

The Valley Flyer



Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 152

Our 59th Year

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Valley Flyers Present A Very Special February **FEBRUARY 2009**

By **Bob Joyce** – Program Director

If you're stimulated by simulation, then our February meeting will be of special interest. Erich Stolz representing Futaba/Great Planes will be demonstrating Real Flight G4.5 on the large screen at the Encino Community Center. In my opinion, simulators are a great way to easily expand and improve the flying skills of pilots of all skill levels. This latest version of Real Flight has significantly enhanced and expanded model physics, flying field and airplane/helicopter graphic detail, a greater selection of vehicles to fly, and numerous other added features and improvements. Erich will highlight some of these features and demonstrate the flying characteristic of some of the airplanes/helicopters.

Erich has been involved in RC flying for 27 years and is currently flying helicopters exclusively. His expertise is attested to by his sponsorship by Futaba/Great planes, Align RC, Morgan fuels, Cermark, and V-Blades. He has been a tool and Die maker for 18 years and currently owns his own business. His demonstration of Real Flights' capabilities should be interesting and worthwhile for all Club members. Guests are also invited.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Meanwhile, "happy and safe flying" to all of you.



VALLEY FLYERS WINTER FUN FLY & SWAP MEET MINUS THE SNOW

LIMBO AND GAMES
AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

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General Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009

General Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Scott Ramos, Club Secretary

January 27, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM

43 Members in attendance.



Motion to approve minutes as published. Seconded and passed. No new members in attendance. A recap of last year. Thanks to all who showed up at the Holiday party, which was held at a new venue. I hope everyone had a great time.

Membership currently at 138 with renewals coming in. We have a new hosting service and we are working on merging the various websites. Last year we focused on growing membership. We had several three-day events with attendances of up to 150 people. We had a break-in at the field. The heli trailer was robbed of the generator and batteries. We want to obtain a container to replace the trailer.

We have cleaned out the north park flyer area. We need a few more yards of concrete. Once those are done, the park flyer area can be used as designed. Right now people are flying from anywhere instead of from the designated park flyer runway and airspace. Most of the planes are too big for that area. The posted limitations are currently 1 lb. AMA standard is up to 2 lbs and under 60mph. We are working on adopting these rules with Recs & Parks Dept. There was a midair at the end of the runway. With the heli area, there is no other place for the park flyers. Planes over 2 lbs and faster than 60 should be flown from the main runway. We may move the break-in stands to where they were to create a separation.

The Foundation has purchased a container for the electrical area. The next goal is to get a container for the heli area. There were indications that the generator was rolled towards the area of the homeless encampment.

The 2009 Apollo 11 Field Event Schedule has been published but there are several changes to be posted in early February.

AMA Expo: We had one of the nicest booths at the show. Thanks to Chuck Thompson and those who worked on the event, it was successful. We met a lot of those that have sponsored our events. We didn't sell anything but the expense was repaid in recognition, promotion, and sponsors. Cliff has compiled 5 videos for various events, which will be shown this evening. Dave Hendrex asked about the FAI event. We are not yet sure.

Bob Joyce will have Eric Stolz demonstrate the Great Planes G4.5 RC Flight Simulator at the February Club meeting.

Someone suggested the generator be welded down. This and other methods of securing the generator will be considered. There was a question if the charging stations should be moved to the new park flyer pits. The tables along the container will remain where they are, but the charging stations might be moved to the north end of the containers themselves. There was a suggestion that the police be called out to write citations. The problem is that if they start coming out to write citations, they may start viewing it as a revenue stream and keep coming back.



Randy Mytar with refinished Jack Stafford Aircoupe



Randy's Ryan Fireball - a neat Hobby Zone T-28 conversion



Bob Smith's Escapade ARF - Built without ANY glue!

The big threat of the closing of the field is with the FAA if there continues to be altitude violations.

