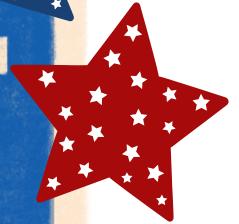
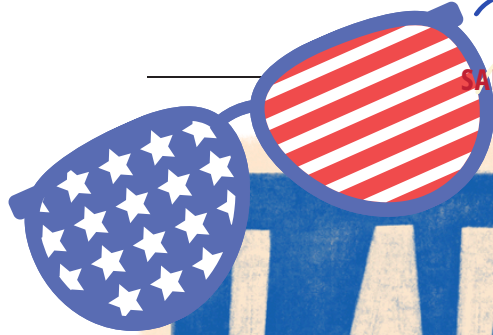




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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS NEWSLETTER CLUB 152

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est. 1776

The 4th of July is celebrated as Independence Day in the United States because it marks the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776. On this day, the 13 American colonies officially declared their independence from the British rule. Although the Revolutionary War had already begun, the approval of the Declaration by the Continental Congress symbolized a formal and unified stand for freedom. Written primarily by Thomas Jefferson, the document outlined the colonies' reasons for seeking independence and emphasized the rights to life, liberty and pursuit to happiness.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JUNE IS BEHIND US AND THE HEAT OF SUMMER IS UPON US. THIS JULY WE WILL HAVE TWO EVENTS. ON JULY 12TH WILL BE A SCALE FUN FLY. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANY RC THAT REPRESENTS A FULL SIZE PLANE AND CAN BE ANYTHING FROM A FOAM RTF TO A SCRATCH BUILT MASTERPIECE. ALL ARE WELCOMED. ON JULY 26TH, WE WILL HAVE A SUMMER MEMBERSHIP FUN FLY. LAST MONTH, I MENTIONED THAT THE EVENT ON THE 26TH WOULD BE A 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. AFTER FURTHER REVIEW WITH THE BOARD, WE DECIDED TO CELEBRATE THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL BBQ FUN FLY. FOR THIS JULY 26TH, WE WILL HOLD A FUN FLY FREE TO MEMBERS AND \$15 ENTRY FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS. BUT, THE \$15 ENTRY FEE WILL ALSO PROVIDE YOU WITH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

A FEW WEEKS AGO, A REPLACEMENT SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE APOLLO XI MODEL AIRFIELD WAS INSTALLED. I THANKED RECS & PARKS AND OUR CITY COUNCILMEMBER FOR ITS INSTALLATION.

THE SOLAR PROJECT PHASE ONE IS IN PROGRESS. AS OF THIS WRITING, THE CHARGER/INVERTER, BATTERIES, AND SOLAR PANELS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. THE PANELS WERE TESTED AND WERE GENERATING 200 VOLTS. NEXT STEP IS TO BUILD THE NEW CHARGING STATIONS AND RUN AC WIRING FOR THEM. I WANT TO GIVE A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS. YOU ARE THE ONES MAKING THIS HAPPEN! KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE SOLAR PROJECT, JUST THE FIRST OF THREE PHASES. THE NEXT PHASE WILL BE ANOTHER CHARGER/INVERTER, 5 MORE PANELS, AND TWO MORE 48V BATTERIES. THIS WILL PROVIDE OUR NON-CHARGING ELECTRICAL NEEDS. WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED, THE ENTIRE OLD SOLAR SYSTEM CAN BE REMOVED. THE THIRD PHASE WILL AGAIN SEE 5 MORE PANELS AND 2 MORE BATTERIES AND A CHARGER/INVERTER TO ALLOW FOR MORE OVERHEAD AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECT TO BRING CHARGING STATIONS TO THE CENTER OF THE MAIN PITS.

WE WILL SOON START OUR NEXT PROJECT TO BUILD A SHADE STRUCTURE FOR THE HELICOPTER PITS. IT IS THE ONLY PIT AREA THAT DOES NOT HAVE SHADE. THE CLUB HAD PREVIOUSLY BUILT A STRUCTURE OF WOOD, BUT THE CITY DID NOT THINK IT WAS STABLE ENOUGH. NOW, WE WILL BUILD THE SHADE STRUCTURE IN STEEL FOLLOWING THE DESIGNS OF THE SHADE STRUCTURES IN THE MAIN PITS AS THEY HAVE DECADES OF PROVEN DESIGN. I WANT TO THANK BERT MAGBANUA FOR HEADING THIS PROJECT.

