



The Valley Flyer



February 2012

AMA Charter Club #152

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**CNN
Visits
Apollo
Field**

Tony Naccarato is interviewed in late January by a CNN photographer at Apollo 11 Field. CNN produced a story about the FAA's upcoming Notice of Proposed Rule making for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The AMA is now expecting the FAA announcement sometime in Spring. However, earlier this month, Congress passed and President Obama signed the first FAA Reauthorization bill in more

than four years. The bill includes a special provision for model aircraft protecting our hobby from FAA regulations.



Ted Mayer Newsletter Editor

Welcome to the Valley Flyers February newsletter. Here are some highlights:

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We would like your feedback. If you have ideas for improving the newsletter, or would like to submit articles/ideas, contact me at:

Upcoming Events

**Tue Feb 28th
General Meeting
at Encino Community
Center**

**March 16th-18th
SAE Aero Design West**

**March 30th -April 1st
George Finch Pylon
Races**

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

A slight change in plans (planes).

The February drawing will feature the electric - GEE BEE ARF by Great Planes. This new ARF is a little larger than the Horizon GEE BEE. Visit the



following web site for a video on this new ARF. <http://video1.hobbico.com/gallery/gpm/gpma6020-deluxe.mpg>

Full Scale Design and

Development

(Reprinted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

The Gee Bee Model R Super Sportster was a special purpose [racing aircraft](#) made by [Granville Brothers Aircraft](#) of [Springfield, Massachusetts](#).

Gee Bee stands for Granville Brothers. The 1932 R-1 and its sister plane, the R-2, were the successors of the previous year's [Thompson Trophy](#)-winning [Model Z](#).

Assistant Chief Engineer^[1] Howell "Pete" Miller and Zantford "Gran-ny" Granville spent three days of wind tunnel testing at [NYU](#) with [aeronautical engineering professor](#) Alexander Klemin. The aircraft had a very peculiar design. Granville reasoned that a teardrop-shaped fuselage would have lower drag than a straight-tapered one, so the fuselage was wider than the engine at its widest point (at the wing attachment point). The cockpit was located very far aft, just in front of the [vertical stabilizer](#), in order to give the [racing pilot](#) better vision

JANUARY GIVEAWAY



E-Flite Gee Bee from Great Planes

KIT INCLUDES: A RXR Gee Bee Sport Scale Airplane, four Micro Servos, ESC, Flying Wires, brushless Motor, Propeller, Landing Gear, three Wheels, Spinner Hub and Instruction Manual.

REQUIRES: Radio: 4-channel w/4-channel receiver. Battery: 2200mAh 3S 11.1V LiPo. Battery Charger: compatible with selected LiPo battery.

SPECS: Wingspan: 38.5", Wing Area: 241". Weight: 1.75-2.0 lb. Wing Loading: 16.7-19.1 oz/ft². Length: 27".

while making crowded [pylon](#) turns. In addition, it turned out that the fuselage acted as an airfoil, just like the ["lifting-body"](#) designs of the 1960s. This allowed the aircraft to

make tight "knife-edge" turns without losing altitude. It was, in effect, a [Pratt & Whitney R-1340](#) engine with wings and a tail on it.



A reproduction of the R-1 that won the Thompson Trophy Race

Operational history

The R-1 won the 1932 Thompson Trophy race, piloted by [Jimmy Doolittle](#). He also set a new world land plane speed record of 476 km/h (296 mph) in the Shell Speed Dash. The distinction of a land plane record was noteworthy because, at that time, specialized speed [seaplanes](#) outran land planes (see [Schneider Trophy](#)). The Springfield Union of September 6, 1932 quoted Doolittle as saying, "She is the sweetest ship I've ever flown. She is perfect in every respect and the motor is just as good as it was a week ago. It never missed a beat and has lots of stuff in it yet. I think this proves that the Granville brothers up in Springfield build the very best speed ships in America today."

