

The Valley Flyer

Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 152

Our 59th Year

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Valley Flyers Scale Events are on Fire!



Hello Valley Flyers,

Summer is here, and it's going to be a hot one. Throw some sunscreen in your field box. I am happy to report that the July 5th. fun fly was a big success. With over twenty registered pilots, attendance was up 25%, and this was in part due to allowing smaller than 80' wing-span scale models to enter. We also successfully initiated the " simple scale " competition concept, spearheaded by Corey "scale" Dail and the Canyon Crosswinds club, and the majority of entrants opted to compete.

The eventual winners of the event were: Sam Sandwiess 1st. Corey Dail 2nd and Randy Mytar 3rd. The craftsmanship award went to Brad Osborn with his spectacular taylorcraft. Well done guys, and a big thank you to all the helpers and attendees who participated.



But wait.. there is more... August 6th ,7th & 8th is the L.A. Scale Classic Competition, so get those scale airplanes and documentation ready and bring your 'A' game to this one. The top 20% of the entrants will be invited to fly at the U.S. Scale Masters Championships, held this September in Washington State. Even if you don't fly, this will not be something you will want to miss. Spectators are WELCOME!!

See you at the field, Adam.



A Solid Foundataion

Chuck Thompson - Vice President

This month's issue includes some nice photos of the last Scale Fun Fly as well as the Warbird Race.

Below, we've got a photo of the newly poured pad for the new Heli shed. It's been a long time coming, but progress is being made. Work is being stepped up, to complete the Heli area renovations before our big LA3D helicopter event (Oct 9-11). Thanks to all who helped!



Board Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2009

Recorded by Scott Ramos, Secretary

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Jason Pakfar, President.



Members in attendance: Jason Pakfar, Gene Haban, Dave Sweany, Bob Smith, Ricc Bieber, Gary Stevens, Tony di Leo, Gregg Fullington, Scott Ramos, Sam Gengo, Bob Joyce, Chuck Thompson, Adam Gelbart, Bert Magbanua, Cliff Sonnentag,

Members Absent: Avi Melman, Patrick Ashour

Guests: Corey Dail, Mario Sweet, Mike Caminiti

Adam Gelbart reported that the Scale event had 23 entries. The trophies were \$85. The event made \$145. We had 9 club members work the event which made the day go smooth. Corey helped out with running the simple scale competition with 17 participants. We will contact the CD of the next GS event to open to all scale. Jason thinks that using the Giant Scale logo or name on the flyer may cause confusion.

We will work on how to properly advertise the event next year to make it clear that the event is open to all scale planes. The flyer and website for Warbird race is done. We need artwork for tee-shirts for LA Jets. Need flyer for the LA Scale event. Adam will coordinate with Cliff.

Dave Hendrex is working on the sanctions to make sure they are all up to date. Jason has all the permits for the upcoming events. Dave Hendrex has all the originals and will match them with all the sanctions. Jason has already gone through the schedule and pulled permits for overnight camping where needed.

The park flyer area has become a serious safety issue. We may need to consider closing the park flyer area. There was an incident a couple of weeks ago where a park flyer flew in front of the face of a pilot which caused the loss of a \$15,000 airplane. It was suggested that we post a notice that the park flyer will be closed by a specific date if further problems occurs. If we call the police, it has to be done consistently. Jason was the one who pushed the development of the park flyer in an attempt to resolve issues of taking park flyers off the main runway. But if the problems continue, then further action will need to



(Board Meeting Minutes continued)

be taken. Another suggestion is to turn the power off more frequently. Chuck motioned that the board drafts and posts a letter about the issues. We are considering shutting down chargers and the park flyer flying area if the problems continue. The motion was seconded and past unanimously. Sam will draft the letter.

Jason's concern is that the vast majority of the planes being flown in the area are not park flyers. There are a lot of overweight and over-speed planes being flown in the area. Sam will draft the letter and email it to the board. The letter will be approved and Dave will print, post, and distribute copies. The date of closure will be set for Saturday August 1st. Benny finds that a lot of the problems are with new flyers who are having trouble flying.

When Sam sends the notice to the board, we need to review and comment. Dave Hendrex has agreed to fill The Board position left vacant with George Finch's passing. Gregg Fullington will be stepping down as Turbine Director. Jason suggests Jeff Tolomeo as the new Turbine Director.

