



The Valley Flyer



AMA Charter Club #152 Celebrating 60 years

June 2010



Michael Lipsey
Newsletter Editor

We have had a very busy month with two well attended events. Chuck, our friendly neighborhood vice president has put together a little article about the E-Fly held at the beginning of the month. My understanding is that it was pretty much a home run with lots of vendors, lots of participants and plenty of fun. Robert Burn and Chuck have both provided me with a plethora of photos from both the May Jet event and the E-fly. From those photos I have put together this month's newsletter. Look at the pictures and it will give you a faint idea of the fun had—there are some seriously interesting aircraft that we do not see every day at the basin (or at least not when I am there).

The Micro-Helicopter Olympics are HERE! I hope you all are as excited about this month's meeting as I am. As promised I have put together some simple rules for the games.

The events; there will be two main events – one is the pylon race(s) and the other is the obstacle course. The Pylon race could have two classes

depending on the number of entrants. If we have folks with the fixed pitch helicopters we will have a class for them. Otherwise it will be one class for the coax birds. Depending on the number of entrants we will perform multiple heats, winners move to the next round.

Each heat will be limited to 3 helicopters and consist of 4 laps.



The acceptable helicopters to use in the event are of the micro variety – this includes the Heli-Max Novus CX, Eflite's mCX and mSR variety plus a few others in that size range. If your helicopter is the same size as these but not of these brands—do not worry the size is all that matters. We are not including the regular sized coax like the Blade CX or Heli-Max Axe EZs – they are just a little too big. If someone shows up with one they may be permitted on the obstacle course but the 'ring's of fire' are a little small for those birds as well.

For the races we will need some timers and some pylon judges – Basically the same types of judges we use at regular pylon races.

The obstacle course is made up of

3 various sized landing pads, a 9" 'ring of fire' (sans fire) and an 18" 'ring of fire' (also sans fire). The pilot with the best time wins, in this event since only one heli will be flying at a time we can support the IR based helicopters like the Syma S107. The obstacles are not 'easy' for me but for those who are more practiced in their helicopter skills I'm sure they will be challenging but doable. I can get a heli through the larger ring of fire but not the smaller (at least not flying...).

Landing on the pads should be a challenge but far from impossible.

There will be prizes for the top performers in each of the events.

I hope to see plenty of participants!

-Mike

Upcoming Events

- **June 25—27** Howard Reed Memorial Race Q40/Q500 *Western Championship Series*
- **July 11th** FREE Valley Flyers 60th Year Celebration Members Fun Fly

We need volunteers for each of these events! Remember, your participation brings with it credit toward the year end raffle!

Chuck Thompson, Vice President



I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into when I volunteered to help Benny as Co-CD of the 2010 Western E-Fly. It was lots of work, but it wound up being a really fun event. We had 101 registered pilots and I can only guess that there were 200-300 aircraft.

2010 Sponsors included Cermak, Common Sense R/C, eHobby House, Hobby People, Bobe Productions, DW Foamies, Fabco Manufacturing, Airtronics, Nico Hobbies, Puretech and Efflux RC. These vendors had booths on site and donated both cash and prizes to help make things even more interesting.

We had a visit from the Wings Across America Lil' Squirt, an R/C plane that has been flown, well, across America, by many pilots. You may have read about this project online or in some of the modeling magazines. The plane was successfully flown by Benny Elkouby at the event and I've included some photos of it and the crate it's been shipped in. It has been flown by hundreds of pilots as you can see from the signatures. Wings Across America 2008 is a group of model airplane enthusiasts that are flying a battery powered park flyer in all 48 contiguous United States with hopes to make all 50. Upon completion of the adventure, the model will have flown in all 50 States and over 22,000 miles. It will return home to its

home field about 4 years after it made its maiden flight in eastern Virginia.

Most of the event was just fun/open flying. Saturday and Sunday we were treated to some nice lunchtime demos. Saturday night featured a night fly.

On behalf of the Valley Flyers, I would like to sincerely thank all of the sponsors and workers including CD Benny Elkouby, Ricc Bieber, Mario Sweet, Frank Miller, Robert Burn, Bob and Candy Adams, Gil Greenbaum, Gary Stevens, Cliff Sonntag, Jason Pakfar and everyone who help to make this a great weekend.