The R-1 rapidly earned a reputation as a potentially very dangerous machine. The small wings, very low [polar moment of inertia](#), and tiny control surfaces made for an aircraft that could rapidly get away from all but the most skilled pilots.^[2] This shortcoming was common to most air racers of the day. During the 1933 [Bendix Trophy](#) race, racing pilot Russell Boardman was killed, flying Number 11. After taking off from a refueling stop in [Indianapolis, Indiana](#), the R-1 [stalled](#), caught a wingtip and crashed.^[3]

The R-1 was later repaired and now incorporated a fuselage extension of approximately 18 inches, creating the "Long Tail Racer." It was decided not to rebuild the wings but to use the original wings from the R-2, which had been removed in February 1933 when a new wing with flaps was built and installed. This aircraft crashed in a landing overrun incident soon after it was built but, Roy Minor, the pilot, was

not severely injured. After another rebuild, the Long Tail Racer was sold to Cecil Allen. Allen, against the advice of the Granvilles, modified it by installing larger gas tanks aft of center, which apparently made the aircraft unstable in pitch. Allen took off with a full fuel tank, crashed, and was killed. After this final crash, the aircraft was never



rebuilt.^[4]

Replicas

Gee Bee R2 flown by Delmar Benjamin at Oshkosh 2001

Non-flying replicas of the R-1 have been built at the [New England Air Museum](#) and the [San Diego Air & Space Museum](#) using original plans for the aircraft.^[5] A flying replica of the R-2 was built by Steve Wolf and Delmar Benjamin that first flew in 1991.^[6] Benjamin flew an aerobatic routine in this aircraft at numerous air shows until he retired the aircraft in 2002.^[7] This aircraft was put on display the [Fantasy of Flight](#) in Polk City Florida in 2004.^[8]

Specifications

(Gee Bee Super Sportster R-1)

Data from "The Influence of Racing Types on Commercial Aircraft Design"^[9]

General characteristics

- Crew: 1
- Length: 17 ft 8 in (5.38 m)
- [Wingspan](#): 25 ft (7.62 m)
- Height: 8 ft 2 in (2.48 m)
- Wing area: 75 ft² (6.97 m²)
- [Empty weight](#): 1840 lbs (834 kg)
- Loaded weight: 2,415 lbs (1,095 kg)
- [Max. takeoff weight](#): 3075 lbs (1394.8 kg)
- [Power plant](#): 1 × [Pratt & Whitney Wasp](#) 1,344 cu in (22 l) displacement Air Cooled 9 cylinder radial, 800 hp (596.5 kW)

Performance

- [Maximum speed](#): 294.38 mph (473.8 km/h)
- [Cruise speed](#): 260 mph (418.4 km/h)
- [Stall speed](#): 90 mph (144 km/h)
- [Range](#): 925 miles (1488 km) 630 miles, full throttle
- [Rate of climb](#): 6100 ft/min (31 m/s)

Note that the R-2 originally used a 550 hp [Pratt & Whitney R-985 Wasp Junior](#) nine cylinder radial power plant, as the aircraft was designed primarily as a cross-country racer with increased tankage that did not require the larger 800 hp Wasp. In 1933, the R-2 was modified for close circuit racing and was fitted with the more powerful engine and cowling of the R-1 version. Other modifications included a larger wing, equipped with flaps. *There you have it, the **GEE BEE**.*

Sincerely, Bob Smith

Chuck Thomson

There will be an auction after the break of items that have been donated.

We had LA Jets last Nov. 27 with Bob Wilcox as the CD

Dec. 11 we had the Toys for Tots event with good attendance.

We had our holiday party put together by Ricc with about 56 in attendance. The venue this year was the Presidente Restaurant in Northridge,

Lawrence Tougas came to the field and Dave gave his son his first flight on a buddy box. Pictures are in the current Newsletter.

Two weeks ago was the AMA Convention. We brought in almost \$2000 in memberships, raffle sales and Tee shirt sales. We signed up 79 members at the show.

