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**The Next Valley Flyers Club Meeting,
is Tuesday, May 23th
at the Encino Community Center**

As a result, we have been asked to hold a club race and a Western Racing Series Event, that were to be held at Whittier. Right now the plan is for the San Gabriel club to furnish workers, we furnish food, equipment and skilled workers, and we share the profits. The races will be held on the same dates as scheduled, but at the Basin instead of Whittier. More to come as the details get worked out.

Board Member Letters

President's Message

By George Finch, President

The Valley Flyers Club has been selected from the Encino Community Center as an outstanding community group because of our continuous contributions to the city of Los Angeles and its programs. We have been invited to participate in the 24th Annual Salute to Recreation Family Festival located at Northridge Park on June 2-4, 2006, and will receive honors Saturday at 1:00PM. Dave Sweany will represent us as it is the same day as one of the SAE Weight Lifting Event days.



Please plan ahead as the students will start arriving Thursday, June 1st for the SAE Event. We are furnishing pilots for those teams lacking them. We need safety inspectors, as well as judges, Safety marshals, transmitter impound workers, refueling workers, and set up and take down crews, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There will be a signup list at the May General Meeting, so E-Mail me if you can help out and will not be at the meeting.

Signups to help at our premier Racing Event, the Howard Reed Memorial the 23rd and 24th of June will also occur at the May meeting.

Although, I have not gotten the Official notification from the AMA, apparently, we presented the best (and only) bid to hold the FAI F3D Team Trials so set aside the 4th, 5th and 6th of August to observe or help out. The FAI race course is about 37 ft shorter and 37 ft wider, so Dave Hendrex has volunteered to lay out the FAI Course, complete with permanent pylon pads. We are going to need a couple of extra eyes in setting up the course to make sure no errors occur.

Don't forget that we have some night flies coming up, so get your lit floater built and tested. Mine has 24 red, 24 green, 20 yellow, and 12 white ultrabrite LEDs plus 1 watt assemblies for wing tips and the tail end. The Senior Kadet's wing came from a take anything in this mess free bone pile and the ultra brites are covered with clear Monocote. The plane has three separate LiPo 3 cell batteries so if one string fails, the other lights will provide backup.

- George

PS: I just got the word that the combination of a discussion with the LA Sheriff Helicopter (who landed to have a discussion with a high flying IMAC plane pilot) and some ill thought out arguments with the Park Supervisor has resulted in all events at Whittier Narrows being canceled for the rest of the year.

Rotors & Motors

By Mitch Kahn, Helicopter Director

This may well be the shortest tenure of anyone's position so far. After a scant several months, I am leaving this column in someone else's hands. I was very happy to help out, but it was never my intention to fill this position for long. I am glad to be a part of the Valley Flyers, but I am also glad that someone else is stepping up to the plate. As before, I will be at the Field flying and coming to the meetings when I can make it, but Eric Pacheco will now act as the liaison for the helicopter pilots and helicopter issues for the Club.



Eric has been involved with modeling for many years, and last year he worked very hard setting up and running our Labor Day 3-D Heli "Classic". He is currently working on this year's event and he is doing so with large amounts of enthusiasm.

I want to let everyone know how much I enjoy this hobby and how positive I feel my association with the Valley Flyers continues to be. Thank you.
Regards,
Mitch Kahn

Membership Memo

By Don Lloyd, Membership Director

Well, Valley Flyer Membership renewals continue to trickle in! As of this writing, we have 105 members that have either joined as new members or have renewed their membership. The club is grateful to those whose efforts continue to support our fine organization.

There are 63 former members on our roster who have valid 2006 AMA Membership Cards, but have not renewed their Valley Flyer Membership for 2006. I would like to enlist your help as members to ask your flying friends if they have renewed their membership yet. If they have not renewed, please encourage them to do so now. And also, if they are not attending our monthly meetings please invite them to the next meeting. Our new Program Director, David Tarlau is working very hard to set up interesting topics and presentations for your enjoyment. Your efforts to support our club are greatly appreciated!

