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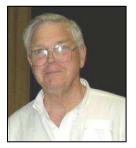
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Board Member Letters

President's Message

By GEORGE FINCH, President

Be sure to come to the November meeting for the election and to make certain you do not get stuck with the glue in the Worker's Raffle. You will have one ticket per



day of work at a Valley Flyers event in the hopper. Check with Bob Smith at the meeting to make sure you have not been shorted.

There will be only two things left on the schedule by the time you read this. The Christmas Party on the 2nd of December (\$25 per ticket available from VideoVic) and the Giant Scale "Toys for Tots", the 10th of December. Vic promises a great show at the party, including a master magician, and the Party tickets are half the actual cost. Don't eat lunch and come hungry.

The fee for flying at Toys for Tots is a new unwrapped toy. Cash has been accepted in past years.

The draft schedule is well into its final version, with just a few glitches. Sam Gengo heard from the SAE that they want to have another weight lifting contest at the field, but in March. We are seeing if we can avoid having two multiple day events on back to back weekends. Seems the SAE chose a weekend before contacting us.

Some of the new signs are up and being ignored. Electric planes and electric helicopters persist in flying in the no fly zone in front of the pits.

The latest night fly was a success, with 9 airplanes being flown. Chuck Thompson took over when Jason Pakfar had a conflict, and then didn't make the

The Next Valley Flyers Club Meeting, is Tuesday, November 28th at Encino Community Center

Event because his son tried to fly from the couch to the floor, only his face and the coffee table corner met midflight. Be sure to get your lights installed for the Numb Thumb night fly in February.

I was interrupted writing this article by the need to empty the dishwasher before my wife got home from the Thrift Shop (she's the book lady). One of the items I put away was a Valley Flyers mug that is so old that the only part of the logo still visible is "radio control". We used to give them away to the member who brought the best (a purposely vague standard) model of the month to the Show and Tell. In those days there were no ARFs or RTFs and the meeting always had ten or so models to show off. Now Bob Smith, Scott Ramos and the racers still build, but even most of the race planes are prefab jobs. At last word, Scott still had not flown his Spitfire, so he still had it. I scratch built a foamy 3D from plans Richard Dragin gave me, typical \$6.00 in foam, and \$350 in electric stuff that is now mostly obsolete. There can be a lot of enjoyment in building, even if it is only parts. My night fly Senior Kadet has wings from a field "take it, its free" bone pile where I had to strip the covering, fabricate 8 or so ribs and rebuild the spar. Bruce Snyder has rebuilt some Foundation almost free beaters that he seems to have fun with, and Video Vic built a warbird chaser from a trainer by using folded cardboard as the outer wing panel.

I guess my point is bring your treasures to the meeting Show and Tell if for no other reason than to enthuse the rest of us to get out the CA, balsa scrap, and glass cloth, and make something that flies, even if it is not pretty.

And this from Darrell Martin, the SFVGSS board met and voted to donate to the Foundation \$500.00 for the new field signs.

George			

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Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes

General Meeting Minutes 10/24/2006

By BOB WIIKARI, Secretary

Meeting was brought to order by George Finch at: 7:41 PM

Items Discussed:

- We have been asked to help run a Halloween Party at the Encino Community Center, if you can help, please let George know.
- The Valley Flyers Barbeque/Fun Fly is coming up this weekend on Sunday October 29th. We will be having an "Altitude Contest" where you try to get as close to 400 ft of altitude as possible without going over.
- Tonight we will be having nominations for board positions. The positions that are available are: President, Jet Director, Safety Officer, Event Director, Public Relations Director, Hospitality Chairman and Treasurer.
- Jason Pakfar was nominated for President, George Finch was nominated for Event Director, Billy Edwards was nominated for Jet Director, Sam Gengo was nominated for Public Relations Director and Ricc Bieber was nominated for Hospitality Chairman.
- Willie Gardner and Dave Sweaney have built a new "Center Stand" at the field. Thank you Dave and Willie for a job well done!
- Jason Somes and Rob Janiger gave a
 presentation on some new products, a dual
 receiver system on 35 megahertz, a radial 5
 cylinder 215cc 4 stroke gas engine!, a giant scale
 FW190, a giant scale jet powered Rafale, a
 Revolution electric helicopter and a Moki 50cc
 single cylinder 4 stroke gas engine. All very nice
 products! Thank you Jason and Rob!
- For show and tell, George brought in his Predator pylon racer that was built by Dennis Moran.
 George says the engine on this plane turns 16,900 rpm (blowing smoke).
- Meeting was adjourned by George Finch at 9:05PM.

