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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS NEWSLETTER CLUB 152

HAPPY
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Your Valley Flyers Board Members are:

Wishing you and your loved ones an abundance of joy this Thanksgiving! May your holiday celebration be fabulously festive and filled with warmth.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

August saw the heat go up. As a result, we canceled the August 23rd LA Jets Event. Unfortunately, we did have a problem with vandalism and theft with the wiring for the Helicopter Pits charging station being stolen. Bert Magbanua will look into possible solutions to provide more secure charging for the Helicopter Pits. I have finished building the new charging station for under the lean-to on the outside of the container. Bert is about ready to move forward on the building of the shade structure in the helicopter pits. To save some costs, he will use some of the old solar panels as roofing material.

September and October. More progress has been made on the solar project. A new main electrical panel has been installed. It took some time to find power supplies that will work for the charging stations. The original ones were only capable of a max of 12 volts. We found this to be insufficient because when they started to be used, the voltage would drop. Many chargers will not work under 12 volts and would fail to charge. We then went to another set, but they did not put out a clean enough voltage. We finally found power supplies that are adjustable from 13 to 16 volts. We set them for 14.4 volts and they work great. Currently, we have one power supply for the container charging station and one power supply for the park flyer charging station. They are running the old charging boxes. We will double the power supplies as we replace the charging boxes with new ones. We are also providing minimal power for the training center. The next phase of the solar project will be doubling the system to provide full power for the training center and workshop as well as more generation for the system as a whole.

At the end of September, the tv program High Potential, shot an episode at the airfield. They were there for 5 days, and flying was suspended for two. As a result, they made a donation of \$16,000. This will be quite helpful for the rest of the year and next year, as the SAE event will not be here in 2026. This mean that we will not have the usual donation of around \$6,000 from the SAE event. Also, there is an HBO production that may be filming just before Thanksgiving. If so, we anticipate another donation.



A Letter from your Editor

Hello Members and all who are reading:

I apologize for the missing months of the newsletter, especially when I finally got you all use to me finally publishing one every month. Well fortunately, it was out of my control on the newsletter being published, and that is why you did not get one for the months of September & October. I had rushed and worked my ass off to have the newsletter ready for publication on the 1st of September, and I had it ready by the 1st, then it was out of my control. SORRY!!!!!!

Any way, good news I am putting in the "Site Improvement Grant" we can receive anywhere from \$100 - \$3,000, through the AMA, we will know how much we are receiving from them by around May 1, 2026.

I want to Thank You all for your participation on the newsletter, I hope that it continues, have a great month.

See ya next month: Lori



A Message **FROM OUR TRAINER**

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.

SAFETY FIRST FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

1. The flying altitude limit is 250 feet with South wind and 100 feet with North wind.
2. Landing has priority over take-off.
3. Pilots must call out their intentions (takeoff, landing, etc.).
4. Takeoff and landing to be in the same direction according to the wind.
5. No taking off or landing from PIT area, taxiways or grass.
6. Flying is prohibited over the golf course, access roads or public roads.
7. Set up failure safe in all airplanes regardless of size and type (use transmitter manual).
8. Start and shut down of turbine engine only in designated location.
9. No flying during facility mowing.
10. Flight time limited to 15 minutes.
11. Non-FRIA site. Broadcasting remote identification system required.
12. If you join the valley flyers, you are not required to have remote identification when flying at Apollo 11.
13. Safety first.

Moshe Arbiv

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.

FREDERICO'S CHOICES (CON'T)

3. Hobby Zone AeroScoutS 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.

JOIN NOW **ELECTION TIME** **Vote**

November is the annual membership meeting and elections. This year, there are a number of positions open. They include Secretary, Public Relations, Hospitality, Field Manager and Drone Director. The positions are filled by a nomination and vote. Jason Pakfar has agreed to manage the elections again. Send your nominations to elections@valleyflyers.com Please include your name and membership number. Here is a list of position descriptions:

SECRETARY.

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board in the books provided for that purpose, and be custodian of corporate records. Keep a register of the post office addresses of each member, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by the Membership Chairperson. The secretary is also responsible for keeping the bylaws in order and up to date. And in general, perform all the duties as may be assigned to him by the president or by the Board. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON.

Provides: (A) refreshments and snacks for the general club meetings; (B) Coordinates concession stands at club field events. Monies for purchases shall be requested from the Treasurer. Profits from events shall be remitted to the Treasurer. When possible, make reports for the newsletter

DRONE DIRECTOR.

Shall be responsible for communication between the drone pilots and the club. Coordinate activities with the Event Director. Shall be responsible for reporting to the Board necessary improvements and working with the field manager to maintain their respected designated flight areas. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

FIELD MANAGER.

