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# Merry Xmas

***COME TO OUR  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DETAILS ON PAGE 17  
TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY***

## ***MEMBERSHIP PRICE INCREASE***

***Due to the rising costs of operating the club, it was agreed by the Board of Directors to increase the membership fee by \$10.00 to \$45.00 for the Apollo XI field and to \$75.00 for the Apollo XI & Glendale flying fields starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. Renew now and save.***



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank a few people for their contributions during the last 12 months. First, I want to recognize Bert Magbanua for all he has taken on this year. In addition to his role as the Helicopter Director, he really stepped up and took on the Glendale Marshal position after Adam Kline had to step down following the loss of his house in the Eaton fire. Bert has also been providing assistance to our Digital Media Director on the building of a new Valley Flyers website. Also, he proposed, planned and is now executing the Helicopter pits shade structure construction. He has also helped me in a number of other projects.

I would like to thank our Membership Director, Celeste Young-Ramos, who took on the added responsibility of Secretary. In addition to the administrative roles, she has provided help with event registration and new member sign-up at almost every event. She could often be found down at the airfield weeding, raking, picking up trash and cleaning the tables. The airfield is a more welcoming place for all her efforts.

I would like to thank all that have provide assistance in the Solar project like Glen Roe and Dan Zilliak, as well as many others. I want to express my gratitude to all who have made generous donations to the on-going solar project go-fund-me, with a special thanks to Futaba Toddkk and Michael Lipsey. Also, thank you to David Alexander, Cesar Anorga, Ted Brough, James Conerly, Gregory Cowen, Wade Hanniball, Terry Lamb, Larry Meresman, Joseph Narens, Giao Nguyen, Jason Pakfar, Paul Parker, Mel Robers, Johnathan Rubin, Bill Schatz, Mohammad Swissa, Bernardo Toruno, Lynette Young, and to all the anonymous and cash donors.

The first phase of the Solar project has been mostly implemented. We are currently working on refining the system as we gain information on its real-world operation. We would like to add 3 more panels to the current setup, and we are working on automating a generator backup. We have also started to gather the materials for the second phase of the project, which will double the size of the system.

We were able to start the purchase of the second phase thanks to the ABC TV production of High Potential, who used our field for a shoot location for an upcoming episode. They made a generous donation of \$16,000. This will really help the club for next year as well, particularly since in 2026, the SAE Aero Design West will be held in Dallas, TX, and return in 2027.

Congratulations to our new Drone Director, Bert Wolf. Welcome aboard for 2026-27. We still have the positions of Secretary, Public Relations, Hospitality, and Field Manager open. If you are interested, please contact me and I can provide an overview of the duties for these positions.

To all members, I invite you to join us at the Gourmet City Buffet on December 14th for the 2025 Christmas Dinner. You can sign up and pre-pay here: <https://omella.com/gswjg>. As nd don't forget the Toys for Tots event on December 6th.

With that, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy. New Year!

Scott Ramos



## ***A Letter from your Editor***

To all members and RC enthusiasts, I want to thank you for reading the newsletter. No, new news except we have a new drone director, Yeah!! We are also in desperate need of a field marshall, secretary, public relations director and a hospitality chairperson. If you can find it in yourself to help out the club that protects your flying liability, we would truly appreciate it!

I am applying for the "*Site Improvement Grant*" for \$3,000 and the "*T Mobile Grant*" for up to \$50,000. Wish us luck. Lori



## *A Message* **FROM OUR TRAINER**

### **New Flyers Needing Instruction**

If you would like to learn to fly, please contact our Training Director, Frederico Arzilli by texting him at : 818-395-6331.

Frederico will be at the Apollo XI Airfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please text him prior to reserve your time. You will find him near the containers or in the 1<sup>st</sup> container which is our training center. He will at that time organize group flying lessons with you and the other new flyers.

