



THE VALLEY FLYER



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Mr. Glen Roe
Happy 82nd

BIRTHDAY

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THANK YOU





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, we're deep into summer now. We have two projects coming up this month. The first is a continuation of the solar project with the building of the first of the charging stations. This charging station will replace the one on the outside of the container under the lean-to . The next project, which is being led by Bert Magbanua, is the building of a shade structure for the helicopter pits. It'll be great to finally have shade in that area. It is the last unshaded pit area at the field. This month we're also going to have a return of LA Jets on the 23rd of August. This Summer it will be a one-day event. We've been working with the City and the Department of Recreation and Parks to allow for overnight RV parking for our multi day events. This is an item that we've been working on for a number of years, and this year is the first time we've seen a positive response. In the past, it's always been a hard no. But this year, with the submission of new formal requests and with a meeting with our local Councilmember, it's looking more promising. I also wanted to mention that at the annual BBQ on September 20th, we'll be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the San Fernando Valley Flyers. Stay tuned for more information.



A Letter from your Editor

Well one thing I can say reflecting back is that, “it has been a great priveledge being able to represent the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers, as their newsletter editor. I must say it was a challenge in the beginning I had no idea what it entailed to be a newsletter editor. So anyway after 3 ½ years, I must say I am doing a whole lot better. Any comlaints, questions, just call 747-329-8599 leave a msg. I will get back to you .

I am hoping to put the grant in for the rest of the Solar Panel and Bert’s build, it goes in at the end of August. Help me out here boys, thank you

I am going to New Jersey Monday, so I can still be reached just remember there is a 3 hour forward time difference. I will be at the meeting if you remind me. Pleases & Thank you,

Lori Power

Newsletter Editor SFVRFCF

GLEN

**great
work!**

ROE

First of all, I would like everyone to know that Glen has volunteered most of his adult life, to making sure the electrical side of the SFVRCF's has always been working. but it all started:

Glen Roe's love for aviation took off when he was 11 ½ years old, flying control-line models at Apollo XI airfield back in 1954. Now at 82 years old one can only say that Glen has been witness to-and part of-the incredible evolution of model aviation in the San Fernando Valley. Sometime in 1966-67, Glen met Larry Leonard at the Apollo XI Airfield. One day Larry said to Glen, "Hey Glen you tired of crashing, all you have to do is buy an engine from Phil Kraft.

Glen started working, for Douglas Aircraft around 20 years old he use to try and build radio control devices on his lunch hour. At this point in his life he was trying to buy a house and ended up in Simi Valley, and was a member of the Simi Valley Flyers.

Years later, Glen got a job with CBS , where he worked as a Senior Technical Maintenance Supervisor, and moved to NOHO. Then he would go try and fly at Apollo XI, much to his determination, they were always having events on the weekends, Glen worked during the week. His complaining got him in touch with Jason Pakfar whom just became President. Jason convinced Glen into joining the SFVRCF's by telling him if he wasn't satisfied he would get his money back!

Here we are many, many years later and Glen just retired from the SFVRCF's after many years of volunteer service.

THANK YOU, MR. GLEN ROE

Newsletter Feature: Taking Off—How to Choose Your First Remote Control Airplane

By Celeste Young-Ramos, Membership Director and Federico Arzilli, Training Director

There's nothing quite like the thrill of watching your first remote control airplane take flight—soaring, dipping, and gliding through the sky under your control. But before you hit the throttle, choosing the right aircraft is the most important decision you'll make as a beginner pilot. The wrong plane can lead to frustration and crashes; the right one builds your confidence, skills, and love for the hobby. If you're just getting started, here's everything you need to know to pick your first RC airplane—smartly and successfully.

What Makes a Good Beginner RC Airplane?

When choosing your first model, think **easy to fly**, **forgiving**, and **durable**. You're learning, so you need a plane that can handle mistakes and help you improve—not one that punishes every wrong move.

Look for these beginner-friendly features:

- **High-Wing Configuration:** The wing is mounted on top of the fuselage, creating natural stability and lift. This design acts like a built-in autopilot, helping keep the airplane level.
- **Dihedral Angle:** Wings that angle upward toward the tips increase self-correcting stability.
- **Electric Power (not gas or nitro):** Electric planes are easier to maintain and quieter, and most are ready-to-fly (RTF).
- **3 or 4 Channels:** Start with 3 channels (throttle, rudder, elevator) for simplicity, or 4 if you're ready to add ailerons for more control.
- **Foam Construction (EPO or EPP):** Foam planes are lightweight, tough, and easy to repair with glue or tape.
- **RTF Models:** These Ready-to-Fly models require very little assembly. Just attach the wings.