HAVE A WONDERFUL 4TH OF JULY!

SCOTT RAMOS



A Word From Our Editor

Time is flying by – huh no pun intended. I am excited KTLA Unscripted wants to come to Apollo XI Airfield!!! After they do come I will fillout the Club Recognition Grant from the AMA. We will be awarded \$200.00. It isn't alot of money but it is certainly better than \$0

I will also be putting in another grant with T-Mobil, this one will be for shade and needed structures near the helicopter area. Every little bit helps and sooner or later they are gping to say yes, to a grant for us. I casn put in a grant for up to \$50,000.00 every 3 months, so I better get busy.

I am honored to be the newsletter editor for the San Fernando Valley RC Flyers. It is a pleasure to help share the stories, updates, and achievements of our passionate community of builders, pilots, and aviation enthusiasts. Whether it is covering exciting news, the swap meet, the events at our field, spotlighting members projects, grant writing for the club, or keeping everyone informed on club developments, my goal is to make this newsletter something that YOU look forward to reading each month. Thank you for reading and I hope you like it!!!!

Please if anyone has something they would like to share feel free to contact me, I amalwayslooking for new content. It takes a community to write this as well.

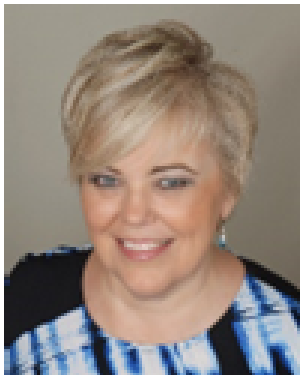
newslettereditor@valleyflyers.com (747) 329 – 8599.

Thank you, Lori Power

Happy Birthday

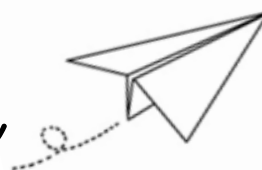
We would like to give a happy birthday shoutout to the following members who have celebrated birthdays in June.

Moshe Arbiv	David Carter
Arie Haziza	Mark Helmick
Marta Horvath.	Ray Hostetler
Giao Nguyen.	Ryan Ricupero
Timothy Sayer	Sana Sebastian



Hope to meet you all at the field soon. I will be the new lady flying. Probably badly. Beware!!!

Celeste





We are happy to report that so far 183 members have renewed or become new members for 2025 with 9 new members in the month of June as of 06/26/2025. Welcome or Welcome Back! We are anticipating another 100 enthusiastic pilots to join this year.

Welcome first time Valley Flyers RC Club Members: June Additions

**James Hawkins
Matthew Gallardo-Harrow
Ara Gregorian
Oleg Zaichuk**

Glendale Members

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

Membership Enrollment Activities: We will be starting a YouTube page to help with growing interest in our club. We are looking for volunteers who could assist with the project or have videos or pictures we can create video collages.

If you would like to volunteer to help grow membership or you know people who are interested in joining please contact me at membership@valleyflyers.com or direct them to sign up online at <https://valleyflyers.com/membership-apollo-xi.html>

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

You can check out the upcoming events calendar at this link:

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

Weather Cancellation Policy

San Fernando Valley RC Flyers – Apollo XI Model Airfield

Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for cancelling or postponing San Fernando Valley RC Flyers events due to inclement weather or unsafe field conditions. The goal is to ensure the safety of participants, protect equipment and property, and provide clear, timely communication.

1. Safety First

The safety of pilots, volunteers, and spectators is our highest priority. Any weather conditions posing a significant risk to health, safety, or equipment will result in delay, suspension, or cancellation of the event.

2. Weather Monitoring and Notifications

The Contest Director/Event Manager will begin monitoring weather forecasts at least 3 days prior to the event using trusted sources such as:

- National Weather Service (weather.gov)
- Local radar and forecasts
- AirNow.gov (for air quality)
- NOTAMs:
<https://www.aopa.org/destinations/airports/KVNY/details#notam>
- Updates will be reviewed daily leading up to the event, and more frequently as the event approaches.