After the Break: Phyllis Sidwell, the wife of Gene Sidwell, passed away last week. Also the Numb Thumb fun fly is coming up on Feb 7 with nite fly. Get the gum out of the carb, dust off the lights and come on down. It's free to members. Chuck has scanned archived newsletters from 1965-1969. The plan is to have them posted online.

Video presentation By Cliff Sonnentag. This was the result of several hundred hours of work. Thank you Cliff.

Show & Tell: Dave brought in his new P-82 twin mustang that he picked up at the AMA show from Nitro Models. Two FSR45 engines, Wing span is 70" and about 9 lbs, It should maiden this weekend. His plan is to fly it in the warbird races. Bob brought in the new GP Escapade. 55AX motor. No glue or epoxy was used in its assembly. The plane comes hinged and control horns are pre-attached. Everything bolts on. It's a two piece wing with tube. Battery is a new NiMH type from Batteries America. Maiden should be next Thursday or Friday. Randy Mytar (former treasurer 40 years ago) showed his Ryan FR1 Fireball kitbashed from a T-28 foam plane with flaps. It was painted with waterbase acrylic and weighs about 37 oz with all the scale modifications. Jack Stafford kit. Painted with Rustolium. Aerocoupe. Corey "Scale" Dail is working on a simple scale competition set of rules. Plans are to involve other clubs. This event can happen during existing Fun Fly events. The plan is to make a simple scale event that anyone can participate to further promote interest in scale RC competition.

Raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM



GREAT PLANES ESCAPADE; .40 -.70 GAS OR ELECTRIC ARF

The February meeting will feature a Great Planes Escapade in the monthly give away. The E-Flite Taylorcraft will also be available but the winner can select only one aircraft, with the additional aircraft being held over for next month.

If you happen to win or purchase the Escapade ARF, here's a tip to install vertical fin on the escapade;

Place a piece of thread at the base of the threaded rod portion that extends from the vertical stabilizer. Use a small amount of CA to secure it. Also apply a small amount of CA on the tip of the threaded string and ZAP it to make it stiff.

Now put the end portion of the string through the holes in the fuselage, entering from the top of the fuselage. Pull the strings to guide the rods through the holes. Use a sharp Exacto to cut the thread/string from the rod. Install the Nylon Insert Locknuts with a #4 washer and lock washer going on the extended rods first.

My Escapade features the O.S. 55 AX, a Great Planes metal backed spinner (in place of the all plastic one in the kit), Robart 2.75 wheels (the foamies in the kit will wobble and develop a flat spot on the tire in heat) and a tail wheel with a 1/16" hole. I elected to install the aileron servo inside, however this takes away from installation space for the battery as shown on the instructions, so you might want to go with externally mounted wing servos.

I'm using a new Sanyo cell battery, called the Eneloop. It's a NiMH/Alkaline that has a small footprint. The 6.0 volt 800 mah pack I installed is about 3/4 the size of a 700 mah 4.8 volt NiCd and retains 80% of the charge for up to a year. It was purchased through www.batteriesamerica.com

Since the control horns were already attached with Philips screws, I left them in place but all others were replaced with steel sockets. The only adhesives used were thin CA and thread locker. No epoxy required. The wing is two pieced, using a metal wing joiner.

The weight is 4lbs 12 oz using a digital scale that has a capacity of 10 lbs. I use this scale for Q500 planes. When I used the USPS spring-loaded analog scale, it registered 5 lbs! So much for accuracy!

So, in summary, new airplane, new battery, new engine and new RDS8000 radio.

Flight report in next month's newsletter.

Regards, Bob Smith



Board Meeting Minutes

Feb 3, 2009

Board meeting minutes 02/03/09

Recorded by Scott Ramos, Club Secretary

Members in attendance: Jason Pakfar, Tony di Leo, Dave Sweany, Gary Stevens, Sam Gengo, Bob Smith, Ricc Bieber, Scott Ramos, Ben Elkouby, Chuck Thompson, George Finch, Bob Joyce, Gregg Fullington, Adam Gelbart, Eugene Haban. **Members absent:** Avi Melman, Cliff Sonnentag, Bert Magbanua, Patrick Ashour.

