



# THE VALLEY FLYER



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS NEWSLETTER CLUB 152



**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**We are heading into the last quarter of 2026, which means it's time for elections. All**

**Board positions are open for this election. You must be a current member to make or accept a nomination. Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 24th at a place and time to be determined. We are also considering a vote via email. Once the particulars are in place, I will be emailing instructions to current members on how to nominate a person to the Board.**

**It's also time to consider your 2027 membership. We are offering a special for current**

**members. If you renew for 2027 at the Halloween Spooktacular Fun Fly, the LA3D Helicopter event or the Toys for Tots event, you can renew for \$35, instead of the regular**

**price of \$45. Also, if you are not a current member, If you sign up in 2026, you will receive membership for the rest of 2026 and for the whole of 2027.**

**We are also starting to plan next year's events. The SAE Aero Design West event will be**

**returning in April, and we are in discussions with California State University Los Angeles**

**to bring a second international Collegiate event in June. If you have any other suggestions for events, please send me an email at [president@valleyflyers.com](mailto:president@valleyflyers.com).**

**Now go and have some Pumpkin Pie**

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



**Hi Everyone,**

**Hope everyone is doing good. Hope all airplanes are in tack and not in flames. I really miss coming to the field and talking with you all. Hope you all have a Happy Halloween.**

**The Site Improvement Grant is starting October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline February 1<sup>st</sup>. Will talk to the board for project that we are submitting. Will let everyone know. I feel confident if we submit Phase 1 of the solar project or the heli area we should get some money.**

**That's all for now see ya soon**

**Lori Power**

**Newsletter Editor/ Grant Writer**

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# **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

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## 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.

# THANK YOU NOW JOIN Needed



***ALL BOARD POSITIONS ARE UP FOR THE TAKING. NOMINATIONS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR AN EMAIL ON HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU FEEL WILL DO A GOOD JOB OR NOMINATE YOURSELF. ADVOCATE FOR YOUR HOBBY!***

## **President**

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation in conjunction with the other members of the Board. All members of the Board shall have one vote, of equal magnitude, on any issue concerning the club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board; he may appoint any committee to serve the Corporation as needed. The President shall coordinate activities with the Department of Recreation and Parks and will attend or assign members to attend the monthly Department of Recreation and Parks User meetings. 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.

## **FIELD MANAGER**

**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.**

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**The editor will be in charge of the monthly newsletter, which shall be issued to the members. The editor also helps in anyway they can, at events they take pictures for the newsletter, get meeting minutes for the newsletter, from the Secretary. Post all donations and events.**

## **HOSPITALITY CHAIR**

- **Refreshments and snacks for the events and meetings;**
- **Coordinates concession stands at club fiels events**

**Monies for purchases shall be requested from the Treasurer. Profits from the events shall be remitted to the Treasurer. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.**

## **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

**This positio0n will provide support, upon request, to the field manager and Electric Director. Maintains the charging stations at Apollo XI & Glendale fields along with the radio links that keep them reporting weather and voltage conditions to the internet and website. Assist in the maintenance of the camera security systems at both fields. Report anything that might be interesting to the Newsletter Editor, PLEASE!**

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

**In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all of the powers of and be subjected to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President of the Board. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.**

## **TREASURER**

*The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit such monies in the name of the Corporation in a federally insured bank account; and in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties assigned to him by the president or by the Board. The Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring the Federal and State taxes are filed on an annual basis.*

## **EVENT DIRECTOR**

*Shall participate in event scheduling and obtaining Contest Directors for events. Shall work with Contest Directors on their event to ensure proper sanctions and permits are in place, necessary event officials have been contacted, necessary equipment is available, and advertising is done. Shall attempt to coordinate event schedule with other clubs and districts. Shall generally oversee all events. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.*

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

*Prepares and presents programs of education or instruction for monthly membership meetings. Secure venue for meetings. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.*

## **Safety Officer**

*Reviews field safety regulations with Field Manager and the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks. Develops and monitors field safety activities. Helps to enforce safety at the field. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.*

