



# The Valley Flyer



Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 152

July 2008

**The Next Valley Flyers Club Meeting, is Tuesday, July 22th  
Field Nite Fly**

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### New Board Members

Adam Gelbart as Giant Scale Director

Don Farra as Newsletter Editor

## President's Message

By JASON PAKFAR,  
President

July is here and we are officially in the second half of our year.

Two of our board members resigned for personal reasons last month. I wanted to thank Mr. Marvin Zaus for representing the Giant Scale Squadron in the first half of 2008 and Mr. Fred Abajo for 3 years of fine service as the newsletter editor. I also wanted to welcome Mr. Don Farra as our new newsletter editor and Mr. Adam Gelbart as the Giant Scale Director. They have been a fine edition to our team.

As I mentioned in our June newsletter, the present administration has broken all the documented club records in its 60 year history. This would not be possible without the hard work of our board members. As a token of our appreciation, I approved dinner on the club at our last board meeting. The total of the bill was \$300.00

Kudos to Mr. Giant Scale Director, Adam Gelbart for running a fine Giant Scale event last month. We had close to 20 pilots and I for one had a great time.

Thanks to Mr. Chuck Thompson the War Bird race was a great success. We had close to 20 racers and 6 of them walked away with a big smile. Our sponsors really came through for this event. Our first place prize for the unlimited class was a YS 110 engine. We also had 2 airplanes for the second and third place of the unlimited class and 3 airplanes for the first through third place of the stock class. Thanks to YS Engines, Nitro Models and Kyosho for sponsoring this event.

The Park Flyer area is still under construction. Five of the ten sections of the Pitt area have already been poured. The rest of it should be done in the upcoming weeks. As soon as the Pitt area is completed we will get busy with building 5 shade shelters with picnic tables and 4 x 8 benches.

We will also be paving the Pitt area at the helicopter section of the field. Talking about helicopters, our heli membership has spiked in the past few months. Many of the helicopter pilots have been engaged in improving this particular section of the field. Thanks to Mr. Bert Magbanua and company for cleaning and repairing the trailer in the heli area. The club provided a charging station, generator, battery charger, work bench to this cause.



As you may already know, LA Jets Summer 2008 is coming up next week on July 25th through the 27th. Unlike the previous LA Jets, this one will be for 3 days. The logic behind this was to make it possible for more long distance pilots to attend. I am pleased to let you know that we have received a large number of people pre registered from the Bay area to Arizona and 1 from Virginia.

Our media director has created a great T- Shirt artwork for LA Jets Summer 2008. I have attached a picture of it for your viewing. All registered pilots will get one free of charge. If you are coming, plan to stay late on Saturday night. In addition all registered pilots will also receive a free dinner. Skymaster USA has been kind enough to sponsor a Tri Tip Dinner at the facility at 8:30 PM followed by presenting the events awards to the winners.

Cliff will be showing the new LA Jets Video on a large screen with the club projector. Popcorn should be flowing after that it will be open night flying. If you are planning to come out, Please take a moment to Pre-Register yourself at the LA-Jets website. We are not collecting any money at the pre registration but it will help us with the T-Shirt and dinner quantities.

Our next club meeting will be held at the field on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cliff has promised a new video for us that he will show at the facility. Pizza and popcorn is on the club for all who attend. Be sure to have your Night flyer ready as we will be flying till 10:30 PM

Until Then  
Happy flying.

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## Message from Number 2

By Chuck Thompson  
Vice President  
See General Meeting Minutes.

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## Treasurer Report

By Gregg Fullington  
We have \$14K on deposit

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## Secretary Report

By Scott Ramos  
Secretary  
See Board Meeting Minutes.

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## Hospitality Report

By Mr Ricc Bieber  
Hospitality

Pizza! Pizza, the July meeting is at the Field, so we have a Nite Fun Fly and pizza and sodas. Who could ask for more?  
See you all at the meeting!  
Flaps Up!

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## Program for July 2008 Meeting

By BOB JOYCE  
Program Director

See Missing Man formation article.