Federico's Choices

Let's take a look at a few trusted models that our Training Director, Federico Arzilli recommends for beginners:

1. HobbyZone Sport Cub S 2 616mm RTF

- **Price:** ~\$180
- **Wingspan:** 24.3 in
- **Includes:** Plane, transmitter, battery, charger
- **Pros:** SAFE technology, beginner/advanced flight modes, compact size
- **Assembly:** None
- **Why It's Great:** It fits in a backpack, has multiple flight modes, and allows a smooth learning curve. The panic recovery button instantly levels the aircraft—great for beginners!

2. FMS 1220mm Ranger EP V2 with Reflex V# RTF

- **Price:** ~\$225
- **Wingspan:** 48 in
- **Includes:** Plane, transmitter, battery, battery charger
- **Pros:** Smart telemetry system, GPS optional, SAFE technology, great for club fields
- **Assembly:** Minimal—attach wings and tail
- **Why It's Great:** Spring nose landing gear feature helps to protect propeller during nose crashes. Great lift at low speeds.

3. Hobby Zone AeroScout S 2 1100 mm RFT

- **Price:** ~\$199
- **Wingspan:** 43 in
- **Includes:** Plane, transmitter. * Does not include battery and charger
- **Pros:** Affordable, stable flyer, durable foam
- **Assembly:** Minimal
- **Why It's Great:** The propeller is in the back so if you nose crash it does not damage the propeller. Anti-crash training system.



What Else Will You Need?

If you're buying an RTF (Ready-to-Fly) model, most of what you need is in the box. Still, a few extras will make your flying experience smoother:

- **Extra Batteries:** One battery = ~8–10 minutes of flight. Buy 2–3 spares (\$15–\$40 each).

- **Battery Charger:** Check if your kit includes a charger. Upgrading to a smart charger (~\$50) is helpful later. The Valley Flyers provide charging stations at the Apollo XI Field
- **Spare Props and Tape:** Crashes happen—having spare propellers and repair tape on hand is smart.
- **Field Bag:** A simple gear bag with pockets for tools, batteries, and tape.
- **Landing Pad or Runway Mat:** Helps take off from grass or dirt areas more smoothly.

Ask Our Expert:

If you would like to learn more about choosing your first plane, test fly planes we use at the field when training, or understand how all the equipment works, you can book an appointment with our Flight Instructor, Federico Arzilli. Just text him at 818-395-6331. He does flight instruction for beginners, two Sundays each month.

So, charge up, check your controls, and prepare for takeoff—your RC aviation adventure starts now!

Weather Cancellation Policy

San Fernando Valley RC Flyers – Apollo XI Model Airfield

Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for cancelling or postponing San Fernando Valley RC Flyers events due to inclement weather or unsafe field conditions. The goal is to ensure the safety of participants, protect equipment and property, and provide clear, timely communication.

1. Safety First

The safety of pilots, volunteers, and spectators is our highest priority. Any weather conditions posing a significant risk to health, safety, or equipment will result in delay, suspension, or cancellation of the event.

2. Weather Monitoring and Notifications

The Contest Director/Event Manager will begin monitoring weather forecasts at least 3 days prior to the event using trusted sources such as:

- National Weather Service (weather.gov)
- Local radar and forecasts
- AirNow.gov (for air quality)
- NOTAMs:
<https://www.aopa.org/destinations/airports/KVNY/details#notam>
- Updates will be reviewed daily leading up to the event, and more frequently as the event approaches.

3. Cancellation Thresholds

Events may be cancelled or delayed under the following conditions:
Condition Rain Wind Lightning Heat Index Air Quality Field Conditions
NOTAMs Recs and Parks Activities

4. Decision Timeline

Threshold for Cancellation or Delay

Forecasted sustained rainfall during the event window, Sustained winds > 25 mph or gusts > 30 mph, Lightning within 10 miles of the field (wait 30 mins after last strike), 105°F or above, when Heat Warning is issued AQI above 150 (Unhealthy) Floods, Fires, and other unsafe conditions FAA notification of closed airspace, Closure notices from the Dept of Recs. & Parks

hours before the event if there is weather uncertainty.

later than 6 hours before the event start time, unless sudden a same-day cancellation.

- Initial advisory: Sent 48
- Final decision: Made no weather changes require
- For on-site changes (e.g., lightning or wind surges), the event may be paused or terminated at any time.

5. Communication Plan

All cancellations or schedule changes will be communicated through: - Club email list

- Official website: [Insert URL] - Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

A notice will include the reason for cancellation, time of update, and any reschedule plans. For large events, a phone hotline may be activated or monitored.

