

# The Valley Flyer

Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 152

Our 59th Year

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## November Fun Fly

The Club Fun Fly on November 7 was truly a good time. The weather cooperated and we had a good turnout. These and more great photos can be found throughout this issue.

## November 2009



## Is it Already November?

Jason Pakfar, President



Is it me or is it already November. The weather is definitely colder and the sun sets at 5:30 PM. Besides the occasional Santa Ana Winds we are lucky with the sunny California weather. We get to fly all year round while almost the rest of the country moves indoors.

The upcoming November Club meeting is one of the most important meetings of the year, in my opinion. This is when you get to elect almost half of the Board of Directors. The Board is directly responsible for shaping the clubs activities. This is your chance to make a difference by electing the right board member which will look after your interests within the framework of the club's bylaws. The Newsletter Editor and the Media Director positions are still pending nominations. All other open positions have nominees; however I would encourage multiple nominees for all available positions.

We will also be voting on The Foundation's Board positions. I am delighted that there are 7 nominees for the 4 available positions. This is truly a healthy and democratic process.

There are only 3 events left on the 2009 Calendar. We will hold the LA Jets Fall 2009 on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have had enough of the Thanksgiving festivities, this event will give you a great chance to wrap up the long weekend. The word is that we will have more than 2 dozen Turbine pilots from the San Diego and San Francisco area. All types of Jets are welcome including ducted fan and prop or electric jets. Come out and fly or just spectate. The next event is the Holiday Party on December 5<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the First Lutheran Church, Natters Tad Hall at 18355 Roscoe Blvd. in Northridge. I must admit that I never attended this party until I became the Turbine director of the Valley Flyers 5 years ago. It is great fun and I would strongly recommend it. The club as always will subsidize %50 of the cost for you and

your significant half. The cost for the members are \$ 25.00 per person. Don't eat lunch and come hungry! Our last event for the year is the annual Toys for Tots. The fee for this event is a toy worth \$10.00 or more or \$10.00 in cash. All the Proceedings will be donated as usual.

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

The Valley Flyers will be exhibiting at the next AMA show in January. Mr. Vice president is already well in the process of acquiring three 10 x 10 booths. Please contact Chuck Thompson if you would like to be involved in running the booths at the show.

We will also have the workers Raffle at the next club meeting. This year we allocated \$3500.00 worth of goodies for the workers raffle as a token of our appreciation for all the hard work our event volunteers have done.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next club meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Until then

Happy Flying

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## ***This is it!***

Chuck Thompson, VP

This month's newsletter contains some great photos thanks mostly to Video Vic. Bob Smith provides complete information on our Annual Workers Raffle, coming up at this month's meeting. Scott has provided two, information-filled meeting minutes and Cliff gives us some really nice flyers for our remaining events. Your efforts are appreciated.

2010 is the club's 60th anniversary and I have no doubt that it will be our biggest and best year ever! I'd like to personally thank the Board of Directors and Valley Flyer's Members for your efforts over the last year. Best wishes for 2010!

I've been continuing to scan old newsletters and we've added issues from 1976-1979 to the web site. Speaking of the web site, Jason has been doing a great job in getting things dialed in and up to the minute.

The Board has decided to have a booth at the upcoming AMA Expo and I will be helping to plan and organize the event.



## ***Holiday Party is ON!***

Ricc Bieber

Hospitality Director

Well, better a little late than not!  
The party is ON!

The Valley Flyers Holiday Party will be held on December 5th, 2009 from about 6 to 10 PM at the same place as last year, the First Lutheran Church, Natterstad Hall at 18355 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge, about 1-1/2 blocks east of Reseda across from Northridge Hospital. As we always try to do, the food will be terrific, the entertainment questionable and the crowd will make the scene a party to remember!

Time is short so we need to get our count as quickly as possible. Cost for this fantabulous affair is \$25.00 per person. This will include food and drinks (soda, water, coffee) and entertainment and yearly awards.

We will also have the Gift Exchange, so bring a His, Her, or Them gift in the \$15-20.00 range. We are also collecting food for the local food bank. Non-perishable food items only! (Canned, packaged etc.)

Please send you dinero for as many people as you intend to have in your party at our party to me PRONTO! The cut-off date will be about December 1st! We look forward to seeing all of you at the soiree!

Ricc Bieber  
P. O. Box 280212  
Northridge, CA 91328



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

11/3 Gengo, Sam	12/3 Oorloff, Jan
11/4 Cohain, Liad	12/4 Sokoloff, James
11/5 Miller, Frank	12/5 Tobin, Scott
11/7 Azeem, Zain	12/12 Torigian, George D.
11/10 Hadaller, Ryan	12/6 Farra, Don
11/10 Nemit, Jeffrey T.	12/6 Erlichman, Oren
11/10 Elbaz, Orel	12/6 Barnett, Aaron
11/11 Taylor, Mr. Rodney S.	12/8 Dunn, Dennis
11/16 Hymas, Joseph	12/8 Cordero, Gonzalo
11/17 Pakfar, Jason	12/17 Schleicher, Hans
11/17 Magana, Javier	12/19 Greenberg, Donovan
11/18 Cywan, Alex	12/20 Raffaele, Paul
11/19 Elmes, Harvey	12/21 McEntyre, Michael
11/20 Pearlstein, Randy	12/21 Jarvis, Jerry
11/21 Gray, Bob	12/22 Greenbaum, Joe
11/23 Stinnett, David	12/22 Doebler, Robert
11/25 Lipsey, Joseph	12/22 Dail, Corey
11/26 Ghoukasian, Sahak	12/23 Parker, Paul
11/27 Thompson, Taylor	12/25 Wiikari, Robert
11/28 Tolomeo, Jeff	12/28 Luckie, William
11/29 Melman, Avi	12/29 Miller, Ted
11/30 Gambina, Greg	12/31 Whitney, Kenny
11/30 Glisovic, Zoran	12/31 Smith, Bob