*Come Practice on our flight simulator and check out our training planes during that time as well.*

*Thank You, for flying with us!!*





### **Welcome 1<sup>st</sup> Time Valley Flyers RC Club Members:**

**We are happy to report that so far 243 members have renewed or become new members for 2025 with 4 member enrollments in the month of November as of 11/28/2025, Welcome or Welcome Back!**

#### **Glendale Members**

**If you have enrolled or renewed for use of the Glendale field, you will be receiving an email from the Master Vault with the code to the lockbox at the entrance of the field. Your code is good until either your AMA expires or the end of our current flying season which is 12/31/2025. A membership card with a "G" code will be sent to you in the mail. It is good to have your card with you when you go to fly, but it is not required.**

#### **Enrollment Activities:**

**If you would like to volunteer to help grow membership or you know people who are interested in joining, please contact me at [membership@valleyflyers.com](mailto:membership@valleyflyers.com) or sign up online at <https://valleyflyers.com/apollo-xi-schedule.html>**

#### **Events**

**We have programmed many fun events for this year for those of you who may be new to flying, have a competitive streak, or just like to hang out with other avid RC flyers and builders. Check out our events at this link:**

**<https://valleyflyers.com/apollo-xi-schedule.html>**

# New Members

September's Additions	October/November Additions
Mel Roberts	Odysseus Hadjioannou
Andrew Patrick	Thomas Costello
Jack Miller	Michael Harper
Andrey Vasilyev	David Yamamoto
John Kroells	Lauren Garcia Carro
Ethan Alvarez	Chris Silver
Joseph Narens	Roe Aviv
Michael Fitz Maurice	Kai Kern
Milan Metnyk	
Derek Murcia	
Mark Gochman	
Leo Belensky	
Declan Alderman	
Asher Gochman	

# Happy Birthday

November Birthdays	
Ariel Alavarez	Joseph Lipsey
Sevek Amaryan	Frank Miller
Geoffrey Balback	Michael Myers
David Barrett	Jason Pakfar
Winston Brown	David Perez
Shiloh Caplan	Chris Silver
Tom Choto	Benedict Strasser
Yair Gigi	Rodney Taylor
Jeffrey Herman	Jeffrey Turner
Vadim Konviser	

Hope to meet you all on the field real soon.  
Keep cool!!

# 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.



# Welcome our new Drone Director



***Bert Wolfe***

## **Welcome Our New Drone Director — Bert Wolf!**

**We're excited to announce that Bert Wolf is joining the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers as our new Drone Director! Bert has been coming to the field since he was just seven years old. Over the years, he's built a life full of hard work, family, and fun—running a pool business with his dad and brother, and now balancing roles as a caregiver, landlord, and communicator.**

**When he's not flying, you'll find Bert behind the drums, keeping a solid rhythm both in music and in life. As Drone Director, his goals include improving communication with Parks and Recreation and keeping our field in great shape—starting with mowing the lawn!**

**We're happy to have Bert on board and look forward to seeing his enthusiasm take flight.**

## **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

## **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.

Bring your better half  
or your worse half

VALLEY FLYERS PRESENTS



**CHRISTMAS  
NIGHT  
PARTY**

**DECEMBER  
14TH, 2025 6:00 PM**

THIS IS ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET. THIS IS THE LARGEST SEAFOOD BUFFET, WITH RICH DISHES AND A FULL RANGE OF CATEGORIES. IT FOCUSES ON SEAFOOD DISHES, THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE ASIAN DISHES ARE DIVERSIFIED. SUSHI, HOT STIR-FRY, SEAFOOD, MONGOLIAN BBQ, TEPPANYAKI, SALAD BAR, DESSERT, LOTS OF ICE CREAM, DIM SUM, REFRESHMENTS, ETC. ...

Gourmet City  
12727 Sherman Way A08, North Hollywood, CA 91605  
[www.valleyflyers.com](http://www.valleyflyers.com)



2025 Valley Flyers Holiday  
Party  
[omella.com/gswjg](https://omella.com/gswjg)



## 2025 Valley Flyers Holiday Party

✓ Event Name: Valley Flyers Holiday Party

 Date: 12/14/2025

 Location: 12727 Sherman Way A08, North Hollywood, CA 91605

Required\*

Name

Required\*

Phone number

Menu as follows:

This is all you can eat buffet. This is the largest seafood buffet, with rich dishes and a full range of categories. It focuses on seafood dishes, the Chinese and Japanese Asian dishes are diversified. Sushi, hot stir-fry, seafood, Mongolian BBQ, teppanyaki, salad bar, dessert, lots of ice cream, dim sum, refreshments, etc. ...