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## Event Director Report

By George finch  
Event Director

3-Day LA Jets event July 25th, 26th, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Flight Coordinator Report

By Tony di Leo  
Flight Coordinator



**One of many new RCM Club trainers purchased to support the free Flight training program**

### Editor's Desk:

By Don Farra  
Newsletter Editor

I would like to invite all club members, not just the usual suspects [club board members] to submit articles on any subject related to RC modeling and or Club activities. Submission guidelines are found on the page one footnotes. The articles will be published provided they are original and not a copy of another's work. You can review past articles for guidance.

It is only fitting that I start with Ron since he was a life long model airplane builder and flier. His wife Andrea has written a wonderful short story on Ron's life, that I think you will enjoy reading. The second article was written by Bob Tarlau about his son David, as David heads off to University of Michigan.



Since I am new to powered RC aircraft I have tried out the club's trainer program first hand. I believe everybody who is successfully flying today owe in part their success and love for the sport to somebody in their past who was kind enough to teach them the ropes. Be it a family member or friend, or in some cases people who just happen to be there at the time.

**Father and Son with the family trainer, Mihran and his son Harry Dolnadjian 8.5 years old**



In response to number of people who want to learn to fly, Jason has updated the trainer program, by replacing all the vintage hardware with new trainer aircraft and 2.4 GHz radio gear. If you would like to give as others have given to you, and mentor who wants to learn to fly please contact Tony or Jason.

If you are a photographer, like myself, be sure to email your best work and include some information that goes with the photograph. At a minimum you want to include the names of the people in the photograph. Links to your web site and photo hosting web sites are also welcomed. If you want to include the tradition information such as the camera, lens used and settings, that is fine with me.

You can contribute by writing letters to the Editor. After all this is your club and you know what they say, you only get out of it what you put in. So put in your 2 cents. I cannot make any promises but it will be read by Jason and other board members and taken into consideration. Letters can cover any subject regarding the club activities, such as areas where things can be improved, or on those rare occasions when things are going right.

## Airplanes & Ron Tretsven 4-1-1935 to 6-7-2008

By Andrea Tretsven.

When Ron was very young he used to collect soda bottles and turn them in for a few pennies to buy balsa wood gliders that he cut out on the kitchen table.

When he was about 13-14 years old he and his dad got into U-control planes. He flew in Griffith Park with his friend Dave Slagel and his mentor Bob Palmer. He also peddled his bike to Grand Central Airport in Glendale and washed the small planes on weekends to earn extra money.

He built his first radio control in 1958 after he was married, again on the dining room table. He flew it out at Sepulveda Basin when there was a small flat dirt field beside the river and lots of open dirt fields.



**Ron with his first radio control airplane, 1958**

His first love was building the airplanes, he loved to fly and he really treasured the time he had with his son and sitting around with his coffee and cookies talking to a great bunch of guys that he thought interesting, informative, entertaining and very special.

He was drafted a short time later in November 1958 and was based at Schofield Barracks but lived off base with his wife where he built a couple of U control planes and taught a couple of friends to fly in a local park. He was out long enough to start a family, Rhonda and was recalled to the Berlin Crisis and was stationed at Ft. Meade Maryland. Life interrupted.

He returned to Pacific Telephone and had 2 boys, Erik and Arn. Arn had his dad's love of airplanes and encouraged his dad to get back into radio control journey. Ron built their trainers from scratch. The others were out of the rest so he had a whole room to use – no more dining room tables.

Arn had a friend Dennis to teach them to fly. However it was Harold Sweet that helped Ron refine his flying and got him back into the radio control game. Ron love to fly but he really loved building airplanes from scratch for Arn and himself and others. One he built for Samy took 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the hobby show in Pasadena.



**Ron built and won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 2002**



**Ron with his Trojan T-28 1/5 scale, 2005**

## David Tarlau Heads to university of Michigan

By Bob Tarlau

Valley Flyer David Tarlau has just started classes at Kettering University, in Flint, Michigan, where he will be majoring in mechanical engineering with an emphasis on alternative fuel vehicles. It's a four-and-a-half year program highlighted by two-and-a-half years in a work co-op environment. Each student on that 2,400 student campus alternates between three months of on campus classes and three months at their work co-op job.

