



The Valley Flyer



AMA Charter Club #152 Celebrating 61 years

March 2011

APOLLO XI FIELD REMAINS CLOSED Runway Dirt and Cracks Will Delay Reopening

Our Sepulveda Basin field will be closed over this weekend and through at least the middle of next week, possibly longer. Four feet of water from last weekend's downpour left a heavy coating of mud and debris on the runway, taxiways and pit area. Conditions have been made worse by the rain we've had since. Volunteers are needed -- so is certain equipment. Dave Sweany and Willie Gardner -- who have been directing the clean-up effort -- are asking for available members to help at the field this weekend. Dave will be there starting at 8AM on Saturday. He needs at least one gasoline powered pressure washer, along with flat shovels, brooms and few hoses. Dave reports there's approximately an inch of mud on the runway. What's more, the standing water and muck has opened cracks. The current plan is to have a contracted street sweeper wash down the runway, probably on Tuesday. After that, Dave says, there will be need for blacktop work to deal with the cracks. The work tables that floated from the pit area all the way to the runway have been hauled back into position, thanks in large part to the muscles of Gary Stevens. Strong thanks also go to Benny Elkouby and Mike Billick.

I reported earlier this week that water reached the four foot level in the containers. The good news is that most of Valley Flyers equipment in those sheds has survived, including the generators. Oil changes revived them. The batteries are OK, but it remains to be seen if the inverters are still functional.

Valley Flyers will be handling the cost of the cleanup... and any donations will be warmly welcomed. The cost for the street sweeper alone will be several hundred dollars. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Valley Flyers president Chuck Thompson.

To sum up: the model flying field will remain closed until at least the middle of next week. Volunteers (along with a pressure washer, brooms, flat shovels and hoses) are needed at the field. Dave Sweany will be there through the day tomorrow, Saturday, starting at 8AM.

Bob Tarlau

Public Relations



Mike Lipsey
Newsletter Editor

Hello San Fernando Valley Flyers membership and other readers of this fine, upscale publication. This is a special edition of the Valley Flyers newsletter intended to get the word out about some of the damage and disarray experienced at the Apollo

flying field during the rain storms starting on March 19th, 2011. Eventually the flooding at the basin reached around four feet deep. If you take a look at a few of the pictures with Willie showing the depth reached pretty high. Our containers were flooded causing some damage to stored items. The runway has been covered by a pretty significant layer of silt. Through the remainder of the week we have had continuing lighter rains and hopefully that will help wash some of it away. My understanding is that the storage container near the helicopter pads did end up moved a bit. Along with that movement there are some tables and chairs that floated around and ended up in random spots around the field.

Our field manager Dave Sweany and his team of volunteers is working hard right now to restore the field to flyable condition. Rest as-

sured this restoration process is a top priority of the club's leadership.

Right now we are working to determine the full extent of the damage. Once that is established you can expect a more complete update in the next regularly scheduled newsletter.

Please contact Dave Sweany if you would like to help with the restoration efforts. Bring your shovel, some work gloves and a good pair of water proof boots.

Sincerely,

Mike Lipsey











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



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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
Tony di Leo www.TdLModels.com		



Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2011

Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)
FEBRUARY			
5 SAT Eve	VF	Numb Thumb Night Fly	Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
20 SUN	VF	FREE VF Members Fun Fly	Sam Gengo 310-702-1049 thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
MARCH			
		Tentative Event	
TBD SUN	BSS	Electric Control-line Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693 R/C Runway not affected.
20 SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net
APRIL			
8 FRI ½ Day	VF	George Finch Memorial Race Q40/Q500	Travis Flynn 818-843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
9 – 10 SAT & SUN			
23 SAT	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693
MAY			
14 SAT	VF	Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic	Bob Smith 661-298-2614 flynbs@socal.rr.com
14 SAT	VCB	The May Stunt Meet – 2 circles	Stan Tyler 526-423-4634 Stan.tyler@verizon.net
21 – 22 SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS Spring 2010 - 2 Days	Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
JUNE			
3 FRIDAY	VF	Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly	Benny Elkouby 818-235-9098 bennyei@worldnet.att.net
4 – 5 SAT & SUN			
24 FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500 Tribute to Fred Burgdorf Western Championship Series	Travis Flynn 818-843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
25 – 26 SAT & SUN			
JULY			
10 SUN	VF VCB	FREE Valley Flyers Members Fun Fly & Swap Meet & VCB Teach and Fly CL	Chuck Thompson – VF John Patwell - VCB 818-359-3976 – CT 661-298-9372 - JP chuckthompson@mac.com jpatwell@sbcglobal.net
22 – 24 FRI – SUN	VF	LA JETS – Summer – 3 Days	Joe Castelao 310-831-0074 f16jc@aol.com
26 TUE	VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM	Chuck Thompson 818-359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
AUGUST			
5 – 7 FRI – SUN	VFGSS	All Scale Event	Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net
14 SUN	VCB	Hot August Stunt Contest 4 Circles	Scott Dinger 805-526-9074 weldit74@yahoo.com
21 SUN	VF	VF Fun Fly & Swap Meet	Scott Ramos 818-407-1180 saramos@earthlink.net
SEPTEMBER			
4 SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net
25 SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ	Bob Smith 661-298-2614 flynbs@socal.rr.com
OCTOBER			
1-2 SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	Bill Barber 805-241-0453 barcam@verizon.net No Heli Flying
7 FRIDAY	VF	LA 3-D Helicopters	TBD
8 – 9 SAT & SUN			
16 SUN	VF	Try&Fly : Public Open House	Chuck Thompson 818-359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
23 SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693
NOVEMBER			
5 SAT	VF	November Fun Fly & Night Fly	Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturnis.net
20 SUN	VCB	CL FunFly & Swap Meet	Bill Barber 805-241-0453 barcam@verizon.net
27 SUN	VF	LA JETS – Fall 2010– 1 Day	Bob Wilcox 818-203-4923 bgwp60@gmail.com
DECEMBER			
11 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.

ALL Valley Flyers Fun Fly Events include a SWAP MEET!

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 XI Field Schedule 2011 – Rev-3.2

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



61 Years of Service!

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 2011 the club will enjoy its 61st year as a Club! 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.

Membership Director
San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers

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.

2011 Club Meeting Schedule			
January	25th	July	26th
February	22nd	August	23rd
March	22nd	September	27th
April	26th	October	25th
May	24th	November	22nd – Annual Workers Raffle
June	28th	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.



San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers

2011 Application for Membership



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Date of Application ____/____/____

Full Name _____

*AMA Membership Number: _____

* Current AMA membership is required to be a SFVRCF member. Failure to supply a valid and current AMA number within 45 days of application will void SFVRCF membership.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

"Go by" Name (Example Bob instead of Robert) _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

EMAIL ADDRESS:

(Print one letter per block)

The Club Respects Your Privacy! Email Addresses will only be used for informing members of upcoming meetings & events and will be kept confidential.

I am a member in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. INITIAL

I am a certified AMA CD (Contest Director). Yes/No

T-Shirt Size (Check one)

S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
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As a member of San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers I agree to abide by the San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers Club bylaws, AMA rules, the Apollo XI Field regulations, and the normal standards of conduct and courtesy.

Signature _____

Newsletter Delivery: Please check one of the following. You may change at any time during the year.

- ☐ Yes, I wish to save the Club postage. I can get the newsletter online. I may pick up a hardcopy at Club meetings.
- ☐ Sorry, I have no internet access and wish to have a printed copy of the newsletter mailed to my address above.

Membership Type	
Check Applicable Description	
New Member **	\$25.00
Renewal	\$25.00
Additional Family Member	\$10.00
Junior	\$10.00
Other*	
* Please explain	

Interests	
Check all that apply	
Learning to fly	Electrics / Park Flyers
Learning to build	Pylon Racing
Sport Flying	Jets
Pattern	Giant Scale
Scale Models	Helicopters
R/C Combat	3D Aerobatics

I'll help with	
Check all that apply	
Flight Instruction	
Building Instruction	
Safety	
Hospitality	
Contests	
Field Maintenance	

** January 1 - March 31 **\$25.00** | April 1 - June 30 **\$20.00** | July 1 - Sept. 30 **\$15.00** | October 1 - December 31 **\$10.00**

Membership Feedback Please give us your comments on how you feel about the club/field or other items you think can be improved:

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Membership Year 2011

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