Gregg Fullington reports that the park flyer area will be closed during LA Jets. The pit area will be closed off to spectators. Jason suggests at least 4 people to police the pits for spectators. It is up to the CD to determine where and how to control the crowds. The CD may contact the Boy Scouts or explorers program to help with spectators

Gary reports that Membership is at 268.

Bob Smith reports that the Checking account balance is \$18,457.97 and the PayPal account is \$2,244.42.

Dave Sweeny purchased a Honeywell 2000I that Jason found was on sale, for the Club. Dave is still on the lookout for a 3000. We still need a number of small generators for most events. Dave talked to Ed about a concrete pour before the end of the week. The Heli area has to be completed before the heli event. If Ed cannot do it, we need to contract someone. We need to pour the pad and the pit area. The pit area needs to have forms put up. This project needs to be finished.

Bert reports that they have volunteers with the experience for doing the work if we contract for a truck to pour for both the pits and pad. Bert will cost out the pour. Bert is targeting this Saturday for the concrete pour. There are a couple of heli turbine fliers. Bert introduces Mike Caminiti to the board. He will be working on the 3D Heli event.

Mike: The event went well last year, he is working on

improving the event this year. He will be modeling the vendor setup after the E-Fly event. So far, a number of vendors have registered including Common Sense, Hitec, Hobby House, and PureTech. The web site is getting hits every day. Mike has a contact with Red Bull and will arrange for the Red Bull girls to bring an application to the July general meeting at the field for a soap box race. [Editor's Note: Did you hear that, guys? The Red Bull Girls will be at the field on Tuesday, July 28th in the evening handing out FREE Red Bulls!] Tony will put together a committee for building a soapbox.

Chuck: Ricc will be serving hot dogs for the Warbird Race event this Sunday. So far, Chuck has 6 helpers signed up. Mario offers to call general members for help. Jason suggests that we create a list of people who often help.

Do we have air for the air horn. We need more air horns and air cans. Chuck will pick some up. Chuck has distributed flyers for the race at many of the local hobby shops. Ted Mayer submitted some logo artwork for board review.

It was motioned and passed that we seek a new newsletter editor. Articles are to be sent to Chuck Thompson for the July newsletter.

Cliff has the new LA 3D flyer. Chuck mentioned there are no upcoming event flyers on the Valley Flyers website. The new website is ready to go live. Cory Dale reported that the scale event we just had was a success.

Bob Joyce reports that Mike Morgan of DW Foamies donated a gift certificate. Bob will come up with some type of contest to give it away. Cliff will do a demonstration of how he creates flyers at the next Club meeting.

Sam: The July 28th Club meeting is at the field. We need to start planning the holiday party. Jason suggests the same venue as last year. A date of December 5th was tentatively selected.

Tony reports that a recent training session was with 8 students. Tony needs more assistance with flight training. The Telemaster is ready, except the engine. Benny will look into the engine.

Ricc notes that LA Jets will have a full menu for the food stand. Warbird Race is hot dogs; Scale Masters will be a full menu.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

AMA Embraces Online Future

by Dave Mathewson, AMA President

AMA launched its Members Only online forum early in June in a notice to our Leader Members. Our intent was to start slowly to try to identify any bugs in the system that may have been overlooked during the internal testing phase. The launch went almost flawlessly and we're now beginning to promote the forum and encourage member participation.

I've written in the past that communication is the key to success in any membership organization and AMA is no different. Our new forum will give us the ability to communicate in a quick and cost effective way with our members, and vice versa.

This forum is not intended to compete with the other popular, more traditional model aviation related forums. These forums play an important role in the modeling community and are a good resource for model aviation-related information. Our AMA forum will be dedicated to an exchange of AMA-related information. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet you can get to the forum from a link on AMA's Web site at www.modelaircraft.org. Over the next several months new topics and sections will be added based on member input. Posting is limited to members but the ability to read posts is open to all.

AMA plans to take greater advantage of the Internet and the resources and opportunities it provides. By the time this issue of the AMA Insider reaches you, AMA should be accepting PayPal as a method of payment to join or renew a membership. As we get farther into the year, this option will also be made available for purchases from our Plans Department and Merchandising.

Club charter renewals and applying for event sanctions are areas that take significant time and effort for club officers and contest directors to manage. Beginning in 2010 our plans are to have in place the option to process both club charters and sanction applications online. There are several advantages in doing this. First, of course, the ability to submit an electronic charter online will eliminate the tedious task of entering all of this information manually. For club charters, officers will have the ability not only to submit their initial yearly charter online but they will also be able to manage club rosters and other club information throughout the year.