The job is in their specialty and can be at a small company or one the size of Ford or General Motors. It can be anywhere in the country (or the world, for that matter). The university has a remarkable record in that 98 per cent of its graduates have full-time employment contracts BEFORE they finish school. David has yet to firm his co-op job but is looking a possibilities both in Michigan and California. If the job winds up being in Southern California, David will be back here (and able to get back to flying at the Basin for three months starting in early October). If you would like to know more about Kettering's unique program, please check out

[www.kettering.edu](http://www.kettering.edu).



**David at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, Indiana (on Jul 5) with internationally ranked Helicopter pilot Nick Maxwell (who is also 18)**

David is a former Valley Flyers Program Director and has been flying both planes and helicopters since he was 14. He has also been active in Boy Scout Troop 714 which -- for

a couple of years -- provided the food service (including that great tri-tip!) for various Club events. David became an Eagle Scout -- Scouting's highest rank -- last year. George Finch represented the Club and spoke at David's Eagle Court of Honor in December.

**David with his TRex 450 after a flight at Nick's home field in Fort Wayne, Indiana (on Jul 6).**

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David and I drove from Los Angeles to Flint starting July 3rd, so that he could have his car in Flint. We stopped for most of a day at Muncie, to check out AMA's headquarters. We were there during AMA's July 4th weekend open house and were greeted warmly by AMA President Dave Mathewson, AMA District III VP Bob Brown and Model Aviation Editor Michael Ramsey. Dave and Bob introduced David to Nick Maxwell, an internationally ranked heli pilot, who is also 18. Nick, I must tell you, is an absolutely amazing pilot of both helis and planes. They don't come much better, at any age. As you can see in one of the photos with this article, Nick worked with David and got David's TRex 450 in top flight form. The other shot is of David after flying at Nick's home field in Fort Wayne. David intends to return to Muncie to spend a mid-August weekend participating in the IRCHA Jamboree (the major national heli event -- which has hundreds of vendors and participants). Nick, by the way, is in Europe to compete in heli events there the last two weeks of this month.

If any of you would like to write to David at Kettering to wish him well or give him news of Club or your own happenings, I know he would love to hear from you. His e-mail there is tarl6368@kettering.edu. I can tell you that his mom Barbara and I already miss him a lot.



## Missing Man Formation

By Bob Joyce  
Program Director

Fellow modelers and flyers,  
For those of you who haven't heard, Ron Tretsven passed away on June 7 2008. Ron was a long time model builder and pilot who was well liked and respected in our community. His enthusiasm, pleasant personality, and building advice will be missed by all that knew him. Ron has now flown to his final destination, and if there's a RC Club there you can be sure that he will be an active participant. Ron is survived by his wife, Andrea, sons Arn and Erik, and daughter Rhonda. In honor of Ron, a missing man formation was flown during the Giant scale Fun fly on July 5th. The flight was lead by Darrell martin with his Stearman biplane, Marv Zauss and Adam Gelbart flew Fly Babys and Jay Replogle represented the missing man with his Extra 300. Andrea and Arn Tretsven were in attendance, and both were touched by the flight. We hope that Ron was watching from above. If he was, we know that he would have appreciated the effort.

Bob Joyce  
Program Director





## Valley Flyers Meetings Minutes

### General Meeting Minutes

5/27/2008

By CHUCK THOMPSON

Vice President

June General Meeting Minutes June 24th, 2008

By Chuck Thompson

The meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Jason Pakfar. 45 members were in attendance. 10 Board Members were in attendance.

Jason introduced Pete Maniscalco, a new member who was attending his first meeting.

George Finch announced that Bob Smith's term was about to expire on the Board of Directors for the Valley Flyers Foundation. He nominated Bob for another term. Willie Gardener was nominated by Dale Utterback. A vote was taken and Bob Smith was re-elected by a show of hands.

Jason proceeded with a rundown of field improvements and other information.

The club and events this year have broken every record. We now have over 300 members and close to \$20,000 in the treasury.