Board Meeting Minutes 11/7/06

By CHUCK THOMPSON

Board Members Present; George Finch, Chuck Thompson, Jason Pakfar, Dave Hendrex, Dave Sweaney, David Tarlau Stephen Fine and Guests, Don Goeschl and Tony DiLeo. Absent were Bob Wiikari, Chuck Gould, Mike Lipsey, Don Lloyd, Fred Abajo, Eric Pacheco and Bob Tarlau.

Meeting was called to order by George Finch at 7:49

- David Tarlau Program Director has arranged for Airtronics to provide a program for this month. January will be from Hobby People.
- Dave Sweaney making arrangements for free cement for new pads for the electric area. He is considering shades, tables and other additions for next year.
- Dave is requesting that members donate #10 coffee cans that are needed for new turning lights for racing. Everything for the races can now be run using the 12v system in the shed.
- Dave is interested in getting a pressure washer for the field. Tony offered to try to obtain one at no cost to the club.
- Membership forms are needed at the field. Dave Hendrex will bring a mailbox to the next meeting so that copies can be always available at the field.
- George brought a preliminary schedule for 2007. Dave will look into possible conflicts with SFVGSS and other clubs. Racing dates are still up in the air.
- Stephen has noticed lots of new faces in the electric area, many are new to the hobby and not always informed about field rules and pilot etiquette.
- Chuck will CD the Night Fly this Saturday. VF Shirts and Caps will be available for sale at the next general meeting.
- Jason will CD the LA Jets event on November 26th. 40 or more pilots are expected.
- Don discussed plans for the Scale Masters
 Qualifier in August. The actual Scale Masters
 Championships will be held in Hemet or at Apollo
 XI field in October. The sanction is in and
 approved for August 17, 18 and 19th, 2007. Don
 will CD the event and Bill Hart of the Hemet club
 will Co-CD of the August event.
- Jason will get a URL for the event. Chuck will work with Don to get a web site up ASAP. To promote the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Treasurer's Report

As reported by MIKE LIPSEY, Treasurer, on 9/8/2006

Savings \$ 5814.12 Checking \$ 3499.69

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Revolutions

By BOB TARLAU, Senor Contributing Writer and Hospitality

REVOLUTIONS briefly covers some of the many developments involving unmanned aircraft – small and large, planes and helicopters, military, corporate, private and hobby. Radio controlled aircraft show up a lot on the wires, on websites and in newspapers. I've got an eye out for the best of them. Contributions are welcome – and so is feedback. E-mail is R_C_News@yahoo.com

News from the Salt Mines: Young American Winners

From Massachusetts, the Wayland Town Crier reports hometown sophomore Ethan Aaron, 15, is back from Romania where his three-man junior team, representing the U.S., won first place in the 23rd World Aeromodelling Championship, Class F1D.

This Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) event is held 500 feet below the surface of the earth in the salt mines of Slanic Prahova, 50 miles north of Bucharest. The Romanian salt mines have been the location of many such international competitions in recent years. Since the site is so far underground, there is minimal wind to disturb the flight path of these rubber band powered craft.

Says Aaron: "Sometimes I twist the rubber band 1,600 times before I attach it to the hooks on the propeller."

The cavern the competitors use is 250 feet high, allowing the models to soar and attain longer flight times. The winners are the planes that can fly the longest. Rather like our ROG competition – but in a much more spectacular location.

A Global Hawk's Long, Lonely Amazing Flight

Thanks to Willie Gardner for sending the photo of the Global Hawk UAV on this page. The post he forwarded reports this Global Hawk returned from the war zone under its own power at the end of October (not carried by a C5 or C17). That's Iraq all the way back to California – with a landing at Edwards AFB, a long way for a remote controlled aircraft. Its pilot was at Edwards. The mission paintings on the fuselage show it's participated in more than 250 missions.



New High Tech Cockpit Controls Unmanned Aircraft

It may look like the ultimate gaming rig (photo on this page), but Raytheon's Universal Control System (UCS) is actually a high tech "cockpit" for the pilots of unmanned aircraft. It has them sitting in front of a wrap-around display that looks like a high-end, multi-screen version of Microsoft Flight Simulator. Raytheon -- which, by the way, developed the Global Hawk ground system -- says its UCS revolutionizes operator awareness and efficiency and reduces potential accidents all while providing the ability to control several unmanned aircraft at once.



