

The Valley Flyer



Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 152

Our 59th Year

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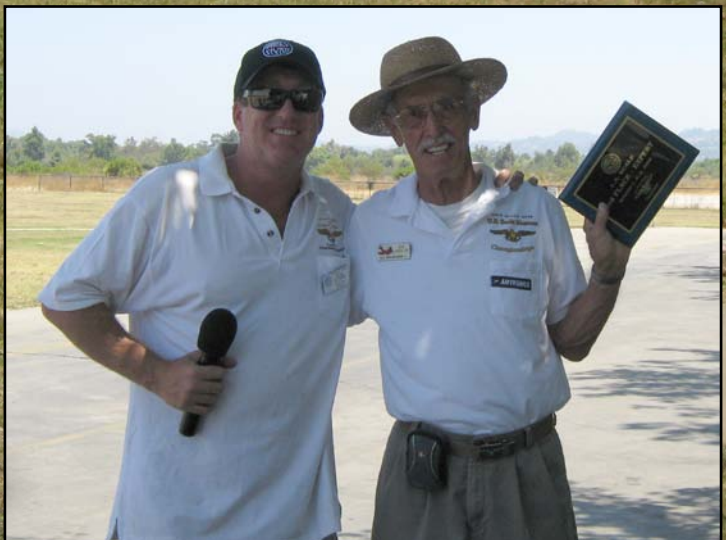
August 2009

The L.A. Scale Classic is History

This long anticipated event is now behind us and while it was not a sellout in terms of pilot entries, those who participated had a great time and flew some beautiful scale models.

Cory "Scale" Dail was kind enough to provide some nice pics of the aircraft and the winners in various classes. Photo coverage of the event continues on page 4.

Expert Class Winners are pictured at right (top to bottom) 1st Place - John Mota with CD Adam Gelbart, 2nd Place - Adam Gelbart, 3rd Place - Adam with Dick Skoglund.



Valley Flyers
Scale Masters
Qualifier

Feedin' the Field

Ricc Bieber - Hospitality

Judging by the way the food usually flies out of the snack bar at the field, I've come to the conclusion that fliers are a voracious lot, given to eating their fair share of what we offer.



The field snack bar is there to feed the masses, not just us and our flyin' friends at meets and contests, but the general public, as well. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of questions that we get at the snack bar, some of which defy logic. It's our very own "blooper" reel, of sorts. If any of you know of Bill Engvall, the comic, it will be a 'here's your sign' moment.

We have an event coming up that for us who feeds you is a simple lunch that lets us fly if we are so inclined. We will serve pizza and sodas (sorry, STILL no beer or dancing girls) at lunch for your dining pleasure. \$1.00 for big slice of pizza and a buck for a drink. This is a Valley Flyers Fun Fly on August 30th.

In October, on the 9th to the 11th, we're having our Heli event. I may have a family obligation, but the slack will be filled by my able associate in crime, Pat Ziliak. If you are able to help Pat out that weekend, please let me or Pat know ahead of time. We're looking for recruits who don't know any better and don't fly helis who maybe want to try out their burger flipping skills.

I know it's a little early, but keep December 5th open for our annual Holiday Party. More details to follow as we get closer to the date!

One other thing. Safety is everyone's issue. You may or may not be aware, depending on what you fly, but there have been a few problems at the Park Fly Area at the north end of the field. Though it is getting better, there are still a few folks who just don't get it, and that's a shame. I'm sure that this issue is covered elsewhere in this newsletter, but sometimes you can't cover something enough. It's pretty simple. Know the flight rules, abide by the flight rules, and when you see someone not following the flight rules, in a reasonable and nice way, remind them of the flight rules. At the Park Fly Area, the most basic rule is 2 pounds AND under 60 MPH, not either/or. Let's keep it safe!

Until next month, Flaps Up!

Program for the August Meeting

Bob Joyce
Program Director



Let's go hunting – but leave your guns at home. There will be no shooting, but perhaps some of the usual sniping. First, Adam Gelbart will show a movie entitled "Hunting" that contains a wide range of subjects of interest to RC fliers.