The trailer in the Heli Area is being fixed up by heli pilots and the club is supporting this endeavor. We have picked up about 20 new Heli pilot/members. An extra generator and battery that was recently donated will be used in the heli area.

Ricc purchased the mother of all grills (1167 sq. in.) with infared side burner to use for the snack stand for events.

Tony Di leo is working with about a dozen students. Horizon Hobby has donated 2 complete trainers. Common Sense R/C has donated a trainer for electric use. Smith Brothers has been kind enough to sell us 4 Spektrum R/C Systems at close to cost.

The tabletops are in the process of being replaced at the field. Progress is being made on the Park Flyer Area as we have received donated loads of cement for the pit area and additional shed pads. More consideration may be necessary to discuss the possibility of purchasing concrete to complete the projects if necessary.

Jason congratulated Benny, Cliff and Tony Naccarato on the successful Western States Electric Fly event. The meet attracted almost 150 pilots and netted the club approximately \$5,600.00. Our web site

"westernfly.com. had about 100,000 hits before the event! Cliff is preparing a video of the event to be shown at the July meeting, that will be held at the field.

Bob Joyce led a discussion about repairing cracks on the runway. Ricc B. volunteered to help.

A popcorn machine will be purchased to be used at meetings and events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

### Board Meeting Minutes

#### Valley Flyers Board Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2008

Recorded by Scott Ramos, Secretary

Club President, Jason Pakfar, called Meeting to order at 7:30PM

**Members in attendance:** Jason Pakfar, Dave Sweany, Sam Gengo, Eugene Haban, Gary Stevens, Mitch Kahn, Tony di Lio, Chuck Thompson, Ricc Bieber, Binyamin Elkouby, Don Farra, Adam Gelbart, Gregg Fullington, George Finch, Cliff Sonnentag, Scott Ramos, Bob Joyce, Gary Stevens, Billy Edwards. **Members absent:** Patrick Ashour

Jason Pakfar

Jason welcomed Don Farra and Adam Gelbart to the Board. They have filled two vacant positions. Don Farra will be the new Newsletter Editor, and Adam Gelbart will be the new Giant Scale Director.

Jason thanks all who came out to work the Electric event with a special thanks to Cliff, Benny, and Gene for their hard work. There were 149 participants and 12 vendors. The event net income was \$5500.

Jason motioned that the Electric event be repeated for next year. The motion was seconded and passed. If CDs want banners, Jason will need at least one week lead-time.

Jason informed the CDs that Rick Pike at Hobby people would forward event flyers brought to him to 17 local stores. They have a lot of foot traffic and can help to boost attendance. Jason suggests that fliers/posters be sent 5 weeks in advance. Mitch suggests that card sized fliers could be sent to online retailers to be included in their shipments.

This month we have 3 events. There will be the Giant Scale Fun Fly, the Gene Sidwell Memorial Warbird Races, and the 2008 Summer LA Jets.

Adam will be the CD for the Giant Scale event and next month's Scale Masters Qualifier.

For the Warbird Races, there is an unlimited class, which also allows for electric. There is a question about the cell count. Chuck is working on the rules. Ricc asked if there are AMA guidelines. There are no AMA guidelines. There was a question about insurance. We can apply for an AMA waiver. There are examples of other clubs doing this. The CD will pursue the waiver. Richard from YS will be coming out. Ben will work with Chuck on the rules.

There are a number of jet events now in California including Cal Jets, Best of the West, Davis, and Fresno events. Many are 3-day events. To attract more people Jason recommends we go to at least one 3-day event with an entry fee of \$50. There are a number of out of area participants who have already registered, including 6 from Arizona and 6 from San Francisco area. Joe Castaleo, who is well known in the jet community, will be the CD. There will be videos that will be shown in the evenings for about 2 hrs. There are two sponsors. One may sponsor a pilot's dinner. There will be a night fly too. There are workers already for the event.

We spent about \$2000 on new training equipment. The DX6i radios have not performed as well as we hoped and will be sent back and replaced with DX7s.

**Tony** asked for extra receiver batteries. Common Sense is donating batteries for our trainers. Tony is also asking for more instructors. We have two more 4-stroke engines.