## *Flight Training Coordinator*

Coordinates the training of new pilots. Works with the flight instructors and student(s) to arrange times for training sessions. Inspects new student's aircraft and flight equipment. Advises student(s) on the purchase of equipment. Briefs new student(s) on safety rules and protocol at the field. Works with the Membership Chairperson to use the training program for club recruitment. The Flight Training Coordinator is also trustee of the club's training aircraft(s) and equipment. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

## *Membership Chairperson*

Collects and remits dues to the Treasurer. Issues membership packets (packets to include: copy of the bylaws, club rules, field rules, Board Member contact list, printed logos and information about each of the clubs represented by the corporation, membership cards, and the current Newsletter) to old and new members. Prepares a roster, at least twice a year, of active members for publication in newsletter. Prepares annual lists for the Academy of Model Aeronautics in cooperation with the Secretary. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

## *Helicopter Director*

Shall be responsible for communication between the helicopter 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 respective designated flight areas. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

## ***Turbine Director***

**Shall be responsible for communication between the Turbine Aircraft pilots and the club. Coordinate activities with the Event Director. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.**

## ***Scale Director***

**Shall be responsible for communication between the giant scale pilots and the club with respect to Giant Scale Squadron. Coordinates with any national scale event holders such as the US Scale Masters Qualifier. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.**

## ***Electric Flight Director***

**Shall be responsible for communication between the Electric Aircraft pilots and the club. Shall be responsible for reporting to the Board necessary improvements and working with the Field Manager to maintain their respective designated flight areas. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.**

## ***Media Director***

**Shall be in charge of media with respect to the club activities. This includes design of graphics, video, event flyers, and other publications. The Media Director is the artistic sight and sound of the club. Maintain the club photographic and video data and archives. May guide the design and layout of graphic artwork for such publications as, but not limited to, membership cards, event badges, digital marketing campaigns, flyers, and the web site. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.**

## ***Webmaster***

Responsible for maintaining and updating the online web site at valleyflyers.com and its corresponding URLs. Maintain current links on the web site, update information in a timely manner, and maintain an active list of "Meta Tags" of relevant search data to make finding our web site and various pages more probable from web searches. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

## ***Multi-Rotor / Drone Director***

Shall be responsible as a liaison between the Helicopter and Drone Director for the club. Make reports for the newsletter. Initiate and manage Drone flying events at Apollo XI, Glendale, or other fields and locations endorsed by the Valley Flyers. Shall be responsible for reporting to the Board necessary improvements and working with the Field Manager to maintain their respective designated flight areas.

## ***Technology Director***

This position will provide support, upon request, to the Field Manager and Electric Director. Maintains the charging stations at Apollo XI and Glendale fields along with the radio links that keep them reporting weather and voltage conditions to the internet and website. Assist in the maintenance of the camera security systems at both fields.

## **Glendale Field Marshal**

Acts as Field Safety Director for the Glendale field and can represent the San Fernando Valley RC Club's President, when approved by that office, in any Glendale business discussions and decisions. Also acts as a liaison with the Membership Director as it relates to a member's attempt to either renew or become a Glendale member. Will coordinate field maintenance activities and solicit Glendale member volunteers and the Apollo XI Field Manager to perform or manage field maintenance tasks. When possible, make reports for the newsletter.

# CLUB CLEAN UP DAYS

Make a positive impact! Volunteer for Clean-Up Day and keep our field beautiful. Bring your gloves and we provide the tools. Come for 1 hour or stay the whole time.

**The Third Friday of Each Month**  
**8 am to 11 am**

Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15,  
Jun. 19, Jul. 17, Aug. 21, Sep. 18,  
Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 18



# Now Open!

Federico Arzilli our trainer, he can be reached by text at 818-395-6331



**To All Students:**  
"Before your flight, take a deep breath and focus. Try to forget about your emotions. Flying is not about emotions. Flying is about control. Predict and think before executing the next maneuver. You are in control."

