



# THE VALLEY FLYER



## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is with great honor that I convey "we have made a difference in this club." I can honestly transmit to you, there is a sense of pride and camaraderie returning to the members that feels impenetrable. We will "as a board" do our very best to continue representing the Valley Flyers in a cohesive and collaborative way. With our team 2024 and the future looks bright.

PRESIDENT TENA R. HOMME  
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RC FLYERS

**2024**  
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**PYLON RACES**  
ON  
**2/29 - 3/03**



## A LETTER FROM OUR FIELD MANAGER

Keeping Apollo XI Airfield viable is an ongoing effort. Thanks, to all those who have contributed their time and labor in keeping our field operable. Recently, all gas powered equipment and the generators have been serviced to include new spark plugs, filters and oil.

Routine maintenance hopefully will prolong their operable lifespan. Three table tops have been upgraded and replaced. The large one in the heli area, one in the park flyer area and the handicapped area, in the main pit area.

There are still a few tables that need attention, they will be repaired as funds and materials, become available. However, in the interim they are still serviceable. Please do not sit, stand or place heavy objects on them, as they are not structurally designed to support that degree of load.

The recent rains have kept the infield grass lush. Although it looks great, it requires a lot of effort to keep it up. With our current equipment it takes about 10 hours of riding on the mower to get the entire infield, runway borders and drone/heli area trimmed. This does not include a push mower and edger work which is about another 2 hours. Any help you can give to assist in keeping our facilities maintained will be appreciated. So please don't wait to be asked, step up and volunteer.

Litter is a persistent problem at the field. Please clean your area and in the pits prior to departing for the day. I know a lot of it is not generated by members, but even if it's not yours please make an effort to keep our facilities clean. Please encourage others to do so as well, Let's take some pride in our field.

The runway and the taxiways will be our next area of concentrated effort. Our asphalt repair machine is dialed in and work has already commenced. This machine is not capable of repairing

large fissures and/or potholes. We will be using cold patch for these areas which will have a better and longer lasting repair. We need dry weather and dry surface in order to properly perform this maintenance. So it will be weather influenced on when these repairs will be accomplished. We realize that this may inconvenience some of you, so we will try to expedite any work and minimize impacts to flight operations. Sometimes, these work parties will be hastily organized and there will not be prior notification of said work.

Please be respectful of those engaging in the repair operations, as they are doing it to benefit all of us.

The charging station in the park flyer area is in need of a rebuild and upgrade, so it can better suit the needs of the flyers on the North end.

Ricc Bieber and Mario Sweet have taken the lead on this. Hopefully it will be finished before the SAE Event which is April 12, 13, & 14, 2024.

Again, I want to THANK all the people that have helped keep the field operable and look forward to having even more of you participate.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

*THANK YOU, Rahr*

# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Hello to all San Fernando Valley RC Flyer Members & Anyone that is reading this:

The first thing I would like to do is apologize to everyone on my lack of newsletter skills and editing abilities. As I explained before I have knowledge and education in Nonprofits Administration. So, when I saw the condition of the nonprofit status, I wanted to help and Tena needed a newsletter Editor, so viola here I am. As soon as I can be a student of Cliff's I can be up to "newsletter status," I hope!

As you know or don't know, we are awaiting finalization of the Heritage program. I nominated the club to have heritage status with the AMA. A lot of research was needed to get the information they wanted for the application. One of the things they wanted was who founded the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers. The information that I had was 1965 and after, I needed to prove that we were a club from 1960 – 1965, to be eligible for the Heritage Program.

In my research I found out many things about the San Fernando Valley Flyers, without being totally sure of "Who or Whom" is responsible for creating this wonderful club that so many of us hold dear. According to the American Modeler Magazine (1962), in 1955, William Fredrickson Jr., Ken Willard, Dick Schumacher, Ken Aymar and others formed a committee that dealt with Parks & Recs to get Sepulveda Basin to be a model airfield. After they exhausted all avenues with Parks & Rec's, Fredrickson suggested "the modelers organize an association of metropolitan model airplane clubs, then apply for a flying field." The same article states in 1955, the famous LARKS (Los Angeles Radio Kontrol Society) and the San Fernando Valley Flyers were always seen flying at Sepulveda Basin. My beliefs are that when the modelers needed to form model airplane clubs, is when they formed the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers. No matter who formed our club, there were a lot of famous people flying at the Sepulveda Basin that had a huge influence on model aircraft beginning with:

A San Fernando Valley RC Flyer, named Clarence Lee the founder of Lee engines. Lee died in 2022, shame I didn't get to meet him because boy do I have a lot of questions. He did not die before flying control line until he grew tired of it and started admiring radio control more. In 1955, Lee placed third in the controlling precision aerobatics and in proto speed at the California Nationals. In 1959, Lee designed the .45 engine for radio controlling. In 1966, place first in the Larks open in the expert class. Lee usually seen with people like Cliff Weirick, Doug Spreng, the maker of the "Stormer," all San Fernando Valley Flyers, at one point in their lives.

According to the AMA History Project, Cliff Weirick, claims to have help start and organize the San Fernando Valley Flyers, while being a member of the LARKS. Cliff states in 1961 he was the Vice President of the Flyers. Weirick with his infinite knowledge of Aeronautics, designed and built the DC Converter for Reed Equipment. Doug Spreng, another name that keeps showing face in my research. Jack Albrecht claims to have seen Doug Spreng flying at Sepulveda Basin as early as 1956. In 1960, Doug designed the infamous "Stormer," pattern model airplane powered by Lee's .45 engine. Doug Spreng is also in the AMA History Project, which is where I got some of my information.