#### Sam

Sam wants to remind everyone on the Board to review the minutes in order to catch errors. Sam is volunteering to edit the minutes, but the minutes need to be reviewed by all, and send any changes to the entire board. Once done, Don will have the board-approved minutes for publication in the newsletter. Sam found a screen for videos that inflates. We already have a screen that will be available.

#### Dave

Cement was poured for one of the 20 x 8 pads in the electric area, and one of the footings for the new container. We purchased tools for when cement is available. The cost for us is about \$80 per yard for up to 3 yards. Ricc is offering to lend any tools needed. Tables: We need to apply a primer coat, two color coats, and a topcoat. Then the old tops need to be changed out. Sam will look into small plates that say Compliments of the Valley Flyers. The plan is to put Vinyl Valley Flyers Logos under the top finish. Mitch suggests crowning the tops. Each color coat will take a day to cure. Ricc suggest that we start on Saturday. Jason reminded Dave that the lock needs to be changed for the office.



We have a lot of new tools, drill, dremel set, etc. Everyone was reminded that the tools are available for club use, but to be sure that they are properly returned to the shed.

#### Gene

Van Nuys tower has been bringing up the problem of planes flying above 400 ft. Jason attended the tower safety meeting. The issue is mainly with helicopters. One of the tower operators is a club member. The airport is aware of our activities and our safety efforts. The number of incidences has been reduced. Jason is suggesting that CDs meet with the tower prior to their events and provide a contact name and number. This will allow the tower to contact the CD rather than having the police respond to complaints. Cliff suggests that a single "Club Phone Number" can be obtained via an internet phone and provided to the tower and then the calls can be forwarded to the CD of that particular event. This will help to more timely address any issues. Jason will pursue the suggestion.

#### Gary

299 is current membership.

#### Chuck

Jason put up the website Warbirdrace.com. Chuck is asking for a modification to the header for a cleaner look. He is working on finding a better PA system. The system is a mixer amp with speaker and will power up to 4 speakers. It will include a couple of wireless mics. The cost will be about a two thousand. Jason made two motions. Do we want a new system? The motion was seconded and passed. Is \$2000 budget ok? The motion was seconded and passed. Chuck ordered badges for the new board members. He needs help with the race. Jason will help out. Dave Hendrix will layout the pylon course.

#### Mitch

Mitch will be putting together a manual of operations for the club, including info for all events, their history and advertisers. Cliff and Scott will help Mitch in this endeavor. This will include guidelines for events, maps and inventories of the sheds. We can itemize the methods of doing raffles.

Mitch recommends that we should have an event agenda for each event. We need banners for the Heli area for events to show if the Heli area can or cannot be used during the event. Security for events; the sheds are being left open. They need to be closed when not attended. Flags for the Heli area to separate the Heli area from the grass area were put up for the electric event. Mitch suggests that they be used on a more permanent basis. Jason is offering that we cover the cost of upgrading the trailer in the Heli for better use.

#### Ricc

Ricc will be going out to inspect and measure the runway for repairs. Benny will look into the availability and cost of decomposed granite. Holiday party: The budget will be about the same. The most likely venue will be at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys. Scale Masters: Don Goeschl has quit working on the Scale Masters Qualifier. The Scale Masters Final is on the East Coast, which leads to low attendance on the West Coast for qualifiers. Jason suggests that the event be scaled back to two days. Jason has asked Bill Hart to provide the judges and we will provide the facilities. The committee will review the event.

#### Benny

Recommends that an on/off switch and timer for the inverter used for club chargers inside the shed be added. Common Sense will be donating dc chargers which will help resolve the problem by not requiring the use of an inverter. The homeless people are using the electric area at night. Jason suggests that we set up a photocell to turn off the external outlets. Benny is reminding that the shed be closed when you're not in it. Benny is requesting the signs be completed.

#### Don

Don asked about what will happen with the break-in stands when we get a new container. The issue will be addressed at a later time. Jason suggested that Don contact members for photos. The club phaser printer will be provided to Don for publishing the Newsletter.