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM

Jason Pakfar: There are still errors in the 2009 schedule. Jason has asked Sam to revise based on last years schedule. Directors need to check the schedule for their events to insure the schedule is correct and there are no conflicts with events at other clubs. The website shows the 7th as a fun fly and night fly. The 22nd is scheduled to be a fun fly/membership drive. It has been decided to have the 22nd as a day fly with swap meet.

Review of the schedule.

March 6, 7, and 8 will be the SAE competition. The 22nd will be a Giant Scale Fun Fly. A motion was made to eliminate the night fly from the GSS FF. The motion was seconded and passed. The 19th will be an all electric fun fly sponsored by the BSS. April 3, 4 and 5 will be the West Coast Racing event. Note, RCX will be held on the 17, 18 and 19 this year. May 2 will be the Pizza fun fly/ engine clinic. The 23 and 24 will be the Spring LA Jets. June 5, 6 and 7 will be the Western States e-fly. The 19, 20 and 21 will be the Howard Reed Memorial Races. July 5 will be a Giant Scale Fun Fly. The 12th will be the Second Annual Warbird Race. Summer LA Jets will be on the 24, 25 and 26. The July general meeting will be at the field on the 28th. August 7, 8, 9 will be the new Scale event the weekend of the 28, 29, 30 is open. Two choices are to have either a fun fly or move the LA3D event from Oct. to August. This will be discussed with the Helicopter Director, Bert M, before a final decision is made. The rest of the events are fine as currently published. The schedule should be finalized by the end of the week. Sam will email the changes for all Board members to review and approve by weeks end. (Editor's note: Sam emailed the schedule as discussed in the board meeting to entire board on Wednesday and rolled the changes into a final version that was distributed and ready for publication on Saturday morning.)

Bob Joyce: We need a projector and a system with Real Flight G4.5 for our Guest demonstration at the next General Meeting. Eric Stolz will demonstrate the latest Real Flight simulator. Jason will bring the system and projector. Today at 2 PM a police helicopter flew over the field at about 400 feet. There were no RC planes near the Helicopter at the time. The helicopter flew over to the golf course area and hovered there. A few minutes later, police pulled onto the field and proceeded to question pilots flying on the main runway. One of the pilots was flying in the vicinity of 400 feet when the police arrived, and he was issued a warning notice. A few days before, the police came down to the field and shut it down for a period of time. In all, there were three different visits from the police recently.

There are still many who either don't know the 400' altitude limit, or ignore it. Bob suggested that we obtain a telemetry system that can show the altitude in real time and install it into a club trainer. The plane can be used to demonstrate to pilots where 400' is. Chuck suggested that we make a triangulation device

that can be used to approximate the altitude of planes that can be permanently installed and can be used by anyone at any time. Scott will assist Chuck with the device. Sam said that he would be willing to donate a non-telemetry recorder that can be placed in an RC which will record it's height and the data be displayed once the plane is back on the ground.

Tony has access to a real time telemetry system that he can bring for testing before a decision is made to purchase a system. Jason said that the first priority is to improve signage stating the altitude limitation of 400' limit. Of particular concern are helicopters as approximately 90% of complaints come from full-scale helicopter pilots. Jason will purchase sign blanks and Scott will work on making signs.

George Finch George will CD the Feb 7th Night Fly.

Greg Fullington Joey Castelao has accepted our request to CD the Summer LAJets event.

Gary Stevens Current membership is at 138. We need to renew our email membership drive campaign. Also, all Board Members need to update their MemberTies software. Jason will send instructions.

Dave Sweany We now have water at the field again. Forms for the generator container and for the park flyer area are done. Jason needs precise measurements for the generator container so the proper one can be ordered. The new Container interior is almost done and will be ready for shelves to be installed and items can then be moved in. Dave asked about what will be done with the donated airplanes in the east shed. Jason said that an inventory needs to be done.