## ***Membership Report***

Gary Stevens

Membership Director

As the year comes to a close we have 334 members in the Valley Flyers for 2009. As of this writing, we have 50 members already signed up for 2010. As soon as I get the artwork for the 60th Aniversay ID card, I will start working on getting them out to everyone. Remember in order to be an active member of the Valley Flyers you must have a current AMA membership before I can Mail your ID card. If you did not recieve your card in 2009, it is probably because I did not receive you AMA number to put on your ID card. For 2009, I have 103 members that have not submitted their AMA number to me. With 334 members, it will take me some time to get all of the ID cards printed and mailed, but the sooner I get the information, the sooner I can get working on the cards.



Happy landings in 2010

## **November 3, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

Scott Ramos, Secretary

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Valley Flyers Board Meeting of  
November 3, 2009

As Recorded by Scott Ramos, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40  
PM by Jason Pakfar, President.



Members Present: Jason Pakfar, Chuck Thompson, Mario Sweet, Pat Ziliak, Bob Smith, Sam Gengo, Jeff Tolomeo, Dave Sweany, Gary Stevens, Ricc Bieber, Benny Elkouby, Bob Joyce, Cliff Sonnentag, Gene Haban, Tony Di Leo, Adam Gelbart, and Scott Ramos. Members Absent: Patrick Ashour and Bert Magbanua.

Jason announced that 2010 will be his last year on the Board of Directors. He wants to make our 60th year anniversary year special. The club is special and has been an integral part of the community for a long time. Most clubs do not last as long as the Valley Flyers and it's important to emphasize and promote just how special our club is. Whatever we do this year can make a difference and will leave a lasting legacy. Jason thanked the Board for our hard work and inspiration. He discussed the 2010 event schedule.

Some events including the Warbird Race and the 3 Day Scale Event have not been well attended, in spite of our efforts and trying for several years, the events have not been successful. The problem is the participation level is low, last year 13 participants for a three day event that had more workers than participants. The impression we had about the creation of the Warbird race is that we anticipated better participation from the Warbird flyers. With a lack of participation, it is an event that we have decided to discontinue.

Sam has transferred the Events Schedule from 2009 to 2010. The schedule needs to be set. If you have any new ideas for events, now is the time to discuss it. Chuck was having a discussion with Cory Dale about the scale event. Chuck was wondering if the scale sport event and the giant scale event can be switched.

Adam suggested that the sport scale be held on the 29th on one day rather than a 3 day Scale Masters qualifier. Jason motioned for the Giant Scale event to be moved from July 4th weekend to Sunday July 11th. Motion passed unanimously. Chuck asked if the event should be made a scale event. Jason Responded that generally, we have run 1 day Giant Scale events. Locally, there are not a lot of GS flyers, but in the larger community there are. We may be able to generate more interest with a 2 day GS event. We may even seek sponsor donations. The GSS is the only group that has not been growing. We have been just continuing with the same style of events without any growth. We need to change our approach to grow the GSS. A two day event may work toward that goal.

Bob Joyce This is Bob's last board meeting. Bob thinks that this has been the most energetic and progressive Board that he has been a part of. Bob finds that at his age, he wants to slow down. He wished to express his pleasure in having been a Member of the Board and wanted to recognize Jason for building an active organization.

Ricc Bieber Ricc asked if combining the BBQ and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration should be considered. Jason had in mind, inviting local clubs free of charge to the Anniversary Celebration. The BBQ is for the club members. Jason also had been considering the possibility of the Celebration being a 2 day event. Ricc asks about the heat factor and logistics factor for the Celebration. There is still question about when the event occurs. Jason prefers finding an earlier date.

Jeff Tolomeo Jeff asked how we know the date of the forming of the club. The AMA has the date of 1950 for our first Charter. We do not have the original Charter and the AMA does not either. The earliest newsletter found is from 1961. The Reed Packard award is named after a member that photographed all the early events. We cannot find many of the old photo archives. Bob Smith has several old scrapbooks. We need to contact the general members to trace down old club archives. Gene suggests that we put a request up online and in the newsletter. Bob Smith pointed out that some of the older members may not use email or go online. We need to send mail requests for historical materials to club members.

We need to work on the schedule and have it finalized by next meeting. We will do this via email over the next couple of weeks so it can be posted after the Toys for Tots event. We need to contact BSS and Circle Burners. If they don't respond in time, we should proceed with the schedule.

Clifford Sonnentag asked if there are any events happening on that weekend such as the Israeli event. Jason thinks that this is a critical question that needs to be answered as soon as possible. We need to avoid any overlapping events during the Israeli festival.

Jason is not seeing responses to club business related emails. There are 2 ways of conducting club business. The first and preferred approach is to have active participation from all board members, especially during motions and the voting process. The second and dysfunctional choice is for Jason to make club related decisions when board members do not reply to emails.

A Board email group has been created for all board communication and business. To insure quality of service, all board members are encouraged to use this email group strictly for club business only. If you send an email to the group mail account please send only board-related business. Do not send jokes or spam. If you get double emails, let Jason know. Jason sent out a motion to add nominees to this group email account.