Required\*

Ticket (Click on '+' to buy multiple tickets)

 Basic ticket

\$35

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+

Omella is free for organizations like San Fernando Valley Flyers Inc and relies on the generosity of people like you to operate the service. Tip what you think is fair: \$3.50 (10%)

Subtotal \$38.50

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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

## Our 2025 membership report

Abrahamson, Cody  
Aghabegians, Emin  
Aguila, Tena "Homme"  
Aguila, Tony  
Alderman, Declan  
Alvarez, Ethan  
Aviv, Roee  
Amaryan, Sevak  
Anorga, Cesar  
Arbiv, Moshe  
Arzilli, Frederico  
Atencio, Eddie  
Ausley, Iran  
Azurdia, Victor Hugo

Balbach, Geoffrey  
Barrett, David Allen  
Becker, Phillip, R.  
Belensky, Leo  
Benaza, Arby  
Berkite, Alec  
Bershadsky, Gregory  
Biles, Daniel  
Billick, Donald M.  
Blanco, Carlos  
Borchardt, Rahr  
Brammer, Jim  
Brautigam, Hank  
Broadnax, Marc  
Brough, Ted  
Brousseau, Daniel  
Brown, Winston  
Bundy, Mike  
Bunker, Culley  
Busch, James

Conerly, James M.  
Cowan, Gregory  
Craddock, Ronald  
Costello, Thomas  
Dail, Corey  
Danny, Steven  
David, Seth  
Del Griego, Robert  
Dessertenne, Thierry  
DeWit, John  
Donovan, Marc  
Dougherty, George  
Dunn, Dennis  
Ehas, Thomas  
Elkouby, Binyamin  
Faber, Bruce  
Fernando, Samyan  
Fiffles, Jamie  
FitzMaurice, Michael  
Fullington, Gregg  
Fuchs, Jochen  
Gallardo-Harrow, Matthew  
Gamboa, Alfredo H. Jr  
Garg, Manish  
Garrison, Steve  
Garske, Russell  
Gigi, Yair  
Gochman, Asher  
Gochman, Mark  
Gonzales, John  
Goren, Liad  
Grassmann, Bryan  
Gregorians, Ara  
Gregorians, Areg  
Gruetert, Kevin  
Guerrant, Phillip  
Guevara, Francisco  
Guske, Brad

Haarmann, Carl  
Hadjoannou, Odysseus  
Hagins, Steve  
Hairapetian, Albert  
Hall, Leonard  
Hannibal, Wade  
Harfman, Jason  
Hargrove, Zachery  
Harosh, Ran  
Harper, Michael  
Hawkins, James  
Hawkins, Todd Taylor  
Haziza, Arie  
Heger, Rene  
Helmick, Mark H.  
Herbert, Richard  
Herman, Jeffrey  
Hernandez, Andres  
Hicks, John Welsley  
Horvath, Dave  
Horvath, Marta  
Hostetler, Ray  
Hosticka, Grant  
Hull, Don

### Iknayan, Lazar

Jarvis, Andrew  
Jones, Garland

Karp, Andrew  
Kazanchyan, Vonn  
Keliher, Tom (Joseph)  
Kerkonian, Awadis  
Kern, Kai  
Kholobekian, Pierre  
Kline, Adam  
Knight, Ronald E.  
Konviser, Vadim  
Kreitenberg, Harvey  
Kritall, Vladimir  
Kroells, John

Lalikian, Eric Ara  
Lamb, D. Gerald  
Lamb, Terry  
Laulom, Lawrence  
Learner, Michael  
Lee, Samuel  
Lee, Steve  
Lee, Victor  
Lefevre, Mathis  
Lemboke, Tom  
Lerner, Michael  
Levy, Luca  
Lipsey, Joseph  
Lopez, Abilio  
Lucas, Simon

Magbauna, Bert B.  
Mamo, Anthony  
Mansfield, Jason  
Maroldi, Eddie  
Mashian, Faramarz  
Mathis, David  
Mawer, Rob  
Meresman, Lawrence  
Metnyk, Milan  
Miller, Frank  
Miller, Jack  
Miller, Mark Steven  
Mojaradi, Hadi  
Montoya, Missael  
Murcia, Derek  
Myers, Michael Justin