Chuck Thompson

Bob Smith

Treasurer's Report

Gentlemen;

'After' the deposit of \$2515 from the majority of the E-Fly proceeds, the checking balance is \$9,097.92 on deposit.

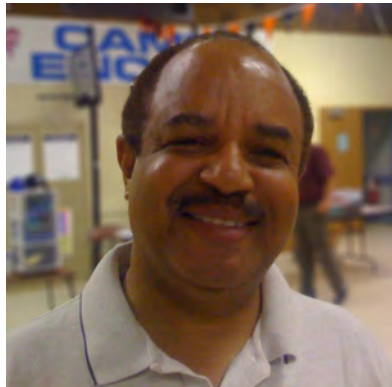
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Total balances: \$10,891.48

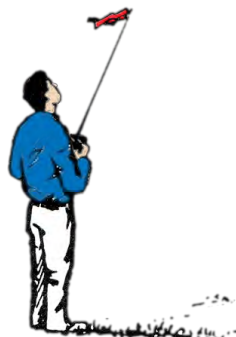
Any registration fees for Sunday are still pending along with concession funds!

Thanx Benny and Ricc for your efforts!

Please provide a list of event and concession stand officials.



Regards, Bob Smith



VALLEY RADIO CONTROL FLYERS



Join the Club

The San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers are one of the largest and most active model aviation clubs in the USA. Our home is one of the premiere flying sites in the country, the legendary Apollo XI Field. The field features separate flight areas for model airplanes, park flyers and helicopters. The Valley Flyers host annual events including LA Jets, The Western E-Fly, LA3D Heli and over a dozen other flying events each year.

Join Us Today & Learn to Fly R/C!

- ◆ Learn more about Radio Control modeling
- ◆ Interact with other modelers in your area
- ◆ Get answers to your questions about modeling
- ◆ Meetings feature informative guest speakers
- ◆ Free - flight lessons (club trainers)
- ◆ Participate for free in some club events
- ◆ Visitors are always welcome
- ◆ Youth participation is encouraged
- ◆ Compete in club fun flies and events

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Encino Community Center, (4935 Balboa Blvd.) - Meetings start at 7:30 PM

Apollo XI Field

Apollo X1 Field - Woodley Park, Van Nuys
Flying Dawn to Dusk, 7 Days a Week



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Board Meeting Minutes Chuck Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President, Jason Pakfar. There were 10 board members present including Jason Pakfar, Chuck Thompson, Tony di Leo, Gary Stevens, Ricc Bieber, Mario Sweet, Benny Elkouby, Bob Smith and Adam Gelbart. Richard Armenteros and Gene Haban.

June is going to be a busy month with multiple events including the Western E-Fly and the Howard Reed Memorial Race.

The issue of a jet crash across Woodley at the recent LA Jets was discussed. There were many people at a dog show that were present near the crash, but no one was hurt. Some minor damage was reported to dog show equipment. The fire department was called by the dog show organizers, but it was not clear why, since there was no fire or injuries. No one was cited. Jason discussed the issue with the dog show event organizer and assured her that we would provide someone at their next event, if it coincides with one of our events to reassure the safety of par-

ticipants. The consideration of having a spotter on Woodley for future jet events was discussed.

Issues with the Department of Rec. & Parks continue regarding the permit fees. Jason is pursuing the superintendent, supervisor, and city council members regarding our position about fees, etc.

The Encino City Council had done a small article on the Valley Flyers last month. At their request, the city designation of the field address has been officially changed to Lake Balboa.

The West LA Council has contacted regarding an event that they are having in October and would like us to participate. More information to come.

Western E-Fly is coming up in a few days. We have purchased 100 T-Shirts. 10 Vendors have been lined up. 2 vendor slots are still open. Wether is expected to be nice for the event and we are expecting a good crowd. A discussion was made about protocol and organization of the events. From this point on, we will provide a consistent way of feeding event workers by providing lunch tickets. The event will include some mini events including electric racing, demonstrations and more.