A company spokesman says: "We took the best-of-breed technologies from the gaming industry and coupled them with 35-years Raytheon UAS command and control expertise and developed a state-of-the-art universal cockpit built around the operator."

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Washington Okays Use of More UAV's Along Our Borders

Congress has given the Homeland Security Department funding and permission to expand its use of unmanned aerial vehicles for patrolling the nation's borders -- despite continuing concerns about their cost, safety and use in domestic airspace.

The fiscal 2007 Homeland Security appropriations bill -- signed into law in October by President Bush -- provides Customs and Border Protection \$20 million for the acquisition of UAVs and related support systems. The bill also provides the Coast Guard about \$5 million for UAVs.

House appropriators had threatened to withhold funding for UAVs, noting that a Border Patrol Predator B drone crashed in late April outside of Nogales, Arizona -- an incident that prompted the agency to temporarily ground UAV operations. But in the end, lawmakers expressed strong support for using UAVs and gave the department permission to expand their use along both the Mexican and Canadian borders.

Meanwhile, the FAA has continued to grapple with how to incorporate UAVs into civilian airspace. Federal and local agencies (including the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department) would like to use the technology to help with everything from fighting fires to controlling crime.

Keeping Clear of the Polo Ponies

From The Villages, in Central Florida, the Daily Sun reports that three days a week the Villages Electric Flyers Club takes over the grounds of the local polo club.

Turns out this unusual setting carries an unusual warning. The Sun says: "During the polo season, club members are told to adjust their flight plan to make sure their aircraft stay away from the horses."

And Finally: Happy Holidays

This is the final Valley Flyer of 2006 so Revolutions returns in January. In the meantime, here's my wish

to you for a very happy holiday season with all the best of health and happiness during 07.

Just in time for Holiday Gift Giving Really Cool Stuff



Be Sure To Attend The November Club Meeting-Don't Miss The Elections, Or The Worker's Raffle.

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OCTOBER SAFE FLY AND BBQ

The annual October BBQ is in the record books.

I'd like to thank Bob Adams, Candy Adams, Ricc Bieber, Harvey Elmes,

Stephen Fine, Tom Gabor, Willie Gardner, Fred Roberts, Gary Stevens,

Daniel Stevens, Sue Elmes and Linda Elmes for their support and making the whole event a success. If I have omitted anyone, please email or phone me with the update. Remember, the Valley Flyer members who officiate are included in the November officials drawing. Family members add to the original member's credit.

I guess I brought my 'give away' good Karma. The pilot of the unregistered electric dumped his craft right after launch!

There were 37 registered pilots for this event. By the end of the day 25 were registered Valley Flyers. 3 were newly registered members for the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007! The new member applications have been forwarded to the Membership Director.

With the advent of Spektrum radio systems a new challenge has arisen to controlling frequency and pilot registration at these types events. Probably even the Racing contest events. Pilots with the Spektrum systems can now get out of their vehicle, set up their aircraft and just go fly, without concern of frequency conflict or adhering to the transmitter impound and registration process.

For those that say so what, it means loss of revenue for the hosting club. Revenue that helps to maintain this field.

Sincerely, Bob Smith

NOVEMBER YEAR-END OFFICIALS DRAWING

The following members have been entered into the year-end drawing;

Bob Adams, Ricc Bieber, Josh Brekke, Ed Chizma, Billy Edwards, Harvey Elmes, George Finch, Stephen Fine, Tom Gabor, Ed Gappell, Willie Gardner, Sam Gengo, Gil Greenbaum, Murray Harreshou*, Sam Harreshou*, Dave Hendrex, Barry Leavengood, Eric Pachinco, Jason Pakfar, Bob Ponic*, Mike Pontel*, Jay Replogle, Fred Roberts, Jeff Sandler, Gene Sidwell, Jim Smith, Bob Smith, Bruce Snider, Larry Sternberg, Gary Stevens, Daniel Stevens, Richard Surendranath, Lindsey Surendranath, Dave Sweany, Bob Tarlau, David Tarlau, Chris Thomas, Chuck Thompson, Hunter Thompson,

Taylor Thompson, Jacques Toselli, Robert Wiikari, Bob Wilcox and Dan Ziliak.

Names denoted with an asterisk (*), are in the process of having membership verified thru the Membership Director.

If you are not listed and officiated an event email or phone me 661-298-2614 with the information.

The drawing will be at this November 28th's general meeting.

If you do plan on attending, please email me with proxy information so that you will get a gift (or possibly one of the main prizes). If you want me to be your proxy please advise me of this request. If I don't have proxy information only direct family members will be allowed to draw for you in your absence!