Monitors the physical condition of the field and reports to the Board of Directors and the members. Helps to enforce safety regulations. Maintains an open dialog with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks. Receives estimates for any field improvement project. Responsible for the construction and maintenance activities at the field. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

Public Relations Director shall keep correct and complete books and records of all club ordered supplies, shirts, decals, trophies etc. and maintain the club video library. The Public Relations Director will also obtain quotes and request budget funds for items (shirts, decals, trophies, etc.) as will be needed by the club from time to time. Contact Newspapers and other media for advertising of events. Update AMA magazines and Model Magazines with Articles for past events supplied by the Contest Director of the Events. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

Scott Ramos
President.

PROJECTS

This leads me to discuss a couple of projects. First, the second phase of the solar project. We will install two more lithium iron phosphate batteries, another 5kw inverter and 5 or 7 more solar panels. This will provide us power for our current needs. Another project I would like to undertake is paving from the main pits to the charging station on the east container. That area can turn into a bad mud pit during winter, and sorely needs a solution. I am proposing a base of crushed aggregate base with 12x12 cement pavers. In the research I have done on various options, this looks to be the least expensive option while still being long lasting. The cost for paving this way would be around \$4,000. These two projects will run a total of about \$10,000.

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

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 208

Our 2025 membership report

Abrahamson, Cody	Dail, Corey	Helmick, Mark H.	Meresman, Lawrence	Sonheim, Richard
Aghabegians, Emin	Danny, Steven	Herbert, Richard	Miller, Frank	Sonnentag, Clifford
Aguila, Tena "Homme"	David, Seth	Herman, Jeffrey	Miller, Mark Steven	Stokol, Colin
Aguila, Tony	Del Griego, Robert	Hernandez, Andres	Mojaradi, Hadi	Stone, Greg
Amaryan, Sevak	Dessertenne, Thierry	Hicks, John Welsley	Montoya, Missael	Stoner, Mike
Anorga, Cesar	DeWit, John	Horvath, Dave	Myers, Michael Justin	Strasser, Benedict B.
Arbiv, Moshe	Donovan, Marc	Horvath, Marta		Sturgeon DDS, David
Arzilli, Frederico	Dougherty, George	Hostetler, Ray	Nakhost, Kambiz	Sutter, Mark
Atencio, Eddie	Dunn, Dennis	Hosticka, Grant	Neill, Steven M.	Sweaney, David
Ausley, Iran		Hull, Don	Nguyen, Giao	Sweet, Mario
Azurdia, Victor Hugo	Ehas, Thomas			Swissa, Mohammond
	Elkouby, Binyamin	Iknoyan, Lazar	Osborne, Brad	Taylor, Rodney
Balbach, Geoffrey		Jarvis, Andrew		Temesvary, Bela
Barrett, David Allen	Faber, Bruce	Jones, Garland	Pakfar, Jason	Thompson, Chuck
Becker, Phillip, R.	Fernando, Samyan		Parker, Paul	Thorburn, Michael
Benaza, Arby	Fiffles, Jamie	Karp, Andrew	Perez, David J.	Toro, Francisco
Berklite, Alec	Fullington, Gregg	Kazanchyan, Vonn	Pfizenmaier, Bart	Torress, Luis
Bershadsky, Gregory	Fuchs, Jochen	Keliher, Tom (Joseph)	Pinder, Rich	Turner, Geoffrey
Biles, Daniel		Kerkonian, Awadis	Polan, Leonard	Turner, Ken
Billick, Donald M.	Gallardo-Harrow, Matthew	Kholobekian, Pierre	Poston, Patrick	
Blanco, Carlos	Gamboa, Alfredo H. Jr	Kline, Adam	Power, Lori	Valiensi, James P.
Borcherdt, Rahr	Garg, Manish	Knight, Ronald E.		Vania, Ryan
Brammer, Jim	Garrison, Steve	Konviser, Vadim	Ramos, Scott	Varagoulis, Yorgos
Brautigam, Hank	Garske, Russell	Kreitenberg, Harvey	Reiley, Dan	Vaughn, Jack
Broadnax, Marc	Gigi, Yair	Kritall, Vladimir	Ricupero, Ryan	Veres, Stephen
Brough, Ted	Gonzales, John	Lalikian, Eric Ara	Roberts, Mel	Villorante, Renato
Brousseau, Daniel	Goren, Liad	Lamb, D. Gerald	Roe, Glenn	Wagner, Mark
Brown, Winston	Grassmann, Bryan	Lamb, Terry	Rollins, Patrick M.	Wallace, Jackson
Bundy, Mike	Gregorians, Ara	Laulom, Lawrence	Rosenthal, George	Walsh, Keenan
Bunker, Culley	Gregorians, Areg	Learner, Michael		Wells, Derek
Busch, James	Gruetert, Kevin	Lee, Samuel	Salar, Rodolfo	Whitla, Guy
	Guerrant, Phillip	Lee, Steve	Sanchez, Manafredy	Williams, Richard
Calderon, Mario	Guevara, Francisco	Lee, Victor	Sayre, Timothy	Wright, Ken
Callas, Mike	Guske, Brad	Lefevre, Mathis	Schatz, William	Youmans, Thomas
Campbell, Scott		Lemboke, Tom	Schwartz, Jaxson	Young-Ramos, Celeste
Caplan, Shiloh	Haarmann, Carl	Lerner, Michael	Sebastian, Sanu	Youssefiha, Ray
Carlos, Christopher	Hagins, Steve	Levy, Luca	Siedman, Rob	
Carlsen, Jesper	Hairapetian, Albert	Lipsey, Joseph	Shamulus, Victor	Ziachuk, Oleg
Carter, David	Hall, Leonard	Lopez, Abilio	Shawkat, Zayed	Ziliak, Daniel
Chen, Ayden	Hannibal, Wade	Lucas, Simon	Shvartz, Nir	Zizuzin, Kirill
Chilton, John Jay	Harfman, Jason		Sitts, Michael	
Christensen, Steve	Hargrove, Zachary	Magbauna, Bert B.	Smith, Lee	
Cohen, Phineas	Harosh, Ran	Mamo, Anthony	Soghomonian, Garo	
Conerly, James M.	Hawkins, James	Mansfield, Jason		
Cowan, Gregory	Hawkins, Todd Taylor	Maroldi, Eddie		
Craddock, Ronald	Haziza, Arie	Mashian, Faramarz		
	Heger, Rene	Mathis, David		
		Mawer, Rob		