3. Cancellation Thresholds

Events may be cancelled or delayed under the following conditions:
Condition Rain Wind Lightning Heat Index Air Quality Field Conditions
NOTAMs Recs and Parks Activities

4. Decision Timeline

Threshold for Cancellation or Delay

Forecasted sustained rainfall during the event window, Sustained winds > 25 mph or gusts > 30 mph, Lightning within 10 miles of the field (wait 30 mins after last strike), 105°F or above, when Heat Warning is issued AQI above 150 (Unhealthy) Floods, Fires, and other unsafe conditions FAA notification of closed airspace, Closure notices from the Dept of Recs. & Parks

hours before the event if there is weather uncertainty.

later than 6 hours before the event start time, unless sudden a same-day cancellation.

- Initial advisory: Sent 48
- Final decision: Made no weather changes require
- For on-site changes (e.g., lightning or wind surges), the event may be paused or terminated at any time.

5. Communication Plan

All cancellations or schedule changes will be communicated through: - Club email list

- Official website: [Insert URL] - Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

A notice will include the reason for cancellation, time of update, and any reschedule plans. For large events, a phone hotline may be activated or monitored.

6. Rescheduling & Refunds

- If an event is cancelled, organizers will attempt to reschedule when possible.
- Prepaid entry fees may be refunded or rolled over to the rescheduled event at the discretion of the Event Committee.
- Vendors or sponsors will be contacted individually to coordinate alternative arrangements.

7. On-Site Contingency Plans

If weather deteriorates during an event:

- A temporary suspension may be enacted (e.g., for nearby lightning).
- Participants will be directed to safe shelter locations, such as under shade structures or in vehicles.
- In case of full cancellation, a safe and orderly shutdown procedure will be followed.

8. Authority

The Contest Director/Event Manager, with consultation from club officers and/or safety officers, holds the authority to cancel or suspend an event. Their decisions are final.

THANK YOU NOW JOIN *Needed* *Field Manager*

A red and black sign with a white exclamation mark inside a red triangle, with the words "ATTENTION" and "PLEASE!" in white text on a black background.

Duties

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.

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.

FREDERICO



Flight Instructor, Federico Arzilli and Membership Director, Celeste Young-Ramos at her maiden flight instruction class.

"The simulators looked a bit intimidating because I have never played video games, but I got the hang of it. Well maybe. LOL. I was grateful that Federico was so patient, and he took control and saved the plane from disaster many times during actual flight. Honestly, my flying was a hot mess, but I had fun and more practice will help. Thanks, Federico! Who's next?"

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 field the 1st and 3rd 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.