## Let Training Begin!



# TRY & FLY EVENT



Tony & Federico with the winners of the  
TRY & FLY

# TRY & FLY





## 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

## Our 2026 June Membership report

Abrahamson, Cody  
Aghakian, Vahag  
Aguila, Tena "Homme"  
Aguila, Tony  
Alajajyan, Haruoutyun  
Alderman, Declan  
Anorga, Cesar  
Antonenko, Roman  
Arbiv, Moshe  
Arzilli, Frederico  
Ausley, Iran

Barrett, David Allen  
Belittary, Russell  
Billick, Donald M.  
Brammer, Jim  
Broadnax, Max  
Brough, Ted  
Brown, Winston  
Bundy, Mike  
Bunker, Culley

Callas, Mike  
Caplan, Shiloh  
Carlos, Christopher  
Carmon, Nimrod  
Carriker, David  
Casiano Olaes, Reginald  
Cell, FrankChapman,  
Gordon  
Choi, Hui  
Clark, Mitchell  
Cohen, Michael  
Conerly, James M.  
Costello, Thomas  
Craddock, Ronald  
Cricca, Johnny

Dail, Corey  
Danny, Steven  
DeBaise, Andrea  
Derhacopian, Ron  
Dessertenne, Thierry  
Donovan, Marc  
Dougherty, George  
Dunn, Dennis  
Durnbaugh, Douglas

Edwards, Craig  
Elkouby, Binyamin  
  
Farrar, Bruce  
Farrar, Jason  
Finkelstein, Benji  
Fitz, Maurice Michael  
Flynn, Travis  
Fullington, Gregg

Galluci, Felix  
Gamboa, Alfredo H. Jr  
Garcia Carro, Lauren  
Garcia, Donald  
Garrison, Steve  
Garske, Russell  
Ghassemian, Hovik  
Gochman, Asher  
Gochman, Mark  
Goeshel, Donald  
Gol, Hooman  
Goldberg, Brian  
Gonzalez, Dylan  
Gonzalez, Francisco  
Goren, Isaac  
Greenslit, Connor  
Gregorians, areg  
Guerrant, Phillip  
Gunderman, Michael  
Guzman, Roseller

Haarmann, Carl  
Hadjoannou, Odysseus  
Hagins, Steve  
Hairapetian, Albert  
Hairapatian, Raymond  
Hall, Leonard  
Hambley, Robin  
Hannibal, Wade  
Harosh, Ran  
Harper, Michael  
Helmick, Mark H.  
Herman, Jeffrey  
Hernandez, Andres  
Hession, Paul

Holmes, Zokai  
Horvath, David  
Hostetler, Ray  
Hosticka, Grant  
Hull, Don  
Huttoen, Brian  
Hutten, Jaxon  
Hyatt, Jacob  
Jocabson, Gregg  
Johnson, Steven  
Jones, Garland

Kareyan, Gevorg  
Kern, Kai  
Kline, Adam  
Knight, Ronald E.  
Kreitenberg, Harvey  
Kriwshtall, Vladimir  
Kurtz, Brandon

Lack, Tom  
Lamb, D. Gerard  
Lamb, Terry  
Laulom, Lawrence  
Lee, Steve  
Lee, Victor  
Leija, Eduardo  
Lerner, Michael  
Levin, Jonathan  
Lilley, Leo  
Lipsey, Joseph  
Lockhart, James  
Lopez, Abilio

Magbauna, Bert B.  
Mansfield, Jason  
Mashian, Faramarz lassac  
Mawer, Rob  
McLaughlin, Andrew  
Melnyk, Milan  
Meresman, Lawrence  
Miller, Brian  
Miller, Frank  
Miller, Jack  
Miller, Mark Steven  
Morrow, Jeffrey

Murcia, Derek  
Myers, Michael Justin

Narens, Joseph  
Neill, Steven M.  
Nelson, Richard  
Nemit, Jeffrey T.  
Nguyen, Giau

Ohmn-Drayden, Elijah  
Oliveros, Juan Carlos  
Orlow, Eric

Pakfar, Jason  
Parker, Jon  
Parker, Paul  
Patrick, Andrew  
Perevalov, Anton  
Pinder, Rich  
Polan, Leonard  
Port, Alex  
Power, Lori  
Pruett, Henry

Ramos, Scott  
Rhoades, Charles  
Rhoads, Jeff  
Rice, Robert  
Roberts, Mel  
Roe, Glenn  
Rollins, Patrick M.  
Rosen, Ralph  
Rosenthal, George  
Russell, Chad  
Russell, Ron