Last month we spent about \$600 on electronics for the club trainers. One battery and one charger are defective and need to be replaced. We have 4 containers and the sheds have become

very cluttered. The office space is not usable. Gene recommends that any non club planes be removed. Jason suggests that each shed be emptied, cleaned and painted and eliminate all non club materials sold or thrown away. We need to reorganize them to be more functional. Non Board members should not have access to the club office. We store legal papers in the office and we cannot allow non board members to enter. We need to have a comprehensive process of cleaning and organizing the sheds. Jason has two 8' x 2' tables that can be used for the East shed. The current table needs to be removed. Chuck suggests a committee to be set up to plan and organize the sheds. Jason suggests that the office needs to be extended. No one person can come up with the solution than the ones that use the sheds on a daily basis, such as Dave, Tony, Ben, Willie, and Ricc to name several.

Any board member who has a need for the locked area in the new shed should have a key, but no one else. This coming fun fly is a membership drive. We need help and we need a fun event. Last time we had a limbo line. If we have bomb drops and other games, we need to have rules and get it organized quickly. There are people who join the club and the AMA during a sanctioned event but they fail to disclose their AMA number to the club. As a result we end up with a hand full of pending members. We need to have in print a notice that states that new membership application is not activated and a VF membership card will not be issued without them providing their AMA number when they receive it. Bob will contact AMA to see if there is a way for them to notify us with new members.

Cliff is working on the artwork for the club card.

Jeff will contact bob Wilcox to put an announcement of the jet event on his website. We need to make an announcement on the online communities. The food will be hot dogs and burgers. The jet events always draw a lot of spectators to the concession stand. The jet event is open to all jets regardless of the form of power.

Dave would like to see the runway and pit area repaired for the 60th anniversary. Jason thinks the helicopter area and park flyer area needs to be done first. This will also use a large amount of our budget. Jason's priority is to complete the projects that have been started. Sam suggests painting a 60th anniversary logo on the ends of the runway. Dave suggests that all fun flies include a swap meet in the schedule.

Gary Stevens: Membership is at 317 members and counting.

Pat Ziliak: Money from Chuck Thompson Snack bar made \$54 at the Y-Fly

Helicopter event took in \$1307, expenses were \$622 net \$685

Jason motion to waive Mr. Pat Ziliak's membership fees for 2010 since he has been assigned as an assistant board member to Ricc. Motion passed unanimously.

He was the only one to show up to the Halloween event at the Encino Community Center. It is an obligation for the club to have volunteers at the event. Ricc will be providing food during the day.

Ben suggests pizza at the nite fly. We often get 60 pilots at the fun flys. Landing fee for non-members is \$10. The date Ricc has for the holiday party is December 5 (Saturday evening). We are currently at the same church as last year's party. Ricc suggests the same menu. Ricc will finalize plans. It will include a can food drive.

Benny: There was a crash between Tony and another flyer when his foamy intruded into the main runway approach line and crashed into a scale P-47 . Tony is taking financial responsibility for the accident. Helicopter members are asking about when the helicopter area is going to be poured. The holdup is that the Recreation and Parks Department needs to approve both the helicopter area and the park flyer area. Ben is requesting more batteries. Ben has sent the paperwork to the DMV for the old trailer. Ben is requesting that if you open the shed, that you close it. They should remain closed when not in use.

Gene: purchased a couple of new first aid kits. Some already need some restocking.

Adam will talk to Darrel Martin to see if he needs anything for the Toys for Tots event on December 13th.

Chuck: The AMA show is coming up in two months. Our biggest problem is that cliff is stepping down. Cliff will be providing Chuck with the artwork he has developed. Time is now to decide what to do. Jason can go either way but thinks downsizing would be detrimental. We will need to do as well as the past or not do it at all. Some of the work over the past will simplify the process. It is a lot of work and costs about 1000. Sam suggests a better way to capture email addresses. Sam suggests one possibility is to have a spin the wheel for prize to capture email. Ben suggests raffle. This is the 60th anniversary too. The contest directors for major events need to be in attendance for promotion, otherwise, our effort is wasted, and we will not achieve any progress for our events. 5 vendors from the AMA show participated in Ben's events as a direct result. Sam needs to contact and work with the AMA's representatives. Chucks concerned with the shortness of time. Chuck would like to discontinue the Y-Fly in its current form and replace it with a more local focus with a slightly older group of kids.

Bob Smith: Next event is free so we need a good Membership roster. Jason will also have his laptop to verify membership. Membership needs to be published in the newsletter. Jason is also looking for a way to tie the membership to the website too. We need to tie previous members to the website so renewing members are not entered and charged as new members.

Bob received

\$ 249 Adam  
\$ 1025 helicopter  
\$ 685 helicopter  
\$ 54 Y-Fly  
\$ 150 Common Sense RC  
\$14752 BAL  
\$ 2418 PayPal

Bob is working on the workers contest. Bob will make a mail blast of workers and Jason will put it up on the web.

Sam will pick up a receipt book and will come up with wording for non AMA confirmed members. He will rework the 2010 Club Membership application. Sam looked at eye sores in the pit area such as the old tabletops. Two tables need replacement, the old wood ones. They need to be refurbished or tossed. Once the concrete is in, we will look into new tables. Some of the other tables need freshening them up. Some of the signs need to be cleaned up. Also the city park signs are faded. Sam will make a list of the items to be spruced up on and around the field, especially in and around the pit areas.