That was about all I could find from before 1965, then I have our Newsletters. So, in the 1965 Newsletters the President was Bob "Woody" Woodward, whom I could find no information on, Vice President was Bob Upton, Secretary was Neil Gottenbos, CD was Jim Oddin, Publisher Don Butman and Editor George Kostura. Bob Upton claims Presidency of the Valley Flyers in 1966. Don Butman claims in the AMA History project, that he was a member of the Black Sheep Squadron. In 1967, Phil Kraft, Doug Spreng & Cliff Wierick was the team that represented the U.S. in the World Wide Radio Control contest, and they won!!! Imagine that "Valley Flyers" actually won the World Championship!!!

Some people believe and have claimed that Tony Naccarato Sr. and his wife Addie started the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers, there is no supporting evidence of whether he did or didn't. I do believe that Tony Sr. & Addie were at Sepulveda Basin all those years ago. Instead of being active members they bought Hobby Bobby in 1951. I also believe that Tony Naccarato Jr., was once a San Fernando Valley Flyer before he went into the Navy. When Tony Jr. came home from the service, he started the Black Sheep Exhibitionists, in 1977, which later became the Black Sheep Squadron.

So, with all the information that I was able to acquire, I can only believe that in the early 60's Cliff Weirick, branched off from the LARK's -- to form the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers, with flyers like Clarence Lee, Doug Spreng, Jim Oddin, Don Butman, Jerry Pallen, Granger Williams, Phil Kraft and the Naccarato's, amongst others.

If anyone has any information pertaining to the 1960's timeframe Please contact me at:  
[newsletterseditor@valleyflyers.com](mailto:newsletterseditor@valleyflyers.com).

Thank You, Lori Power

# RID is Coming March 16th

## What is RID (Remote ID)?

The FAA has mandated that all UAs (Unmanned Aircraft) that weigh over 250 grams, or 8.8 oz. must have an operational Remote ID broadcasting module installed. This applies to all remote controlled airplanes, helicopters, drones, gliders and any other rc flying craft. The modules broadcast locally and can be tracked via the free OpenSky app available for Android and IOS phones. Also required it that operators must register their aircraft with the FAA.

## How do I get RID?

There are two ways. First, there is a mandate that manufacturers have to include RID in UAs that they sell. Certainly, this is true for drones and RTFs, and any UA that includes electronics such as power systems and receivers, but I do not know if ARFs are required to include RID. Home built, or older RCs, the owner is required to install an RID module. Currently, these are hard to find. Cost for a module, I estimate, will be in the \$60 to \$120 range.

## Will the FAA be monitoring?

It is doubtful that the FAA will be actively monitoring RIDs. But if they did, I would suspect it would be in major metropolitan areas like Los Angeles. More likely, investigation and monitoring would be done by local authorities when there are complaints or incidences. Bear in mind that the OpenSky app is available to anyone.

## **Are there exceptions?**

Besides UAs under ½ pound, UAs can be operated in Federally Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA). These are defined areas that have been approved by the FAA for recreational RC activity where RID is not required. The SFVF applied for FRIA for the Apollo XI field and was denied. All flying fields within 5 miles of an airport were denied by the FAA. We also have a complicating factor that the field is open to the general public. We have re-submitted for FRIA with additional documentation, but the outlook is not promising.

There is a new program by the FAA called Remote ID Authorization. It is similar to FRIA in that activity must be for recreational purposes only, and within a defined area. However, Remote ID Authorization only applies to the members of an approved organization.

## **Good News**

The San Fernando Valley RC Flyers has been approved for Remote ID Authorization to fly without RID in the area defined by the Letter of Agreement that the club has with the Van Nuys Airport.

In order to fly without RID, you have to be flying at the Apollo XI field, and, you have to be a member of the SFVF. Also, participants in official AMA sanctioned events may fly without RID.

**If you are not a member of the SFVF, you still must have RID.**

# **OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2024**

**FRANK MILLER is our Event Director**

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**BURT MAGBANUA is our Helicopter Director**

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**RAND GAMBLE is our Drone Director**

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**GLEN ROE is our Technical Director**

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**RICC BIEBER is our Program Director**

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**THESE POSITIONS FOR THE BOARD ARE OPEN**

**THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RC FLYERS CURRENTLY HAVE OPEN POSITIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND HOSPITALITY CHAIR. JOIN OUR PASSIONARTE COMMUNITY OF REMOTE CONTROL ENTHUSIASTS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR CLUB. APPLY NOW AND BE PART OF SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION!!!**

**CONTACT TENA R. HOMME OUR PRESIDENT AT [president@valleyflyers.com](mailto:president@valleyflyers.com) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**



# FLYING HIGH

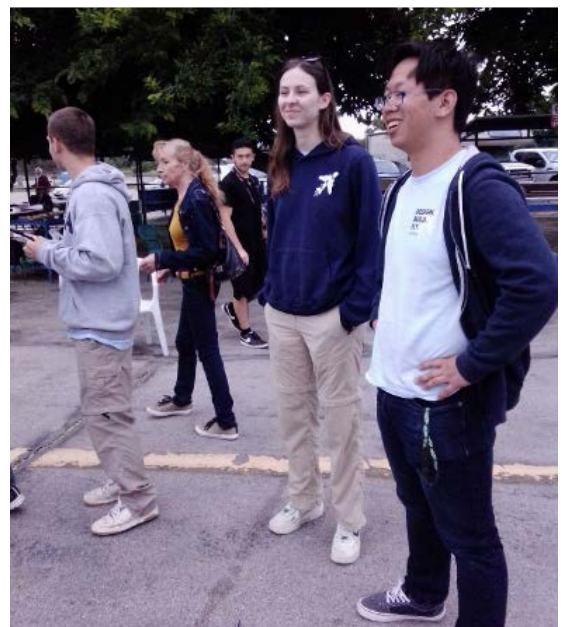
## UCLA AVIATORS RETURN TO APOLLO XI AIRFIELD FOR DESIGN, BUILD & FLY PRACTICE

As the sun sets over Sepulveda Basin, the home of remote-controlled aircraft fills the air, echoing the excitement and innovation of UCLA's engineering students. This picturesque location has once again become the testing ground for the Design, Build and Fly aircraft that conquered last year's competition in Arizona.

