



The Valley Flyer



AMA Charter Club #152 Celebrating 61 years

August 2011



Mike Lipsey
Newsletter Editor

Did you miss it? Last weekend's Community Workshop on the Sepulveda Dam is what I am referring to. It seems we always get these notices a bit on the late side. I am not sure why but I wish they would publish a schedule in advance of these meetings so that we could organize a bit better.

Still, the meeting happened and we had folks in attendance. I have done a brief review of the plan documents and while I am concerned about a few things—they are probably just my risk-averse nature. Here is a link to the **documents on the Army Corps of Engineer's web site:**

<ftp://ftp.usace.army.mil/pub/spl/masterplans/Sepulveda%20Dam%20Master%20Plan/>

Now, please review this for yourself as it does concern you and everyone else who flies at our field. Here are my notes:

On page 6-10 of the Plan the Valley Flyers are mentioned: "Model Airplane Field There is a very strong, active and vocal user group that self-polices its activities and helps maintain the site."

Additionally, "There is a potential fire risk to surrounding areas, especially the wildlife area which is being recommended for an Environmentally Sensitive land use classification." I'm not sure which area is being referenced here. Is it the area between Woodley and the Run-

ways that is currently shown in the plan documents as 'Vegetative Management' or is it the area on the other side of Woodley which is marked 'Environmentally Sensitive'?

Based on paragraph 6.2.6 on page 6-10 I believe they mean the area on the other side of Woodley:

6.2.6 Multiple Resource Management - Vegetative Management

A total of 338.7 acres is recommended for classification as Vegetative Management. The vegetative management classification is less restrictive than the Environmentally Sensitive land use classification, but recognized as having environmental value for the vegetation provided. These areas may include non-native plants and/or be subject to disturbance from time to time. Because of the proximity to the model airplane field, the area between Woodley Creek and Woodley Avenue is subject to trampling when fliers retrieve downed planes and may burn if a plane crashes and catches on fire. The area directly upstream of the Dam may need to have vegetation or debris removed in order to maintain flood risk management capacity when flood waters bring debris or vegetation down to the front of the trash racks. The areas recommended for this land use classification and shown on Map 23 are:

The area adjacent to the model airplane field roughly bounded by Woodley Creek to the north and west, Woodley Avenue to the east, and the Los Angeles River and Burbank Boulevard to the south.

The area upstream of the Dam and bounded to the north by Burbank Boulevard, and to the east by the Los Angeles River.

The area surrounding the Bull Creek Restoration.

A buffer zone around the Los Angeles River and its tributaries in the Basin: Bull Creek, Hayvenhurst Channel, Woodley Creek, Haskell Creek, and Encino Creek.

With that in mind we bear little risk in our current boundaries being compromised. Still, there are mentions of possible safety implications regarding the operation of the field. In Table 6-2 on page 6-14 there are 'Recommended Actions for Improvement and Management Throughout Basin' and this is one of the 'Recommended Immediate

Measures' - under 'Implementing Safety Measures' they recommend: 'Investigate options for increasing safety within the model airplane field.' Whatever that means...

Earlier in the document the basin is described, in that description is a blurb on the flying field. It is not mentioned by its name nor is the Valley Flyers:

Model Airplane Field: The Model Airplane Field is located at the confluence of Woodley Creek and the Los Angeles River. The field occupies approximately 15 acres and includes an open graded field for radio controlled and tethered model airplanes. The field has a parking lot and restroom amenities. The field was developed by the City. The restrooms were developed jointly by the Corps and the City.

There is also a table describing some of the features (Table 4.1) and their condition:

"There is a small workshop shelter, paved airplane runways, bleachers, and picnic tables. Plane noise can be heard at Balboa Lake." The condition is noted as 'Good' but I also note that 'plane noise' is also a condition...

Other than that - my quick read did not show anything else of concern but again - it was a quick read not a complete read.

A complete read is warranted as with some of the wording here I believe there is the possibility that our operations could be limited or infringed upon in the future.

See you at the field!

-Mike

Upcoming Events

- September 4th—Giant Scale Fly In
- Valley Flyers BBQ

We need volunteers for each of these events! Remember, your participation brings with it credit toward the year end raffle!