Pat Zilliak Pat suggested a swap meet be added to the Feb. 22 Fun Fly. Jason made a motion, the motion was seconded and passed.

Sam Gengo The SAE is scheduled for March 6, 7 and 8. He will be participating in teleconferences starting tomorrow. Sam needs help on Friday, March 6th at the Airtel for inspectors. Additional help will be needed for the BBQ crowd control and other jobs. The Boy Scouts will be there as well. Sam pointed out that the schedule on the website is not printer friendly. We need to make a printer friendly schedule. The newsletter needs to be published on the 17th. In order to meet this deadline, all items need to be turned in to Avi by the 10th. We also need to print and send out newsletters to those members that have elected for printed versions.

Chuck Thompson Chuck is looking onto a bigger conference room at Galpin to hold the board meetings. We have outgrown the current location. Chuck spoke with Erin Dobbs at the AMA. The AMA is sending a check to the club for \$300. This is part of a program where the AMA will pay clubs \$300 for events that have media coverage. The money being paid to the club was for the Y-Fly event. Chuck has also submitted an article and photos of the event to the AMA magazine for consideration.

Adam Gelbart At the upcoming March GSS event, former President Phil Mosko's name will be added to the memorial board, and he is arranging for a missing man formation to be flown. Phil Mosko's family has been invited to attend. Corey Dail has been speaking with Adam about a new Fun Scale competition. The competition could be incorporated into some of the existing Fun Fly events without disruption. Work is ongoing to determine how the event may be set up to include qualifiers and finals, and participation with other clubs.

Ben Elkouby The forms are in for the Park Flyer area and for the generator container. We need about 8 yards of concrete to finish the job. Concrete is \$80 per yard. Jason motioned that the club proceeds with the concrete. The motion was seconded and passed. Ben has purchased a hot dog cart which is fully permitted. He requested permission to sell hot dogs at the field on weekends when there are no scheduled events. This was accepted by the Board pending a proper permit from Recreations & Parks.

Gene Haban Gene spoke with Cliff and has made arrangements to meet with him on Sunday to start working on altitude signage.

Ricc Bieber No BBQ will be needed for the Feb. 7 Night Fly. Pizza may be made available if turnout is large enough.

Bob Smith There is \$6600 in the VF checking account and \$3300 in the PayPal account, and the \$300 is still pending from AMA.

Tony di Leo Glen Roe has volunteered to be an instructor. Tony will be meeting with him to get him familiar with the club trainers and equipment setup.

Scott Ramos Another possible meeting location is the Denny's on Sherman Way near Hayvenhurst. They have a separate room and will provide a 10% discount on any food purchases. Scott and Jason will go and view the room. Jason asked Scott to look into PHP scripting that can be added to the website for document capture and archival.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

From Your Hospitality Director

Welcome to the New Year! The club is your place to be for all upcoming flying fun. I hope you have a minute and check out the new schedule.

As your Hospitality Guy at the field (that means I get to cook my *** off), I cordially invite you all to come and participate. Well, no, you don't have to help me with the snack stand, but we have plenty of other positions to take care of. For instance, we have a Fun Fly coming up on February 22nd. But the big deal is the SAE Event in March on the 6th, 7th, and 8th. In case you don't know, this is where potential engineers get to see if science will work after thoughts have been committed to paper, and then to actual aircraft design. If you have been to one of these in the past, you already know that sometimes it works, and sometimes the failure is, well, spectacular! I think it was a couple of years ago that someone forgot to do that main spar thing in the wing. You can guess what happened. This year proves to be even better with the new rule changes. So we need officials to man the field and flight line. I wouldn't mind some help at the snack stand, either. Pat and I are good at what we do, but, heck, we're getting' old!

See you at the events!

Flaps up!