We had new posters for the show which were designed by **Ted Mayer**. We have posters from previous shows that we will auction off this evening.

We have new Valley Flyer Sticker.

Feb 4th is the Numb Thumb night fly with Jason Pakfar as CD Feb 19th Sam Gengo will CD the Fun Fly

March 16 - 18 is the SAE event. We need a lot of volunteers for the event as we are expecting between 50 and 60 teams with possibly as many as 500 participants.

Ted Mayer, who has been doing a great job as newsletter editor, was selected as the Modeler of the Month.



Chuck presented an award to **Benny** in recognition of his contributions to the club last year.

**Jeff Sandler**

Jeff thanks the Club for the assistance they provided at the club. Jeff has a large P-40 that he is looking for a builder. If you are interested, please contact Jeff.

Ricc Bieber

There is a cap of 65 teams for the SAE event. There are 55-60 already signed up with 14 teams from India. There will be a lot of food sales and Ricc will need lots of help working in shifts possibly including breakfast. We need volunteers to check planes for air worthiness.

Dave Sweany

Dave brought in the Bridi kit he purchased at the last club auction. Dave made changes based on the advice from many members out at the field. Dave plans on flying it in February. It has a 32 CC gas engine with a tuned pipe. Dave has been working on it for 3 months. Dave has used thick CA and West System.



Ted Mayer made a plane from a kit designed to use cardboard construction (Mud Duck) that did not fly well, so he redesigned a new one from in balsa..



Yoal and Rafael Pelzig A few months ago, they brought in a plane of their own design, they brought in a Bridi Warlord 25.



They are looking for advice on how to finish and install the flight gear.



Etianee This plane is an Alfa Trainer. There was a student who was making a maiden flight. Unfortunately, it went in as a lawn dart, He picked it out of the trash. It was destroyed from the wing forward. It did still have the covering of the front attached, which he used as a pattern to rebuild.

Art Major He's been a member of the VF for over 45 years. In a couple of weeks he will be 92. He is a retired navy commander with 24 years. He built planes throughout his navy career. He brought in a scratch built bi-plane with over 300 flights, over 50 hours in the air. Recently, he patched it up and rebuilt the engine. The cowl is made from a fiberglass lined bowl. He has linked the rudder to the pilot so when the rudder goes left or right, the pilots head turns left and right.



Randy Mytar built a jack Stalford kit in three months called the Super Buccaneer from the early 70s. He also brought in an E-flite p-38 that was given to him from a friend. The scheme is done in a French motif from the lend lease program.



RENEWED YET!
Sign up and get the new

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**SAE Aero Design West is
Fri Mar 16-Sun Mar 18**



It's just a month away! The exciting SAE Aero Design West engineering challenge returns to Apollo 11 Field. This time the event is SOLD OUT -- with 65 teams from all over the world signed up to compete in three weightlifting classes: micro, regular and advanced. [Here's a link to an SAE web page that lists the teams... and there are links on that page to much more information on this terrific competition.](#)

The action Fri Mar 16 will be at the Airtel Plaza Hotel... where the students will have their aircraft tech inspected. Also at the hotel on that Friday, each team delivers its oral report under the intense questioning of professional engineers. Exhaustive written reports are also part of this competition. When

time allows, the teams will come to Apollo 11 Field on Friday for flight testing including - in many cases - first flights. Competition flights take place all day Sat Mar 17 and half day Sun Mar 18... with multiple rounds in each class each day. Winners in the three classes will receive their awards at the field early Sunday afternoon.

The SAE and Valley Flyers will be looking for strong volunteer participation in Aero Design West. We'll

need inspectors, pilots, and lots of people to work as stewards and other assignments at the field. Participation in this event -- on any level -- is extremely gratifying. Sam Gengo (thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com) is the CD for Valley Flyers. Sam will be at the Tuesday 28th General meeting, let him know about your availability to be part of the SAE event. Lockheed-Martin and Boeing are the main corporate sponsors.