Thank you in advance!
Don Lloyd

Valley Flyers Meetings

Minutes

General Meeting Minutes

4/25/06

By Bob Wiikari, Secretary

Meeting was brought to order by George Finch at: 7:30PM.

- George asked Don Lloyd about the PTS Trainer Mustang, Don advised that the Mustang is ready to fly. Don will see to it that it gets in the hands of a person who can train with it on the weekends.
- Barry Leavengood spoke about the recent Pylon Race at the field; it looks like we made about \$1700.00 in profit from the race. Barry thanked all the workers that helped run the race. Our club exists due to these events and any help that we can get at any of these events would be greatly appreciated.
- Eric Pacheco spoke about the upcoming Helicopter event. He mentioned that the event will be on Labor Day weekend and possibly be held for three days. If you can help out at this event please let him know.
- George mentioned that there is a unit available that can tell you what your max altitude was on your last flight (accurate to within a foot!) George mentioned that it would make a great event to try to fly as close to the 400ft limit as possible without exceeding it!
- Mike Kommell from Common Sense RC gave us a presentation on Lithium Polymer batteries. Mike explained "C" ratings and charging and balancing procedures. Great presentation Mike! Thanks.
- Travis Flynn brought in his electric F5D Pylon racer for show and tell. He says the batteries are good for one flight, after that they can be used for practice. Very interesting stuff Travis, Good luck at the championships!
- Meeting was adjourned by George Finch at: 9:27PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

5/2/06

Present at meeting were: Chuck Gould, Bob Wiikari, David Tarlau, Bob Tarlau, Chuck Thompson, Fred Abajo, Don Lloyd, Dave Hendrex, Jason Pakfar, George Finch, Stephen Fine and Dave Sweaney.

Absent were: Mike Lipsey, Patrick Ashour and Eric Pacheco.

Items discussed:

- Meeting was brought to order by George Finch at: 7:30PM.
- We have been approved to hold the FAI Team Trials.
- George mentioned that the latest issue of Model Aviation has an ad in it for a device that measures altitude (accurate to within 1 foot) and costs about \$40.00. It was unanimously voted on to invest in one for the club to use.
- The next event is the Jet Rally on May 22-23rd.
- Dave Hendrex mentioned that all the sanctions are in for the rest of the year.
- For the SAE contest, the airplanes need to take off in 200 feet. Some ideas were brought up to help mark this distance; one idea was to use a chalk line so that if an airplane crosses that line you will see a puff of chalk. Another idea was to use a camera system.
- Stephen Fine mentioned that he would have a safety article ready for the next newsletter.
- Chuck Thompson got some prices together to make shirts and hats that contain the Valley Flyers logo. It was unanimously voted on to set aside \$1000.00.

- Dave Tarlau has setup a program for our next general meeting that will talk about spread spectrum technology.
- Chuck Gould brought up an idea to have a web cam permanently at the field. Jason will supply the camera and Chuck Gould will do research on running the system.
- Dave Sweaney mentioned that he got tired of looking at the sheds at the field so he (with the help of Willie Gardner) applied a fresh coat of blue paint. Dave also installed a fully self-contained battery setup in the sheds to use for charging and lights. Excellent work Dave, Thanks!
- Meeting was adjourned by George Finch at 9:00PM.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

The Program Column

By David Tarlau, Program Director

Well, we are going from one somewhat new technology to the next. This month's program is about spread spectrum radios, mainly, the one currently produced by Spektrum. Matt will be presenting his thoughts and knowledge about this. I hope this program will help demystify this technology, its pros and cons, as well as what are the usable application for this frequency. Also, I would like to thank every for their comments about last months program, and I hope you enjoy the programs to come just the same, if not, so even more.

Video Vic Sez: It's not too soon to start planning to attend the Holiday party: Dec 2, 2006

Classifieds

Contest Directors Needed

If you have been a member of the AMA for at least three years, you to can be a **Contest Director**. Advantages: You can get a four or less digit AMA number. You can get a portion of your AMA dues free.

E-mail George Finch for further instructions.

To run an ad in the Valley Flyer Classifieds please submit your ad via e-mail to Fred Abajo <fabajo@adelphia.net>. Ads must be submitted before the first Tuesday of the month.