Regards, Bob Smith

Lost Quickie

I lost a yellow, trimmed in blue and silver, Predator Quickie fuselage from a table at the north end of the Field, the evening of the BBQ. I assume that whoever took it will break it up for sale. The fuselage had been modified with the wing being held on by four 1/4 -20 nylon bolts and an antenna tube was installed extending out the bottom. The hatch, normally placed over the tail feathers servos to hold on the wing was removed and a clear Monocote covering substituted for servo inspection. The fuselage had two Cirrus standard ball bearing servos installed along with a Hitec HS-81 throttle servo. A new Thunder Tiger engine was installed with a Dub Jett radial mount backplate. The engine had orange plugs on the muffler and carburetor. The back plate had been modified with a U shaped throttle wire opening so that a GMS .25 could be substituted for the Thunder Tiger .40 for flying as a SLO-Quickie in our club races. The Hitec 555 receiver was on channel 37. An Airtronics 270ma battery pack with the old ridged connector was connected to the receiver with an Airtronics plug conversion cord. If you think you have seen the Quickie fuselage or parts of it for sale, please let me know. Since the components are identifiable, please keep their details secret from suspects.

George Finch gwfinch@aol.com (310) 459-1577

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News from Europe

When artist Mark Clews was a boy, he dreamed of becoming a pilot and spent hours chucking toy planes across his room.

When he hit 24, he decided to live the dream in his own unique way.

He built a life-sized replica of a balsa wood toy plane and used an enormous elastic band to try to power it into the sky.

In theory, if the craft flew as well as the original, it would have covered more than 900m (3,000ft). But sadly it didn't even get off the ground.

Mr Clews spent six months building the plane to exactly the same specifications as the kits he loved as a child.

Each section was built separately at his studio in Fulham in South-West London. The parts were then flatpacked and assembled later.

The aircraft had a wingspan of 6m (20ft), was 4.5m (15ft) long and made of a tougher wood than balsa.

Yesterday, he drove it to Dunsford Aerodrome near Guildford for its first – and last – flight.

Mr Clews said: 'We got it out of the van and fixed all the bits together using screws, bolts and ratchets.

Then I got into the cockpit and one of my friends started to wind up the 30m [100ft] elastic band on the propeller, which was connected under the fuselage to the back of the plane.

The plan was that when the propeller was let go, it would spin really fast like a real aeroplane and allow us to taxi and take off.

'But it didn't really get going and the farthest we went was five metres. The plane never got airborne. In fact at one point it went backwards.' Mr Clews's plane and a video and photos of his project are featured in a show, Learn To Fly, at the London Gallery West from November 9.

Great Planes Giant Super Sportster - Test Flight!

BY BOB SMITH Special to The Valley Flyer

On October 4, 2006, Harvey Elmes and I test flew the Giant Scale Super Sportster, featured at the September general meeting.

The process started with the usual field and range check. All flight controls were moving in the correct direction before walking out for the initial range check. Harvey gave me the signal to come in while I was working the flight controls over 100 feet away. He indicated that I was getting some jittery motion on the surfaces! I noticed that I had left my 12-volt car battery next to the fuselage after topping of the flight pack that morning.

I'm thinking this big piece of lead could be causing interference, so let's relocate it. We did that and re-checked the range at around 100 feet. System tested much calmer!

I am trying out the recessed Dubro Remote Safety Igniter on the Saito 180 for safety reasons. Its design allows for a very secure connection to the glow plug. With the Saito being inverted, I would have to reach underneath the base of the cowl to insert and remove the glow driver battery. I've done that on small aircraft and small Saito's, but this thing is a beast of an engine! Don't even think about reaching around the engine to insert your glow driver into the remote igniter. Step behind the wing and plug it in from there! By the way, I've already started the initial engine prime before plugging the igniter in.

Ok, it's in, motor is primed, let's hit it with the starter. Bam! About 8000 RPM instantly! Let's back the needle off a little (from behind the engine), seams to be running to hard. I've already run three 16-ounce tanks on the bench, so I shouldn't be surprised, but I am pleased! Ok, let's bring it back to idle and see what happens. That 15% Powermaster is working its magic, along with the Saito engineers! Reliable idle with absolutely no low-end needle adjustments! After about ½ to 1 gallon, I'll switch to 20-20 Powermaster (20% nitro - 20 %oil)

Let's go fly! Taxing is a little misdirected. Tail wheel too small as usual. Have to fix that. Out to the

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flight line. Pull the glow driver and run her up! Sorry Harvey, I know it's got a LOT of pull so I'll make it a quick run-up! "Comin' out" I yell to the other pilots on the flight line. "Clear" is their response.