With their designs refined and lessons learned from the previous year's triumph, UCLA students have returned to the Sepulveda Basin to fine tune their aircraft for the upcoming design build and fly challenges. The basin, surrounded by nature and providing an expansive open space serves as the perfect canvas for these young engineers to push the boundaries of their creations.

The atmosphere is one of collaboration and determination as teams gather to practice precision takeoffs, and navigate obstacle courses, and perfect their landing techniques. The aircraft, born from the minds of UCLA's brightest engineering students, showcase a blend of creativity and technical expertise. Each tweak and adjustment is a step toward achieving optimal performance.

As the sun dips below the horizon calm of casting and warm glow around the Sepulveda Basin, the UCLA students packed up their aircraft, satisfied with the day of progress and inspired by its challenges that lie ahead. The echoes of last year's victory linger in the air, propelling these students forward as they prepare to showcase their innovations once again on the grand stage of the Design, Build and Fly competition.





# OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

San Fernando Valley RC Flyers October 2023, General Meeting was held at the Apollo XI Airfield. There were about 50 members in attendance, the meeting seemingly successful. We were honored by our oldest member Mr. Bob Adams, being able to attend. This event also served as a party for our club Presidents birthday.



*Happy Birthday Tena*





# VALLEY FLYERS' INSPIRING JOURNEY A DECADE OF S.T.E.M. OUTREACH

The San Fernando Valley RC Flyers' journey of engaging with the local community in Science, Technology, Education & Mathematics education. dates back to 2012. That year the Valley Flyers recieved an invitation to provide demonstrations and share their knowledge of model aviation, with the children at the Vintage Magnet Elementary School. Ricc Bieber, Mario Sweet, Bob Smith, Bob Tarlau and Bob's son David, were the members that stood up to the challenge.



On June 1, 2023, the Valley Flyers took center stage at the event showcasing their passion for aviation and S.T.E.M. education. This year Ricc Bieber & John Wilkes volunteered their time as excellent instructors, captivating the young minds with their knowledge and enthusiasm.



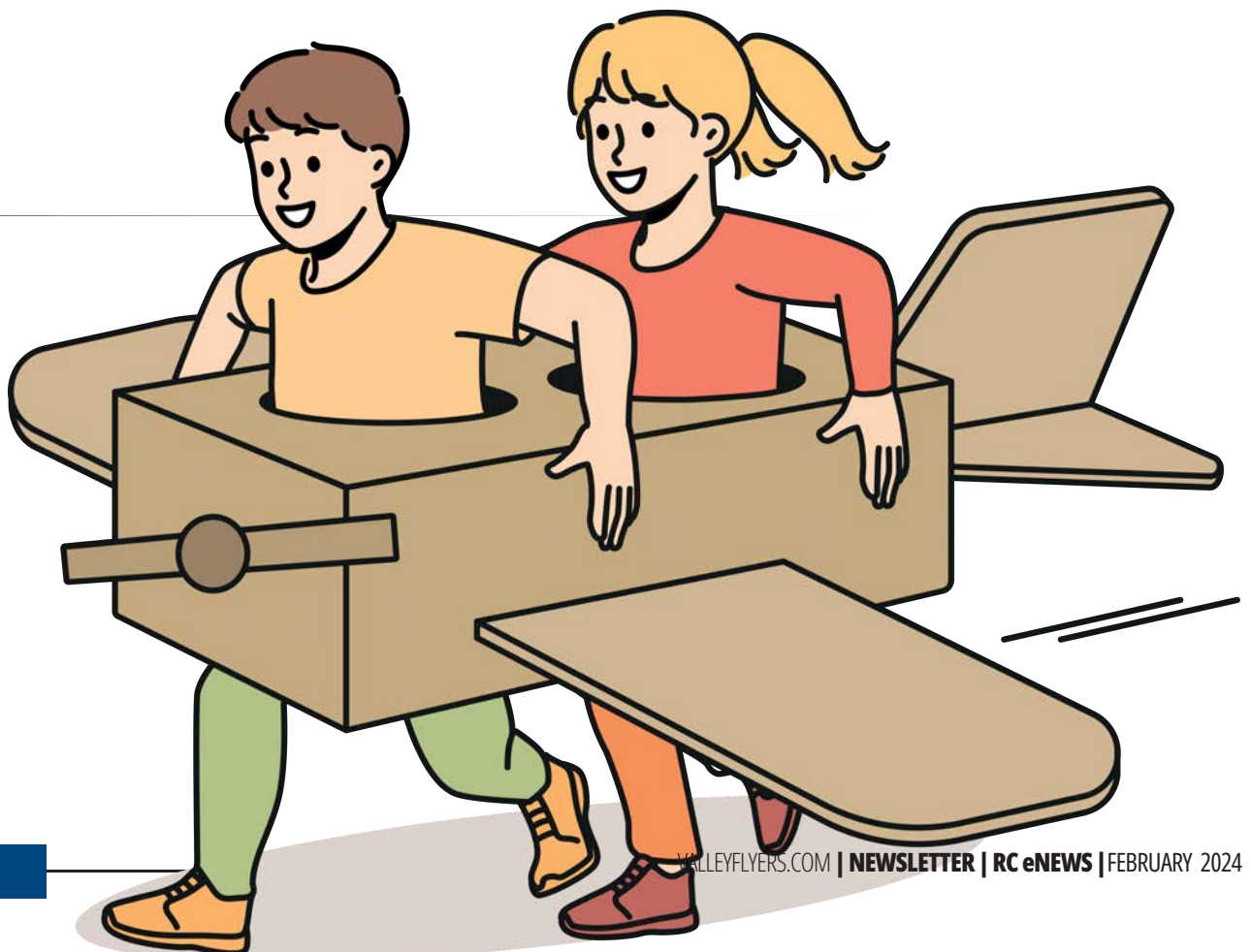


# S.T.E.M. OUTREACH CON'T

In addition to the instructional sessions, Tony Aguiga, Anthony Aguila, Tena R. Homme and Lori Power played an integral part in spreading the word about the Valley Flyers Club and our learning center. We handed out informational flyers and airplanes. Assuring that the attendees left with a piece of aviation knowledge to take home.

