an event official for the racing event on August 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 7<sup>th</sup>, please contact me, providing your name (and names of relatives if applicable) with the dates you supported the club. I can be contacted by email [bob@valleyflyers.com](mailto:bob@valleyflyers.com) or by phone (661) 298-2614. We need to get your credit in to the year-end officials name pool. Thanks for supporting the club!

#### To MDS Or Not To MDS?

By Bob Smith

I have to admit that the MDS is a powerful engine. Moves a .60 RCM Trainer with authority! To date, I haven't had any re-occurring mechanical problems with the engine. As a matter of fact the 1<sup>st</sup> runs must have been pretty rich. I commented to Harvey Elmes that upon pulling the head of the engine it appeared as if it hadn't been run yet!

So for the latest flying session, I leaned it out a little and almost got a 10-minute flight out of it. Around the 8 minute mark the motor would not continue to hold the initial top end setting (engine started slowing

up in RPM), so I brought it in. I've subsequently checked the piston and sleeve and there's just a little hint of browning on the piston top! I think I'll run more fuel through the engine and see what we get! It definitely doesn't break in as fast as the O.S. .61 SX.

Yes, I pulled the head on the O.S. .61. I don't think they ever see brown. They go from shiny new to medium gray REAL quick!

Please don't get me wrong. I'm an original O.S. fan. My O.S. 1.08 that was purchased around 1987, has seen a few airframes (the Super Sportster .90, Four Star 120, and currently a Dragon Lady). These airframes had 16, 20, and 24 ounce fuel tanks due to the lack of fuel economy of the engine. Other than replacing the bearings due to a slight oil gumming condition, the motor still has the original parts!

How many can say that their current O.S. could go that distance on the original piston and sleeve?

Flight longevity is my judge!

Til next time, Bob Smith

## Back to Basics

By Gary Stevens

Not long ago, on a Saturday afternoon, we had the usual turnout for a weekend day at the Apollo Field. There were 50 or sixty planes on the static line and at any given time, five to seven planes in the air. The pilot's levels of experience ranged from experts to beginners. The aircraft assembled was as varied as the pilots, from trainers to turbine jets and helicopters.



Waiting for your frequency to free up is a normal thing especially on the weekends. While waiting, an argument broke out between two pilots about the overuse of frequency time. After nearly coming to blows, and one pilot leaving the field in a huff, it started me thinking about what flying was like when we were kids.

Remember the days when the local five and dime store had a hobby section? They sold plastic model car kits for two or three dollars and had a selection of control line airplane kits up on a shelf. Radio control planes were still extremely expensive and the equipment bulky.

You could buy a control line kit, take it home and in a week or so, have the airframe ready to be covered in silk and painted with dope. Bolt on an engine and gas tank and you were off to the local park or school lot to fly.

When radio control equipment became more affordable, or should I say, when we got older and had to work for a living, you could go to a local field and fly. There may be a couple of other guys there but for the most part, "frequency control" meant low transmitter or receiver batteries.

On a recent vacation back to the Midwest I had an opportunity to relive some of those days. I had the good fortune to be visiting family, when the weather could not have been better. Clear skies, comfortable temps, and some friendly breeze made the time even more enjoyable.

On Saturday afternoon, we went to the field of the Kishwaukee Flyers, in Malta, Illinois. The field is an East/West field of nicely mowed grass. The wind of course was North/South, which made landing a little interesting. We were the only flyers at the field that day. Yes we did have a full scale Citabria that buzzed us about 3 feet off the ground but there were no other modelers there.

We flew various planes for several hours and called it quits due to darkness.

Sunday, we went to the RC Duster's field in Leland, Illinois.



This day when we arrived there were a couple other flyers there, but after seeing me fly my father's Piper Cub, they must have felt endangered, and left about an hour later leaving the field to us for the rest of the day. After tiring on the radio control planes, my father broke out one of the vintage, five and dime store control line planes that was 30+ years old, and had been hanging in the rafters of the garage for quite some time.

During the winter he had stripped off the silk covering, re-epoxied the control horn, and strengthened some of the glue joints. He then recovered the plane with MonoKote. Flying control line again brought back those memories of the profile Mustang, the Nobler, the Chipmunk etc. Other than a little beginner's dizziness, it was like learning to ride a bike, you never forget how.

I want to give a special thanks to my family, Dad, Larry and Scott, to the Kishwaukee Flyers and to the RC Dusters, Lee, Chuck and the guys. I look forward to flying with you next year.

--Gary



*The article and photos are the contribution of club member, Gary Stevens, who, as you may recall, brought an official address to the Apollo field. Thank you, Gary, for the fine article and the flight down the approach paths of nostalgia way! The photo of the full-scale Citabria is amazing! Hopefully, with a lot of cooperation, and some good applied social consciousness, the Apollo field can be a bit closer to the fields of the untainted and un-crowded or those of our past remembrances.*

### Photographs

**Top:** Looking East, Saturday afternoon 2 PM, at the field in Malta. (Notice the large crowd)

**Bottom:** Also looking East, Sunday afternoon, Leland field.

**Center:** A full-scale Citabria graces the skies in a beautiful, low fly-by reminiscent of a picture painted scene from an RC Flight Simulator. Yes, this is the full-scale bird and the background is real as well!