Scott: This being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Scott would like to see more focus on bringing in Press to cover our events.

A motion to adjourn was called for, made, and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

## 2009 Valley Flyers Membership Roster

Mathew Acosta  
 Bob Adams  
 Paul Agamata  
 Hasnain Agha  
 Anthony Aguilar  
 Philip Allen  
 Todd S. Alter  
 Bill Arbanas  
 Moshe Arviv  
 James Arthur  
 Raphael Ayala  
 Zain Azeem  
 Blake Baldwin  
 David Barbarine  
 Jason Bare  
 David Barnhart  
 Don Bayer  
 Diego Benitez  
 Lucas Berens  
 Eric Berg  
 Jonathan Berger  
 Ricc Bieber  
 Donald Billick  
 Scott Billups  
 William Bratly  
 Joshua Brekke  
 Harlis Brend  
 Jerry Brett  
 Marc Broadnax  
 James Brown  
 Kenny Brymer  
 Charuwat Bunshi  
 Rico Burgos  
 Robert Burn  
 Norman Burrows  
 Andrew Cain  
 Michael Caminiti  
 Frank Campbell  
 Neil Campbell  
 Karl Caouette  
 Brent Carr  
 Matt Carroll  
 Steve Casas  
 Joseph Castela  
 Peter Castro  
 Ami Chen  
 John Chesley  
 Ed Chizma  
 John Clark  
 Ron Clem  
 Liad Cohain  
 Max Cohen-Hoffing  
 Torin Coopersmith  
 Gonzalo Cordero  
 Emiliano Cotera  
 Ronald Craddock  
 Ray Crawford  
 Johnny cricca  
 Tom Crowdon  
 Alex Cywan

Corey Dail  
 Adel Daneshmand  
 Imon Daneshmand  
 Gustavo DeLaFuente  
 Ron Derhacopian  
 Matthew DeSantis  
 John DeWit  
 Tony di Leo  
 Robert Doebler  
 James Driver  
 Hector Duenas  
 Ronald Duly  
 Paige Dunlap  
 Dennis Dunn  
 Joe Edmondson  
 Orel Elbaz  
 Omri Elbaz  
 Binyamin Elkouby  
 Harvey Elmes  
 Oren Erlichman  
 Rick Espinosa  
 Simon Etimazian  
 William Evans  
 Bruce Faber  
 Ramin Farasatzadeh  
 Don Farra  
 Travis Flynn  
 Emilio Fonseca  
 Randy French  
 Barry Friedrich  
 Gregg Fullington  
 Greg Gambina  
 Edward Gappell  
 Willie Gardner  
 Steve Garrison  
 Adam Gelbart  
 Sam Gengo  
 Gilbert Gfeller  
 Sahak Ghoukasian  
 Charles Gibbard  
 Gary Gioia  
 Zoran Glisovic  
 Don Goeschl  
 Hal Goldstein  
 Bryan Gordon  
 Isaac Goren  
 Bob Gray  
 Scot Gray  
 Della Gray  
 Robert Green  
 Nicolas Green  
 Gilbert Greenbaum  
 Joe Greenbaum  
 Donovan Greenberg  
 Ronald Gregg  
 Ronald Gregg  
 Greg Gregorian  
 Jeff Guldalian  
 Joe Guzzardi  
 Gene Haban

Ryan Hadaller  
 Brian Hanson  
 Richard Hargrave  
 Jerry Hart  
 Vivek Hazari  
 Rodney Heaton  
 Jose Hernandez  
 Jim Holcombe  
 Gregory Horwitz  
 Barry Hou  
 Joseph Hymas  
 Tony Ignozzitto  
 Clara Ignozzitto  
 Mike Ing  
 Shaan Jagani  
 Roshan Jagani  
 Jerry Jarvis  
 Aaron Johnson  
 Richard Johnson  
 Robert Jones  
 David Jones  
 Robert Joyce  
 Mitchell Kahn  
 Jim Kahng  
 George Kasabian  
 Anthony Katash  
 Jessy Kehn  
 Jerry Keimach  
 Joseph Kelley  
 Sung Kim  
 Jong Kim  
 Phil Kim  
 Robert Klar  
 Bill Kling  
 William Knudson  
 David Kornfeld  
 Ed Kramer  
 Zach Krause  
 Cesar Laihee  
 Norbert Lalley  
 Alan Larson  
 Larry Laulom  
 Barry Leavengood  
 Hyuk Lee  
 George Lee  
 Clarence Lee  
 Gary Leemaster  
 Darryll Legendre  
 Michael Lima  
 Joseph Lipsey  
 Robert Lodge  
 Frank Longo  
 Oliver Loshitzer  
 William Luckie  
 Javier Magana  
 Bert Magbanua  
 Arthur Major  
 Ted Mayer  
 Spencer Maze  
 Michael McEntyre  
 Justin McIntosh  
 Kurt McKeever  
 David Megugorac  
 Avi Melman  
 Stephen Meyer  
 Eddie Migliole  
 Frank Miller  
 Ted Miller  
 Mark Miller  
 Austin Milne  
 Josh Moody  
 Justin Moon  
 Young Moon  
 Robert Morrison  
 Andrew Mueller  
 George Muha  
 Randy Mytar  
 Tony Naccarato  
 Hamid Naraghi  
 Nima Naraghi  
 Jeffrey Nemit  
 Henny Nguyen  
 Tigran Ohanyan  
 Jan Oorloff  
 Brad Osborne  
 Arie Ovadia  
 Jason Pakfar  
 Paul Parker  
 William Patrick  
 Randy Pearlstein  
 William Peck  
 Tom Peniston  
 John Peters