As we celebrate a decade long journey of educating and inspiring young minds, the Valley Flyers continue to be a shining example of how a shared passion for Science, Technology, Education & Mathematics can change lives and communities for the better.

The San Fernando Valley RC Flyers legacy is one of dedication, inspiration and love for the skies that have no bounds!



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Official Board Meeting held digitally on January. 3, 2024

## MEETING OVERVIEW

### Members Present

Tena Homme - President  
Tony Aguila - Treasurer  
Sherri Bieber - Membership  
Ricc Bieber- Program Director  
Rahr Borchardt- Field Manager  
Lori Power-Newsletter Editor  
Scott Ramos-Secretary  
Tyler Malcolm-Webmaster  
Frank Miller- Event Director  
Glen Roe- Technical Director  
Victor Shamulus- Turbine Director  
Cliff Sonnetag-Media Director  
Mari Sweet - Electric Director  
Adam Kline-  
Glendale Field Manager

### Members Absent

Moshe Arvbiv-Safety Officer  
Rand Gamble-Multirotor Director  
Bert Magbanua- Heli Director  
Alex Odorisio-Public Relations  
Arthur Bolukbasir-Training Director

### Official

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

#### Tena Aguila President

Training questions about airplane repairs. All repairs, should be planned and approved by the Training Director or Treasurer before any work is done. Must have approval before any item is taken off the field.

#### Tony Aguila Treasurer

Treasury is at 1,924.56. \$400.00 will be outgoing for current expenses. Tony is closing out books for 2023. Training center is coming along. Need help with building a wall.

#### Sherri Bieber Membership Director

Tony will be helping Sherri with Member Ties. 10 new, 16 renew, 62 total members

#### Ricc Bieber Program Director

Ricc and Mario will research for a meeting location. Will Do outreach with local schools, will work with Lori.

#### Arthur Bolukbasir Training Director

Will work on written checklist. Certificates and AMA wings.

#### Adam Kline Glendale Field Manager

4 members have renewed.

#### Rahr Borchardt Field Manager

Volunteer days 2nd Wednesday and 3rd Sunday 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. Rahr has done alot of maintenance at the field. He also reports that the charging stations need work.

#### Lori Power Newsletter Editor

Lori is submitting the Flying Site Improvement Grant. Needs to define the project. Would like to work with Arthur on the Introductory Pilot Program.

#### Tyler Malcolm Webmaster

Unable to report due to technical issues.

#### Frank Miller Events Director

Tony and Frank will work on permits and sanctions.

#### Scott Ramos Secretary

Scott will continue to work on the FRIA applications and the VNY agreement update and letter of endorsement.

#### Glen Roe Technical Director

Glen sent out a list of thoughts. Glen would like to slow down next year. The planes are becoming large and our charging station jacks and wiring are not up to the demands. Glen would like a replacement build and tested, then installed in a single day. There is no workbench available. Tena has worked on clearing a workbench. First step is the designing of the whole system. Scott will work with Glen on the design. Ricc is volunteering to work with Glen and Scott. Mario will join. 9 AM Saturday.

#### Victor Shamulus Turbine Director

Would like to get an updated poster from Cliff. Victor will send an email to Cliff.

#### Cliff Sonnetag Media Director

Will work on upcoming event posters.

#### Mario Sweet Electric Director

Mario will work with Ricc on a membership meeting location and will work with Glen and Ricc on updating the charging stations.

## Meeting Concluded

# 9:15

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Official Board Meeting held digitally on October 11, 2024

### Members Present

Tena Homme - President  
Tony Aguila - Treasurer  
Sherri Bieber - Membership  
Ricc Bieber- Program Director  
Rahr Borchardt- Field Manager  
Lori Power-Newsletter Editor  
Scott Ramos-Secretary  
Glen Roe- Technical Director  
Victor Shamulus- Turbine Director  
Cliff Sonnetag-Media Director  
Mari Sweet - Electric Director

### Members Absent

Adam Kline-  
Glendale Field Manager  
Moshe Arvbiv - Safety Officer  
Lupe Pereyra - Hospitality Director  
Tyler Malcolm - Webmaster  
Frank Miller - Events Director  
Alex Odorisio - Public Relations  
Mike Stoner - Vice President  
Bert Magbanua - Heli Director  
Arthur Bolukbasir - Training Director

### No Guests

#### Official:

Meeting was called to order at  
7:10 PM

#### Tena Homme - President

The website has been updated. Nametags are in. A trophy for lifetime achievement for Jay Repogle has been acquired. It was originally set to give Jay his trophy at the BBQ Fun Fly, but it was cancelled.

Tena is wondering if anyone has keys to the restroom. For we have had them in the past. Tony will follow up to see if we still have a set.