6. Rescheduling & Refunds

- If an event is cancelled, organizers will attempt to reschedule when possible.
- Prepaid entry fees may be refunded or rolled over to the rescheduled event at the discretion of the Event Committee.
- Vendors or sponsors will be contacted individually to coordinate alternative arrangements.

7. On-Site Contingency Plans

If weather deteriorates during an event:

- A temporary suspension may be enacted (e.g., for nearby lightning).
- Participants will be directed to safe shelter locations, such as under shade structures or in vehicles.
- In case of full cancellation, a safe and orderly shutdown procedure will be followed.

8. Authority

The Contest Director/Event Manager, with consultation from club officers and/or safety officers, holds the authority to cancel or suspend an event. Their decisions are final.

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Field Manager

Duties

Monitors the physical condition of the field and reports to the Board of Directors and the members. Maintains an open dialouge with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks. Recieves estimates for any field improvement projects. Responsible for the construction and maintenance activities at the field. When possible make reports for the newsletter.

Secretary

Will keep the meeting minutes in the books provided for that purpose and will be custodian of corporate documents. Keep a register of the addressess of the members. Which the membership director will supply. In general, all the duties that are assigned by the president or the board. Give meeting minutes and any reports to the newsletter editor.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Public Relations officer duties are to keep log of t-shirts, trophies, etc. They can get funds for new items. Maintain video library. Contact newspapers and other media advertising of events. Update AMA of events. When possible make article for newsletter.

THANK YOU *Thank you* SO MUCH!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our GoFundMe campaign. We are thrilled to put your donations to work for the benefit of the SFVRCF's. Your contributions not only help us get closer to our goal but also strengthens the bond we share as a club. Thank you for believing in our vision and helping us soar to new heights. Even though we have not reached our goal of \$15,000.00, this will give us a great start at achieving the goal.

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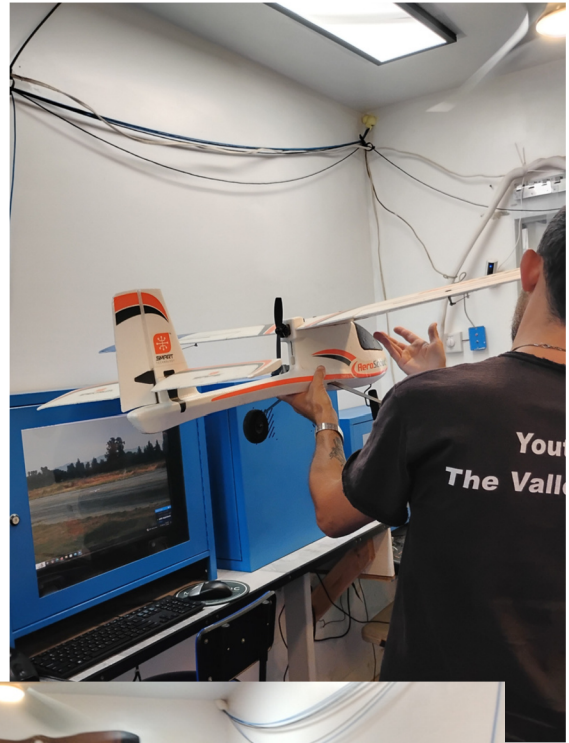
Theodore Brough - \$100	David Alexander - \$40.	Gregory Cowan. - \$50
Terry Lamb. - \$100	Mohammad Swissa - \$100.	Giao Nguyen - \$50
Paul Parker - \$50.	Jonathon Rubin - \$50	Mel Roberts - \$50
James Conerly - \$100	Bill Schatz - \$200	Michael Lipsey - \$1,000
James Conerly - \$200	Bernardo Toruno - \$50.	Cesar Anorga - \$200
Anonymous - \$50.	Anonymous - \$100.	Anonymous - \$200
Jason Pakfar - \$50	Scott Ramos - \$200	Larry Meresman - \$50
Joseph Narens - \$100	Lynette Young - \$50	Anonymous - \$200
Scott Ramos - \$1,250	Ted Brough - \$100	

FUTABA, Todd - \$1,000.00 Thank you, Todd

FREDERICO

Here is Frederico, SFVRCF's RC flying trainer. I myself cannot thank Frederico enough for his services. When I started Valley Flyers, I took the newsletter editor job so that I could write grants for the training center, to help keep the children off the streets.

Here is Frederico teaching Matthew and Ashish to fly while the rest of the family, Sandy & Steve look on!!