Nakhost, Kambiz  
Narens, Joseph  
Neill, Steven M.  
Nguyen, Giau

### Osborne, Brad

Pakfar, Jason  
Parker, Paul  
Patrick, Andrew  
Perez, David J.  
Pfizenmaier, Bart  
Pinder, Rich  
Polan, Leonard  
Poston, Patrick  
Power, Lori

Ramos, Scott  
Reiley, Dan  
Ricupero, Ryan  
Roberts, Mel  
Roe, Glenn  
Rollins, Patrick M.  
Rosenthal, George

Salar, Rodolfo  
Sanchez, Manafredy

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Sayre, Timothy  
Schatz, William  
Schwartz, Jaxon  
Sebastian, Sanu  
Siedman, Rob  
Shamulus, Victor  
Shawkat, Zayed  
Shvartz, Nir  
Sitts, Michael  
Smith, Lee  
Soghomonian, Garo  
Silver, Chris  
Sonheim, Richard  
Sonnentag, Clifford  
Stokol, Colin  
Stone, Greg  
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, Geoffrey  
Turner, Ken

Valiensi, James P.  
Vania, Ryan  
Varagoulis, Yorgos  
Vasilyev, Andrey  
Vaughn, Jack  
Veres, Stephen  
Villorante, Renato

Wagner, Mark  
Wallace, Jackson  
Walsh, Keenan  
Wells, Derek

Whitla, Guy  
Williams, Richard  
Wright, Ken

Yamamoto, David  
Youmans, Thomas  
Young-Ramos, Celeste  
Youssefiha, Ray

Ziachuk, Oleg  
Ziliak, Daniel  
Zizuzin, Kirill



# Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025

**Attendees:** Scott Ramos, Bert Magbanua, Celeste Young-Ramos, Clifford Sonnentag, Greg Fullerton, Tony Aguila, Lori Power

## Reports

### Scott Ramos, President

**Solar Power Projects:** With the cloudy weather and the heavy use we had over the weekend, the battery system is a bit low. Larger, larger battery packs for the ducted fan jets that are real popular right now. Those are all using 6S's and so yeah, by Saturday or by Monday morning the power was down to 50%. I am going to be adding more solar cells. I am going to add 3 more to the current system to help, particularly during the winter. Also, right now I am working on getting a system set up to auto start the generator when the batteries drop to below a certain level. So, hopefully that will come online this weekend. I will be working with Glen to interface it with the generator. That way, whenever the system drops below a certain point, the charger inverter sends out a signal, that will run a small microcomputer that will then go through the process of turning on the generator.

Three new panels will be installed in the next couple of weeks as soon as my brother-in-law has some available time to come up and we will get them installed. That will help supplement the charging as well and then ultimately once we get the second phase in.

That should really help to alleviate the issue, because right now everything is running off of the just one battery bank.

# Meeting Minutes (Con't)

Sunday is a very busy flying day and that's a day the training center is open.

**Christmas Party:** The date was chosen as Sunday, December 14 at 6:30. Budget of \$35 per person. It is open to all members. Celeste is going to investigate a different venue. Tony to set up Omelia for RSVPs. Need to have nominations for the Willie Gardner Award which is given out at the party. Since Tena was the last recipient, she is responsible for the nomination process.

**The CSUN SAE donation Request:** The team approached us about sponsorship. It was discussed setting up a GoFundMe account set up for them to raise \$1000. They were very helpful during the flood. Scott to send Tony a description and their logo. USC California Unmanned Aerial System Competition, which is C Dash UASC. They contacted us about a competition that they've been doing recently for the past few years. It's an unmanned aerial system competition. It's again an intercollegiate competition. Sort of like SAE, but on a smaller scale. Last year they held it out at the Mojave Air and Space Port, but they found that relatively difficult because it's an active airfield and so they had a lot of coordination between full size and their activities and so they were interested in possibly bringing it over to the basin.

Scott spoke with the gentleman, who is Michael Thorburn, he said that they are trying to look mid-June for it and he also sent over some examples of the agreement they had with the Mojave location so that they could see what kind of agreements that the university and terms the university had for the event. Tena to make contact with them and eblast to the membership if there is an attorney in the club who could look over the contract. Celeste suggested asking the AMA for a recommendation on the agreement or attorney.