#### Tony Aguila - Treasurer

Applications online is working. Funds will be direct deposited into the clubs account. Tony motions that all new memberships go for the rest of 2023 & 2024. Sherri seconded and motion passed. Tony motions to combine Member Ties databases for Apollo & Glendale. Having separate databases adds alot of Administration

work and having separate databases makes it easy for Glendale members to be missed in email communications. A gallery was added to the website. Photos will be able to be submitted, but we need to set up an approval process. We have 2 card registers now, so we can accept credit card payments at the field. One for food and one for membership sign up. Willy Gardner Award is coming up. The previous winners nominate and vote the next recipient in private.

#### Moshe Arvbiv - Safety Director

No updates at this time

#### Sheri Bieber-Member Director

No updates at this time

#### Ricc Bieber - Program Director

The Christmas party is coming up 2 possible locations, The Black Bear Diner & Victorios. With the Treasury being low unfortunately, this year the club will not be able to supplement the cost. The best date will be December 3rd, as later dates will conflict with current events. Will bring the options up at General Meeting

#### Adam Kline - Glendale Field Manager

No updates at this time

#### Rahr Borchardt - Field Manager

The lawn mower is not working, Glen & Rahr will work on the old one. If it can not be repaired, we may need to replace it. Second set of burned up Port O Potty's were cleaned up. We have received the runway repair equipment and supplies. We still need propane tanks and testing and training of the volunteers.

#### Lori Power - Newsletter Editor

Lori has submitted everything for the AMA Historical Club status. Lori is working on the AMA grant for \$3000 for runway repairs. Lori is also looking into getting California Historical Site registry for the Apollo XI airfield. The process is involved and there is a suggested course for people wanting to apply. The course is \$300. Cliff motions that we approve the \$300. Scott second and the motion passed.

#### Lupe Pereyra - Hospitality Director

No updates at this time

#### Tyler Malcolm - Webmaster

No updates at this time

#### Frank Miller - Events Director

No updates at this time

#### Alex Odorisio - Public Relations

No updates at this time

#### Scott Ramos - Secretary

Scott & Rahr met with the tower to discuss a letter of endorsement for our FRIA application and to amend our "Letter of Agreement" to allow extending the flight area about 1000 feet North of the runway to allow normal landing approaches. Sott motions we put the position of Public Relations Director up for nominations this year, Cliff second motion passed.

#### Glen Roe - Technical Director

Glen raised concern for the cost of fuel. We have the runway repair equipment, we have a list of volunteers to work it. Tony gave the list to Victor. Glen suggests using the propane tank from the BBQ to start with.

#### Victor Shamulus - Turbine Director

No updates at this time.

#### Cliff Sonnetag - Media Director

Will working on the Halloween event poster and will be helping Lori with the Newsletter.

#### Mike Stoner - Vice President

No updates at this time

#### Mario Sweet - Electric Director

No updates at this time

## Meeting Concluded

# 8:40



# BOARD MEMBERSHIP

You will find a list of board contact information here. Complete contact information for the Valley Flyers Board members may be found on the website.

## BOARD MEMBER CONTACT INFO

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This position is open and needs volunteers

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### DRONE DIRECTOR

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***VICTOR HAS AN LA  
JETS EVENT PLANNED  
FOR  
AUGUST 16,17,18TH***

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Our 2024 membership report

## 2024 MEMBERS LIST

Abo , Steve	Gray, Scot	Oganesyan, Erik	Toro, Francisco
Adams, Bob	Guske, Brad	Ovnick, John	Turner, Ken
Aguila, Tena "Homme"	Harfman , Jason	Pakfar, Jason	Valiensi, James P.
Aguila, Tony	Hawkins, Todd Taylor	Pereyra, Lupe	Vania, Ryan
Arbiv, Moshe	Helmick, Mark H.	Petrosian, Robert	Wagner , Mark
Bieber, Ricc	Hernandez , Andres	Pinder, Rich	Wagner, John
Bieber, Sherri	Hession , Paul	Power, Lori	Weaver, Davis
Billick, Donald M.	Hicks, John Wesley	Pruett, Henry	Williams, Ralph C., Jr
Broadnax, Marc	Holmes, Zokai	Pruett, Steven	Williams, Richard
Brough, Ted	Jacobsen, Simon	Ramos, Scott	Won, Deborah
Brown, Winston	Jennings, Michael	Repogle, Jay	Won, Joshua
Bundy, Mike	Keliher, Tom ( Joseph )	Rhoades, Charles	Ziliak, Daniel
Calderon, Mario	Kerkonian, Awadis	Rhoads, Jeff	
Chau, William	Kline, Adam	Roberts, Mel	
Clark, Mitchall	Klohn, Thomas	Roe, Glen	
Cohan, Aaron	Kreitenberg, Harvey	Rosenthal, Morton D.	
Cohen, Marc	Krishtall, Vladimir	Rouse, Logan	
Conerly, James M.	Laulom, Clarence	Roy, Stephen	
Danny, Steven	Laulom, Lawrence	Schatz, William	
David, Seth	Lee, Steve	Seidman, Robert	
DeKeater, Stephen	Lee, Victor	Seshadri, Nikhil	
Dougherty, George	Lipsey, Joseph	Soghomonian, Garo	
Dronge, Michael	Lopez, Abilio	Sonheim, Richard	
Elkouby, Binyamin	Ma, Fan	Stahl, Frederck	
Fan, Xiaozhou	Magbanua, Bert B.	Stoner, Mike	
Fiffles, Jamie	Mansfield, Jason	Strasser, Benedict B.	
Fullington, Gregg	Mashian, Faramarz Isaac	Suggs, Stephen C.	
Gabriel, Christopher	Mawer, Rob	Sutter, Mark	
Gamble, Rand	Miller, Frank	Sweany, Dave	
Gamboa, Alfredo b., Jr.	Min, Brian	Sweet, Mario J.	
Garcia, Jorge	Myers, Michael Justin	Taylor, Aiden	
Garske, Russell	Nelson, Richard	Taylor, Mr. Rodney S.	
Goldberg, Brian	Nguyen, Giao	Taylor, Robert	
Goodall , Derek	Noecker, Carl Wayne	Thompson, Chuck	