The time needed to process a sanction application today includes a significant amount of time when the paperwork is "in transit." Applications are first sent to the district contest coordinator then, if approved, forwarded

onto AMA Headquarters for processing and then mailed back to the CD.

Being able to submit an application online will virtually eliminate nearly all of the transit time. Contest coordinators will still authorize and approve sanction requests but will do so electronically. The "system" will take the information provided in the sanction application and automatically process it once the contest coordinator gives his or her okay.

Finally, the option will be available to return the processed sanction certificate to the CD in electronic form instead of sending hard copies though the mail. What now takes several weeks to accomplish could realistically be done in a matter of days. Supporting paperwork would still be sent through the postal system.

These are just a couple of the new electronic options that we hope to be implementing in the next year or so. However, for those who wish to handle these tasks as we have in the past, that option will still be available as well.

See you next time... Q

Park Flyer Safety Alert

In regards to the Park Flyer area, we need to avert its possible closure of the area due to constant rule violations. It may seem unfair to close the park flyer area and charging stations because of the unsafe actions of a few people, but in reality this has been an ongoing issue. We need to communicate to all the



regulars as well as new people showing up and flying in the park flyer area that there are rules in place for general safety of everyone. Of the posted rules, a majority of the violations which take place are flying out of the designated area (ie: flying over the pit areas and runways and over the access road), aircraft that weigh more than 2 pounds, and the most flagrant violation of flying over 60 miles per hour. If you are unable to keep the aircraft within the park flyer area, then usually you are flying well over 60 miles per hour and thus should be on the main runway. Also major rule that applies to everyone is the maximum altitude of 400 feet. The field is located within 3 miles of the Van Nuys Airport and thus the 400 foot altitude restriction is in effect at all times. All of us need to do what we can to insure we don't go over 400 feet above ground level.

URGENT NOTICE!

Park Flyer Area May Be Closed

Park Flyer area of Apollo 11 Field in immediate danger of losing flying space privileges!

The Park Flyer area has become a major safety and nuisance issue at Apollo 11 Field's flying facility. Recently, an incident occurred when an electric-powered airplane was flown in front of a pilot standing at the runway, causing him to lose control of his aircraft, crashing it to the loss of thousands of dollars. While no injuries or fires resulted, legal action is being pursued. **However, this is not the first or only incident causing problems with aircraft flown from this area.** The situation has been ongoing for years but has gotten much worse in recent months, despite more signage and attempts to encourage better behavior.

The Valley Flyers have spent a significant portion of the overall Club funds over the past four to five years on developing and improving the park flyer area and giving those that fly electric powered aircraft very convenient resources, including one of the most extensive charging stations of any facility in the nation, available free to any pilot at any time. Our charging equipment has even been written about in Model Aviation, the magazine of the AMA.

The Valley Flyers board of directors, in a recent meeting, is considering the possible action to remove the charging station and eliminate the "park flyer" area of the field. It appears that with new technology and popularity, we may be outgrowing our tiny nook of real estate at this facility. *The proposed date to cease activities of this area is **Saturday, August 1st, 2009.***

Is there anything we can do to prevent this? Yes! If we can demonstrate responsible, controlled, flying in this area between now and July 28th, the board will consider leaving the charging station on and allow the facility to continue for another month, pending a review of observations and complaints. The fact that you are reading this likely means that you care! You can reduce bad behaviors by setting an example and obeying the rules yourself *and* help police the area that you are trying to maintain privileges of.

The AMA defines "Park Flyer" as aircraft weighing less than 2 pounds, incapable of reaching speeds of faster than 60 mph. Park flyers at one time were lightweight, slow, foamie airplanes usually powered by a speed 400 motor or smaller. With today's high performance batteries and brushless electric motors, many high speed and heavy aircraft are anything but "park flyers." An aircraft does not automatically qualify to fly in the park flyer area of our field just because it is propelled by an electric powerplant.

If someone is obviously flying either a too-heavy or too-fast airplane or if they are flying outside the limits of the area, let them know with no uncertainty that you need their cooperation to prevent getting this area shut down and you won't allow that to happen! If anyone becomes violent, threatens, or refuses to comply, call Public Safety at 323-913-7390.

Any aircraft outside the limits of either the park flyer definition or flight limits of the area, which are clearly posted, should be taken out to the main runway and flown, with a spotter, in the pattern along with the other electric, gas, and glow powered airplanes from a pilot pad with good communication calls of "coming out on the runway," "Taking off," and "Landing."