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What You Missed If You Missed The April Meeting (Photos by Bob Wiilkari)



Figure 1 Bruce and his very fun electric



Figure 2 Dave Sweany shows the new electronics Power Panel



Figure 3 Some of the very cool raffle prizes

Safety Views

Special by George Finch

Guy Lang was breaking in a sport motor on an engine stand and standing generally to the front when the whole thing came loose. The gauze, stitched to the end of his nose was to cover the hole made by the missing nose tip. Just another reason to stay as far as possible from a rotating prop and in a direction that avoids possible paths. Note that Guy does not have any part of a smile on what is left of his face. Actually, Guy thanks to his plastic surgeon, is doing fine.



Figure 4 Guy




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DATE	DAY	CLUB	CONTEST	CDs	PLACE
FEBRUARY					
11	SAT	VF	Numb Thumb Fun Fly/Night Fly	Jason Paklar	Basin
12					
19		VF	T-6, SloQuickie, Trainer, AirCruiser	George Finch	Basin
MARCH					
5		BSS	Electric C/L	T. Nacardo	
19		GSS	Giant Scale Fly-In	Marv Zaus	
APRIL					
1		VF	LA Jets	Bob Wilcox	
15		VF	Pizza Fun Fly and Hobby People Clinic		
21			Q40/Q500/APR/AMA	George Finch	
22			Pylon Races		
23			West Coast Racing Series		
MAY					
7		VCB	C/L Stunt Clinic – 5 Circles		
20		VF	Southern California 2 Days of Jets	Jason Pakfar	
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JUNE					
2 + 3 + 4	Fri + Sat +Su	VF	SAE Engineering Contest	George Finch	
11		GSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Dave Hendrex	
23	Fri	VF	Howard Reed Memorial	Barry Leavengood	
24	Sat		Q40/Q500/APRA/AMA Pylon Races		
			West Coast Series		
JULY					
8		BBS	Two Day All Electric Fun Fly U-Control	T. Nacardo	
9			And R/C		
23	Sun	VF	T-6, SloQuickie, Trainer < AirCruiser		
25	Tue	VF	VF Fun Fly Meeting and Night Fly	Jason Pakfar	
AUGUST					
3	Thu	VF	FAI F3D Team Trials	George Finch	
12					
13	Sun	VCB	Carrier/P-40 Contest - 5 Circles		
20	Sun		VF, GSS,BSS & AMA Scale, Expert, Sport & Fun		
SEPTEMBER					
1	Fri		Labor Day Weekend VF Helicopter	Christian Stoehr	
2	Sat		Including all U-Control Circles	Eric Pacheco	
29+30	* Fri+Sat	SG+VF	Quickie/Q-40 (formally Whittier)	TBA	
OCTOBER					
1	Sun	SG+VF	Quickie/Q-40 (formally Whittier)	TBA	
7	Sat	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circle	J. Silver	
15	Sun	GSS	Giant Scale BBQ		
15	* Sun	SG	T-6, Trainer, Air Cruiser, SloQuicky	TBA	
29	Sun	VF	BBQ Fun Fly	Bob Smith	
NOVEMBER					
11	* Sat	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly	T. Nacarado	
11	Sat	VF	4PM to 11PM Night Flight	Jason Pakfar	
DECEMBER					
10	Sun	GSS	Toys For Tots	Darrel Martin	
The Above Schedule is Subject To Change					
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Updates. Thank You.					

2006 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!***

2006 Club Meeting Schedule

January	24 th	July	25 th
February	28 th	August	22 nd
March	28 th	September	26 th
April	25 th	October	24 th
May	23 rd	November	28 th
June (ROG)	27 th	December	Party

Board Meetings

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

2006 Schedule

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

Notice of Meetings for the Sepulveda Basin Users

To confirm schedule date & time:
(818) 756-8189
Quarterly Meetings are the following dates:

January 11	7 PM
April 12	7 PM
July 12	7 PM
October 11	7 PM

The meetings give the club a voice to the City Recreation and Parks for our flying field. For more information on attending a meeting, see any of the Valley Flyers Board members.

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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
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