**SAE
Aero Design
West**

Annual Design
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Fly
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The ultimate goal is autonomous flight with the highest payload possible, while simultaneously pursuing the lowest empty weight. Three classes: Micro, Regular, Advanced.

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VALLEY FLYERS



Members Present

Chuck Thompson • President
 Randy Mytar • Vice President
 Bob Smith • Treasurer
 Scott Ramos • Secretary
 Ricc Bieber • Hospitality Director
 Mario Sweet • Event Safety Officer
 Mike Stoner • Field Safety Officer
 Dave Sweany • Field Manager
 Tony di Leo • Flight Instructor
 Ted Mayer • Newsletter Editor
 Tony Aguila • Media Director
 Steven Fine • Program Director
 Robert Burn • Event Director
 Ben Elkouby • Electric Director

General Members Present

Dan Zilliak
 Willy Gardner

Members Absent

Adam Gelbart • Giant Scale Director
 Bob Tarlau • Public Relations
 Eric Baker • Helicopter Director
 Gary Stevens • Membership Director
 Mike Stoner • Field Safety Officer

Chuck Thompson

AMA show recap, We should start looking for raffle items earlier and also start planning the display in late summer. Ricc suggests that if we have a lot of donated item at the time, we run a swap meet table. We signed up about 80 renewals and new members.

We are facing a lot of issues from the FAA rules and Army Corps and need to review all the signage at the field. Another issue that may need to be reviewed is the position of the pilot stations. The positions of the stations are not well placed for pilot communications.

At the Fun Fly on the 19th we will have hot dogs at the concession. There will be no night Fly at this event. Sam will be the CD. The next Valley Flyer event is the George Finch pylon Race. This will be on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Chuck has been in contact with the AMA for coverage in MA of the SAE event. The MA magazine asked if we had someone to cover the event. Bob Tarlau will be contacting local media as well.

Chuck is getting more enquiries about the Glendale field. Mario has some photos of the most recent progress. Scott is researching several options for the runway.

Danny got a price quote for a standard 40' container of \$2600 delivered.

Stephen Fine is lining up a program for the February General Meeting.

Bob Tarlau

Bob, Ricc, Dave, Willy, Randy and Jason attended a meeting with the Army Corps and Recs. & Parks. Night Flys and overnight camping have become an issue. Bob contacted the Army Corps. Bob Was contacted by Al Moreno who is in charge of activities on all Army Corps property. Bob and Al planned a meeting. Bob was also contacted by Able Perez. This led to a meeting out at the field earlier today. This included an inspection of the airfield by the Army Corps. The Army will review their findings and contact the City for any changes that the Army wants changed.

Bob Smith

Checking balance 687574

PayPal balance 2073.50

3 pending deposits of \$400 from shirts, \$384 from the raffle, and another \$7 from the raffle.

Total balance \$8949.24

In a few weeks will be the SAE event. We will have a security guard. There will also be additional port-a-potties. The event should be done by 2:00 on Sunday. We are expecting about 58 participating teams. We need volunteers at the AirTel on Friday for tech inspections. There are 3 classes of aircraft and all need to be safety inspected. On Saturday, We will need people for piloting, fueling, inspecting, weighing and directing/staging.

Mario Sweet will be ordering shirts.

CNN contacted the club in regard to the pending FAA regulations. They came out with a reporter and camera man and met with Randy Mytar and others at the field. We do not know the air date.

Tony and Tina Aguila will cover the SAE event with photos and an article.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30

VALLEY FLYERS WINTER FUN FLY

AMA Membership required.
(proof of membership is required)

\$10 for non members
(free to club members)

Flying starts 9am.