Jon Plank  
 Serg Pogoyan  
 Carl Porter  
 Paul Raffaele  
 Ubaldo Ramirez  
 Scott Ramos  
 Michael Raubold  
 Jay Replogle  
 Gabriel Resendez  
 Mel Roberts  
 Burt Rocklin  
 Glen Roe  
 Glen Roe  
 John Rogers  
 Scott Rosen  
 Ralph Rosen  
 Ore Rosenfeld  
 Nathan Rower  
 David Rower  
 Lauren Rudnick  
 Ken Rudnick  
 Jeff Ruenzel  
 Ron Russell  
 Jason Safabash  
 Erez Saloman  
 Yareen Salomon  
 Jeffrey Sandler  
 Sam Sandweiss  
 Steven Sarabia  
 Phil Sarabia  
 Pasha Sarmast  
 Jamshid Sarmast  
 Arthur Savoian  
 Hans Schleicher  
 Santiago Sequeira  
 William Shaler  
 William Shelly  
 David Shin  
 Rohit Singh  
 Tom Smalley  
 Jim Smith  
 Bob Smith  
 Robert Smith  
 Michael Smollen  
 Kerry Smollen  
 Shuartz Smuartz  
 Bruce Snider  
 Lon Sobel  
 James Sokoloff  
 Richard Sonheim  
 Clifford Sonntag  
 David Sowell  
 Larry Sternberg  
 Gary Stevens  
 Robert Stewart  
 David Stinnett  
 Jackson Stogel  
 Mike Stoner  
 David Strassman  
 Dave Sweany  
 Mario Sweet  
 Brad Sytten  
 Bob Tarlau  
 David Tarlau  
 Rodney Taylor  
 Bob Thomas  
 Taylor Thompson  
 Chuck Thompson  
 Scott Tobin  
 Jeff Tolomeo  
 George Torigian  
 Jacques Toselli  
 Ken Turner  
 Walter Tyler  
 Dale Utterback  
 Spencer Valentine  
 Josphe Van Meter  
 Rami Vardi  
 Luvino Vitancol  
 Ron Vlastelica  
 Chris Vlastelica  
 Harold Wakeland  
 Paul Wamhof  
 Torrey Ward  
 Kshemendra Weeratunga  
 Kenny Whitney  
 Robert Wiikari  
 Terry Wiltsey  
 Ken Wright  
 Marvin Zauss  
 Pat Ziliak  
 Daniel Ziliak  
 Hans Zwicky



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**October 27, 2009**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

Scott Ramos, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM.

A motion was made to accept the September Club Minutes as printed in the October newsletter. With the correction of the spelling of Tony Naccarato's name, a motion seconded and passed.

New member, Jim Holcombe – Welcome Jim!

**Old Business**

Gene asked about the status for the concrete pour in the Heli area and park flyer shade area. Both projects are pending response from the City. Jason will be following up.

**New Business**

**Ricc**

The Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 5th.

Sat Oct 31st, is the Halloween party from noon to four. Ricc asked for volunteers to attend the party at the Encino Community Center with the kids.

Jason thanked the Heli group for their efforts at the LA3D. They arranged for the Sheriffs Department to fly in with a full scale twin turbine helicopter. The Heli group under the Helicopter Director, Bert Magbanua, has really developed a high level of participation in the Heli event. The event made almost \$4,000.

Thanks to Pat Ziliak for his hard work at the concession stand. Bert also thanked Mike and Jerry for their team effort. The team camped at the park from Thursday through the weekend.

There are 20 board members and electing new members is a bigger task. This year, Clifford has elected to not finish the 2nd half of his two-year term. Bob Joyce will not be seeking a new term. The Event Director position has become available with the passing of George Finch. The Giant Scale Director Adam's term is up and he has ex-



pressed his desire to be available for re-nomination. Gene has been an active Safety Member. This Position is open. Dave Sweany will be seeking reelection as Field Manager. Secretary position is up; Scott will seek re-election. Webmaster and Newsletter Editor positions are available for nomination. Tony di Leo will seek reelection as flight director. Benny is also seeking reelection for Electric Director.

Last year we made a significant investment in trainer airplanes. We recently made another purchase of \$600 for batteries and chargers for the trainers. We made a purchase from Common Sense who sold us the items for cost.

**Bob Smith**

Nominations for four open positions on the Valley Flyers Foundation board: Jason Pakfar, Chuck Thompson, Adam Gelbart, Gary Stevens, Dave Sweany, and Mario Sweet were nominated. Nominations are now closed for the Valley Flyer Foundation members.

Voting will be via secret ballot at the next Club meeting.

Bob Smith reports the following financial status of the Club:

\$ 2,418 - PayPal

\$ 14,469 - Checking

\$ 1,800 - Cash to be deposited

Next month's drawing for the end-of-year Workers Raffle: A list of names of workers who are in the drawing has been published in the September newsletter.

Please check the newsletter to be sure that you are listed if you've worked events in 2009. The list will be completed by the drawing at the Club meeting in November.