We need to have Hobby People forward their ads to Don. When articles are submitted, Jason is requesting that an acknowledgement be sent. We need to set up guidelines for article submission. The newsletter should be sent out the Friday before the general meeting. The issue is that there is a lack of content. We need better coverage of events. Article deadline should be two Sundays before the general meeting. Jason has not been able to get in touch with Fred Abajo. Please re-submit your June articles to Don

#### Adam

Adam suggests that we give Marv an award for his history of membership and participation. Saturday will be the Giant Scale Fly-In. The pilot meeting will be at 8:30. Adam attended the crosswinds scale event. The event was relaxed and CD was Corey Dail. Jason suggests that Adam contact Corey for participating in our GS events. Jason suggests that the Giant Scale events should become a Scale event. Jason also suggest we look at the operations of The Gathering of the Giants for event direction and benchmarking.

#### Gregg

This month saw \$7000 in, and \$8700 out. There is currently \$14800 in the bank, another \$850 in receivables, \$1000 coming in from the Races and \$2000 coming from papal. This totals to \$18,650. Please get receipts in timely and make sure to properly add up the receipts.

#### George

Bill Mallow has owed \$100 to the club for a number of years. George suggests we either bill him or forgive the debt. Jason moved that the debt be forgiven. The motion was seconded and passed. George made contact with a concession stand manufacturer. George will contact him about various accessories and supplies for our new popcorn maker.

#### Scott

No news to report

#### Bob

Ron Trestsven passed away. His son asked for a missing man formation. Adam will arrange for it in the GS event. The program for the next General Meeting will be videos by Cliff. Common Sense is donating a number of products and is interested in demonstrating products. The demo will be scheduled for September.

#### Cliff

Will be running movies at night for the LA Jets.

#### Meeting was Adjourned at 9:30PM

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## Field Manager Report

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By Dave Sweany

Field Manager

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## 302!

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By Gary Stevens

Membership

302 Is it a good motor found in many old Mustangs? Or maybe, a decent batting average in the major leagues? No,, It is a new club record. As of the first week of July we have surpassed all club membership records. Our membership currently stands at 302 members. All membership cards have been printed and mailed as of the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. If you have not received you club ID card, chance are good that I have not received your AMA number as I have nearly 40 club members that have not supplied their AMA number. If you are one of these members, please email me with you AMA number so that I can finish processing your membership.

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## Public Relations Report

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By Sam Gengo  
Public Relations

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## Natural Selection at Work

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By Don Farra



### Step 1, Tree eats aircraft...



### Step 2, Risking his life for a toy aircraft, Man climbs up tree



### Step 3, Using PVC pipe recovers aircraft

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## Helicopter News

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5/27/2008

By Mitch Kahn  
Helicopter Director

Hi Guys. Our very own Bert Magbanua is hard at work putting together the next giant heli event. Below are excerpts from Bert from what will soon be posted on our website [www.LA3D.org](http://www.LA3D.org).

I am very excited. I think the date change is crucial for this event's success. It is interesting, we are going from Labor Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend – Besides being cooler, I don't think we will have as many family travel conflicts for the 3 day weekend now.

### Main Page:

The 2008 LA 3D Helicopters promises to be an outstanding event with participation from top pilots and great vendors. In an effort to "beat the heat", the event has been moved from its previous mid-summer schedule to the comfortable month of October (see Event schedule pages for details) where all spectators can enjoy the event without the heat! Food vendors will have tasty accommodations and there will be great prizes from vendors who will also be participating (check out the "**Features**" section of this website) in this great yearly event!

This year's organizers welcome participation from all enthusiasts - from family/friend spectators, to RC heli pilots, to vendors of all types. Photo and video enthusiasts are welcome as we hope to have some of the most spectacular RC helicopter flying and model displays in the West Coast. So fire up those helis! Bring Nitro! Bring Batteries! Get ready for a fun extravaganza of 3D RC heli flying! We are doing our best to make this a fun, entertaining event that you can plan to enjoy every year!