2012 SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

Apollto XI Field

To help with the event and for more information visit: www.valleyflyers.com







FUN FLY



*George Finch
Memorial*

PYLON RACES

MARCH 30th - APRIL 1st

**2 One day Races
Saturday**

**EF1, 426, and 424
all on the AMA short course.**

Sunday

**426 and 422
all on the AMA long course**

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Apollo Xi Field



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Randy Mytar our vice president has been at it again. To help the club raise some revenue. He has offered to Make available some prints of his watercolor paintings. These beautiful watercolor paintings are art prints approx. 24"x30". The price is \$150 of which \$50 will go to the club. This is a deal! The price of an art print is almost the rest of the money. Anyone who knows about aviation art will salivate over these prints-and the low price! Thanks again Randy!

Ted Mayer



This Month we are continuing our series that highlights our Board of Directors.

*This month we are featuring Tony di Leo our Training Coordinator.
(We will be specifically covering our training department in a later edition.)*



I was Born in Southern Italy, at the beguining of WW2, in a small but beautiful town named Lecce

By age 5 I looked up at the P38s and P51s that were bombing us, it was the end of the War!

I wished I was up there with them and not on the ground receiving the bombs.

At age 8 I ordered my first Kit, a sticks and tissue glider- and so started my love affair with Model airplanes!

I built rubber powered models until I was 12, then I got interested in control line models.

There was not many kits as there are today. So I be-

friended older modelers and picked their brains. That's how I learned to design and build my own creations.

Some of the pictures I took at that time, ended up in an album, which survives until today.

The very first thing I did when I moved to California in April 1958, was to go to Reginald Denny's Hollywood hobby shop. In very poor English I asked for balsa and glue so



I could build version 2 of the Squalo(Shark) an aerobicic control line model powered by a Supertigre 35. (That I brought from Rome with me.) I flew my red Squalo at UCLA in a field that was then wide open! (Now its totally built up) Ever since, I have been designing, building and flying all kinds of models. In the early days I flew my creations near



the same place where Apollo field is today.

In about 1965 I got my first radio control unit. It was a Howard Bonner Digimite-8 with open sticks and fail safe servos!



I learned to fly from a fellow modeler, Wayne who was a great designer, builder, and flyer and soon I was helping newcomers to the Hobby to learn to fly.

I joined the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers about 1968 and became a board member in 1969, I was also a member and board member of the Giant Scale Squadron for many years.

I have flown at Cachuma lake, Casitas, Castaic and Crystal Lake up by Sacramento.





The Museum of Flying is a private non-profit air and space museum in Santa Monica, California. It was founded in 1974 as the Douglas Museum and Library, renamed the Museum of Flying in 1989, closed in 2002, and is slated to reopen February 25th in their new facility. The Museum exhibits the history of aviation, focusing aviation history in Southern California.



History

Originally founded in 1974 by Donald Douglas Jr. as the Douglas Museum and Library located on the South side of the Santa Monica Airport, the Museum migrated to the North side of the

Airport and reopened as the Museum of Flying in April 1989. The Museum gradually grew to a collection of over 50 vintage aircraft with many in flight ready condition.

The anchor aircraft for the Museum was the Douglas World Cruiser, "New Orleans" which



made the first circumnavigation of the globe along with its sister ship, "Chicago", in 1924. The Chicago now sits at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air & Space Museum. The museum's collection of artifacts, ex-

hibits, and aviation art chronicle the development of aviation in Southern California.

Over the next several year's the museum played host to many historic and memorable special events and activities, including "A Walk on the Moon" in 1999 in which 7 NASA lunar astronauts were present and honored for their advancement in the discovery of space and the moon. In 2000, the museum held the 60th Commemorative Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Attendees at this event witnessed first-hand accounts of this epic air battle, live and in person from several RAF and Luftwaffe pilots who joined us for this milestone occasion.

One of the most popular programs of the Museum was the children's A's Award Flight Program. On pre-selected dates, children achieving the letter grade "A" in any academic subject could receive a free airplane

ride as a reward for dedication toward education. The museum also featured a number of other educational programs for both children and adults; including weekend family workshops and a volunteer presentation series.



The Museum was forced to temporarily close in July 2002 due to economic challenges. Since that time, Museum officials have been in discussion with the City of Santa Monica on a suitable new location at the Santa Monica Airport.