Mike Lipsey

Newsletter Editor

Another interesting development that the board has been made aware of is that there is the possibility that Glow and Gas powered Fuel could be banned from use at the Whittier Narrows flying field. I do not have all of the details of this possibility but our understanding is from the leadership of that club extending a help request to us to communicate with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding this possibility. They have asked us to politely send a message to

Deborah.L.Lamb@usace.army.mil

The following is an excerpt from P 97 of a 122 page document, Master Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment for the Whittier Narrows Park, begun in Apr 2010 with minimal input from the model airplane community and complete in March 2011.

“ MODEL AIRPLANE HOBBY AREA

This activity dates back to 1952 at the Basin. There is a very strong, active and vocal user group that self-polices its activities and helps maintain the site. Over the intermediate to long-term planning horizon, with the Corps emphasis on environmental stewardship, yet recognizing the long history of community support of this activity, it is recommended that further study be conducted with public input that considers phasing out the use of gasoline powered model aircraft in favor of electric powered aircraft with the establishment of noise level standards. Additional study could also consider the addition of a small picnic area/spectator **zone to the west side of the field.** “

It does seem from the wording that they need some input from modelers. We have to help defend Whittier—**there simply aren't that** many places left to fly Gas or Glow powered models in our Urban sprawl any longer. Send a note to Deborah and let her know that there is a vocal group who wants to keep our fields open. Personally I would support noise abatement strategies but banning glow and gas powered models is not the only solution.

Thanks!

-Mike



Valley Flyers Field

Support Information and
Runway Repair Fund

Contact: Chuck Thompson

Checks should be made out
to:

Valley Flyers Foundation
PO Box 2055
North Hills, CA 91393

Tony Di Leo

Training Coordinator

I recently move to a smaller shop in Sun Valley, I have several Hobby Table available, they are 3x8 Ft MDF with adjustable legs and are very flat so great for building a straight model. Please contact me if you are interested in one of these tables.

Tony

Bob Smith Treasurer's Report

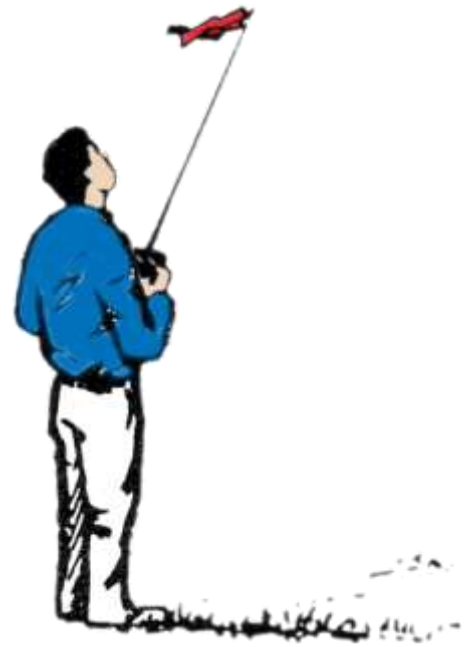
Funds to deposit for any August events have not been collected as of this date.

Checking Balance: \$7,315.15

PayPal balance: \$2,821.03

TOTAL BALANCES: \$10,136.18

Sincerely, Bob Smith
Treasurer



Bob Tarlau

Public Relations

At the next link you will find 80 photos I took this morning during the Fun Fly & Swap Meet. The highlight, of course, came when Adam arrived with a load of Dave Hendrick's collection... which sparked an impromptu auction with some very spirited bidding. If you weren't there this morning... enjoy these pics.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/valleyflyers/Aug2011AuctionFunFly>

Also-- check out the link to the growing revamped gallery of albums covering much of Valley Flyer's last decade. I continue to add more and more from my own collection... so this is a work in progress. Again, thanks to Patrick Ashour for starting this some years back and recently turning it over to me for a refresh and update.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/valleyflyers>

-Bob



CLUB MEMBERS

BBO
POTLUCK

SAFE FLY & SWAP MEET

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

>BBO 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
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EDUCATION APOLLO X-FIELD

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

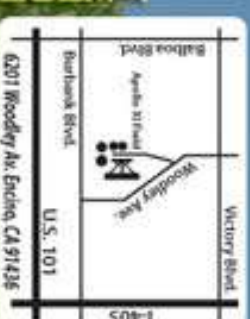
TO HELP WITH THE EVENT

AND FOR MORE INFO PLEASE

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OR CONTACT: BOB SMITH CD

661-298-2614 FLYNBS@SOCAL.RR.COM



Secretary's Report

Scott Ramos, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes August 2, 2011

Chuck Thompson President

Chuck talked to Jason about the Glendale airfield. The next item to be addressed is to go before Glendale City Council.