AS AN AMA MEMBER I AGREE:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Members 212

Our 2025 membership report

Aghabegians, Emin

Aguila, Tena "Homme"

Aguila, Tony

Alvarez, Vince

Amaryan, Sevak

Anorga, Cesar

Arbiv, Moshe

Arzilli, Frederico

Atencio, Eddie

Ausley, Iran

Azurdia, Victor Hugo

Balbach, Geoffrey

Barrett, David Allen

Becker, Phillip, R.

Berklite, Alec

Bershadsky, Gregory

Billick, Donald M.

Blanco, Carlos

Borcherdt, Rahr

Brammer, Jim

Brautigam, Hank

Broadnax, Marc

Brough, Ted

Brousseau, Corran

Brousseau, Daniel

Brown, Winston

Bundy, Mike

Bunker, Culley

Busch, James

Calderon, Mario

Callas, Mike

Campbell, Scott

Caplan, Shiloh

Carlsen, Jesper

Carter, David

Chilton, John Jay

Christensen, Steve

Cohen, Phineas

Conerly, James M.

Cowan, Gregory

Craddock, Ronald

Dail, Corey

Danny< Steven

David, Seth

Del Griego, Robert

Dessetenne, Thierry

DeWit, John

Donovan, Marc

Dougherty, George

Dunn, Dennis

Ehas, Thomas

Elkouby, Binyamin

Faber, Bruce

Fernando, Samyan

Fiffles, Jamie

Fullington, Gregg

Fuchs, Jochen

Gallardo-Harrow, Matthew

Gamboa, Alfredo H. Jr

Garg, Manish

Garrison, Steve

Garske, Russell

Gigi, Yair

Gonzales, John

Goren, Liad

Grassmann, Bryan

Gregorians, Ara

Gregorians, Areg

Gruetert, Kevin

Guerrant, Phillip

Guevara, Francisco

Guske, Brad

Haarmann, Carl

Hagins, Steve

Hairapetian, Albert

Hall, Leonard

Hannibal, Wade

Harfman, Jason

Hargrove, Zachary

Harosh, Ran

Hawkins, James

Hawkins, Todd Taylor

Haziza, Arie

Heger, Rene

Helmick, Mark H.

Herbert, Richard

Herman, Jeffrey

Hernandez, Andres

Hicks, John Welsley

Hostetler, Ray

Hosticka, Grant

Hull, Don

Jarvis, Andrew

Jones, Garland

Karp, Andrew

Kazanchyan, Vonn

Keliher, Tom (Joseph)

Kerkonian, Awadis

Kholobekian, Pierre

Kline, Adam

Knight, Ronald E.

Konviser, Vadim

Kreitenberg, Harvey

Kritall, Vladimir

Lamb, D. Gerald

Lamb, Terry

Laulom, Lawrence

Learner, Michael

Lee, Steve

Lee, Victor

Lefevre, Mathis

Levy, Luca

Lipsey, Joseph

Lopez, Abilio

Magbauna, Bert B.

Mamo, Anthony

Mansfield, Jason

Maroldi, Eddie

Mashian, Faramarz

Mathis, David

Mawer, Rob

Meresman, Lawrence

Miller, Frank

Miller, Mark Steven

Mojardi, Hadi

Montoya, Missael

Myers, Michael Justin

Nakhost, Kambiz

Nasseri, Luca

Neill, Steven M.

Nguyen, Giao

Oshiro, Takashi

Oshiro, Ty

Pakfar, Jason

Parker, Paul

Pfizenmaier, Bart

Phanthavong, Bounthaivan

Pinder, Rich

Polan, Leonard

Power, Lori

Ramos, Scott

Ricupero, Ryan

Roberts, Mel

Roe, Glenn

Rollins, Patrick M.

Rosenthal, George

Salar, Rodolfo

Sanchez, Manafredy

Sayre, Timothy

Schatz, William

Sebastian, Sanu

Siedman, Rob

Shamulus, Victor

Shawkat, Zayed

Shvartz, Nir

Sitts, Michael

Smith, Lee

Soghomonian, Garo

Sonheim, Richard

Sonnentag, Clifford

Soufer, David

Stoner, Mike

Strasser, Benedict B.