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT**

# RADIO CONTROL FLIGHT RULES

## APOLLO XI FIELD

1. All pilots must fly from one of the designated pilot stands.
2. The frequency board will be used at all times and pilots must post their frequency usage with a card or I.D. that contains their name or picture I.D.
3. Open flying is restricted during scheduled events. 4. No takeoffs and landings from the pit area, taxiways, or grass.
5. 250 feet maximum flying altitude.
6. Take-off and landings to be in the same direction according to the wind.
7. Down-wind passes over the runway are prohibited when other aircraft are flying.
8. Some sort of fuel recovery system must be used when fueling planes to avoid spillage.
9. All pilots will follow taxiways directions as posted.

10. Pilots will call out their intentions (landing, take-off, etc) and clear the runway quickly.

11. There shall be no flying during facility mowing operations

12. Flying over the Golf course, access roads or public roads is prohibited.

13. Each type of aircraft must fly and pit within the area designated on the map for that type of vehicle. Fixed wing aircraft will have a standard left or right pattern depending on the wind. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in a citation, loss of flying privilege or both.

**\*\*Pilots please note, the Field is closed to open flying during all Valley Flyers Events. Pilots must check-in to participate. A valid VF Club membership and/or AMA membership is required.**

Become a member, visit [valleyflyers.com](http://valleyflyers.com) for more information.

## GLENDALE FIELD

1. All pilots must fly from one of the designated pilot stands.
2. The frequency board will be used at all times and pilots must post their frequency usage with a card or I.D. that contains their name or picture I.D.
3. Open flying is restricted during scheduled events. 4. No takeoffs and landings from the pit area, taxiways, or grass.
5. 400 feet maximum flying altitude.
6. Take-off and landings to be in the same direction according to the wind.
7. Down-wind passes over the runway are prohibited when other aircraft are flying.
8. Some sort of fuel recovery system must be used when fueling planes to avoid spillage.

9. All pilots will follow taxiways directions as posted.

10. Pilots will call out their intentions (landing, take-off, etc) and clear the runway quickly.

11. There shall be no flying during facility mowing operations

12. Follow all posted or otherwise noted local field rules and regulations. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in a citation, loss of flying privilege or both.

13. A valid VF Club membership and full AMA membership is required to fly at this field.

**\*\*Pilots please note, the Field is closed to open flying during all Valley Flyers Events. Pilots must check-in to participate.**

Become a member, visit [valleyflyers.com](http://valleyflyers.com) for more information.



# SWAP MEET

JANUARY 14, 2024

***On January 14, 2024, The Valley Flyers held their 1st Swap Meet since before the Pandemic. There was a good time had by all!!! An email was even sent to our Board from an attendee stating how much fun***





## XMAS PARTY

The San Fernando Valley RC Flyers, recently celebrated their annual Christmas Party at the Mandarin King on December 3, 2023. The event marked a significant moment for our community, being the 1st Christmas party since before the pandemic. Despite minimal attendance, the festive spirit and camaraderie were in full swing.

A notable highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Willie Gardner Awards. Recognizing outstanding contributions to our community, this year's award went to Rahr Borchardt, following Scott Ramos in 2022 and Mario Sweet in 2021. These individuals have exemplified dedication and passion, embodying the spirit of our Valley Flyers.

In addition to the awards the owner of the Mandarin King, Jerry, shared a thought provoking story with us. Three years ago, my son encouraged me to sell the thriving business and retire, with a potential million dollar offer on the table. I continued to run the restaurant. Jerry mused, "Here we are 3 years later; I would be lucky if I could get \$200,000 for this restaurant, what kind of money is that to retire on?"

Jerry's story serves as a poignant reminder of the unpredictable nature of business and the importance of strategic decision-making. The hindsight he shared prompts us to reflect on the choices we make for our hobbies, careers and passions.

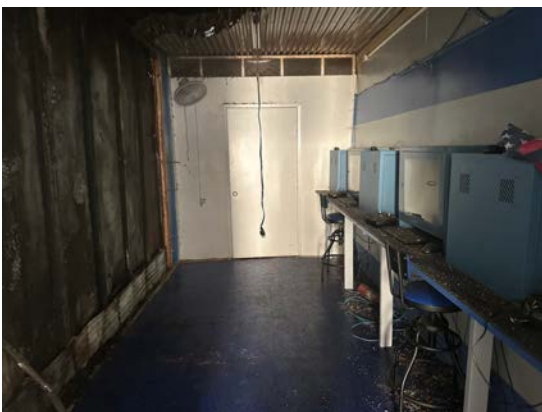
As we continue our journey into the New Year, let's carry these lessons with us. Cherish the moments of celebration, honor the contributions of our dedicated members, and, when faced with decisions, consider the long term implications.

# XMAS PARTY 2023



# RISING FROM THE ASHES: A STORY OF RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In the face of adversity, our community stood strong on August 13, 2023, when our training center and field faced an unfortunate incident. The source of the fire, intentionally set by individuals experiencing homelessness, ignited not only the port-o-pottys, twice but also the spirit of our collective resilience. The initial setback didn't deter us. With unwavering determination, we embarked on a journey of recovery. Thanks to the incredible support from the Valley Flyers, our members, and generous donations through a Go Fund Me account, we were able to rise from the ashes and rebuild our cherished training center





Today as we stand in our newly reconstructed training center, it stands as a testament to the power of unity and community support. The generosity and solidarity demonstrated by the Valley Flyers and our dedicated members has not only restored our physical space but also reaffirmed the sense of belonging and camaraderie that defines our community. As we move forward, let us remember the lessons learned from this experience - the strength found in unity, the resilience to rebuild, and the importance of standing together in times of need.