**Elections: Open positions:** Field Manager, Secretary, Drone Director, Public Relations. The elections will be held at the field on November 22nd. Nominations should be sent to [elections@valleyflyers.com](mailto:elections@valleyflyers.com).

# Meeting Minutes

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If someone wants to be in a position they have to have someone nominate them.

**Website:** Cliff has the website developed, but needs to port it over. Scott, Bert, and Cliff are going to meet to divvy up portions of the task to get it live. There was open discussion about what needs to be on the website. It was agreed that we would get what is already complete up and add other stuff later.

**Schedule of Events for 2026:** Directors need to get event dates to Scott immediately so that he can approach Parks and Recs. They want all the dates at once. Greg asked to have last years calendar sent to him and he would coordinate it. Also try to make sure they do not interfere with events of other clubs so we get a bigger turn out. Scott to make contact with parks again to see about weekend overnights for the Jet events. All events should be posted on the AMA website and newsletter too. We are going to reuse posters from prior events and try to get them posted two months in advance.

**Membership Dues:** It was voted to increase membership free to \$45 for Apollo XI and \$75 for combo including Glendale because of the increase in costs on February 1st. Enroll now to get the current rate.

### **Tony Aguila, Treasurer: 1:33:41**

Club treasury is now \$2713.79 and in the foundation it is \$13,574.59.

### **Bert Magbanua, Helicopter Director:**

The Heli shade structure is partly done, and he anticipates the cost will be around \$200.

# *Meeting Minutes (Con't)*

## **Lori Power, Newsletter**

She has a site improvement grant to submit and wanted the receipts from Solar to submit. Anything done between February 2025 to February 2026. Scott to provide them. She has to submit it by February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

## **Toys for Tots Event:**

It will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring a toy of \$25 to have entry fee waved. Tena will do the cooking.

## **Celeste Young-Ramos, Field Manager- Interim**

Field Clean Up Day: She reported she had held 3 months of events, however no one showed to help so we will have to rethink this plan.

## **Meeting ended**



# TOYS FOR TOTS FLY-IN



**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**CD: JASON PAKFAR  
CO-GD: TENA HOMME AGUILA  
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911 S. Victory Blvd. Burbank, CA 91502 Monday - Saturday 11-6 Sun 12-4

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Monday - Friday 11 - 10 Saturday & Sunday 11-8 9036 Tampa Northridge

**Hobby Lobby** - 805 - 526 - 1003 [www.hobbylobby.com](http://www.hobbylobby.com)  
2801 Cochran St. Simi Valley, CA Monday - Saturday 9-8 closed Sunday

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21425 Sherman Way Conoga Park, CA 91303

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270 Conejo Ridge Ave. Thousand Oaks, CA 91361 Mon-Sat 10-8 Sun 10-7

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1782 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley, CA 90365 Tues-Friday 11-6 closed Mon

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# 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, 2025No 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  
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: Tony Aguila  
Tena Homme**

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**



# ANNUAL MEETING

## ELECTIONS





# Design

## Build & Fly

### UCLA's Design, Build & Fly

#### Design, Build, and Fly Initiative

UCLA's GoldenFly project is an exciting and innovative initiative that brings together students, faculty, and industry professionals to design, build, and fly cutting-edge aerial vehicles. This hands-on program offers participants the chance to engage in every stage of the process, from conceptual design to testing and flight. The GoldenFly project not only hones technical skills but also fosters teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving.

Whether you're a student looking to dive into the world of aerospace engineering or just an enthusiast eager to learn, GoldenFly is the perfect opportunity to take your passion to new heights!









Bea, Nick, Alex, Adella & Christine



Julie & Derek

In the most recent competition, the UCLA Design, Build & Fly (DBF) team placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 112 teams, achieving their best-ever result with their aircraft “Bell-Air”. This competition was the 2025 AIAA Design, Build & Fly competition, where their performance placed them in the top 10 nationally.

**Congratulations**

# TALK TO US

*We want to know what is on your mind*

**FEEDBACK**



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