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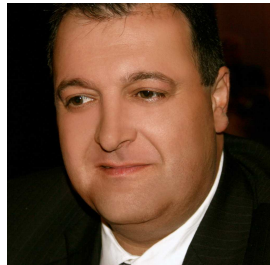
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The Next Valley Flyers Club Meeting, is Tuesday, July 24th at Apollo XI Field

Board Member Letters

President's Message

By JASON PAKFAR,
President



Another month has passed and the summer heat is in full swing. As you may have noticed, this month's newsletter has been published pretty late. I will get in to that in a moment, but first things first.

I wanted to thank the members who attended the May club meeting. I was told that the participation was at 57 members. As I promised, the restructuring of the club meeting worked out well and we had time to do all the show and tells.

I wanted to also thank Mr. Billy Edwards for running a first class LA Jets event. The event grossed \$2300.00. Right before my long awaited vacation in June, I was contacted by the FAA office in Van Nuys airport. They wanted to talk to us about our 400 foot max altitude and the complaints they had received from various civilian pilots.

The meeting was set. I asked Mr. George Finch to attend the meeting also. As the previous President, he would be able to elaborate on past issues. At the meeting, Special Services (armed park Rangers), the airport tower operations, and the FAA were present. It was indicated that there had been many complaints from civilian aircrafts, indicating model airplanes flying at a higher altitude than they were. The special operations officer indicated that per their field office inspections, the MAX Altitude is posted clearly at the field. They were also concerned that by the time they are dispatched to the location, it is virtually impossible to know who the offender is.

This is where the Valley Flyers will be most effective per FAA representative. I explained that the Valley Flyers is a "Not for profit organization." We have been in the business of protecting and improving the field for the past 57 years and 99 percent of the people who fly at the Basin follow the rules, but it does not take many to make life difficult on everyone else. I also explained that we helped the city with the drafting of a set of safety rules. We also spent \$5000.00 to produce and post them after sitting in the city's printers for 7 years. We have also funded on the order of \$100,000.00 for the runway / taxiways and \$3000.00 for the tables, but we have no jurisdiction to enforce anything.

The AMA has been in the business of creating and fine tuning a set of rules that work quite well. Our suggestion was to make the Basin an AMA field. This would give us the leverage to enforce the rules through

the AMA charter. Gross offenders can be removed through AMA by revoking their membership. All parties were in agreement so next step is for the Valley Flyers to engage the Special Services and the city manager. The most interesting point was that the airport operations could not produce a log of the incidents. I would hate to find out that all the complaints are coming from a single person! They were asked by the FAA to maintain a detailed log and send us a copy of it for the newsletter publications. You may be disappointed to find out that we have not received that log as of now. This is why the publication is so late. I wonder if there really have been any complaints at all. Stay tuned.

Thanks to the members and the Board of Directors, the club has done quite well financially. I believe that the membership should receive the benefits of that through some fun activities such as club BBQs or an aviation museum trip, etc.... Please forward your suggestions to me or Sam Gengo (Mr. PR). Don't forget that the July 24th club meeting is at the Basin for a night of night flying. 'Till the next newsletter.

Happy Flying

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Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes

General Meeting Minutes

5/22/2007

By BOB WIIKARI,
Secretary

Meeting was brought to order by Jason Pakfar at: 7:43 PM.

Items discussed:

- Tonight we introduced 4 new members to the club.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last general meeting; it was voted on and approved.
- We have added a Media Director to the Valley Flyers board, tonight he will be showing us a video he made from this past weekends Jet event.
- Jason has also purchased a HD projector for the club so that we can more easily display the videos from our events (among other uses).
- Mike Kommel (of Common Sense RC) gave us a presentation on lithium batteries and how they are rated. Mikes company started selling batteries and chargers and in a short time has broadened his line to include brushless motors and controllers. Thank you Mike for a very informative presentation.
- Mike also brought in some of his products to sell to the members at a 10% discount for tonight only.
- Jason brought in his "Pocket Jet" that he has recently acquired, it uses a Wren turbine that has 11 pounds of thrust and the airplane is small enough to fit in a "minivan" without taking the wing off!
- Barry Leavengood announced that we will be having the Howard Reed pylon race on June 9th and 10th. If you can help with the event, please sign up.
- Ricc Bieber announced that the next general meeting will be the ROG event. This year we will be having 5 classes, including the recently popular Havoc RC micro helicopter.
- Jason played the video from this past weekends LA Jets event.
- Tony di Leo (of TDL Models) brought in 2 aerobatic models that he has been building.
- Bob Smith brought in his Super Sportster and his Beachcraft Staggerwing.
- Billy Edwards brought in his giant scale FW 190. It is powered by a 5 cylinder gas radial and has scale details like a sliding canopy.
- Meeting was adjourned by Jason Pakfar at: 9:30 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

6/5/07

By CHUCK THOMPSON
Vice President

- The Valley Flyers Board Meeting for June was called to order 7:30 PM by President Jason Pakfar.
- Board Members present included Jason Pakfar, Chuck Thompson, Sam Gengo, David Tarlau, Ricc Beiber, Dave Sweaney, Gregg Fullington, Billy Edwards, Eric Pacheco and Clifford Sonnentag.
- George and Jason went to Van Nuys Tower to investigate complaints about Apollo XI flyers that are flying too high. There is from the tower and from the FAA continued concern about ongoing rule breaking and a discussion of safety and how to enforce these issues ensued. Ongoing complaints about altitude issues could eventually lead to field closure. The tower is planning to keep a recognizable log of issues.