Sturgeon DDS, David

Sutter, Mark

Sweaney, David

Sweet, Mario

Swissa, Mohammond

Taylor, Rodney

Temesvary, Bela

Thompson, Chuck

Thorburn, Michael

Toro, Francisco

Torress, Luis

Turner, Ken

Valiensi, James

Varagoulis, Yorgos

Veres, Stephen

Villorante, Renato

Von Holzhausen, Lexi

Wagner, Mark

Walsh, Keenan

Wells, Derek

Whitla, Guy

Williams, Richard

Youmans, Thomas

Young-Ramos, Celeste

Youssefiha, Ray

Ziliak, Daniel

Zizuzin, Kirill

August's Happenings & 1 September



**ANNUAL
BBQ**
September 20th

A poster for the LA JETS TURBINE EVENT. The top half features the event name "LA JETS" in large, stylized letters with "TURBINE EVENT" underneath. Below this, it says "FREE TO SPECTATORS". The center of the poster shows a high-performance jet in flight, with a bright flame coming from its engine. To the right of the jet, it says "ENTRY FEE: \$35" and "[\$15 WITHOUT LUNCH/RAFFLE]". Below the jet, it says "HIGH PERFORMANCE ELECTRIC AND TURBINE JETS" and "TURBINE WAIVER REQUIRED FOR TURBINES". The bottom section of the poster has a red background with the text "SUMMER 2025" in large white letters. Below that, it says "AUGUST 23RD 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM". At the bottom left is the AMA CHARTER 132 logo, and at the bottom right is the VALLEY FLYERS logo. Contact information is provided: "EM: RAN HAROSH 415-216-5339" and "TURBINEDIRECTOR@VALLEYFLYERS.COM".

SAFETY MESSAGE From Mike Stoner

Pilots that fly in the Park Flyer area, you need to stay within the cone areas. I know that there is an over lap in the North corner, so watch out for the planes flying on the main runway area. Watch all around. Stay out of the golf course area also, this is a cause for major complaints. Field etiquette and safety guidelines need to be followed. Fly in the direction the other pilots are flying, one plane going in the wrong direction can cause a mid-air collision. Call all take-offs and landings.

LANDINGS HAVE PRIORITY OVER TAKE-OFFS

Fly from designated flight areas, each area has a standing area. When working on one's plane have someone help you especially if you are working on it and it is plugged in. If those props hit your hands, it will be the end of your day – as you are going to the hospital. They can cut down to the bone. Don't fly into or over the pit areas. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited. Your flying along with your driving are impaired. This is a huge safety concern. You don't want to hurt someone and you need to be thinking clearly. Remember these are not toys.

THE QUAD BOYS

You need to fly in the designated area, which is at the South side of the field, not exceeding Woodley Ave, the bike path, Burbank Blvd. bike path, and once again the Van Nuys Golf Course property. You can be cited by the authorities, I hear it can be pretty expensive, so why do it???? Everyone deserves to enjoy themselves. The last thing our height limit is **250 feet** with a South wind and **100 feet** with a North wind, try to abide by it. We don't need the Van Nuys Airport Police coming by. Let's fly safe, if there is a problem let the Safety Committee handle it.

REQUEST

People that get new memberships and are requesting flight training. Please contact Arthur Bolukbasi at trainingdirector@valleyflyers.com, so we can have a plane ready for you.

SAFETY

Quadcopters need to be flown in the Heli and field areas. I am observing FPV flight without a spotter, someone needs to be in the line of sight when these are flown. This is an FAA rule!! Too many times I ask, "Where is your quad?" The response I get is "I don't know." Remember **SAFETY FIRST**. Height limit is **250 feet** with a South wind and **100 feet** with a North wind, yielding for scale aircraft at all times. The height limit is for all aircraft reverse pattern situations. Watch out for all scale aircraft approaching Van Nuys Airport from the South for landings, they come in. lower than you are use to. PLEASE stay out of their airspace, whatever height they approach at.

BIG CAUTION - LANDINGS HAVE PRIORITY OVER TAKE - OFFS

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

We have been getting complaints about planes exceeding designated height limits of **250 feet**. Jets going vertical easily can exceed **250 feet**. In addition, 3D airplanes doing maneuvers also exceed these height restrictions. Rec & Parks have started enforcing, no assisted viewing while flying quads. We can only warn and post signs, under the Mayor's Amendment. If caught by law enforcement, they can arrest you and confiscate your equipment.

I don't want to see this happen to anyone. So at this time: NO Flying with goggles, viewing monitor screens, iPads anything but your natural eye. Do you get the CLEAR picture.

SAFETY is done by informing people of this information. We all want to have fun and enjoy the field, but the way its going, with exceeding the height limit, sooner or later we will face field closure. That will be a really sad day, when the 75 year old airfield gets closed due to people disregarding common sense safety guidelines, to not interfere with scale aircraft landing, flying over the golf course, flying to close to the people on the bike path, flying where you are not suppose to fly. Causing a major fatality auto accident. WE NEED TO FLY SMARTER & SAFER within our field area.