A motion was made and passed for each board member to contact members that have not renewed for 2010. Gary will sort and divide up the renewals.

Glen Rowe has volunteered to help Tony di Leo with training students.

A discussion about changes to the Y-Fly event to open it up to other local youth took place. More consideration is necessary and this topic will get more discus-

sion next month. A tentative date is October 17th.

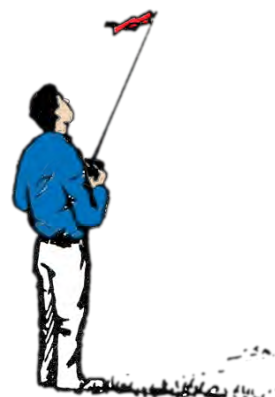
A discussion took place about adding a higher safety fence near the helicopter pit area. A suggestion was made to improve safety signs in the area will be a first step.

Workers are needed for the Howard Reed Race.

A motion was made that during sanctioned events, no non-event R/C flying will be allowed. This had previously been at the discretion of the CD, resulting in inconsistency, safety hazards, insurance liability issues, etc. The motion was passed unanimously. No R/C heli or Park flying will be allowed during future sanctioned races, LA Jets and other events.

A discussion took place about the improvements to the web site that will include historical and club mission statement that conveys our historical and ongoing commitment to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.



**AMA District X has
started their own
newsletter!**

**You can reach this news-
letter via the internet at**

www.ama10.org



SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

eHobbies.com	14325 Alondra Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638	(877) (346-2243)
Brian Carlevato		
Valley Flyers Online discount will be deducted in the shopping cart by using link from the Valley Flyers website.		
Evet's Model Shop	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405	(310) 452-2720
Colby Evett (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun 10-1)		
eHobby House	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA	(818) 609-1968
Hobby People	5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316	(818) 995-1162
Chris (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)		
Hobby Zone	1617A Victory Blvd., Glendale Ca 91201	(818) 546-2291
Edwin (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 1-5)		
Marty's Hobbies	1728 Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360	(805) 497-3664
Marty Friedman (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)		
Robin's Hobby	1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201	(818) 240-2093
Robin Hambley (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)		
Smith Brothers	8941 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325	(818) 885-8636
David (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 10-5)		
TdL Model Systems CNC Foam Cutting by Appointment		(818) 652-9366
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Apollo 11 Facility Schedule – 2010

Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!



Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)	
FEBRUARY				
6	SAT	VF	Numb Thumb Night Fly	
21	SUN	VF	FREE VF Members Fun Fly	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
MARCH				
5 – 7	FRI – SUN	VF	Aero Design West – Collegiate Weight Lifting Contest	Sam Gengo (310) 702-1049 thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
TBD	SUN	BSS	Electric Control-line Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato (818) 842-3693 <i>Runway not affected.</i>
21	SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In	
APRIL				
9	FRI ½ Day	VF	George Finch Memorial Race Q40/Q500	Travis Flynn (818) 843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
10 – 11	SAT & SUN			
24	SAT	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato (818) 842-3693
MAY				
1	SAT	VF	Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic	Dave Hendrex (323) 758-2935
TBD	SUN	VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 circles	J. Silver <i>Runway not affected.</i>
22 – 23	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS Spring 2010 – 2 Days	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
JUNE				
4	FRIDAY	VF	Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly	Benny Elkouby (818) 235-9098 bennyel@worldnet.att.net
5 – 6	SAT & SUN			
25	FRI ½ Day	VF	Howard Reed Memorial Race Q40/Q500	Travis Flynn (818) 843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
26 – 27	SAT & SUN		Western Championship Series	
JULY				
11	SUN	VF	FREE Valley Flyers 60th Year Celebration Members Fun Fly	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
23 – 25	FRI – SUN	VF	LA JETS – Summer – 3 Days	Joe Castelao (310) 831-0074 f16lc@aol.com
27	TUE	VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 pm	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
AUGUST				
6 – 8	FRI – SUN	VFGSS	All Scale Event	
TBD	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	J. Silver No Heli Flying
29	SUN	VF	VF Fun Fly & Swap Meet	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
SEPTEMBER				
12	SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Jay Replogle (818) 901-8453 hobbyhouse@roadrunner.com
26	SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ	Bob Smith (661) 298-2614 flynbs@social.r.com
OCTOBER				
TBD	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	J. Silver No Heli Flying
8	FRIDAY	VF	LA 3-D Helicopters	Bert Magbanua (805) 857-5751 piroflp@gmail.com
9 – 10	SAT & SUN			
17	SUN	VF	Try&Fly: Public Open House	Chuck Thompson (818) 359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
24	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato (818) 842-3693
NOVEMBER				
6	Sat Eve	VF	November Fun Fly & Night Fly	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
28	SUN	VF	LA JETS – Fall 2010 – 1 Day	Jason Pakfar (818) 206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
DECEMBER				
12	SUN	VFGSS	Toys-for-Tots: Open to all sizes	Darrell Martin (818) 368-1488 dmartin168@aol.com