### Features Page:

#### 3 FULL DAYS OF FLYING!!!

- Pilot Raffles on Saturday (October 11, 2008 - October 12, 2008)
- Manufacturers and Vendors on Site. (check the sponsors for a list)
- Multiple High AMP DC Power Day Charging Stations
- Multiple DC Power Night Charging Stations
- 110V Generated Power on Location
- Night Flying Friday and Saturday with a Special Bonus on Saturday's Night Fly Party.
- Motor home Camping Available (no Hookups)
- Noontime Demos
- Night Flying
- Event contests
- Tent Camping in Grass Available
- 4 flight station on large runway.
- Park flying Area with Hard Packed Dirt Runway and Grass Landing (must meet AMA park fly specifications)
- Large and Small Helicopter Areas
- Free Parking

- Spectators welcomed
- Registration Only \$20 All Weekend Flying

### **Featured Pilots and Vendors**

The 2008 LA 3D Helicopter event has undergone extensive preparation to bring top-notch pilots to you allowing you to witness their awesome flying abilities as well as provide resources to your "ask the pros" questions! We hope to have participation from all sponsored pilots in seminars and how-to sessions that will be scheduled and announced through the course of the event.

### **Noontime Demos**

Come watch "Dab" Hayward MC the greatest feature of the event - The spectacular Noontime demos! Demos will be held on the usual funfly day, Saturday. Noontime Demos will be for one hour only. During this time the main area of the field will be closed. The south end of the field may be available for flying - please see event coordinators for final restrictions. Register as a demo pilot with our event staff via email or by visiting our "**Contacts Page**" for more info.

### **Event Raffle**

Raffle tickets will be available for sale at the event's center-stage area. One raffle ticket is given to each registered pilot which is included in the registration fee. All raffle prizes are donations by event vendors and are not qualified for returns or return policies by the store, shop or manufacture that offered the prize. A portion of the prize collection will be raffled on Saturday (October 11, 2008) but all major prizes will be awarded on Sunday (October 12, 2008). All drawing winners must be present to receive their prize.

### **Electric Flyers**

Nitro shortage getting you down?!?! No problem, bring those packs & chargers. We have an awesome charging facility and great accommodations planned for your convenience. Charging station equipment is top-notch handling the large capacities and demands of Electric R/C Helicopter Models. Simply bring a charger and plug-in! **WARNING:** It is recommended that you observe your batteries and charging material at all times to provide safety & security.

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## **Safety**

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By, Gene Haban  
Safety Officer

I would like to take this time to remind everyone that summer is now in full swing and that you should take some extra precautions at the field during this time of year. How many times has your mother told you to drink plenty of fluids, wear sun screen and try to stay cool? Well guess what, mom was right. I know for a fact that the heat on a hot summer day can lead to some serious problems, and if you want some details as to how I know, just ask me.

Heat-related illness comes in stages. The first sign or stage is usually painful heat cramps of the muscles. These can be treated by stopping activity, cooling the body and taking in

more fluids. The next, more serious stage is heat exhaustion. It can be generally be treated the same as heat cramps.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Cool, moist, pale skin (the skin may be red right after physical activity); skin may or may not feel hot
- Headache or dizziness
- Weakness or exhaustion
- Nausea

The signals of the late stage of a heat-related illness (often called heat stroke) include:

- High body temperature (sometimes as high as 105 degrees)
- Skin may still be moist or the victim may stop sweating and the skin may be red, hot and dry
- Decreased alertness level or complete loss of consciousness
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Vomiting

If victims refuse water or demonstrate symptoms of heat stroke, call 9-1-1 immediately; heat-related illness can be fatal if not properly treated.

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## **Jet News**

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By, Billy Edwards  
Jet Director

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## **Giant Scale News**

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By, Adam Gelbart  
Giant Scale Director

Hi Flyers. My name is Adam Gelbart and I will be the new Giant scale coordinator for our club. I am taking over the position from a guy who has been actively involved in this club ever since I can remember. Probably since it began, so I have some pretty big shoes to fill. I would personally like to thank Marv and his lovely wife Phyllis for the years of dedicated board membership and commitment they have shown. The plus side of this is that now they can enjoy the events in a more relaxed way, and Marv can fly more. The June "Giant scale" fun-fly has come and gone, with almost twenty registered pilots enjoying a perfect day of flying. Thanks to Dave and Benny for running the Night-fly as I came down with a bug that evening. We relaxed the Giant aspect of the event and let some less than 80" models fly, and I think it worked out quite well. I also attended an event held by the canyon crosswinds club which included a "fun- scale funtest" . A low key, introductory type contest with relaxed rules, and it was a big success. Corey "scale" Dail was the mastermind behind the event, and I think



that we may try his concept at one of our events in the near future. That is all for now. Adam.