**2010 Valley Flyers Board of Directors Nominations:**

- Program Director: .....Jerry Keimach
- Event Director: .....Dave Hendrex
- Giant Scale Director: .....Adam Gelbart
- Vice President: .....Chuck Thompson
- Safety Director: .....Mario Sweet
- Field Manager: .....Dave Sweany
- Club Secretary: .....Scott Ramos
- Newsletter Editor: .....OPEN as of 10/27/09!
- Club Webmaster: .....Mike Caminiti
- Flight Coordinator: .....Tony di Leo
- Electric Director: .....Benny Elkouby

The Board of Directors are a busy bunch. Most the board members volunteer at the events. There are a few guys who are not board members but work at the events week end and week out. Pat Ziliak has been working in the concession stand as Ricc's assistant and has been filling in for Ricc during his absences. Thanks to Mario Sweet and Dan Ziliak for their exceptional participation in the events over the past year.

Jason is proposing a free three-day FunFly/Night Fly/BBQ for a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The club has more than doubled in size over the past three years and has developed a number of popular events. Other less popular events will be eliminated. One is the Warbird Race which has had low participation. Another is the Scale Masters Qualifier.

Nov 7 is a fun fly free to members. It will be followed by a Night Fly. The Night Fly will be open to the public for free. There will be 4 proposals for the 2010 60th anniversary Club membership card. They will be up for election by the members.

After the Break: For the FunFly on Nov 7, Jason proposed a limbo contest. In the past we have done bomb drop contests. If anyone has an idea to make the fun fly more fun, please forward your ideas to Jason Pakfar. We are also going to have a Night Fly. Jason is listed as the contest director for the Night Fly. Jason would like to find someone else to CD the evening event.

Bob Smith has already spent \$2500 on the end-of-year raffle prizes. (Last year the budget was \$1700).

Bob recently asked the board for more funds to sweeten the pot even more for workers this year. The Board voted and approved an additional thousand dollars since the current Club assets are relatively high, and as a way to further thank the members for their support of the events. Currently the workers raffle budget for 2009 is \$3500. It may sound like a lot of

money, but in comparison to what we have brought in, it is actually a lower percentage than past years.

The next event after the FunFly will be LAJets – Winter 2009 on November 29th. Bob Wilcox was instrumental in the founding of the LAJets and continues to be active. Bob will be the CD for the upcoming LAJets. The club needs more CDs. You would need to read the CD guidelines and participate as an assistant CD.



AMA Vice President Nominee, Lawrence Tougas has the endorsement of the Valley Flyers club. Please send in your AMA voting card if you have not already done so.

On Sunday, December 13th is the annual Toys for Tots event which Darrel Martin will CD. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or donation to the event. Even if you are not planning to fly at the event, consider a donation for the Toys for Tots!

The Holiday party is coming up. As usual, the club covers half the cost. The dinner may be at the same church as last year. We are looking at one more alternatives. We are open for ideas for entertainment.



The weather station is suffering from low power. It is currently being run from the same source as the charging stations. Jason has asked Glen for a proposal to separate the power system to maintain the weather station.

The area that was being used for RC at Hansen Dam has been shut down by the City. The area is considered overflow parking.

**Show & Tell:**

*Paul Parker* - F-4 Phantom build from RC Groups

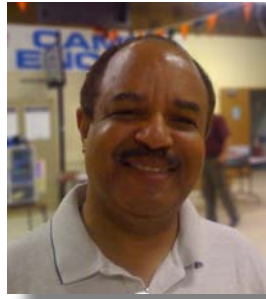
*Randy Mytar* - Eflite P-38 Custom painted and weathered.

*Monthly Raffle* - The grand prize winner was Bob Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Dear Member;

The November year end will be conducted at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. There are 56 members submitted in the drawing. The latest list is on the web site and an earlier version is in the October newsletter.



Just a review; in the drawing's first stage, each member listed, is entered into the single gift drawing. This is where everyone wins something. It's a small gift just to say thank you to all event officials. If you are not on the list and you officiated an event and are a member for 2009, contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached at 661-298-2614 or [flynbs@socal.rr.com](mailto:flynbs@socal.rr.com).

The second stage of the drawing has each member on the list entered for each event they officiated. Various newsletter and emails have reported what the entry counts are for each event. I.e. 3 day events in which you officiated multiple days will reflect multiple ticket entries. Contest Directors will have 4 tickets entered in each of the events they were responsible for and 1 additional ticket for each day of the event! So a three day event means 7 tickets for the CD.

THAT'S THE REWARD FOR BEING A CD, SO THINK ABOUT THAT NEXT YEAR! WE NEED CONTEST DIRECTORS FOR 2010.

Additionally, the second stage features gifts of greater value. You are entitled to draw only one prize once your name is called for the second stage. The board approved \$3500 to be spent and you all deserve it. We must have the highest number of volunteers in the District for event support!

With the holiday coming on the heels of the drawing, it is possible some officials will not be attending the meeting. If that is the case please email or call me with your proxy gift puller's name. If you have no one in mind, email me with a request for me to be the proxy. Examples of this year's main gifts are also on the web site. Have a look and let me know your preferences, if you choose me as your proxy.

Good luck to you all and Happy Holidays!