The second part will be a hunt for a \$50 gift certificate donated by Mike Morgan of DW Foamies. Actually, the hunt will be in the form of an airplane themed game to determine the winner. Hopefully, Mike will be at one of our future meetings to talk about the various Foamie models that he sells.

The feature presentation for the September meeting will be a demonstration by Cliff Sonnentag showing how he makes those beautiful posters for the various club events.

Hope to see you at these meetings. Meanwhile, "happy and safe flying" to all of you.



August 4, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Chuck Thompson
Vice President, Guest
Newsletter Editor and
Asst. Secretary



The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Jason Pakfar, President.

Members in attendance: Jason Pakfar, Gene Haban, Dave Sweany, Bob Smith, Ricc Bieber, Tony di Leo, Bob Joyce, Chuck Thompson, Adam Gelbart, Bert Magbanua, Benny Elkouby, Jeff Tolomeo, Mario Sweet, Willie Gardener, Richard Armenteros and Pat Ziliak.

Board Members Absent: Cliff Sonnentag, Scott Ramos, Sam Gengo, and Patrick Ashour.

The concrete job for the shed at the south end of the field is done, thanks to Benny. The Department of Recreation and Parks is requiring drawings and other specifications for the Heli Pit Area. They may provide assistance with the concrete work. The third project is the shade structure for the Park Flyer Area. Ricc has supplied a drawing, but it needs modifications. These drawings need to be submitted and approved, before we can go forward. The new sheds can be installed prior to the submission of the drawings. Burt provided a nice drawing of a proposed shade structure for the Park Flyer Area, including all measurements. Expected cost of material for the Park Flyer Shade Structure is approximately \$1000.00 for pre-cut custom parts. Planned improvements in the Park Flyer Area also includes the planting of trees and irrigation.

Gregg Fullington has stepped down as the Director of Jets and Jeff Tolomeo has agreed to complete his term.

The recent LA Jets was a successful event. There were 45 registered pilots. T-Shirts were purchased for the events. The dinner for the event was generously sponsored by Valley Flyers member Joe Castellao. The event grossed \$1600.00 not counting snack stand income.

Gene Haban - Ever since the signs went up regarding the Park Flyer Area, things seem to be improving. A problem with new pilots still persists. Regular flyers should help to make sure that everyone adheres to the safety rules in the Park Flyer and other areas.

The battery container for damaged batteries caught on

fire today and burned for 20 minutes. Fortunately the box contained the fire.

Bob Smith - The treasury has \$19,714.00 + \$2,320.00 in Paypal. Gene will print flyers regarding the swap meet part of the BBQ. Ricc will take care of the BBQ cooking. Gift plaques were purchased for Dennis Moran and Dan Thordarson for their 2009 support to Valley Flyer Q500 racing as event officials.

Bob Joyce - Adam Gelbart is bringing a short film to the meeting called "Hunting", featuring model airplanes. This will be the program for the meeting. We will also raffle off a \$50 gift certificate donated by DW Foamies (www.dwfoamies.com).

Adam Gelbart - The Scale contest is coming together. We have judges and scorekeepers lined up. The flyers that have gone out do not have the web site listed. Trophy's have been ordered and the bill will be sent directly to Bob Smith. Bob Smith will order badge supplies, lanyards, etc.

Jeff Tolomeo - There is a lot of new turbine activity popping up continuously. He expressed concern that safety rules for new turbine pilots are not posted. Jeff will draft rules to be posted, based on the AMA waiver form.

Mario Sweet - During events we will have periodic support from LAPD. He got a call from Brad Hayes from HP Heli's, they inquired about a booth for LA3D.

Benny Elkouby - Most people are complying with the Park Flyer rules. Some violators are not complying and are jeopardizing the Park Flyer Area for everyone.

Ricc Bieber - Scale Event and Fun Fly at the end of the month will have a snack stand. Next snack stand event at the end of Sept. is the BBQ.

Burt Magbanu - All is well in Heli-land.

Tony di Leo - Training is going well. Adam has volunteered to help as a flight instructor.