Exhibits & Features

The new Museum will provide displays and interpretive exhibits on the history of flight and the development and growth of the aviation and aerospace industry in Southern California. The Museum will place heavy emphasis on the Douglas Aircraft Company and the history of the Santa Monica Airport.

The new Museum will feature nearly 2 dozen aircraft chronicling the beginning of flight: from a replica Wright Flyer, all the way to the jet age, with the BD-5 micro jet and the FedEx Boeing 727 nose section. The Museum



will also feature a broad collection of aviation art, rare artifacts, and ephemera from famous aviators. The museum will create a hands-on interactive and



education center for children that will include a T-33 cockpit trainer, a Convair 240 nose, and the K-3 mini flight simulator that will teach children about pitch, yaw, and roll.

The Mezzanine of the new Mu-



seum will feature a replica of the Douglas Aircraft Company Executive Board room, and recreation of the office of Donald W. Douglas, Founder & Chairman of the Douglas Aircraft Company. The mezzanine will also house the new Museum Theater and Screening Room.

(Excerpted from Wikipedia)

We were recently contacted by the Museum, regarding members volunteering. Specifically to help out getting their vast model aircraft collection renovated. There are also many other activities open for help.

Volunteers get together at 9.30 on Sunday mornings and work

into the afternoon.

I arrived, went to the workshop area, and was immediately put to work cleaning up the cast aluminium models that were from the Douglas Aircraft offices.

(See picture above.)

Although the Museum opens on April 25th, it is far from complete, and they will need volunteers for some time to come. In fact they are aiming at having the renovation area be part of the museum's exhibit.

Ted Mayer
Newsletter editor



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MEDIA RELEASE

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Senate joins House in passing FAA bill, exemption for aeromodeling

M U N C I E – The U.S. Senate late Monday joined the House in passing the first full FAA Reauthorization Bill in more than four years. In passing the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 both the House and Senate included a provision aimed at protecting model aviation from burdensome regulations. The President is expected to sign the bill into law.

“We are very appreciative of those in Congress who recognize that model aviation hobbyists have been highly successful at governing themselves and being safety conscious over generations,” said Bob Brown, president of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, representing 143,000 aeromodelers. “We are intensely committed to a safe National Airspace System (NAS), and have proven so. This bill is testimony to a common sense approach to model aviation.”

The AMA’s ongoing attempt to protect aeromodeling from what it believes to be unnecessary and overreaching federal regulations was championed by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) who sponsored the amendment. The Academy would like to express its sincere appreciation to the members of Congress and their staffs, with special thanks to John Mica (R-FL), Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX), Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Tom Petri (R-WI).

“I can’t stress enough the impact that AMA members have had on getting this amendment passed,” said Brown. “Last year, our members sent 90,000 letters of concern to their Congressional representatives, and the collective voice of aeromodeling was heard loud and clear.”

Rapid technological advancements and the integration of small unmanned aircraft systems, or sUAS, has been a challenge for the FAA, which is responsible for ensuring the safety of the NAS. The AMA has consistently contended that aeromodeling conducted by its members, following the AMA Safety Code, is different from commercial sUAS operations. That distinction lies, in part, with hobbyists operating within a defined area, away from people and property, and not for commercial purposes, among other self-imposed rules.

“This legislation is a very positive step,” said Rich Hanson, AMA’s Government Regulatory Affairs representative. “However, there are still steps to come. We look forward to a cooperative effort with the FAA in ensuring that model aircraft may continue to operate safely within the NAS.”

AMA expects that the FAA will issue its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for public comment sometime later this spring. The Academy continues to believe that a regulatory approach to model

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62 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 2012 the club will enjoy its 62nd 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.