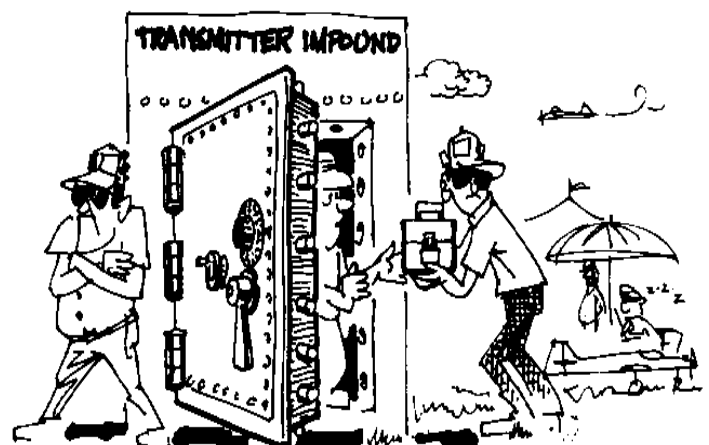
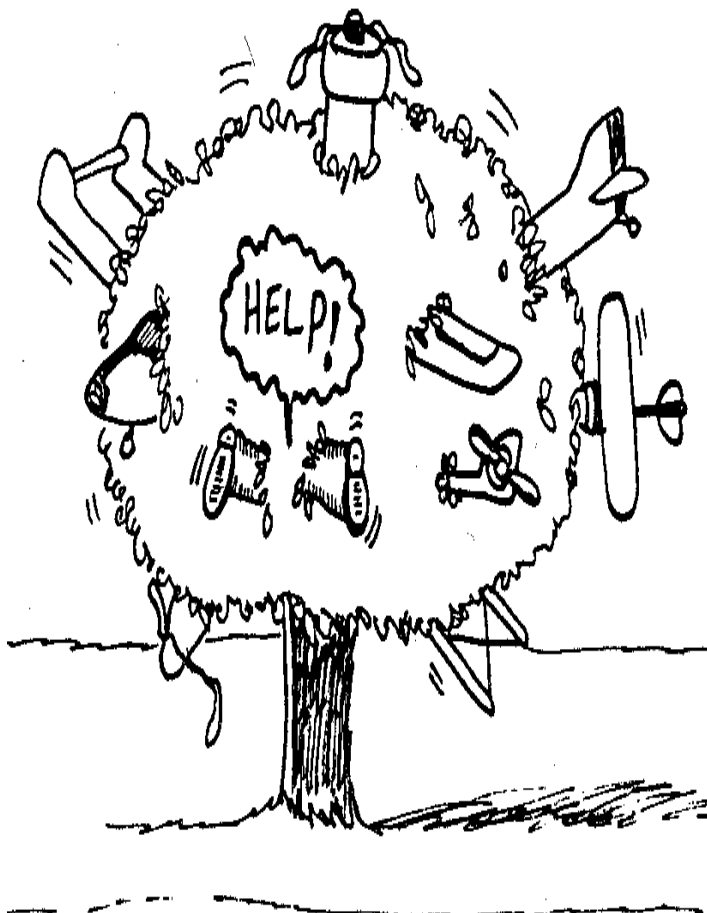
Ricc Bieber, Hospitality

Membership Report

Gary Stevens, Membership Director

We have one busy month under our belts for the current year. To date (2/11/09) we have 143 members who have either joined or renewed for 2009. Of these 143 members, 27 signed up at the AMA show in January. Also as of today, all ID cards have been printed and mailed. If you have not received your ID card and membership package, please send me an email. There are numerous members who have not submitted their AMA number or renewed their AMA membership. We have over 440 people in our membership database so only about 1/3 of you have renewed your 2009 membership.

Thank you for your patience waiting for the ID cards.



In Memoriam...

Hello Valley Flyers,

Sad news to report, I received a letter from Scott Mosko informing me of his fathers passing. I asked him if I could publish his letter, and here it is.