**Our training center is not just a physical space; it is a symbol of our shared commitment to overcome challenges and emerge stronger than ever.**



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Official Board Meeting held digitally on September 3, 2023

## MEETING OVERVIEW

### Members Present

Tena Homme – President  
Tony Aguila – Treasurer  
Rahr Borchardt – Field Manager  
Lori Power – Newsletter Editor  
Scott Ramos – Secretary  
Lupe Pereyra - Hospitality Director  
Frank Miller - Events Director  
Glen Roe - Technical Director  
Victor Shamulus – Turbine Director  
Cliff Sonnentag – Media Director  
Mike Stoner – Vice President  
Mario Sweet – Electric Director

### Members Absent

Moshe Arvbiv - Safety Officer  
Sherri Bieber - Membership Director  
Ricc Bieber - Program Director  
Adam Kline -Glendale Field Manager  
Tyler Malcolm - Webmaster  
Alex Odorisio - Public Relations

### Guest

None

### Official

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

### Tena Homme -

#### President

Tena wants to reach out to local politicians. Tena motions we proceed to the repair of both the runway and training center repairs. Sott second. Motion passed.

### Tony Aguila - Treasurer

After expenditures, including 501c7 status, we are at \$1,778.69. The port - potty's were set on fire which damaged the training center. We have a bid for labor \$2,500 - \$3,000. First strp is to clean out the container. The Foundation has approved the request to purchase crack repair equipment and supplies. We have a worker sign up sheet started.

### Moshe Arvbiv - Safety Officer

No updates at this time.

### Sherri Bieber - Membership Director

No updates at this time

### Ricc Bieber - Program Director

No updates at this time

### Adam Kline - Glendale Field Manager

No updates at this time

### Rahr Borchardt - Field Manager

Rahr is asking for two monthly volunteer days, one weekday and one weekend. Rhar recommends a donation to Padilla and speak with them. It costs about \$50.00 each time we mow.

### Lori Power - Newsletter Editor/Grant Writer

Lori is looking at the Grant for site improvement. Needs a report from each board member.

### Lupe Pereyra - Hospitality Director

No updates at this time

### Tyler Malcolm - Webmaster

No updates at this time

### Frank Miller - Events Director

No updates at this time

### Alex Odorisio - Public Relations

No updates at this time

### Scott Ramos - Secretary

I will look into starting an effort on digitizing all existing club documents.

### Glen Roe - Technical Director

No updates at this time

### Victor Shamulus - Turbine Director

Victor reports that we had 20 pilots turn out for the LA Jets. He heard from 5 others who did not come due to the inclement weather. Response from the attendees was positive.

### Cliff Sonnetag - Media Director

no updates at this time

### Mike Stoner - Vice President

No updates at this time

### Mario Sweet - Electric Director

Mario will come down on Saturday but does not have a car Scott will pick up.

Meeting Concluded  
8:25 PM

# *SFVRCF 2023*

## *ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

1. FAIR ELECTIONS
2. ESTABLISHED A NEW ENTIRE BOARD
3. OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
4. MEMBERSHIP OVERHAUL
5. COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS
6. FIX THE NONPROFIT STATUS OF VALLEY FLYERS
7. FINISH THE TRAINING CENTER
8. TRAINING CHILDREN AGAIN
9. FIXED THE TABLES AND STORAGE CONTAINERS
10. MAINTAINED THE AIRFIELD
11. ASPHALT MACHINE
12. EVENTS/ PREVIOUS WILLIE GARDNER AWARDS
13. VISION PLAN/COMMITTEE
14. FRIA COMMITTEE
15. WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS



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**SIGHTINGS  
AT THE  
FIELD**



**KOKO'S JET  
RNLAf DEMO SCHEME**

The Royal Netherlands Air Force's (RNLAf) 322 Squadron is a fighter squadron that operates the F-16A/B Block 20 MLU (Mid-Life Upgrade) aircraft.

The designs of their demo jets represent the squadron's motto "one of a kind."

The 322 Squadron's F-16s with the special color scheme were used for demonstration flights from 2001 to 2004.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

## Glendale Field and Apollo Xi Field

### Applications for membership

We are happy to inform you that the draft form for membership applications is now available on our website. As an aviation enthusiast, you can apply for membership and join our community to share your interests and knowledge with other like-minded individuals. Your membership helps us ensure the future of the Apollo XI field and Club, and we sincerely appreciate your interest in promoting this exciting hobby. Thank you for considering becoming a part of our RC aviation family.

If you join Glendale Flyers field you can fly at both fields, but if you are only an Apollo XI Valley Flyers member then you can not fly at Glendale. Also, Glendale membership requires full AMA membership. Park flyer membership will not suffice at Glendale. Glendale is a private field and with that comes dedicated airspace to Club members only.

Please note that the final membership forms will be available in the newsletter next month and soon on the website. In the meantime, you may use the draft form provided at valleyflyers.com and in this newsletter to apply for membership. We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to our aviation community.

Applications on Next Pages ->

The San Fernando Valley Flyers, AMA charter #152, is a model aviation club with a history spanning over 73 years. The club was established in the Sepulveda Basin Dam area of Southern California, which was a prime location for early aviation and home to a significant portion of the American aerospace industry by the end of World War II. In the San Fernando Valley Flyers Club, many early aviation innovations were tested via R/C models and documented in the Valley Flyers newsletter. Today, the club focuses on promoting model aviation, maintaining the Apollo XI field, and fostering good fellowship and community relations. As a member of the San Fernando Valley Flyers, you can enjoy the educational benefits and camaraderie that come with being part of a long-standing model aviation club. Your membership also supports the club's efforts to improve the Apollo XI field and champion community relation projects.