Board Meeting – September 10, 2025

Meeting notes

Attendance

- Present: Scott Ramos, Celeste Young-Ramos, Lori Power, Tony Aguila, Clifford Sonnentag, Moshe Arbiv, Tena Aguila
 - Absent: Several board members not in attendance

Key Discussion Points

1. Newsletter & Website

- Issue: August newsletter was not published; responsibility delays caused frustration.
 - Action: Scott requested instructions from Clifford so multiple people can post newsletters to the website.
- Goal: Improve participation by ensuring regular content (safety, electric, heli, drone, turbine updates).

2. Electrical Project / Charging Station

- Update: Main panel installed; wiring partly complete. Grounding rod still pending (Nir to complete next month).
 - Goal: Finish installation before the BBQ on Sept 20.
 - Next Steps: Ask Nir to install grounding; mount power supplies; connect new charging stations; remove old units.

3. Swap Meet & Volunteer Day

- Swap Meet: Scheduled for Sat, Sept 13, with donations (planes, parts) to sell.
- Volunteer Day: Starting Sept 19 (8–11 AM), recurring monthly on the 3rd Friday. Will include a sign-in sheet and donuts.

Meeting Minutes (Con't)

- New Equipment: Portable pressure washer and 20-gallon water tank purchased for easier field cleaning.

4. Field & Facility Maintenance: Responsibility clarified

- Club: Inside fence (weeds, upkeep)
- Park Staff: Outside area (parking lot, trees, garbage).
- Celeste to prepare a volunteer cleaning task list. She said she will take over the field manager position, until we can fill the position.

5. Copper Theft at Heli Area

- Ongoing issue with copper wire theft at Heli charging station area
- Proposed fix: Replace exposed 3- boxes with secure conduit bends or build protective covers.

6. Events & End - of - Year Planning

- Upcoming BBQ: September 20, 2025 (Jason coordinating)
- Future Events: Begin planning the 2026 Calendar begin planning the stays for multi-day events.
- Christmas Party: To be decided.

7. Board Positions & Elections:

- Open/Overloaded roles:
- Celeste currently covering the Membership, Field Manager & Secretary.
- PR Director & Program Director positions uncertain (Mario to confirm).
- Action: Board members to identify & recruit nominees for upcoming elections.

Meeting Minutes

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8. Membership Fees

- Decision:
- \$40.00 membership starting immediately through February 2026 (includes remainder of 2025-26).
- \$45.00 membership fees starting March 2026
- Rational: Keep increases gradual (\$5.00 increments) while maintaining sustainability.
- Action: Publicize with signs, email blasts, and notices.