Dear Jason and Adam,

You do not know me, but my last name may be vaguely familiar to some of the older members of the Valley Flyers club. I got your names from the website. My dad, Phil was the President of the club for many years. He died today. Something inside me compels me to reach out to you--let me explain.

As far back as my memory will allow, dad was smitten by the radio controlled airplane bug. In the 1960s, I have recollections of him taking me to a flying field in Denver, where he and his buddies established a club comparable to yours. Back then, a two channel radio that controlled only the rudder on an airplane was all that technology would allow. He loved that hobby. I can recall the hours and days and months he would spend building airplanes in the basement of our old house, and the horrible smell that enveloped the whole house when he would cover the airplanes with silk and dope. Thank goodness for development of Monokote.

We moved to Los Angeles in 1970. After several attempts to fly his planes in fields and parks nearby, he learned of a small group in the San Fernando Valley. There was a small field off Burbank Boulevard. At that time, there was no asphalt runway. There were no formal pits. There was no organized location for pilots to work on their planes, and there was no good way to monitor who was on what frequency. Dad was appointed President of the Valley Flyers--and he arranged for the paving of the runway and the pouring of the cement pits. He also pushed through the stands and shade coverings. I am sure he did a lot more. I know he felt that his work at the club to be one of his greatest accomplishments. He made many, many friends there. Indeed, it defined his life.

In the 1980s dad became enthused with quarter scale, and from then on, almost every plane he built was

big. He especially loved bi-planes. Unnfortunately, in 1999, Dad suffered a stroke, and from then on was unable to continue in the hobby he so adored. When I think back on his life, radio controlled airplanes was a huge part. For 10 years we have not had the heart to do anything with the garage, which is still filled with airplanes, transmitters, and the many tools he used for his models. As I looked at your website, I received a great deal of pleasure recalling the memories and the fun he got from radio controlled airplanes. Your club, as it existed then meant a great deal to dad. I would be grateful if you would remember dad at your next meeting.

Thanks,

Scott Mosko

We will be adding Phil Mosko's name to the memorial board, and will perform the Giant Scale Squadron / Valley Flyers missing man formation at the March Fun Fly. (March 22nd)

I hope to see you all there.

Adam Gelbart



A rainbow over Apollo XI Field...

TREASURY REPORT

As of February 6th, the balance in the checking account is \$5262.87 with \$375.00 in outstanding deposits. As of February 3rd, there is approximately \$3100.00 in the PAY PAL account.

Treasurer, Bob Smith



and to persons and property on the surface. Compliance with the following standards will help reduce the potential for that hazard and create a good neighbor environment with affected communities and airspace users.

3 OPERATING STANDARDS.

- (a) Select an operating site that is of sufficient distance from populated areas. The selected site should be away from noise sensitive areas such as parks, schools, hospitals, churches, etc.
- (b) Do not operate model aircraft in the presence of spectators until the aircraft is successfully flight tested and proven airworthy.
- (c) Do not fly model aircraft higher than 400 feet above the surface. When flying aircraft within 3 miles of an airport, notify the airport operator, or when an air traffic facility is located at the airport, notify the control tower, or flight service station.
- (d) Give right of way to, and avoid flying in the proximity of, full-scale aircraft. Use observers to help if possible.
- (e) Do not hesitate to ask for assistance from any airport traffic control or flight service station concerning compliance with these standards.

This AC is advisory in nature and was published in 1981. It isn't actually a matter of law, although exceeding 400 feet in the path of a full scale aircraft could be considered "reckless operation of an aircraft" by the FAA which does bring the law into play.

Remember the AMA Safety Code states the following:

I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield the right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.

Basically full sized aircraft can fly right over our heads during a takeoff or landing at any given time so remember full sized aircraft have the right. We are only 2.8 miles from the south end of Van Nuys Airport. So watch out for full sized traffic and help remind yourself and everyone else out there to keep it low.