Sallave, Maurice  
Sanducu, Alexander  
Sarabia, Phillip  
Schatz, William  
Schmid, Jahan  
Sedighi, Ryan  
Seidler, Bernie  
Shafer, Randy  
Shahbazian, Amir  
Shainsky, Robert  
Shamulus, Victor  
Shmuel, Liam  
Shuster, Ronald

Shvartz, Nir  
Silver, Chris

## Members 221

Silver, Chris  
Singh, Vikram  
Sitts, Michael  
Skrinska, Ray  
Smith, Lee C.  
Soghomonian, Garo  
Sonheim, Richard  
Sonnentag, Clifford  
Soufer, David  
Stoner, Mike  
Sutter, Mark  
Sweet, Mario

Tanner, Linden  
Taylor, Rodney S.  
Taylor-Hawkins, Todd  
Temesvary, Bela  
Thompson, Chuck  
Thorburn, Michael  
Toro, Francisco  
Torres, Luis  
Toruno, Bernardo, A.  
Turner, Ken

Valiensi, James  
Vasilyev, Andrey  
Veres, Stephen  
Villorante, Renato

Wardewell, Robert  
Whitla, Guy  
Williams, Gerrick  
Williams, Richard  
Wolf, Bert  
Wright, Ken

Yamamoto, David  
Yau, Alistar Jin  
Young-Ramos, Celeste

Zadourian, Serjik  
Zagnoli, David  
Zagnoli, Peter  
Zhang, Han  
Ziliak, Daniel



**September Membership Stats**

There are currently 220 active club members. Through September 25th. we had 6 first time memberships started. Membership enrollment has been increasing due to the events we have been having.

**Welcome First Time Members**

|                  |               |                 |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Mike Stockton.   | Austin Roehm  | Ronaldo Boubion |
| Steven Gustafson | Ethan Allock. | Joel Weinberg   |
|                  |               |                 |

**2026 Membership Cards**

All members who renewed online through September 25, 2026 have been processed and cards have been shipped. If you have applied in 2026 and not received your card please email [membership@valleyflyers.com](mailto:membership@valleyflyers.com) or text Celeste at 818-300-3098. You may have a pending issue with AMA membership.

**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 to \$45 for the Apollo XI field and to \$75 for the Apollo XI + Glendale Field. Youth prices will be \$10 for Apollo XI field and \$35 for Apollo XI +Glendale Field

**NEW Glendale Members**

If you have enrolled or renewed for use of the Glendale field, you will be receiving an email from EnterpriseMasterVault.com 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 12/31/2026. 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 please contact me at [membership@valleyflyers.com](mailto:membership@valleyflyers.com) or direct them to sign up online at <https://valleyflyers.com/membership-apollo-xi.html>. We need people who can assist with photography or videoing events for social media.

## 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 with other avid RC flyers and builders. Only active members who register for the event will be able to fly that day, they usually run from 9 am to 4 pm.

You can check out the upcoming events calendar at this link: <https://www.valleyflyers.com/menu1/column1/listing2>

## New Flyers Needing Instruction

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

He will be at the Apollo XI Field every other Sunday of each month from 10 am to 2 pm. You will find him near the containers. Please text him prior to reserve your space. He will organize group flying lessons with you and other new flyers.

Come practice on our flight simulator and check out our training planes during this time.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Birthdays



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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Tena Homme</b>       | <b>D. Gerard Lamb</b>      |
| <b>Donald Billick</b>   | <b>Victor Lee</b>          |
| <b>Clark Mitchell</b>   | <b>Lawrence Meresman</b>   |
| <b>Binyamin Elkouby</b> | <b>Elijah Ohmn-Drayden</b> |
| <b>Issac Goren</b>      | <b>Rich Pinder</b>         |
| <b>Philip Guerrant</b>  | <b>Patrick Rollins</b>     |
| <b>Robin Hambley.</b>   | <b>Vikram Singh</b>        |

**Brian Hutten, Garo Saghomonian, Jacob Hyatt**

**Brandon Kurtz, David Zagnoli**

Hope to meet you all on the field soon. 😊

# SAFETY MESSAGE

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](mailto: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.**

# MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2026, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Attendees: Scott Ramos, Mario Sweet, Lori Power, Brian Miller

## Announcements and Discussions

New Digital Media Director: Scott announced Brian Miller has volunteered to take over the position. He is being onboarded to email and doing a scope of the current media channels we have and will get the credentials.