We are thrilled to be celebrating the 8th year of opening the Glendale Private Field, which was made possible by the hard work of the San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers Charter Club #152. As the club approaches its 74th year, we are grateful for the dedication of those who helped bring the field to life, including the late Willie Gardner (Field engineer), late George Finch (President), past presidents Jason Pakfar (Field Founder), Chuck Thompson, and Benny Elkouby. At the Glendale Club, we take pride in providing our members with an exclusive 'AMA only' flying site. In order to fly at Glendale Field, you must be a member of the club and hold AMA membership. As a member, it is important to abide by the AMA flying site rules at all times in order to maintain your membership. When flying, please make sure to hold your Glendale Field membership card on your person at all times. While we love to welcome guests and family to the field, only members are permitted to fly. Rest assured, these guidelines are in place to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all members.



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS

San Fernando Valley Flyers model aviation club at Apollo XI Field [valleyflyers.com](http://valleyflyers.com)

## Application for Membership 2024

As a member of San Fernando Valley Flyers, you are eligible to participate in San Fernando Valley RC Flyers' events held at Apollo XI Field.\*

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

**AMA Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)



The AMA has recognized San Fernando Valley Flyers as a Gold Leader Club.

**AMA is required to be a San Fernando Valley R.C. Flyers member. Please supply a valid and current AMA number within 45 days of registration.**

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Make** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model** \_\_\_\_\_ **Color** \_\_\_\_\_

(Choose only one) (required)

**Apollo XI Field, plus private Glendale Field**

**Apollo XI Field Only**

- New Member - **\$65/yr**
- Renewing Member - **\$65/yr**

**\*Full AMA required.**

- New/Returning Member - **\$35/yr**
- Junior/Family Member - **\$10/yr**

**As a member of San Fernando Valley R.C. Flyers, you are eligible to participate in San Fernando Valley RC Flyers' events held at Apollo XI Field.**

**As a member of the Valley Flyers, I commit to following the Club bylaws, AMA rules, and Apollo XI field regulations, while extending standard courtesy to my fellow members and the public.**

Parent or Guardian + Junior

**Signature(s)**

(optional)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning to fly      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Flying         | <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopters       | <input type="checkbox"/> R/C Combat         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning to Build    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scale Models         | <input type="checkbox"/> Warbirds          | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics/AI        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Ducted Fan  | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbine Jets         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pylon Racing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Formation Flying   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3D Aerobatics        | <input type="checkbox"/> Flying/Micro         | <input type="checkbox"/> Float Planes      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gliders/Sailplanes   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instruction   | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Support        | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership           | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo/Video       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador Artwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAM / Radio          | <input type="checkbox"/> Drone / FPV Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Catering          | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety             |
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# CLASSIFIEDS

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## CONTEST DIRECTORS NEEDED

If you have been a member of the AMA for at least three years, you can be a Contest Director. Advantages: You can get a four or less digit AMA number. You can get a portion of your AMA dues free. E-mail our club president or vice president at [president@valleyflyers.com](mailto:president@valleyflyers.com) or [vp@valleyflyers.com](mailto:vp@valleyflyers.com) for further instructions.

## RUNNING ADS IN THE VALLEY FLYER

To run an ad in the Valley Flyer Classifieds please submit your ad via email to Lori Power at [newsletter@valleyflyers.com](mailto:newsletter@valleyflyers.com). Ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be in next newsletter.

## THANK YOU, AND PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE TO COME

Ways to contact and keep up to date with club events and field schedules.

- The Website: <https://www.valleyflyers.com>
- RC eNews: A digital subscription that allows you to get updates for many field activities including NOTAMS, Club meeting dates, and other important notifications to membership.
- Facebook, Twitter (@valleyflyers), and more.
- More fun and easy ways to keep up to date on the way soon!

<b>January 14, 2024</b>	All day	Valley Flyers Swap Meet	<b>Sunday.</b>
<b>February 27, 2024</b>	All day	Member Meeting	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>February 29, 2024</b>	All day	Basin Q 40 Classic	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>March 1, 2024</b>	All day	Basin Q 40 Classic	<b>Friday</b>
<b>March 2, 2024</b>	All day	Basin Q 40 Classic	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>March 3, 2024</b>	All day	Basin Q 40 Classic	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>March 17, 2024</b>	All day.	Winter Fun Fest	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>April 12, 2024</b>	All day	SAE	<b>Friday</b>
<b>April 13, 2024</b>	All day	SAE	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>April 14, 2024</b>	All day	SAE	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>April 21, 2024</b>	All day	Valley Flyers Swap Meet	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>April 23, 2024</b>	All day	Membership Meeting	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>May 4, 2024</b>	All day	Scale Fun Fly	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>May 18, 2024</b>	All day	Builders Event	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>June 1, 2024</b>	All day	Heli/MultiRotor Event	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>June 15, 2024</b>	All day	Glendale Fun Fly	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>June 22, 2024</b>	All day	Western States Electric Fun Fly	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>June 25, 2024</b>	All day	Membership Meeting	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>July 6, 2024</b>	All day	Scale Event	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>July 14, 2024</b>	All day	Valley Flyers Swap Meet	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>July 20, 2024</b>	All day	Try & Fly Event	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>August 16, 17, &amp; 18</b>	All day	L.A. Jets Event	<b>Friday, Saturday, Sunday</b>

# UNDER WATER

As we all have experienced in the last week of torrential rainfall, Apollo XI Model Airfield is under water too!!! The airfield is closed per Recs & Parks until hopefully Saturday. We will be sending out an E-Blast when they reopen the field.



**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**



**THE SAN FERNANDO  
VALLEY R.C. FLYERS**

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