Please do not allow the careless actions of a few ruin it for the many!

General Meeting Minutes

Jun 23, 2009 - Chuck Thompson - Asst. Secretary

The Valley Flyers June general meeting was called to order at 7:40, by President, Jason Pakfar. Approximately 50 members were present.

The newsletter was not published and because of various circumstances. The club will start actively looking for a new newsletter editor.



Our events have lots of sponsors and, based on sponsor feedback, Jason is banning CDs from winning awards at their own events. Since CD controls the raffle, he should not be able to win donated awards. This does not apply to event workers.

Jason recapped the recent club events. LA Jets made close to \$1000. Thanks to Gregg Fullington for following through and making it a great event. Jason expressed concern about trash left by overnight campers. For future events, he will make sure that the CD's take care of this.

The Western E-Fly had over 120 registered pilots in spite of the uncooperative weather. Western E-Fly was completely sold out for vendor space and additional vendors had to be turned away. Western E-Fly is the biggest money-maker for the club. The event netted the club close to \$8976. Thanks to Benny Elkouby, Pat Ziliak, and Ricc Bieber for their hard work at the event.

Final Western Series Races was held at the Basin last weekend. This event netted the club about \$1300 after expenditures for nice new awards.

The club treasury is currently hovering at about \$23,000, after these successful events.

Progress report on our second flying site - Jason has picked up the ball from George and has engaged the city of Glendale regarding the prospective secondary flying site. The field will need lots of work. Ricc visited the field recently. He says that there is parking for about 15 cars, about a 330' runway. The field has no water or

power at this point, but it's possible that the city will be able to provide it at some point. He recommends that the field be used for small glow and electrics. The field is near the 2 freeway, north of Mountain. The previous club who hosted the field lost the location and is now welcome to take it back.

A break was taken.

Thanks for Glen Roe for the new weather station. Glen has the new weather station up and running. It's ready to patch into the web site. The new station is very accurate.

Jason turned the meeting over to Mike Greenshields from Global Hobby Distributors, representing Airtronics. Mike showed the RDS-8000 and the new SG-10D. He also had a pre-production module that makes the popular Airtronics Stylus radio into a 2.4 GHz transmitter.



He gave a demo of the menu setup to show how easy it is to use.



Gary reports membership at over 251 for 2009.

Show and Tell



Paul Parker brought in his new foamy F-22 and Sukoi

Tony di Leo demonstrated and flew his 4 bladed flying machine.

Randy Mytar showed a nice Wittman Tailwind and a painting he did for Oshkosh.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Programs for Future Meetings

By Bob Joyce – Program Director

As you know, the July 28 meeting includes pizza and a night fly which are more than enough entertainment for one meeting. So let me give you an overview of the programs for the August and September meetings.



Thanks to the generosity of Mike Morgan of DW Foamies, we will be awarding someone a \$50 gift certificate at the September meeting. We may play an airplane themed game to determine the winner. Hopefully, Mike will be at one of our future meetings to talk about the various Foamie models that he sells.

Also on the agenda for September, Adam Gelbart will show a movie entitled “Hunting” that contains a wide range of subjects of interest to RC flyers.

The feature presentation for September will be a demonstration by Cliff Sonnentag showing how he makes those beautiful posters for the various club events

Hope to see you at these meetings. Meanwhile, “happy and safe flying” to all of you

Bob Joyce



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WARBIRD RACE





Special thanks to Jeff Shewmon for some of the great event photos



Warbird Race Winners

Unlimited Class

1st - Bill Malo

2nd - David Lloyd

3rd - Kenny Bryner

Sport Class

1st - Chuck Thompson

2nd - Dave Sweany

3rd - Dave Gavin



L.A Scale Classic R/C competition A U.S. Scale Masters qualifier.

Jets welcome w/ waiver. 400' alt. limit

Classes: Expert, Team, Advanced, Open. For rules, go to www.scalemasters.org



August 7th, 8th and 9th

Static Judging:

Fri 9:00-3:00

Sat 8:00-11:00

Pilots Briefing

Sat & Sun 8:45

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The next 2 pages feature photos of last month's Scale Fun Fly...







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

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 818-216-8825.

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eHobbies.com Brian Carlevato	14325 Alondra Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638 Valley Flyers Online discount will be deducted in the shopping cart by using link from the Valley Flyers website.	(877) eHobbies (346-2243)
Evetts 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