Regards, Bob Smith



Bob Adams  
Don Bayer  
Ricc Bieber  
Robert Burn  
Brent Carr  
Matt Carroll  
Joe Casteleo  
Tony di Leo  
Billy Edwards (2008)  
Benny Elkouby  
Don Farra  
Travis Flynn  
Barry Friedrich  
Gregg Fullington  
Ed Gappell  
Willie Gardner  
Chuck Gaudette (2008)  
Adam Gelbart  
Sam Gengo  
Bryan Gordon  
Gil Greenbaum  
Gene Haban  
Brian Haight  
Dave Hendrex  
Aaron Johnson  
Bob Joyce  
Mitch Kahn  
Jim Kahng  
George Lee  
Darryll Legendre

Mike Lipsey  
Bert Magbanua  
Art Major  
Darrell Martin (2008)  
Frank Miller  
Jason Pakfar  
Tom Peniston  
Scott Ramos  
Jay Replogle  
Jerry Rice  
Glen Roe  
Ralph Rosen  
Sam Sandweiss  
Tom Smalley  
Jim Smith  
Bob Smith  
Cliff Sonnentag  
Gary Stevens  
Dave Sweany  
Mario Sweet  
Dave Tarlau  
Bob Tarlau  
Chuck Thompson  
Jeff Tolomeo  
Jacques Toselli  
Dick (2008) Waddell  
Bob Wiikari  
Marv Zauss  
Pat Ziliak  
Dan Ziliak

## MAIN PRIZE LIST

Horizon Saratoga ARF .40 EP/GP  
Great Planes RV4 .60-.90 EP/GP  
Great Planes Zlin ARF .40 EP/GP  
Multiplex Gemini Biplane EP  
Airtronics RDS8000  
O.S. 4 Stroke  
GREAT PLANES Supersportster  
EP  
Spektrum receiver  
Spektrum receiver/Flight Log  
AIRTRONICS RDS8000 receiver  
G4.5 Simulator(upgrading to #5)

Hobbico Avistar Trainer  
Triton DC charger  
Cessna 182  
Extra 260  
HITECH HS55 servos #3  
HITECH HS5055MG #2  
Futaba S3151 #2  
HITECH HS 485HG #3  
Dremel Moto Tool  
Dremel Moto Tool attachments  
GP PolyCharged DC4

## **The Good Ol Days - Bob Smith**

If you had a chance to read the September newsletter, you might have seen a picture from the past of various Valley Flyer members. The September 1972 newsletter cover featured some pre-eminent club members, builders extraordinaire. Dick Sonheim (Valley Flyer past president) was a splendid pattern builder and pilot. Pictured is one of his many Kaos aircraft, which was the best around at the time by Joe Bridi. Earl Harting and his Wavemaster.

Earl was a constructing, do it your home self-er freak of nature! There wasn't anything he couldn't do with his hands! Scratch builder extraordinaire, which included a Fokker Tri plane that when pictured couldn't be distinguished from the real thing it was so well weathered. A Grumman Widgeon built and flown, when there were no ARF's much less a kit. I remember the last time I saw him fly, he flew my Bob Smith T2A pattern plane. Popped it into rolling circles like he had been flying the plane forever! And that's Ken Hall who wasn't a slouch at building either.

I actually bought that Lou Andrews Mini Master from Ken for \$60 (sans engine). It was set up with a K&B .40 (kit designed for Super Tigre .23) and it was hot. I would come out every Wednesday evening after work and fly with the Hall's (Ken and Loretta of the Hobby House circa 72). Even then, I couldn't fully concentrate after a day's work on programming mainframe computers. I had one of those moments right after takeoff where the mind went away for a few seconds, the aircraft rolled inverted and when I came back from my outer visit, I pulled up and it went in, hard.

Andrews kits were a dream to build and fly, all of them, including the Trainer Master, Aeromaster, Sports Master and of course the short lived Mini Master. I don't know what to say about Nate Rambo. This is 1972 and there he sits with a Helicopter! And it flew! Hope to have the picture in this edition if not at the meeting!

Fast forward to the October 2009 newsletter with the 1981 VF Newsletter cover photo. Thanks to Paul Wegeman for sharing it with Chuck! That's Paul at the bottom left, Larry Laulom with the Formula I, Sorry don't recall the gentleman's name with the monoplane,

Upper left is Vic Martin holding two airplanes. Vic would be a future past president and recipient of the 1985 Reed Packard award. Marv Zauss, current VF member, with the Smith Mini Plane by SIG. I'm sure that's George Finch next and I believe he's holding a Heathkit single stick radio. Even back then, George was a little different!

And finally, our own Bob Adams with his P51 Mustang. Well, those were the good ol days. Nice to still be around to talk about this stuff!

We can thank the man who's business name is on the photos, Reed 'PACKARD PHOTOGRAPHY'.



*THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE NMPRA NEWSLETTER OF OCTOBER 2009 AND WAS WRITTEN BY THEIR PRESIDENT, SCOTT MCAFEE;*

### ***USA Team wins F3D World Championship***

It is a thrill to announce that the USA team placed first at the World Pylon Racing Championships held in Balenstedt, Germany. The team of Richard Verano, Travis Flynn, Gary Freeman Jr., and Randy Bridge returning as reigning World Champion, along with team manager Jim Allen, caller/mechanic Robert Holik, and Fred Burgdorf as strategist was an awesome team and scored a hard-fought victory over a strong international field. This USA team was, to a man, probably the best-prepared team the USA has ever sent to the World's. The final standings had Richard Verano in second, Randy Bridge in third, Travis Flynn in fourth, and Gary Freeman Jr. in fifth, for a dominating team victory.