Throttle up the 180 and "Houston we have lift off". It wasn't vertical, but it was a short roll out and a pretty step climb. Don't want to tax the engine on the 1st flight, so no extended loops yet. But we gotta' try a roll or two. Very nice axial rolls. Bigger barn door ailerons than the smaller 90-120 size.

About five minutes out and it's time to bring her back in. Even with the uncowled engine it's telling me I've had enough for now. Between the runway threshold and the touch down, I could have called my Mom and left a message.

Engine is a beast but the Giant Super Sportster is a pussycat on final. Thanks Harvey!

POST FLIGHT BENCH CHECK;

All the mount screws are loose! Explains the extreme vibration I felt during throttle adjustments. Further investigation showed some of the blind nuts were not seated properly. Pulled the fuel tank and replaced the loose blind nuts. Also added a mending plate to the engine mount (from Home Depot hardware department) as a cross piece behind the engine. Installed washers behind all the engine mount bolts and nuts so that they could be torqued down real well. Every bolt has had LOCTITE added!

Figure 1 Jason Somes and Rob Janiger. B. Wilkari photo



Figure 2 George Finch and a now missing fuse. Be on the look out. B. Wilkari photo



Figure 3 Brave pilot. B. Wilkari photo

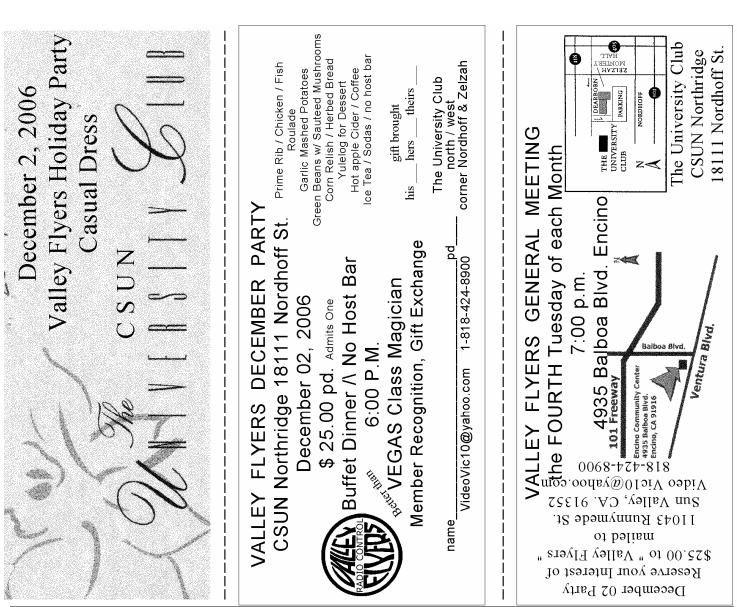


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DATE	DAY	CLUB	CONTEST	CDs	PLACE
OCTOBER					
29	Sun	VF	BBQ Fun Fly	Bob Smith	Basin
NOVEMBER					
4 *	Sat	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly	T. Nacarado	Basin
11	Sat	VF	4PM to 11PM Night Flight	Jason Pakfar	Basin
DECEMBER					
10	Sun	GSS	Toys for Tots	Darrel Martin	Nasin
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			Updates. Thank You.		

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2006 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.



We have the Meeting Hall reserved until 9:30 PM on meeting nights so we have plenty of time for <u>Show & Tell!</u>

2006 Club Meeting Schedule

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

Board Meetings

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

	<u>20</u>	06 Schedule	
January	3 rd	July	4 th
February	7 th	August	1 st
March	7 th	September	5 th
April	4 th	October	3^{rd}
May	2 nd	November	7 th
June	6 th	December	5 th

Notice of Meetings for the Sepulveda Basin Users

To confirm schedule date & time: (818) 756-8189 Quarterly Meetings are the following dates:

> January 11 7 PM April 12 7 PM July 12 7 PM October 11 7 PM

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 any of the Valley Flyers 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	(877) eHobbies (346-2243) using link from the Valley Flyers website.		
Evett's Model Shop Colby Evett	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun 10-1)	(310) 452-2720		
eHobby House	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA	(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		
TdL Model Systems Tony di Leo	CNC Foam Cutting by Appointment www.TdLModels.com	(818) 652-9366		

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