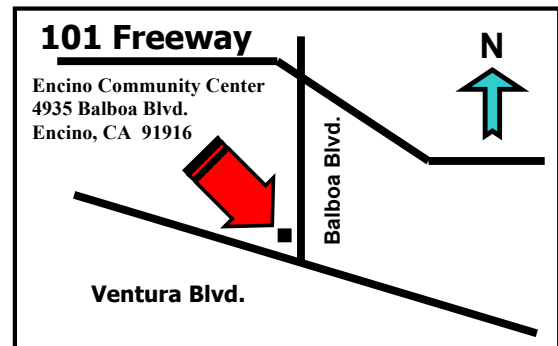
Membership Director
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Along with your modest annual dues, you need to have a current membership in the **Academy of Model Aeronautics**. If you are not yet an AMA member, you can sign up by calling 765-287-1256 or visiting www.modelaircraft.org online.

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.

2012 Club Meeting Schedule			
January	24th	July	24th
February	28th	August	28th
March	27th	September	25th
April	24th	October	23rd
May	22nd	November	27th – Annual Workers Raffle
June	26th	December	8 th 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 courtes

✦ Some restrictions may apply call store for details.



San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers



2012 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

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 _____

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Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)
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4	SAT eve	VF	Numb Thumb Night Fly Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturmis.net
19	SUN	VF	FREE VF Members Fun Fly & Swap Meet Sam Gengo 310-318-1049 thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
MARCH			
4	SUN	BSS	Electric Control-line Fun Fly Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693 R/C Runway not affected.
16-18	FRI-SUN	VF	Aero Design West Collegiate Weight Lifting Contest/SAE Sam Gengo 310-318-1049 thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
30	FRI ½ Day	VF	George Finch Memorial Race Q40/ Q500 Travis Flynn 818-843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
31	SAT		
APRIL			
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29	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693
MAY			
12	SAT	VF	Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic Bob Smith 661-298-2614 flynbs@socal.rr.com
12	SAT	VCB	The May Stunt Meet – 2 Circles Stan Tyler 526-423-4634 R/C Heli Pad not affected.
19-20	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS Spring - 2 Days Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturmis.net
JUNE			
8	FRI ½ Day	VF	Q40/Q500 Travis Flynn 818-843-4107 flynnracer@aol.com
9-10	SAT & SUN		<i>Western Championship Series</i>
22	FRI	VF	Western States 3 Day Electric Fun Fly Benny Elkouby 818-235-9098 bennyel@worldnet.att.net
23-24	SAT & SUN		
JULY			
8	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
21-22	SAT – SUN	VF	LA JETS – Summer – 2 Days Bob Wilcox 818-203-4923 bob.w@jetcatusa.com
24	TUE	VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM Chuck Thompson 818-359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
AUGUST			
4-5	SAT & SUN	VF	All Scale Event Adam Gelbart 310-441-9408 adam.gelbart@verizon.net weldit74@yahoo.com
12	SUN	VCB	Hot August Stunt Contest Scott Dinger 805-526-9074 No Heli Flying
19	SUN	VF	4 Circles VF Fun Fly & Swap Meet Scott Ramos 818-407-1180 saramos@earthlink.net
SEPTEMBER			
9	SUN	VF	All Electric Fun-Fly Benny Elkouby 818-235-9098 bennyel@worldnet.att.net
23	SUN	VF	VF Fun Fly / Member's BBQ Bob Smith 661-298-2614 flynbs@socal.rr.com
OCTOBER			
6-7	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest 4 Circles Bill Barber 805-241-0453 barcam@verizon.net No Heli Flying
14	SUN	VF	Try & Fly : Public Open House Chuck Thompson 818-359-3976 chuckthompson@mac.com
21	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly Tony Naccarato 818-842-3693
NOVEMBER			
3	SAT	VF	November Fun Fly & Night Fly Jason Pakfar 818-206-5777 jason@saturmis.net
11	SUN	VF	LA JETS – Fall 1 Day Bob Wilcox 818-203-4923 bob.w@jetcatusa.com
18	SUN	VCB	CL Fun Fly & Swap Meet Bill Barber 805-241-0453 barcam@verizon.net
DECEMBER			
9	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.
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