Willie Gardener - Willie brought up the issue of the sign at the field entrance. The sign was moved years ago for a trench to be dug and was mounted crookedly when it was replaced. He has look into it and found that Rec and Parks can modify the sign and improve the appearance. We will provide artwork for Rec and Parks to create an improved sign. Willie will get a quote, based on new artwork.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.



Team Class
 1st- John Mota & Frank Banks
 2nd- Dan Egelhoff & Larry Klingburg
 3rd- Adam Gelbart & Chuck Maitre-----No Pic



Open Class
 1st- Frank Gaglinadi
 2nd- Randy Wilber



Advanced Class
 1st- Corey "Scale" Dail
 2nd- Paul Curley



Fun Scale
 1st- Jay Replogle--- No Pic
 2nd- David Sweeney





John Mota's Spitfire



Brad Osborne's Taylorcraft

Adam Gelbart's Spitfire



Corey "Scale" Dail's P-51 Mustang



Chuck Maitre's Waco



Paul Curley's P-47 Thunderbolt

Frank Bank's P-61 Black Widow



Dick Skoglund's Sopwith Pup



VF Potporri

Bob Smith - Treasurer

LA JETS event officials were reported as Benny Elkouby, Pat Ziliak, Ricc Bieber, Bob Adams, Mario Sweet, Jacques Toselli and Gregg Fullington.



If anyone worked the event and is not listed, please see me at the meeting, call me at 661-298-2614 or email me at flynbs@socal.rr.com.

The club extends a thank you to Bob Wilcox of JetCat USA for his donation of pilot plaques for this event.

The event netted \$1,709 - before expenses and \$705- from the food sales at the concession stand.

Some of the items purchased to date for the year end drawing include an Airtronics RDS8000 system, Horizon Saratoga .40 ARF, Great Planes Edge 540 EP, [Great Planes ElectriFly Triton2 DC Charger](#), [Hobbico Avistar 40 II ARF](#) and the [Great Planes 1/4 RV4 GP/EP ARF](#).

Thank you to those members that have supported our events so far this year and good luck in the November drawing!

REMINDER; The September Club BBQ is slated for the 27th. Meal selection and signups will be provided at the next two general meetings.

Please see me!

The CHECKING BALANCE was \$19,714 as of 7/31 and the PAY PAL BALANCE was \$2,320 as of 7/31.

Membership Report

Gary Stevens - Membership Director

Out of the Office.

I am writing this report as I sit in a Motel room in Muncie, Indiana. Having just come in from AMA headquarters and the IRCHA Jamboree. The Valley Flyers are currently at 271 members, not counting the memberships that have come in while on vacation.

I want to thank Ken, Robert, Danny and Desiree for helping me with the dinner on Saturday night at the Jet event. Cooking in the park for nearly 100 people is not an easy challenge and could not have been accomplished with out their help.

Speaking of events, as of the time we checked in at registration at IRCHA, there had been 910 registered pilots.

We have a long way to go to get that kind of registration at any one of our events but I am sure Jason will push for it.

It is off to bed as the pilots meeting is at 0830 in the morning.



George Finch's Model Collection To Be Sold at the Next General Meeting

George's family has been kind enough to donate his collection of models, engines, kits and more. Items will be offered for sale/donation at the next general meeting, this coming Tuesday. Dave Sweany has provided us with some photos of the items to give you some idea of what will be offered. Bring cash and come early!



Battery Safety

Gene Haban - Safety Officer

I found some information on the internet in regards to batteries which I would like to share with you guys this month.



Lithium Polymer, NiMh and NiCD-Cells & Packs

1. Never fast-charge any battery type unattended.
2. Never charge Li-Po cells/packs at any rate unattended.
3. Only charge Li-Po cells/packs with a charger designed specifically for lithium polymer

Chemistry. Example chargers include the Kokam USA, LIPO 402, LIPO 102 and LIPO 202; Bishop Power Products Apache S1215 and S1500; Great Planes Triton; Thunder Power Charger series; and Schulze chargers with lithium charging capability.