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

Members 185

Our 2025 membership report

Aghabegians, Emin	Dessetenne, Thierry	Hicks, John Welsley	Oshiro, Takashi	Sweet, Mario
Aguila, Tena "Homme"	DeWit, John	Hostetler, Ray	Oshiro, Ty	Swissa, Mohammond
Aguila, Tony	Donovan, Marc	Hosticka, Grant		
Anorga, Cesar	Dougherty, George	Hull, Don		
Arbiv, Moshe	Dunn, Dennis		Pakfar, Jason	Taylor, Rodney
Arzilli, Frederico	Ehas, Thomas	Jarvis, Andrew	Parker, Paul	Temesvary, Bela
Atencio, Eddie	Elkouby, Binyamin	Jones, Garland	Pfizenmaier, Bart	Thompson, Chuck
Ausley, Iran			Phanthavong, Bounthaivan	Toro, Francisco
Azurdia, Victor Hugo	Faber, Bruce	Karp, Andrew	Pinder, Rich	Torress, Luis
	Fernando, Samyan	Kazanchyan, Vonn	Polan, Leonard	Turner, Ken
Balbach, Geoffrey	Fiffles, Jamie	Keliher, Tom (Joseph)	Power, Lori	
Barrett, David Allen	Fullington, Gregg	Kerkonian, Awadis		Valiensi, James
Becker, Phillip, R.	Fuchs, Jochen	Kholobekian, Pierre		Varagoulis, Yorgos
Berklite, Alec		Kline, Adam	Ramos, Scott	Veres, Stephen
Bershadsky, Gregory	Gallardo-Harrow, Matthew	Knight, Ronald E.	Ricupero, Ryan	Villorante, Renato
Billick, Donald M.	Gamboa, Alfredo H. Jr	Konviser, Vadim	Roberts, Mel	
Blanco, Carlos	Garg, Manish	Kreitenberg, Harvey	Roe, Glenn	Wagner, Mark
Borcherdt, Rahr	Garrison, Steve	Kritall, Vladimir	Rollins, Patrick M.	Walsh, Keenan
Brammer, Jim	Garske, Russell		Rosenthral, George	Wells, Derek
Brautigam, Hank	Gigi, Yair	Lamb, D. Gerald		Whitla, Guy
Broadnax, Marc	Goren, Liad	Lamb, Terry	Salar, Rodolfo	Williams, Richard
Brough, Ted	Grassmann, Bryan	Laulom, Lawrence	Sanchez, Manafredy	
Brousseau, Corran	Gregorians, Ara	Lee, Steve	Sayre, Timothy	Youmans, Thomas
Brousseau, Daniel	Gregorians, Areg	Lee, Victor	Schatz, William	Young-Ramos, Celeste
Brown, Winston	Gruetert, Kevin	Lefevre, Mathis	Sebastian, Sanu	Youssefiha, Ray
Bundy, Mike	Guerrant, Phillip	Levy, Luca	Siedman, Rob	
Bunker, Culley	Guevara, Francisco	Lipsey, Joseph	Shamulus, Victor	Ziliak, Daniel
Busch, James	Guske, Brad	Lopez, Abilio	Shawkat, Zayed	Zizuzin, Kirill
		Magbauna, Bert B.	Shvartz, Nir	
Calderon, Mario	Haarmann, Carl	Mamo, Anthony	Sitts, Michael	
Caplan, Shiloh	Hagins, Steve	Mansfield, Jason	Smith, Lee	
Carlsen, Jesper	Hairapetian, Albert	Maroldi, Eddie	Soghomonian, Garo	
Carter, David	Hall, Leonard	Mashian, Faramarz	Sonheim, Richard	
Chilton, John Jay	Hannibal, Wade	Mawer, Rob	Sonnentag, Clifford	
Christensen, Steve	Harfman, Jason	Meresman, Lawrence	Soufer, David	
Cohen, Phineas	Hargrove, Zachary	Miller, Frank	Stone, Greg	
Conerly, James M.	Harosh, Ran	Miller, Mark Steven	Stoner, Mike	
Cowan, Gregory	Hawkins, James	Mojardi, Hadi	Strasser, Benedict	
Craddock, Ronald	Hawkins, Todd Taylor	Montoya, Misrael	Sturgeon, David DDS	
	Haziza, Arie	Myers, Michael	Sutter, Mark	
Dail, Corey	Helmick, Mark H.	Nakhost, Kambiz	Sweany, Dave	
Danny, Steven	Herbert, Richard	Neill, Steve		
David, Seth	Herman, Jeffrey	Nemeth, Lawrence		
Del Riego, Robert	Hernandez, Andres	Nguyen, Giao		

CHARGING STATION Go Fund Me

There are three issues that have combined to cause our charging system to no longer meet the demand.

1. increased demand. With the growth of electric power, more and larger batteries are putting increased demand on our electrical system.

2. Reduced power generation. With time, our solar panels have lost generation capacity. Plus, a number of panels have been damaged by vandals trying to gain entrance to the containers.

3. Failing batteries. Most urgently, the batteries we currently have are at end of life, and even with generators, can no longer take a full charge

CONGRATS

Our GoFundMe Total \$5,690.00

Goal is \$15,000.00

Thank you for your Generous Support

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our GoFundMe campaign. We are thrilled to put your donations to work for the benefit of the SFVRCF's. Your contributions not only help us get closer to our goal but also strengthens the bond we share as a club. Thank you for believing in our vision and helping us soar to new heights. Even though we have not reached our goal of \$15,000.00, this will give us a great start at achieving the goal. We thank you for everything you do. <https://gofund.me/9934a353>