9. Safety & Compliance

- Emphasize on Remote ID Requirement : Must be AMA/ Valley Flyer member and compliant with FAA rules.
- Plan to create signage with law references at enterances
- Moshe to create regular safety article

10. Reports

- Treasury (Tony)
- Club Account : \$2,857.60
- Foundation: \$5,592.87
- Membership (Celeste): 34 new members in August
Total: 217 plus 4-5 in recent sign-up

Meeting Minutes (Con't)

Action Items

- Clifford: Provide newsletter posting instructions; finalize website.
 - Nir (with follow-up from Moshe & Scott): Install ground rod for charging stations.
 - Celeste: Organize volunteer task list for September 19th clean-up
 - Scott: Oversee electrical completion, trailer logo update, & BBQ readiness.
 - Jason: Lead BBQ planning
 - Board: Recruit for open officers roles, discuss Christmas party.
 - Communications: Launch campaign for new membership fees & Remote ID compliance signage.
 - Moshe: Safety article for newsletter
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Meeting adjourned at 37 minutes

HALLOWEEN EVENT



Hobby Stores

Burbanks House of Hobbies - 818 - 848 - 3674 info@houseofhobbies.com
911 S. Victory Blvd. Burbank, CA 91502 Monday - Saturday 11-6 Sun 12-4

Fire & Dice Games - 818 - 914 - 4538 info@fadgames.gg
Monday - Friday 11 - 10 Saturday & Sunday 11-8 9036 Tampa Northridge

Hobby Lobby - 805 - 526 - 1003 www.hobbylobby.com
2801 Cochran St. Simi Valley, CA Monday - Saturday 9-8 closed Sunday

King Fandom - 818 - 914 - 4512 www.kingfandom.com
21425 Sherman Way Conoga Park, CA 91303

Marty's Hobbies - 805 - 497 - 3664 www.martyshobbies.com
270 Conejo Ridge Ave. Thousand Oaks, CA 91361 Mon-Sat 10-8 Sun 10-7

Moto Styles - 818 - 453 - 2538 www.motostyles.com
17555 Chatsworth St. Granada Hills, CA 91344

Pyrodrone - 747 - 237 - 7332 www.pyrodrone.com Monday - Friday 11-10
Saturday & Sunday 11-8 20610 Plummer St. Chatsworth, CA 91311

Race Prep Hobbies - 805 - 582 - 0005 www.simivalleyraceprep.com
1782 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley, CA 90365 Tues-Friday 11-6 closed Mon

Smith Brothers - 818 - 885 - 8638 www.smithbroshobbies@aol.com
8941 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, CA 91325 Monday - Sat 10-6 Sunday 10-4

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.

DID YOU KNOW????

Changes for the 2026 Membership Year

- **Membership**

October 29, 2025 No comments

During its October 25, 2025, meeting, the Executive Council approved a modest dues adjustment and a small service charge, which will be effective January 1, 2026:

- **\$4.00 increase for Adult, Senior, Park Pilot, Three Month Trial, and Affiliate memberships**
- **\$5.00 increase for Youth memberships**
- **\$3.00 service charge for credit card or PayPal transactions**
- **\$5.00 increase for club charters**

We understand that any increase in cost is unwelcome. This decision was made only after extensive discussion and careful consideration. Over the past few years, inflation and rising operational expenses have affected nearly every aspect of AMA's work, from insurance and advocacy to events and member support.

Before making this decision, we looked for every alternative, including expanding non-dues revenue, cutting expenses where possible, and reviewing our member programs to make sure they continue to provide meaningful value.

These adjustments will help AMA maintain the high level of service, advocacy, and support that our members expect and deserve, continuing a tradition that has strengthened the model aviation community since 1936.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support of the AMA and the hobby we all share.

EC Motions 10/25/2025

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2025 EVENTS @ APOLLO XI Airfield

March 9, 2025 San Fernando Valley Flyers
6:00 AM to 2:00 PM Swap Meet

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

Drones Fun Fly
CD:

March 15, 2025 Member Fun Fly
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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 Aero Design West SAE
8:00 AM - 6 PM
CD - Scott Ramos

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

San Fernando valley Flyers
Swap Meet

April 26, 2025 Try and Fly Event
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD - Tony Aguila

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

Try & Fly Event
CD:

May 10, 2025 San Fernando Valley Flyers
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM Swap Meet

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

BBQ Fun Fly
CD:

May 10 & 11 2025 L.A. Jets
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD

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

Halloween Fun Fly
CD: Tony Aguila
Tena Homme

June 1, 2025 Builders Fun Fly
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD - Scott Ramos

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

3D Helicopter Event
CD:

June 29, 2025 Western States Electric Fun Fly
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD - Scott Ramos

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

San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet

July 12, 2025 Scale Event
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD: Scott Ramos

December 6, 2025 Toys 4 Tots Event
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD:

July 13, 2025 San Fernando Valley Flyers
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM Swap Meet

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

Giant Scale Event
CD:

July 26, 2025 Summer Member Fun Fly
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CD: Scott Ramos



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DSMX Transmitter Only

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Price-\$250





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