4. Li-Po cells can ignite because of unmatched cell capacity or voltage, cell damage, charger failure, incorrect charger settings and other factors.
5. Always use the correct charging voltage. Li-Po cells or battery packs may ignite if connected to a charger supplying more than the factory recommended charging current.
6. Always assure the charger is working properly.
7. Always charge Li-Po cells or battery packs where no harm can result, no matter what happens. We suggest a brick box or likeness. Have sand handy in a bucket for any need to extinguish any fire. NEVER use water on any cells or battery pack.
8. Never charge a cell/pack in a model. A hot pack may ignite wood, foam, plastic, etc.
9. Never charge a cell/pack inside a motor vehicle, or in a vehicle's engine compartment.
10. Never charge a cell/pack on a wooden workbench, or on any flammable material.
11. If a cell/pack is involved in a crash:
 - a. Remove the cell or battery pack from the model.
 - b. Carefully inspect the cell or battery pack for shorts in the wiring or connections. If in doubt, cut all wires (one at a time) from the cell or battery pack.
 - c. Disassemble the pack.

d. Inspect cells for dents, cracks and splits. Dispose of damaged cells (see below).

12. Dispose of cells or battery packs as follows:

a. Discharge: with the cell or battery pack in a safe area, connect a moderate resistance across the terminals until the cell or battery pack is discharged. CAUTION: the cell or battery pack may be hot!

b. Discard:

- NiMH: recycle at a recycling center such as Radio Shack

- NiCd: recycle (cadmium is toxic) at a recycling center such as Radio Shack

- Li-Po: puncture plastic envelope, immerse in salt water for several hours then dispose of at a recycling center such as Radio Shack

If you are at the field, I highly recommend disposal of these batteries at the Red Disposal Bin located by the sheds. I usually take these batteries to a local battery Recycling site every week or so.

13. Handle all cells or battery packs with care, as they can deliver high currents if shorted.

Shorting by a wedding ring, for example, can remove a finger.

14. Always store cells or battery packs in a secure location where they cannot be shorted or handled by children.

15. When constructing a pack, use only cells of the same capacity (mAh).

Li-Po's burn extremely hot. Steel melts @ approx. 2800 degrees.

Li-Po's burn @ over 2000 degrees.

Be safe!



Apollo XI Field Report

Here's some photos from Dave Sweany to show you Valley Flyers progress with field improvements, including installation of two new (used) sheds. One will be used to support the Helicopter Area and the other will provide safer storage for our powered field equipment, fuel, gasoline, etc.



VALLEY FLYERS

AUGUST 1974

NEWSLETTER

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Years
Ago*



Ron Clem lets fly



George Finch spinning a yarn



Biggest liar, John Elgin



Jay Replogle showing rare form

CLUB MEMBERS

BBO POTLUCK

SAFE FLY & SWAP MEET

PRODUCT CLINICS
AND GIVEAWAYS!

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT
> **SAFE FLY STARTS 8:30 AM**
FIELD OPEN TO ALL AMA CARD HOLDERS
> EVENT ENTRY FEE \$10.00
FREE TO CLUB MEMBERS

PILOTS MUST ABIDE BY POSTED AND WRITTEN VALLEY FLYERS RULES
SEE WWW.VALLEYFLYERS.COM FOR MORE INFO

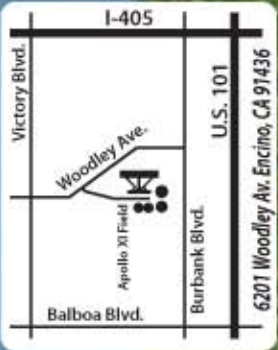
BBO POTLUCK STARTS AT 12:30 PM
> **BBQ FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY FLYERS**
AND ONE GUEST
> \$5.00 FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS
> **STEAK AND CHICKEN ON THE MENU**
> **EACH FAMILY PLEASE BRING ONE SIDE DISH**
YOU ARE WELCOME TO ADVISE US ON YOUR CHOICE OF MEAL IN ADVANCE
AT THE REGULAR MEETING OR BY EMAIL, flynbs@socal.rr.com



LOCATION: APOLLO XI FIELD

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

TO HELP WITH THE EVENT
AND FOR MORE INFO PLEASE
VISIT WWW.VALLEYFLYERS.COM
OR CONTACT: BOB SMITH CD
661-298-2614 FLYNBS@SOCAL.RR.COM





Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2009

Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!