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**VALLEY FLYERS SAFE-FLY &**  
**MEMBERS-ONLY BBQ**



**AMA SANCTIONED EVENT - SAFE FLY STARTS AT 8:30 A.M.**  
**FIELD OPEN TO ALL AMA CARD-CARRYING MEMBERS.**  
**EVENT ENTRY FEE \$5.00 TO NON-VALLEY FLYERS MEMBERS.**

**PILOTS MUST ABIDE BY POSTED AND WRITTEN VALLEY FLYERS RULES**

1. HELICOPTERS FLY IN THE DESIGNATED SOUTH END OF THE FIELD
2. ELECTRICS (16 OZ & UNDER) FLY AT THE NORTH END OF PIT AREA (NO FLYING DURING THE TIME FRAME BBQ IS BEING HELD)
3. FLIGHT LINE LIMITED TO FIVE AIRCRAFT BEING PILOTED AT ONE TIME
4. PILOT MUST HAVE AN OBSERVER TO WATCH OTHER AIRBORNE TRAFFIC (FULL-SIZED AND MODELS)
5. MUST USE FREQUENCY CONTROL / TRANSMITTER IMPOUND
6. AIRCRAFT ARE **NOT** TO FLY IN HOVERING MODE OVER THE RUNWAY.

**BBQ OPEN TO VALLEY FLYERS MEMBERS ONLY**

THE BBQ STARTS AT **12:30 P.M.** AND IS OPEN AT NO CHARGE TO VALLEY FLYERS MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS.

**BBQ FREE TO VALLEY FLYERS MEMBERS AND ONE FAMILY GUEST!**

\$5.00 FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS.

STEAK, CHICKEN AND FISH/TUNA ARE ON THE MENU.

**EACH FAMILY PLEASE BRING A DESSERT OR SALAD SIDE DISH**

PLEASE ADVISE US OF CHOICE OF ENTREE AT THE REGULAR MEETING, OR BY EMAIL [flynbs@pacbell.net](mailto:flynbs@pacbell.net) OR BY PHONE MESSAGE.

IF AVAILABLE TO HELP RUN THE FLYING PORTION OF THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT HARVEY OR ME. YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

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## 2004 Schedule of Events

### Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> | July            | 27 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| February | 24 <sup>th</sup> | August          | 24 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| March    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | September       | 28 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| April    | 27 <sup>th</sup> | <b>October</b>  | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>                 |
| May      | 25 <sup>th</sup> | November        | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       |
| June     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>December</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup> (Holiday Party)</b> |

### Board Meetings

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

#### 2004 Schedule

|          |                 |                 |                       |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| January  | 6 <sup>th</sup> | July            | 6 <sup>th</sup>       |
| February | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | August          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       |
| March    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | September       | 7 <sup>th</sup>       |
| April    | 6 <sup>th</sup> | October         | 5 <sup>th</sup>       |
| May      | 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>November</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> |
| June     | 1 <sup>st</sup> | December        | 7 <sup>th</sup>       |

### 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 <sup>th</sup> |
| April   | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| July    | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| October | 12 <sup>th</sup> |

The meetings give the club a voice to the City Recreation and Parks for our flying field. For more information on attending a meeting, see Harvey or any of the Valley Flyers Board members.

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| <b>Evet's Model Shop</b><br>Colby Evett  | 1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405<br>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun Closed)                                                          | <b>(310) 452-2720</b>            |
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| <b>Hobby People</b><br>Chris             | 5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316<br>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)                                                                 | <b>(818) 995-1162</b>            |
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| <b>Marty's Hobbies</b><br>Marty Friedman | 1728 Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360<br>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)                                                  | <b>(805) 497-3664</b>            |
| <b>Robin's Hobby</b><br>Robin Hambley    | 1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201<br>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)                                                                 | <b>(818) 240-2093</b>            |

## Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2004

| Date             | Club       | Event | Contest Director (CD)                                |                                |                |                      |
|------------------|------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 21               | SAT        | VF    | T-6 / AirCruiser / Slo Quickie / Trainer Pylon Race  | Dave Hendrex                   | (323) 758-2935 | dha@valleyflyers.com |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 14               | SUN        | GS    | Fly In                                               | Marv Zauss                     | (818) 768-0855 | mzauss@earthlink.net |
| 27               | SAT        | VF    | L.A. Jets Rally                                      | Bob Wilcox                     | (818) 203-4923 | bgwc@earthlink.net   |
| 28               | SUN        |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 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 |                      |
| <b>MAY</b>       |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 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             |                |                      |
| <b>JUNE</b>      |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 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        |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| <b>JULY</b>      |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 24               | SAT        | VF    | T-6 / AirCruiser / SloQuickie / Trainer Pylon Race   | Chris Hoyer / Barry Leavengood | (818) 621-5997 | bl10@aol.com         |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 6                | FRI ½ Day  | VF    | Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races                      | Chris Hoyer                    | (818) 621-5997 |                      |
| 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                                   |                                |                | mknla@juno.com       |
| 28               | SAT        |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 29               | SUN        |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 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                           |                |                      |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 2 - 3            | SAT<br>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   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 7                | SUN        | BSS   | All Electric Fun-Fly                                 | Tony Naccarato                 | (818) 842-5062 | ---                  |
| 19               | FRI ½ Day  | VF    | Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races                      | George Finch                   | (310) 459-1577 | gwfinch@aol.com      |
| 20               | SAT        |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 21               | SUN        |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |            |       |                                                      |                                |                |                      |
| 18               | 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.

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



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