Interaction with Recs and Park Dept.: The City for the 3rd year in a row has new people in risk management. They have requested a lot of addition information for insurance. Note: For members insurance, AMA insurance kicks in after homeowners, if you have a policy. It covers property and injury liability for incidents involving club activities. We pull permits from the city to close the field for our AMA sanctioned events. .

### Glendale Fire Marshall Inspection

Bert Magbanua has been interfacing with the Glendale Fire Marshall. They scheduled an inspection of the field for brush clearance August 31<sup>st</sup>. Scott and Bert did a lot of work on clearing. The inspection went well. They asked us to work on one area, get a certain type of fire extinguisher, and the Fire Marshall is going to contact the City of Glendale to do some of the clearing under their department.

### Passing of Members and Donations:

Gil Gfelner- His estate made a very large donation of planes. Scott, Glenn, and Mario went and collected the items and will arrange them for sale at the Swap Meets and at Smith Brothers Hobby Shop.

Jeff "RC Tray Man"- Sandler – They donated parts. There's a whole bunch of parts back there that can be built into kits. We agreed to sell the items and return 25% of the sales back to her.

### Training Simulators:

We are increasing the number of simulators in the training center and training planes. We've purchased a new computer and Tony will be responsible for the purchase and installation.

### LA Jets

The event was scheduled to be Saturday, September 26th since January. The Contest Director that he cannot lead it on that day. There was discussion whether to cancel the event. Mario Sweet volunteered to be the Contest Director so the event will be held.

# MEETING MINUTES

## **Membership:**

Since the last meeting there have been 7 new members joining and 4 renewals at the last field event. We currently have 214 active members and if a person joins now, they get September through December for free and that will cover them until December 31, 2027. They will receive a 2026 card and then the 2027 cards will be mailed out in January. New membership card designs need to be created so that Celeste can just send out one card instead of two.

## **Treasury Report:**

**Club account: \$3,062.94.**

**Foundation, \$8,774.40.**

In terms of further expenses for the year, an alarm system is being installed on the top of the containers to notify if anyone tampers with the solar panels. It will alert board members and the police department for immediate dispatch. The project has been designed and installed by Scott, Glenn, and Tony.

We're in the process, oh, this is the other thing that Glenn, Tony and I have been working on, is we're in the process of putting together an alarm system for the solar panels.

## **Valley Flyers Board Elections:**

They will be held in November. We need to start advertising. They are 2-year positions. It is done through nomination process so if you are interested in holding a position, please have a member nominate you. Positions will be announced in the newsletter. There was discussion about some of the board members not attending meetings or following through on their responsibilities and how that could be managed in the future.

## **Large Scale Field Events:**

**The SAE will be returning to 2027 in 2028 in April.**

**Cal State University Los Angeles is looking to hold an event in June 2028.**

**These are both international collegiate events.**

## **El Nino Discussion:**

We need to start planning what to do with equipment and supplies in the event of flooding since the basin floods and we have had a lot of damage before.

Many items have been installed on high tables and all electrical has been wired from the top of the containers.

# MINUTES

## **Paver Project:**

This will connect the non-cemented areas at the charging station to the main field and the park flyer area. A proposal has been sent to Recs and Parks. It will probably not start until 2027. It will cover 1800 square feet. We have the funding and the plan in place. There was discussion of having member names on placques for donations of \$250.

## **Reed Packard Annual Award:**

This is given out once a year to members who have done an exceptional contribution to the club. Reed Packard was a previous member who participate in many events particularly in marketing the club.

## **Willie Gardner Award:**

Annual award. He did a huge amount of work down at the airfield doing building items. And, you know, like the park Flyers area, he, Mario, Bert, and Dave Sweeney were the principles behind that. He rebuilt tables. Lists of the past recipients are on the website. There was discussion on who the nominations would be for this year

## **Runway Slurry Project:**

Scott is approaching Recs and Parks to do a slurry coat of the runway. We will start working on removing the weeds and filling the cracks.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.**

# 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](http://valleyflyers.com) for more information.**

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