The July FunFly had 74 registered pilots and the swap meet went well. We did \$348 in entry fees plus new and renewing membership. We received a trainer donation from Dave and Marta Horbath and \$50 in Foundation Donations.

LaJets made \$885 with 23 registered pilots and a handful of new memberships.

The July Club meeting was held at the field. We broke even on pizza and we subsidized sodas.

Mario Sweet worked with the Los Angeles Airports Career Education to bring them out to the field to show Middle School aged kids how we fly RC. We had 4 demonstration pilots. It was a great opportunity for club promotion. Mario will be doing this again on Aug. 13th from 1:15 to 2:30. Mario already has demonstration pilots.

Aug 21 is a FunFly and swap meet will be CDed by Scott Ramos.

Oct 8th and 9th is the LA3D event. Heli Freak and the Palomar club, about 150 miles away, are holding an event on the same weekend. One idea is to change the date for LA3D to the 29th and 30th of Oct. A motion made to make it Oct 29, 30 seconded and passed. The remaining issue is overnight camping. Chuck and Robert are still working on resolving the issue with Parks to see if we can get permits for overnight camping. Chuck was in the container and found a lot of LiPo batteries laying around.

These need to be check, stored properly or disposed.

We received \$1067 in donation last month for the runway, \$1000 was a donation from Dale Utterback. Dave Hendrex has donated a lot of items to the club. There is a lot of ARFs, kits and engines. The items should be sorted and sold through ebay for the prominent items and hold an auction for the rest of the items.

Foundation Treasury

Checking balance: \$4015

General savings balance: \$7402.63

Runway Fund balance: \$7120.15

18538.78 total

Chuck will talk to Jason about joining him down to Parks for getting permit for the runway repair.

Mike has announced that he will not seek re-election at the end of the year. Ted Mayer has expressed interest in becoming the Newsletter Editor. Ted will get together with Mike for the August newsletter. The club roster still needs to be published.

Adam Gelbart

The scale event has been shortened to 2 days. Fliers have been sent to local hobby shops.

Adam will do some brush clearing at the south end of the runway.

The sanctions and the permit are in the shed office. Randy Mytar will be helping Adam out Saturday morning. Dave and Mario will be helping out. Awards have been ordered.

Adam can bring an ARF to raffle off.

Bob Tarlau

Aero Design West they come here two years and one year in Texas. They are looking for March 16, 17, and 18. Friday is practice flying and the event is on Saturday and Sunday. We can leave the field open until noon. There are typically about 45 teams and 300 participants. The boy scouts come out for crowd control and typically stay overnight.

Bob motioned to hold the event. The motion was seconded and pass.

Scott Ramos

Scott and Tony will test Clear broadband at the Aug. funfly

Bob Smith

Club Treasury

Checking balance: \$7852

PayPal balance: \$2797

Total balance: \$10649

Deposits were \$790 from LaJets, \$120 membership, \$98 from July drawing, \$287 from JetCat and a pending deposit from Dan Zilliak for \$824 for concessions at LaJets and the July General Club Meeting at the field.

All paperwork for Aug. is in the office. Robert has permits for Sept. and Oct.

Bob Smith will not be at the August 23rd meeting. Bob will send Bob info for e-blast.

Bob will get steaks for the funfly BBQ. Ricc usually does chicken but pre cooks in his large ovens. It is unclear if he will be back for the event. We need to select a Member of the Month.

Gary Stevens

Current membership is at 320 members.

Gary will be out of town for 6 weeks.

Ben Elkouby

We need ink for the new printer. We should order some extra ink. Ben will buy it on Ebay.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30



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Join the Club

The San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers are one of the largest and most active model aviation clubs in the USA. Our home is one of the premiere flying sites in the country, the legendary Apollo XI Field. The field features separate flight areas for model airplanes, park flyers and helicopters. The Valley Flyers host annual events including LA Jets, The Western E-Fly, LA3D Heli and over a dozen other flying events each year.