JULY 12TH FUN FLY

Event Director: Scott Ramos

We had 18 participants at the July Scale Fun Fly. It was a great day of flying with a big variety of scale airplanes. 3 awards were given for Best Scale Flight, Pilot's Choice, and CD's Choice.

Congratulations to the winners. Best Scale Flight went to Bently Hecht flying a F4U Corsair in a very realistic manner. Pilot's Choice went to Brad Osborne and his PT-19. Mark Helmic took home the CD's Choice for his Curtis Robin. It was a tough choice as there were others deserve honorable mentions. Two examples are the Douglas A-4 from Corey Dale and the Pete and Pole by Jason Pakfar.



Scott giving

AWARDS



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Swap Meet

The San Fernando Valley Rc Flyers hosted a lively and well-attended swap meet, this month at the historic Apollo XI Airfield, bringing together hobbyists, pilots, and enthusiasts from all over the region. Tables were filled with a wide variety of RC planes, parts, tools, and accessories, offering great deals and rare finds. It was a perfect opportunity for newcomers to get started in the hobby and for seasoned flyers to trade stories and gear. The friendly atmosphere and shared passion for aviation made the event a highlight of the season. The next few pages will prove the success of the day, if you wanted a table you better get here at sunrise. Thank you , to everyone that showed up it was a wonderful day!!!

*Thank
you!*

Thank You FOR SHOPPING WITH US

Abriel & Eric buying a UMX PT 17

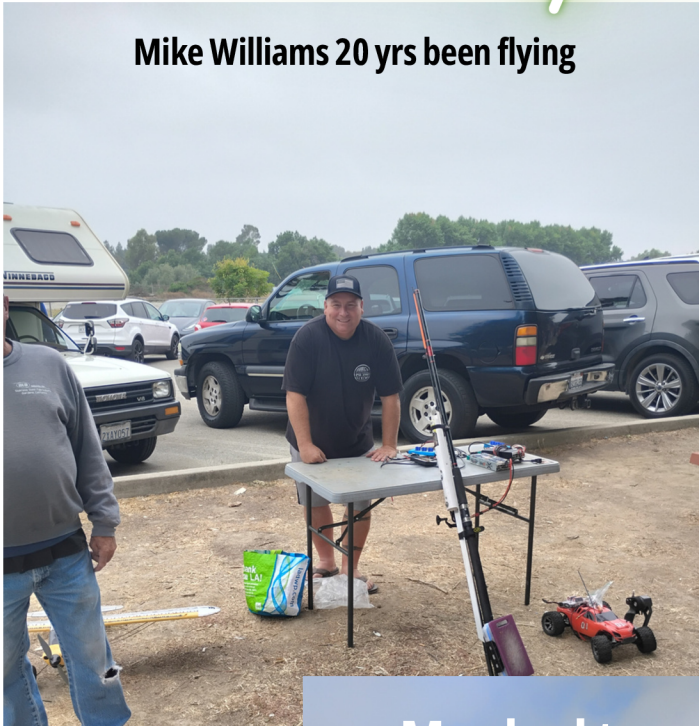


Here is Scott, he has been coming to Apollo XI since 1999, having an awesome sale day.



Swap Meet

Mike Williams 20 yrs been flying



Just browsing



Max had to get here at 5 AM
to get this table



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Here is Greg he's been coming here since
1981
FYI He is an Eales fan too GO BIRDS!