400 Feet Maximum Altitude

Do you know what the legal minimum altitude for full size aircraft over our field? The following is the FAA regulation FAR 91.119 for full sized aircraft:

Except when necessary for takeoff or landing, no person may operate an aircraft below the following altitudes:

- (a) Anywhere. An altitude allowing, if a power unit fails, an emergency landing without undue hazard to persons or property on the surface.
- (b) Over congested areas. Over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open air assembly of persons, an altitude of 1,000 feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 2,000 feet of the aircraft.
- (c) Over other than congested areas. An altitude of 500 feet above the surface, except over open water or sparsely populated areas. In those cases, the aircraft may not be operated closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle, or structure.
- (d) Helicopters. Helicopters may be operated at less than the minimums prescribed in paragraph (b) or (c) of this section if the operation is conducted without hazard to persons or property on the surface. In addition, each person operating a helicopter shall comply with any routes or altitudes specifically prescribed for helicopters by the Administrator.

The FAA has regulatory authority over model airplanes and advisory circular

AC 91-57 addresses the subject MODEL AIRCRAFT OPERATING STANDARDS

1. PURPOSE.

This advisory circular outlines, and encourages voluntary compliance with, safety standards for model aircraft operators.

2. BACKGROUND.

Modelers, generally, are concerned about safety and do exercise good judgment when flying model aircraft. However, model aircraft can at times pose a hazard to full-scale aircraft in flight

GIANT SCALE

FLY-IN



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

...from the archives of the Valley Flyer Newsletter

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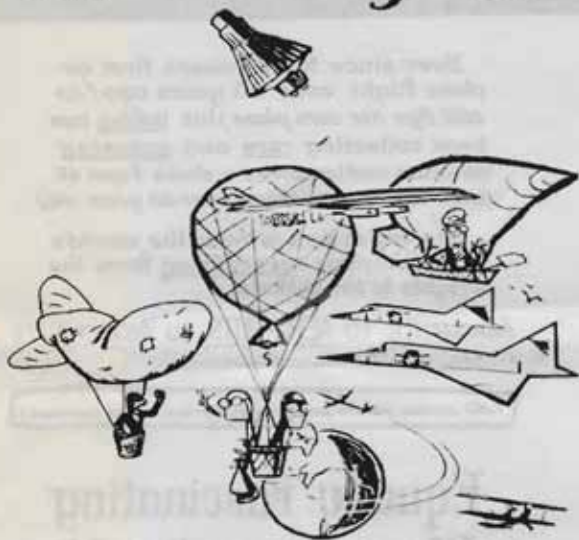
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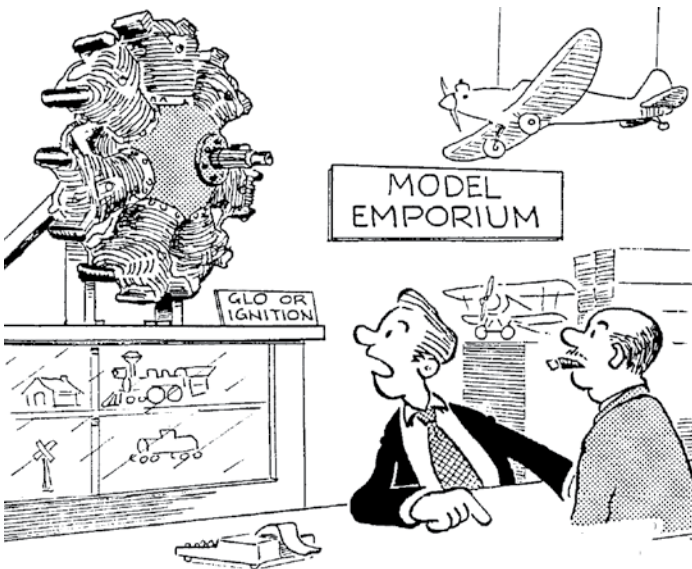
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The funny side of
The Conquest of Air and Space
TITLED -

"HIGHER 'N A KITE"
(*Not voice on film - always personally narrated)



No, it's bigger than half-scale, and I can't find a kit for it!