Join Us Today & Learn to Fly R/C!

- Learn more about Radio Control modeling
- Interact with other modelers in your area
- Get answers to your questions about modeling
- Meetings feature informative guest speakers
- Free - flight lessons (club trainers)
- Participate for free in some club events
- Visitors are always welcome
- Youth participation is encouraged
- Compete in club fun flies and events

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Encino Community Center, (4935 Balboa Blvd.) - Meetings start at 7:30 PM

Apollo XI Field

Apollo XI Field - Woodley Park, Van Nuys
Flying Dawn to Dusk, 7 Days a Week

www.valleyflyers.com



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Helicopter Director			
Field Manager	Dave Sweany	demflyer@msn.com	818-447-4510
Turbine Director	Jeff Tolomeo	jrtrc@yahoo.com	805-428-5219

SUPPORT THE HOBBY SHOPS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

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



Apollo XI Facility Schedule – 2011

Organized Events Provide Field Improvements for Everyone!

Date	Club	Event	Contest Director (CD)			
FEBRUARY						
5	SAT Eve	VF	Numb Thumb Night Fly	Jason Pakfar	818-206-5777	jason@saturnis.net
20	SUN	VF	FREE VF Members Fun Fly	Sam Gengo	310-702-1049	thevalleyflyer@yahoo.com
MARCH						
			Tentative Event			
TBD	SUN	BSS	Electric Control-line Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato	818-842-3693	R/C Runway not affected.
20	SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Adam Gelbart	310-441-9408	adam.gelbart@verizon.net
APRIL						
8	FRI ½ Day	VF	George Finch Memorial Race Q40/Q500	Travis Flynn	818-843-4107	flynracer@aol.com
9 – 10	SAT & SUN					
MAY						
1	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun-Fly	Tony Naccarato	818-842-3693	
14	SAT	VF	Pizza Fun Fly / Engine Clinic	Bob Smith	661-298-2614	flynbs@socal.rr.com
14	SAT	VCB	The May Stunt Meet – 2 circles	Stan Tyler	526-423-4634	Stan.tyler@verizon.net
21 – 22	SAT & SUN	VF	LA JETS Spring 2010 - 2 Days	Jason Pakfar	818-206-5777	R/C Runway not affected. jason@saturnis.net
JUNE						
3	FRIDAY	VF	Western States 3-Day Electric Fun Fly Q40/Q500	Benny Elkouby	818-235-9098	bennyel@worldnet.att.net
4 – 5	SAT & SUN					
24	FRI ½ Day	VF	Tribute to Fred Burgdorf Western Championship Series	Travis Flynn	818-843-4107	flynracer@aol.com
25 – 26	SAT & SUN					
JULY						
10	SUN	VF VCB	FREE Valley Flyers Members Fun Fly & Swap Meet & VCB Teach and Fly CL	Chuck Thompson – VF John Patwell - VCB	818-359-3976 – CT 661-298-9372 - JP	chuckthompson@mac.com jpatwell@sbcglobal.net
22 – 24	FRI – SUN	VF	LA JETS – Summer – 3 Days	Bob Wilcox	818-203-4923	bgwp60@gmail.com
26	TUE	VF	Club Meeting at Field 7:30 PM	Chuck Thompson	818-359-3976	chuckthompson@mac.com
AUGUST						
5 – 7	FRI – SUN	VFGSS	All Scale Event	Adam Gelbart	310-441-9408	adam.gelbart@verizon.net
14	SUN	VCB	Hot August Stunt Contest 4 Circles	Scott Dinger	805-526-9074	weldit74@yahoo.com No Heli Flying
21	SUN	VF	VF Fun Fly & Swap Meet	Scott Ramos	818-407-1180	saramos@earthlink.net
SEPTEMBER						
4	SUN	VFGSS	Giant Scale Fly In	Adam Gelbart	310-441-9408	adam.gelbart@verizon.net
25	SUN	VF	Valley Flyers Fun Fly / BBQ	Bob Smith	661-298-2614	flynbs@socal.rr.com
OCTOBER						
1-2	SAT & SUN	VCB	Hi Johnson Memorial C/L Stunt Contest – 4 Circles	Bill Barber	805-241-0453	barcam@verizon.net No Heli Flying
7	FRIDAY	VF	LA 3-D Helicopters	TBD		
8 – 9	SAT & SUN					
16	SUN	VF	Try&Fly : Public Open House	Chuck Thompson	818-359-3976	chuckthompson@mac.com
23	SUN	BSS	All Electric Fun Fly	Tony Naccarato	818-842-3693	
NOVEMBER						
5	SAT	VF	November Fun Fly & Night Fly	Jason Pakfar	818-206-5777	jason@saturnis.net
20	SUN	VCB	CL FunFly & Swap Meet	Bill Barber	805-241-0453	barcam@verizon.net
27	SUN	VF	LA JETS – Fall 2010– 1 Day	Bob Wilcox	818-203-4923	bgwp60@gmail.com
DECEMBER						
11	SUN	VFGSS	Toys-for-Tots: Open to all sizes	Darrell Martin	818-368-1488	dmartin168@aol.com