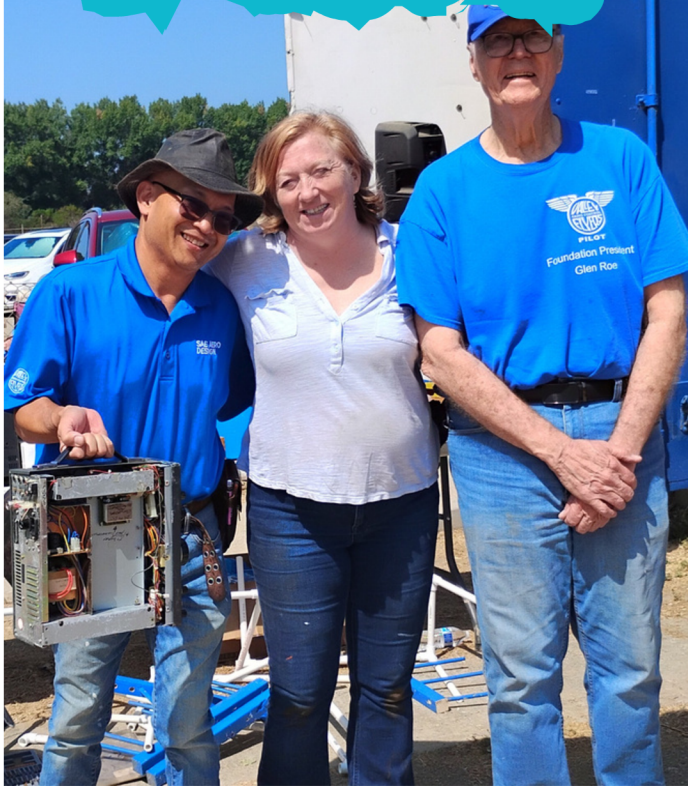
Gary

Jennifer, Pat, Ron from Simi Valley
Flyers



'Self-Sustained field box'
built by Ron from the Simi Valley Flyers
Nice Job Ron

SWAP MEET



Leo Miller & his wife
they have been flying here
since 1930's

Swap Meet CONTINUED

Kambiz selling his prize

possessions to John



THE RAFFLE

Here we are at the Member's Meeting Fun Fly Raffle! And the winner is Paul Parker \$65.00



*Scott calling Paul Parker's number
John looking on*



Paul Parker
So happy with his \$65.00



Here are our wonderful volunteer CHEF'S
Lupe, Mike, Frank & Dan doing the volunteer
handyman work!! Thank you all so much.

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, taxi-ways, or grass.
5. 250 feet maximum flying altitude for South Wind, 100 feet when there is a North Wind
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** for more information.



FEATURED IN AMA

This month, I want to highlight a couple of events from a full-scale jet to a super swap meet, and non-stop flying demonstrations.

The San Fernando Valley Flyers hosted the 2nd Annual Builders' event at Apollo XI Model Aircraft Field on May 10-11. Although the jets at these events just keep getting bigger, there was a unique jet on display. Torrey Ward brought his SubSonex JSX-2 microjet to display for everyone to see.

This is an experimental, single-seat, amateur-built jet aircraft powered by a PBS TJ-100 turbojet engine. His air show performances give audiences a glimpse into the capabilities of this compact, high-performance aircraft.

Written by: District X's Greg Stone

July Secretary Report

June 9, 2025 6:30 to 7:45 pm

Attendees

Scott Ramos, Celeste Young-Ramos, Tony Aguila, Tenna Aguila, Cliff Sonnetag, Greg Fullerton, Moshe Arbiv, Ran Haroush

Reports:

Scott Ramos, President

- **SAE Funds:** The check for \$4,000 for the SAE Event in April is being sent by certified mail this week. (It has been received.) There will not be an SAE event in 2026 so we will have to consider that in future budgets.
- **LA UnScripted:** We have not heard back about the TV feature after multiple emails. He will continue following up. We discussed the need to do some clean up at the field to make a good impression – Clean the training center, do weed whacking, cobweb control. Scott to contact Parks maintenance and we will coordinate a cleaning crew.
- **A/C Containers:** Scott is going to meet with Nir to go over the A/C wiring needs so that we can design the A/C system.
- **Overnight Parking:** Overnight Parking: Celeste created a proposal for Recreation and Parks to request special permission for overnight parking during a few of our larger events. We will continue monthly to communicate with them and see if Imelda Padilla, our council member, will support the effort.
- **Solar Panels:** Scott and his brother-in-law Craig have installed the new solar system on the container. They install several more cameras on the roof and Tony and Dan will install sensors to detect movement. Glen put a remote alarm system on them that will make a big siren.

Tena Aguila, Vice President

- She has just returned and is getting up to speed.
- She agreed to oversee the welcome table at the July 26 event.

Tony Aguila, Treasurer

- He provided the treasury report:

Foundation Funds: \$1165.05

Club Funds: \$3111.16

- Celeste reported she has funds to give to him from the last field event. They will meet on Saturday to transfer.
- Tony and Bernie are going to meet up to put the security system up in the drone area. Scott suggested he meet with Bert as well about the ring and Wi-Fi in that area.

Bert Magbuena, Helicopter Director

- He is working on the charging station for the Heli area. There are 10 ports that are available, but only two are working now.
- **Heli Shade Structure:** Bert up to \$1000 to build the shade structure for the helicopter area per the presented plans. Approved.

Cliff Sonnetag, Digital Marketing

- **Social Media and YouTube:** Celeste reported a gentleman named Brian had expressed interest in helping her with the videotaping and editing for YouTube channel of our events so we can grow membership. They have been doing interviews at the events. There was discussion about the ownership of social media channels. We need to have them all consistent in name. She has done a survey of all social media uses and will send it to Cliff and Scott. Cliff wants anything to start with a certain email address. Cliff suggest we use San Fernando Valley Flyers as the social media names. Cliff said Tony De Leo may have set up the last Facebook page. Check with his brother, Mario. Our regular page is about full. We may need to start a group. There is one person posting that is posting negative items like accidents, people violating rules. We will investigate and try to contact them.