The club will continue to investigate the possibility of making the field into an AMA field.

- Bob Wilkari asked to resign from the board. A new secretary is needed. Hopefully a replacement can be found by the next meeting.
- The Holiday Party is confirmed to Saturday, December 8th. Ricc Beiber has volunteered to take over the event.
- More workers are needed for this week's Howard Reed Race. Ricc will be hosting the snack stand.
- Sam said that we need everyone on the board to pitch in when it comes to reviewing material that the board members publish, such as minutes, schedules, phone lists, etc. Sam emphasized that next board meeting is not too soon to begin thinking of the 2008 field schedule. He also pointed out that \$1k of this year's income was from what SAE owed us for the 2006 event and that the amount of what the 07 SAE contest earned us (on the order \$2k+) will not be available in 2008. Just a thought for the budget.
- George announced that more instructors are needed. The club has trainers and equipment. If you can help to handle students please let George know. George is the primary contact on the board for the Scale MASTERS Qualifier.
- Chuck will pursue getting club t-shirts and mugs.
- ROG Event is coming up at the June meeting. Pizza and soda night. Food \$5. Classes include Peck Polymer Flea, Open Scale, Buckabuild (build and compete with a club supplied kit in 10 minutes for a buck)and Havok Helicopter Obstacle Course.
- Clifford is gathering up aircraft photos for materials and for the web. Jason is considering moving the web host to a Dreamhost to consolidate the club sites and provide faster access. Dreamhost will provide hosting for all Valley Flyers pages, including LA Jets, ScaleMasters Qualifier, The Heli Classic and Valleyflyers.com.
- Dave Sweaney discussed the plans for the electric area.
- Billy reported that pilots were happy at the LA Jets events. Ricc did a great job on the snack stand. He is working on custom trophies. The event grossed \$2,311.00.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.



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Mr. Hospitality

By RICC BIEBER
Hospitality Director
June News

ROG Right Off Ground, Throngs Swarm Stadium,
Demand Beer with Pizza

The annual ROG is in the books, and once again, a few stalwart Valley Flyers came through with the goods to make it an evening to remember. First, the stats in order of 1-2-3: Peck/Flea Distance, Bob Wilkiri, Mike Lipsee, Dave Sweany. Peck/Flea Duration, Bob Wilkiri, Mike Lipsee, no third. No scale or duration was entered. Havoc; after finally making a race out of it, Eric Pacheco came away with first place, being the only flyer to land on the white chair. More on that later. Dollar Plane distance; David Tarlau, Chuck Thompson, and tied for third Pat, Jim, Mac and Paul. Best of show Scale, Ricc Bieber with a Cessna 337.

The pizza came, the plates and napkins came out and the carnage began in earnest. As predicted, the pizza with anchovies was gone fairly quickly. Dave Sweany

accidentally grabbed a piece, and after picking himself off the floor (I guess he didn't like it) got something else that he COULD eat.

Approximately 12 Peck/Flea entrants made up the first set of participants, and got things kicked off in fine fashion. After a few heats, and winners declared, we went on to Scale (No Takers) and Open (No Takers) We then set up for the HAVOC Heli class and away we went. Herding cats comes to mind. After some fine tuning of the course, or what the heck we would actually do as a contest, we came up with the brilliant idea of having a circle and landing contest. I am convinced that the Havoc Heli has an anti-gravitation to chair landing built into the system. Even with that, Eric came away the only one to actually land (repeatedly, I might add) on the white chair.

And then we had the Buck A Plane build and fly. I now know what a lazy bunch we have at these events! (Just Kidding!) All the planes sold out in about 5 minutes. The build time of 10 minutes was just right, and the heats began. It's hard to say who had a better time—the participants or the crowd watching. We had 23 participate in this event.

And yes, there were a few requests for beer with the pizza. Sorry, the center still just won't allow it. Darn!

Next month is a Nite Fly General Meeting, so I might say it's time to start getting you plane ready for that. I have a feeling that we will be having pizza and soda at the field. And will let you know closer to the event time. Just so's you won't forget, it is OK to show up early and help set up. We have lights and other stuff that needs to be set up to make the event happen, and of course to put it all back afterwards. What's that word.....Oh yea! PARTICIPATION!

Flaps Up!

Ricc Bieber

Classifieds

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.

What you missed if you missed the May meeting: Photos by Bob Wiilkari



Figure 1 Guess what this is....You're right!