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.

ALL Valley Flyers Fun Fly Events include a SWAP MEET!

AMA	Academy of Model Aeronautics	Official national body for model aviation in the United States
BSS	Black Sheep Squadron	Peanut scale, miniature, electric, and indoor aircraft
VFGSS	VF Giant Scale Squadron	Giant Scale Squadron of the Valley Flyers
VCB	Valley Circle Burners	Control Line (C/L) flying club – Some events may affect runway maneuvers.
VF	Valley Flyers	San Fernando Valley R/C Flyers flying club

Apollo XI Field Schedule 2011 – Rev-3.4

Schedule may CHANGE! Check monthly newsletter or valleyflyers.com for updates!



61 Years of Service!

Dear Model Aircraft & Radio Control Enthusiast,

Thank you for your interest in Model Aviation. The San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers (SFVRCF) is Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #152, and in 2011 the club will enjoy its 61st year as a Club! Joining the Valley Flyers is a great way to support the hobby while enjoying the rich, educational benefits and camaraderie that Club membership can bring.

The main emphasis of the Club is the promotion of model aviation, to maintain the Apollo XI field both physically and politically for model aviation, and to promote good fellowship and community relations. With your membership, you support the many Apollo XI field improvements and community relations projects the club is championing.

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Free flight instruction. We use our Club trainer airplanes, radios, and fuel... You provide the enthusiasm!
- Free Annual BBQ & Club-subsidized End-of-Year Holiday Party & Award Presentation & FREE Fun Fly Events.
- Club Meetings including Show-And-Tell, Model-Related Programs & Presentations, and a Monthly Raffle.
- Up to a 10% Discount for purchases at supporting hobby shops*
- The Valley Flyer – The club's official newsletter.

Please fill out and sign the membership application. Send the application with a check for the membership dues (make check payable to **The Valley Flyers**) to Valley Flyers Membership, PO Box 2055, North Hills, CA 91393. Alternately, you may bring your application to a Club meeting, or sign up using PayPal® at www.valleyflyers.com online.

Prospective Members and Guests are always welcome and invited to Club meetings. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Membership Director
San Fernando Valley Radio Control Flyers

Along with your modest annual dues, you need to have a current membership in the **Academy of Model Aeronautics**. If you are not yet an AMA member, you can sign up by calling 765-287-1256 or visiting www.modelaircraft.org online.

SFVRCF Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be available. Please bring a couple of extra dollars for refreshments and raffle tickets if you so desire.

2011 Club Meeting Schedule			
January	25th	July	26th
February	22nd	August	23rd
March	22nd	September	27th
April	26th	October	25th
May	24th	November	22nd – Annual Workers Raffle
June	28th	December	TBD Holiday Party



The SFVRCF is Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) charter club # 152, and as a charter club all members of the SFVRCF must be members in good standing with the AMA. Failure to become an AMA member or to keep your AMA membership current will void your SFVRCF membership. Your AMA membership is verified each year when you renew your club membership. SFVRCF members are expected to abide by club bylaws, Academy of Model Aeronautics rules, Apollo XI field flying regulations, and normal standards of conduct and courtesy.

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