Winning the title of World Champion was Robert Van Den Bosch from The Netherlands. Robert has worked so hard for this victory over many years and was the dominant competitor at this World's and set a record fast time of 56:33 at the contest. Also exciting was seeing Jaime De La Vega, Paolo Mucedola, and Julio Quevedo placing in the top 10. Jaime from Mexico, Paolo from Italy, and Julio from Guatemala are great guys who often race here in the U.S. with us. I am especially proud of Julio who has improved dramatically since the previous World's. Congratulations to all! F3D is an enormous step up in complexity from our racing classes, and the effort these guys put forth was really impressive. In addition, they have to foot the entire cost of competition themselves, so the team wishes to thank all those who supported them with donations and by purchasing raffle tickets.

On behalf of the Valley Flyers, special congratulations to Valley Flyer, Travis Flynn!

Sincerely, Bob Smith, Treasurer

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## ***Pilot Spotter's Responsibility***

by Bob Ackerman

While at the field recently I was asked, "What does a pilot spotter do?" I quickly told him, "spot for the pilot." I thought about my response for a few minutes and I realized that was not a good answer.

Do you know what the responsibility of the pilot spotter is? I asked a few pilots and I got the same answer from most, "spot for the pilot." So, what does that mean?

The pilot spotter, or just spotter, is a safety person for the pilot. The pilot and spotter should be a team working together for the safety of the pilot, the spotter, the aircraft, and all parties at or near the field.

Whereas the pilot has the responsibility of flying his/her aircraft in a safe manner, the spotter has many other responsibilities, which include:

- Relay messages from the flightline and safety personnel to the pilot about landing aircraft, aircraft emergencies, or dead-stick landings by other aircraft on the field, and other information important to the pilot flying the aircraft. The pilot may be concentrating on the aircraft in flight and may not hear or pay attention to background messages on the field.
- Relay messages from the pilot to the flightline and/or safety personnel about the pilot's landing, emergency, or dead-stick landings, and other information that needs to be passed from the pilot to others.
- Be the eyes of the pilot away from the aircraft. Watch the flightline and inform your pilot of aircraft taxiing in front of the pilot, people on the runway line, obstacles on the ground if the pilot walks around while flying, or other safety issues that your pilot should be aware of.
- Watch the other aircraft in flight and inform your pilot of aircraft that may cross the flight path of his or her aircraft. Changes in pattern direction or aircraft in different flight types (aerobatic vs. pattern flight) crossing your pilot's flight path should be reported.
- Keep the pilot advised of the type of aircraft that are being started for flight. Some pilots may be flying the pattern and if a 3-D aerobatic aircraft is getting ready to fly, the pilot may decide to fly at a different altitude or land the aircraft.

- Minimize the distractions to the pilot in flight. The spotter is the eyes and ears for the pilot. Anything that could distract the attention of the pilot should be explained so that the pilot can keep his/her eyes on the aircraft and not look at the distraction.

- A pilot spotter may also assist the pilot at contests, such as a pattern contest, by providing information to the pilot about the next maneuver at key points of the flight.

This is not a complete list of responsibilities that the spotter has. Some pilots will have specific instructions for their spotters as to what to do, what to watch for, and what to explain. Each pilot and spotter should discuss these responsibilities before each flight.

Every field has different rules for the use of a pilot spotter during flight operations. Most fields do not require a spotter when no organized event is scheduled, or the number of pilots flying is low. Other fields require a spotter on all flight activities. Most fields require the use of a pilot spotter during all scheduled events. Do check with your club or field rules about the use of a spotter.

The ultimate purpose of a pilot spotter is to increase safety for all. So be a good spotter and help keep our field, and our pilots, safe. Q

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DMARTIN108@AOL.COM

**NO RACING TYPE AIRPLANES  
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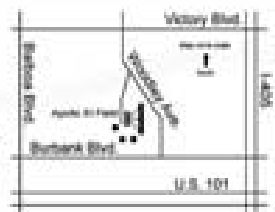


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# Apollo 11 Facility: Remaining Schedule – 2009

*Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!*

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
9	FRIDAY	VF	LA 3-D Helicopters
10 – 11	SAT & SUN		
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.

<b>AMA</b>	Academy of Model Aeronautics	Official national body for model aviation in the United States
<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

**Schedule may CHANGE! Check monthly newsletter or [valleyflyers.com](http://valleyflyers.com) for updates!**



## 2009 Schedule of Events

### Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Remaining Club Meeting Schedule

January	July	
February	August	
March	September	22nd
April	October	27th
May	November	24th Raffle!
June	December	Party !

### Board Meetings

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

#### Remaining 2009 Schedule

January	July	
February	August	
March	September	
April	October	6th
May	November	3rd
June	December	1st



### SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

<b>eHobbies.com</b> 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.	<b>(877) eHobbies (346-2243)</b>
<b>Evetts Model Shop</b> Colby Evett	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun 10-1)	<b>(310) 452-2720</b>
<b>eHobby House</b>	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA	<b>(818) 609-1968</b>
<b>Hobby Lobby</b> Tony and Addie	3512 W. Victory Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505 (Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-6:30); (Mon & Sun Closed)	<b>(818) 842-5062</b>
<b>Hobby People</b> Chris	5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	<b>(818) 995-1162</b>
<b>Hobby Zone</b> Edwin	1617A Victory Blvd., Glendale Ca 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 1-5)	<b>(818) 546-2291</b>
<b>Marty's Hobbies</b> Marty Friedman	1728 Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	<b>(805) 497-3664</b>
<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>
<b>TdL Model Systems</b> Tony di Leo	CNC Foam Cutting by Appointment www.TdLModels.com	<b>(818) 652-9366</b>