Figure 2 Pocket jet for deep pocket.



Figure 3 Is that a Wren turbine in your pocket ?



Figure 4 What makes a Giant Scale FW 190 go?



Figure 5 Billy's FW 109



Figure 6 Is this a Super Sportster?

**SUNDAY
JULY 22nd 2007**

PYLON RACE

Club Race #3

**T-6
AirCruiser
Slo Quickie
Trainer**



RACING TYPES



Trainer



AT-6



AirCruiser

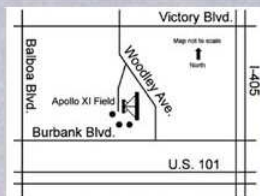


Slo Quickie

Entry fee is \$15
Registration 8-9 AM
Proof of Current AMA Required

Contact CD for additional information

Chuck Thompson 310-902-5877 - chuckthompson@mac.com



Apollo XI Field * 6201 Woodley Av. * Encino, CA 91436

2007 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 Show & Tell!

2007 Club Meeting Schedule

January	23 rd	July	24 th -Field Nite Fly
February	27 th	August	28 th
March	27 th	September	25 th
April	24 th	October	23 rd
May	22 nd	November	27 th - Raffle
June	26 th	December	Party !

Board Meetings

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

2007 Schedule			
January	2 nd	July	3 rd
February	6 th	August	7 th
March	6 th	September	4 th
April	3 rd	October	2 nd
May	1 st	November	6 th
June	5 th	December	4 th

Notice of Meetings for the Sepulveda Basin Users

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

January XX	7 PM
April XX	7 PM
July XX	7 PM
October XX	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.

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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

Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2007

NOTICE! It's still early in the year... Schedule may CHANGE! Check newsletter or valleyflyers.com for updates!

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)
FEBRUARY			
10	SAT	VF	Numb Thumb Fun Fly/Night Fly 4pm-9pm Jason Pakfar jason@lajets.org
17 18	SAT ½ Day SUN	VF	T-6 / AirCruiser / Slo Quickie / Trainer Pylon Race George Finch gwfinch@aol.com
MARCH			
4	SUN	BSS	Electric C/L Tony Nacarado Will Not Affect Runway Flying
11	SUN	GSS	Giant Scale Fly In Marv Zauss mzauss@earthlink.net
24 – 25	SAT & SUN	VF	SAE Aero Design – West Payload Lifting Competition Sam Gengo thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
APRIL			
20	FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA West Coast Racing Series George Finch gwfinch@aol.com
21 – 22	SAT & SUN		
MAY			
5	SAT	VF	Fun Fly / Engine Clinic Dave Hendrex
6	SUN	VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 circles
19 – 20	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS Spring 2007 - 2 Days Billy Edwards billy@lajets.org
JUNE			
8	FRI ½ Day	VF	Howard Reed Memorial Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races <i>Western Championship</i> Barry Leavengood bl10@yahoo.com
9 – 10	SAT & SUN		
24	SUN	GSS	Giant Scale Fly In Dave Hendrex
JULY			
7 – 8	SAT & SUN	BSS	Two-Day All Electric Fun-Fly Tony Nacarado
22	SUN	VF	T-6 / AirCruiser / Slo Quickie / Trainer Pylon Race Chuck Thompson chuckthompson@mac.com
24	TUE	VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM Jason Pakfar Night Fly - jason@lajets.org
AUGUST			
4 – 5	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS – Summer 07 – 2 Days Billy Edwards billy@lajets.org
12	SUN	VCB	Carrier/P-40 Contest – 5 Circles No Heli Flying Runway & Electric Areas Open
17	FRI	VF	Scale Masters Qualifier AMA Scale, Expert, Sport & Fun Don Goeschl justice.ggd@verizon.net
18 – 19	SAT & SUN		
SEPTEMBER			
AUG 31	FRI ½ Day	VF	Helicopter Classic Eric Pacheco eric@airworksrc.com
SEP 1 – 2	SAT & SUN		
3	MON	VF	Helicopter Seminar & Clinic Helicopter Circles Only – Field Open to Public!
16	SUN	GSS	Giant Scale Fly In Jay Repogle
30	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly Tony Nacarado
OCTOBER			
6 – 7	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles J. Silver No Heli Flying
14	SUN	GSS	Giant Scale Non-Flying BBQ Field Is Open!
21	SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ Bob Smith flynbs@socal.rr.com
NOVEMBER			
10	Sat Eve	VF	November Night Fly 4pm-9pm Jason Pakfar jason@lajets.org
25	SUN	VF	LA JETS – Fall 2007 – 1 Day Billy Edwards billy@lajets.org
DECEMBER			
8	Sat Night	VF	Valley Flyers Holiday Party Vic Schneidau videovic10@yahoo.com
9	SUN	GSS	Toys-for-Tots - Open to all sizes Darrell Martin dmartin168@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. For Pylon Racing, the field will always be open for sport flying during the practice day morning.

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

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