Date	Club	Event
FEBRUARY		
22	SUN VF	Swap Meet & FREE VF Fun Fly
MARCH		
6 – 8	FRI – SUN VF	Aero Design West – Collegiate Weight Lifting Contest
15	SUN BSS	Electric Control-line Fun Fly
22	SUN VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In
APRIL		
3	FRI ½ Day	Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA
4 – 5	SAT & SUN VF	
19	SUN BSS	West Coast Racing Series All Electric Fun-Fly
MAY		
2	SAT VF	Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic
3	SUN VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 2 circles – Runway OPEN
23 – 24	SAT & SUN VF	LA JETS Spring 2009 - 2 Days
JUNE		
5	FRIDAY	Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly
6 – 7	SAT & SUN VF	
19	FRI ½ Day	Howard Reed Memorial Q40/Q500 / APRA/AMA Pylon Races <i>Western Championship</i>
20 – 21	SAT & SUN VF	
JULY		
5	SUN VFGSS	Giant Scale Fun Fly
12	SUN VF	Second Annual Warbird Race
24 – 26	FRI – SUN VF	LA JETS – Summer – 3 Days
28	TUE VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM
AUGUST		
7	FRI	Western States Scale AMA Scale, Expert, Sport & Fun
8 – 9	SAT & SUN VF	
8 – 9	SAT & SUN VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles
30	SUN VF	Swap Meet & FREE VF Fun Fry
SEPTEMBER		
13	SUN VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In
27	SUN VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ
OCTOBER		
3 – 4	SAT & SUN VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles – Runway OPENpen
9	FRIDAY	LA 3-D Helicopters
10 – 11	SAT & SUN VF	
25	SUN BSS	All Electric Fun Fly
NOVEMBER		
7	SAT VF	November Fun Fly & Night Fly
29	SUN VF	LA JETS – Fall – 1 Day
DECEMBER		
13	SUN VFGSS	Toys-for-Tots: Open to all sizes
<p>½ Day: Although the schedule states ½ day for the first day of a multi day event, the field may be closed before noon if a significant number of event participants are present and ready to fly. The exception to this is Pylon Racing in which the field will always be open for sport flying during the practice day morning.</p>		

2009 Schedule of Events

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Please bring a few extra dollars for refreshments and raffle tickets.



We have the Meeting Hall reserved until 9:30 PM on meeting nights so we have plenty of time for Show & Tell!

2009 Club Meeting Schedule

January	27th	July	28th Field Nite Fly
February	24th	August	25th
March	24th	September	22nd
April	28th	October	27th
May	26th	November	24th Raffle
June	23rd	December	Party !

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month.

2009 Schedule			
January	8th	July	2nd
February	5th	August	6th
March	5th	September	3rd
April	2nd	October	1st
May	7th	November	5th
June	4th	December	3rd



SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

eHobbies.com Brian Carlevato	14325 Alondra Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638 Valley Flyers Online discount will be deducted in the shopping cart by using link from the Valley Flyers website.	(877) eHobbies (346-2243)
Evett's Model Shop Colby Evett	1636 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90405 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 11-5:30); (Sun 10-1)	(310) 452-2720
eHobby House	17721 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA	(818) 609-1968
Hobby Lobby Tony and Addie	3512 W. Victory Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505 (Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-6:30); (Mon & Sun Closed)	(818) 842-5062
Hobby People Chris	5541 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	(818) 995-1162
Hobby Zone Edwin	1617A Victory Blvd., Glendale Ca 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 1-5)	(818) 546-2291
Marty's Hobbies Marty Friedman	1728 Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10-8); (Fri 10-9); (Sat 10-6); (Sun 10-5)	(805) 497-3664
Robin's Hobby Robin Hambley	1844 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 12-4)	(818) 240-2093
Smith Brothers David	8941 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 10-7); (Sun 10-5)	(818) 885-8636
TdL Model Systems Tony di Leo	CNC Foam Cutting by Appointment www.TdLModels.com	(818) 652-9366