Celeste Young- Ramos, Membership

- **Enrollments:** New members for June 11, for 183 members total. There was only one new member obtained at the last event.
- **Food Cost Analysis for Events:**

Hamburgers \$2.34

Sodas: Full price .66 or .46 if on sale

Chips: .50

Add ice for drinks and cooking for \$30.00 and plates and napkins, its about \$4.50.

Costco Pizza: \$9.95 serves 3-5 So about \$3.00 per person.

We have purchased individual ketchup, mustard, relief and mayo to save costs and some sodas have been purchased at discount for the next several months' events.

Ran Haroush, Turbine and Jet Director:

- **Swap Meets:** There have been requests to advertise Swap Meets. Scott said they are being posted in the Monthly schedule, but we have not been advertising them on the website because not sure if Parks is okay with selling events. Scott suggested making a flyer that did not have the VF logo on it and posting it.
- **Jet Event:** Dates to be determined based on the overnight permit.

Moshe Arbiv, Safety Director

- **First Aid Kits:** He always has a first aid kit in his truck. He inquired when Scott was going to hang the permanent boxes at the field. Scott said they were purchased, and he will install them at the next event. Moshe donated all the supplies for the boxes. The code to open is the street number.
- He has created a safety list and will send it to Scott for approval.

Group Discussions

Field and Container Maintenance

- We need to locate a Field Director. Post it in the newsletter. A gentleman had contacted Celeste to help support the maintenance with a donation. She will follow up with him. The containers need cleaning and organization. It was agreed we do put out items at the Swap Meet for sale. Celeste, Scott, Tony, Tena, and Dan will work on it on Swap Meet Day. Containers for food prep storage have been purchased.
- Discussion about some of the tables needing repair. Tony suggested welding support bars underneath because people sit on the table. Tony will do a survey of table needs and report to Scott on the cost. He will approve through text. Tena was asked to start the table painting detail and Scott will send her the paint color code.
- Old and broken chairs can be put out by garbage cans by the fence on Wednesdays and Parks will pick them up.
- There was discussion of possibly making a live stream of the field. Celeste suggested checking with the AMA insurance if that is advisable

Pest Infestation in the Containers

- **Pest Issues:** Mice are being seen in the container. Celeste recently removed the big weeds at the side of the container and surveyed access points. It is determined they are entering through the bottom of the front doors. She saw

some. Suggested weather stripping the doors, installing rotor mouse traps, sealing access points to food areas and using plastic containers, and wash and sanitize areas before use. Supplies are available in the first container.

Brainstorming Increasing Attendance at Events and Membership Enrollments:

- Create activity events that are fun. Pylon races, Limbo
- Minimize or combine events but put more resources toward them. In advertising, activities, raffles, demos.
- Hold more fun flyers to attract new members
- Promote at the field you need remote ID. They can avoid that with membership. Suggested adding it under the Welcome signs say that it is required. Inquire with the Valley Flyers.
- Connect AMA rep for ideas.
- Club meetings are done digitally to get more participation.
- Need to obtain a program director for the meeting.
- Promote and invest in the new kids who are the future of sport.
- Membership to contact all new enrollees and find out their motivations
- Monthly in person or online meetings for new members.
- Orientation video
- Member benefit video
- Charge nonmembers for charging station use.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

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2025 EVENTS @ APOLLO XI Airfield

March 9, 2025
6:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

August 9, 2025
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Drones Fun Fly
CD:**

March 15, 2025
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Member Fun Fly

CD - Scott Ramos
Lunch served by Mike Stoner

August 22 - 24
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

**L.A Jets
CD:**

April 3- 6 2025
8:00 AM - 6 PM

Aero Design West SAE

CD - Scott Ramos

September 3, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

April 26, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Try and Fly Event

CD - Tony Aguila

September 6, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Try & Fly Event
CD:**

May 10, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

September 20, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**BBQ Fun Fly
CD:**

May 10 & 11 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**L.A. Jets
CD**

October 25, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Halloween Fun Fly
CD:**

June 1, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Builders Fun Fly
CD - Scott Ramos**

November 8, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**3D Helicopter Event
CD:**

June 29, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Western States Electric Fun Fly
CD - Scott Ramos**

November 9, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

July 12, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Scale Event
CD: Scott Ramos**

December 6, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Toys 4 Tots Event
CD:**

July 13, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

December 20, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Giant Scale Event
CD:**

July 26, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Summer Member Fun Fly
CD: Scott Ramos**

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