Fellow Member Has Investment Opportunity with Animation Project!

How would you like to become a part of a new trend of mixing Hollywood award-winning storytelling with the visual appeal of Japanese Anime? Hi, I'm Avi Melman, fellow member. I started with the Club about 3 years ago but lately my flying time has been taken up by work: Right now, our studio is co-producing a huge animation project with global marketing strategies. Interested in some profit-sharing potential? A percentage of income from DVDs, video games, toys, comics, etc. can be yours. My team is selling "Producers Points" in our production. Interested in more info, email me at amelman@cybergraphix-anim.com or call me at 818-334-7679.

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Tips & Tricks

Cooling Your Engine

If your engine is running hotter than you would like, how can you cool it down? Most people make the mistake of thinking more is better when it comes to the air inlet at the front of the cowl. This is a common error and, while it seems logical, the reverse is actually true. To properly cool your engine, you need more outlet, not more inlet. You want at least 2:1—preferably 3:1—air out to air in ratio. Otherwise, it makes a dam and the air cannot come into the cowl because it has nowhere to go out of the cowl. If your engine is not cooling properly, try blocking off the other air inlet or opening the belly of the cowl further.

Wing/Tail Alignment

Get an old telescope antenna (the same type as found on transmitters). Use it as an adjustable-length measuring rod to compare critical measurements on airplanes during construction. This can help you compare the distance from one wingtip to the stabilizer and to make sure this distance is equal on both sides of the airplane. This ensures that the stabilizer is parallel to the wing.

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NOW AVAILABLE AT GENERAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2009

Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!



Date	Club	Event
FEBRUARY		
22	SUN VF	Swap Meet & FREE VF Fun Fly
MARCH		
6 – 8	FRI – SUN VF	Aero Design West – Collegiate Weight Lifting Contest
15	SUN BSS	Electric Control-line Fun Fly
22	SUN VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In
APRIL		
3	FRI ½ Day	Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA
4 – 5	SAT & SUN VF	
19	SUN BSS	West Coast Racing Series All Electric Fun-Fly
MAY		
2	SAT VF	Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic
3	SUN VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 circles – Runway OPEN
23 – 24	SAT & SUN VF	LA JETS Spring 2009 - 2 Days
JUNE		
5	FRIDAY	Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly
6 – 7	SAT & SUN VF	
19	FRI ½ Day	Howard Reed Memorial Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races <i>Western Championship</i>
20 – 21	SAT & SUN VF	
JULY		
5	SUN VFGSS	Giant Scale Fun Fly
12	SUN VF	Second Annual Warbird Race
24 – 26	FRI – SUN VF	LA JETS – Summer – 3 Days
28	TUE VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM
AUGUST		
7	FRI	Western States Scale AMA Scale, Expert, Sport & Fun
8 – 9	SAT & SUN VF	
8 – 9	SAT & SUN VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles
30	SUN VF	Swap Meet & FREE VF Fun Fry
SEPTEMBER		
13	SUN VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In
27	SUN VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ
OCTOBER		
3 – 4	SAT & SUN VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles – Runway OPENpen
9	FRIDAY	LA 3-D Helicopters
10 – 11	SAT & SUN VF	
25	SUN BSS	All Electric Fun Fly
NOVEMBER		
7	SAT VF	November Fun Fly & Night Fly
29	SUN VF	LA JETS – Fall – 1 Day
DECEMBER		
13	SUN VFGSS	Toys-for-Tots: Open to all sizes

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.

2009 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!

2009 Club Meeting Schedule

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

Board Meetings

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

2009 Schedule

January	8th	July	2nd
February	5th	August	6th
March	5th	September	3rd
April	2nd	October	1st
May	7th	November	5th
June	4th	December	3rd

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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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