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## Electric News

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By, Binyamin Elkouby  
Electric Flight Director

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## Media News

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By, Clifford Sonnentag  
Media Director

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## Web News

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By, Patrick Ashour  
Webmaster

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## 2008 Schedule of Events

### Club Meetings

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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!**

### 2008 Club Meeting Schedule

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

### Board Meetings

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

2008 Schedule			
January	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	3 <sup>rd</sup>
February	7 <sup>th</sup>	August	7 <sup>th</sup>
March	6 <sup>th</sup>	September	4 <sup>th</sup>
April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	October	2 <sup>nd</sup>
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	November	6 <sup>th</sup>
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	December	4 <sup>th</sup>

### 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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<b>Robin's Hobby</b> Robin Hambley	1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)	<b>(818) 240-2093</b>
<b>Smith Brothers</b> David	8941 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 10-5)	<b>(818) 885-8636</b>
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# Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2008

*Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!*

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
9	SAT	VF	Numb Thumb Fun Fly/Night Fly	Jason Pakfar
17	SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Winter Fun Fly	Sam Gengo
<b>MARCH</b>				
2	SUN	BSS	Electric C/L	Tony Naccarato <i>Runway not affected.</i>
9	SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In / Night Fly	Marv Zauss
<b>APRIL</b>				
4	FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA West Coast Racing Series	George Finch
5 – 6	SAT & SUN			
20	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato
<b>MAY</b>				
3	SAT	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / Hobby People Engine Clinic	Dave Hendrex
4	SUN	VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 circles	<i>Runway not affected.</i>
17 – 18	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS Spring 2008 - 2 Days	Billy Edwards
<b>JUNE</b>				
6	FRIDAY	VF	Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato
7 – 8	SAT & SUN			
20	FRI ½ Day	VF	Howard Reed Memorial Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races <i>Western Championship</i>	George Finch
21 – 22	SAT & SUN			
<b>JULY</b>				
5	SAT	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In / Night Fly	Adam Gelbart
13	SUN	VF	First Annual Warbird Race	Chuck Thompson
22	TUE	VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM	Jason Pakfar
26 – 27	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS – Summer 08 – 2 Days	Billy Edwards
<b>AUGUST</b>				
8	FRI	VF	Scale Masters Qualifier AMA Scale, Expert, Sport & Fun	Don Goeschl
9 – 10	SAT & SUN			
9 – 10	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	J. Silver <b>No Heli Flying</b>
22	FRI	VF	FAI F3D Team Trials	George Finch
23 – 24	SAT & SUN			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
14	SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In / Night Fly	Jay Repogle
28	SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ	Bob Smith
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
4 – 5	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	J. Silver <b>No Heli Flying</b>
10	FRIDAY	VF	LA 3-D Helicopters	Mitch Kahn
11-12	SAT & SUN			
26	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
8	SAT	VF	Valley Flyers Fall Fun Fly	Jason Pakfar
8	SAT Evening	VF	November Night Fly	4pm-9pm Jason Pakfar
30	SUN	VF	LA JETS – Fall 2008 – 1 Day	Billy Edwards
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
14	SUN	VFGSS	Toys-for-Tots - Open to all sizes	Darrell Martin
<p><b>½ Day:</b> 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.</p>				

<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>VFGSS</b>	Giant Scale Squadron	Giant Scale Squadron of the Valley Flyers
<b>VCB</b>	Valley Circle Burners	Control Line (C/L) flying club – Some events may affect runway maneuvers.
<b>VF</b>	Valley Flyers	San Fernando Valley R/C flying club

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