½ Day: Although the schedule states ½ day for the first day of a multi day event, the field may be closed before noon if a significant number of event participants are present and ready to fly. The exception to this is Pylon Racing in which the field will always be open for sport flying during the practice day morning.

AMA	Academy of Model Aeronautics	Official national body for model aviation in the United States
BSS	Black Sheep Squadron	Peanut scale, miniature, electric, and indoor aircraft
VFGSS	VF Giant Scale Squadron	Giant Scale Squadron of the Valley Flyers
VCB	Valley Circle Burners	Control Line (C/L) flying club – Some events may affect runway maneuvers.
VF	Valley Flyers	San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers flying club

Apollo 11 Field Schedule 2010 – Rev-G

Schedule may CHANGE! Check monthly newsletter or valleyflyers.com for updates!



60 Years Strong!

Dear Model Aircraft & Radio Control Enthusiast,

Thank you for your interest in Model Aviation. The San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers (SFVRCF) is Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #152, and in 2010 the club will celebrate its **60th Anniversary!** Joining the Valley Flyers is a great way to support the hobby while enjoying the rich, educational benefits and camaraderie that Club membership can bring.

The main emphasis of the Club is the promotion of model aviation, to maintain the Apollo XI field both physically and politically for model aviation, and to promote good fellowship and community relations. With your membership, you support the many Apollo XI field improvements and community relations projects the club is championing.

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Free flight instruction. We use our Club trainer airplanes, radios, and fuel... You provide the enthusiasm!
- Free Annual BBQ & Club-subsidized End-of-Year Holiday Party & Award Presentation & FREE Fun Fly Events.
- Club Meetings including Show-And-Tell, Model-Related Programs & Presentations, and a Monthly Raffle.
- Up to a 10% Discount for purchases at supporting hobby shops*
- The Valley Flyer – The club's official newsletter.

Please fill out and sign the membership application. Send the application with a check for the membership dues (make check payable to **The Valley Flyers**) to Valley Flyers Membership, PO Box 2055, North Hills, CA 91393

Alternately, you may bring your application to a Club meeting, or sign up using PayPal® at www.valleyflyers.com online.

Prospective Members and Guests are always welcome and invited to Club meetings.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Gary Stevens
Membership Director
San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers
glstevens@verizon.net

Along with your modest annual dues, you need to have a current membership in the **Academy of Model Aeronautics**. If you are not yet an AMA member, you can sign up by calling 765-287-1256 or visiting www.modelaircraft.org online.

SFVRCF Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be available. Please bring a couple of extra dollars for refreshments and raffle tickets if you so desire.

2010 Club Meeting Schedule			
January	26th	July	27th
February	23rd	August	24th
March	23rd	September	28th
April	27th	October	26th
May	25th	November	23rd – Annual Workers' Raffle
June	22nd	December	TBD Holiday Party



The SFVRCF is Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) charter club # 152, and as a charter club all members of the SFVRCF must be members in good standing with the AMA. Failure to become an AMA member or to keep your AMA membership current will void your SFVRCF membership. Your AMA membership is verified each year when you renew your club membership. SFVRCF members are expected to abide by club bylaws, Academy of Model Aeronautics rules, Apollo XI field flying regulations, and normal standards of conduct and courtesy.

* Some restrictions may apply call store for details.

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