Theodore Brough - \$100

David Alexander - \$40

Gregory Cowan. - \$50

Terry Lamb. - \$100

Mohammad Swissa - \$100

Giao Nguyen - \$50

Paul Parker - \$50

Jonathon Rubin - \$50

Mel Roberts - \$50

James Conerly - \$100

Bill Schatz - \$200

Michael Lipsey - \$1,000

James Conerly - \$200

Bernardo Toruno - \$50

Cesar Anorga - \$200

Anonymous - \$50

Anonymous - \$100

Anonymous - \$200

Jason Pakfar - \$50

Scott Ramos - \$200

Larry Meresman - \$50

Joseph Narens - \$100

Lynette Young - \$50

Anonymous - \$200

Scott Ramos - \$1,250

Ted Brough - \$100

TODD FUTABA - \$1,000.00

Thank you, Todd

SAFETY MESSAGE From Mike Stoner

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, 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.

The SFVRFCF's 1st Annual Builders' Fun Fly Event

The San Fernando Valley RC Flyers' & Scott Ramos proudly hosted their 1st annual Builders' Fly & Try Event this month, celebrating the creativity and craftsmanship of RC aviation enthusiasts. The event welcomed both seasoned builders, members and curious others to showcase their handmade aircraft to take the skies at Apollo XI airfield.

The event is all about sharing the joy of building and flying RC planes, it's a great way to inspire new pilots and revive interest in the builder side of the hobby.



"From Garage to Runway: Homebuilt Flyers in Action"

On June 1st the field held a club event—The Builders Fun Fly, to celebrate people who build their own airplanes. We saw a wide variety of not only balsa, composite, and foam aircraft, but also builders from age 12 to late 70's proving building is a great hobby for all age groups. Many people brought projects in progress and shared their knowledge and techniques. Scott Ramos, Club President was the Contest Director and proudly displayed his Spitfire, SIG Kadet, and his scratch built flying pancake. His wife, yours truly, was shocked to hear it cost \$2,000 to build the Spitfire. He owes me another purse!

Attendees had fun flying their creations, sharing their projects in progress, and most participated in the judging event. Here are the results of the build judging competition where winners received a laser etched award:

Best Foam Build: A team of 3 UCLA engineers were in attendance: Shia-Mechanical, Monikay- Aerospace, and John- Electrical. They came to fly their creation and ended up signing up for the event. Over the last nine months they have created a spectacular drone and plane combo. It was designed to take off and land like a drone and then the rotors that elevate it pivot to transition into a plane mode. They had several successful flights during the day and were ecstatic about their award.



Brett Hecht Wins big at SFVRCF's 1st Annual Builders Event



Congratulations to Brett Hecht for taking home 2 top honors -**Best Composite and Pilot's Choice**- at the *San Fernando Valley Flyers' 1st annual Builders' Event!* His beautifully crafted T-38 jet wowed both judges and spectators with its sleek design and craftsmanship with impressive flight performance.

The Builders event celebrates creativity, dedication, and innovation in RC model building, and Brett's T-38 jet exemplified all three.

Well done, Brett- your work inspires us all to reach new heights in RC aviation!

Corey Dail also was a winner with his Balsa Lockheed Vega, winning "Best Balsa"

RADIO CONTROL FLIGHT RULES

APOLLO XI FIELD

1. All pilots must fly from one of the designated pilot stands.
2. The frequency board will be used at all times and pilots must post their frequency usage with a card or I.D. that contains their name or picture I.D.
3. Open flying is restricted during scheduled events.
4. No takeoffs and landings from the pit area, taxi-ways, or grass.
5. 250 feet maximum flying altitude for South Wind, 100 feet when there is a North Wind
6. Take-off and landings to be in the same direction according to the wind.
7. Down-wind passes over the runway are prohibited when other aircraft are flying.
8. Some sort of fuel recovery system must be used when fueling planes to avoid spillage.
9. All pilots will follow taxiways directions as posted.
10. Pilots will call out their intentions (landing, take- off, etc) and clear the runway quickly.
11. There shall be no flying during facility mowing operations
12. Flying over the Golf course, access roads or public roads is prohibited.
13. Each type of aircraft must fly and pit within the area designated on the map for that type of vehicle.

Fixed wing aircraft will have a standard left or right pattern depending on the wind. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in a citation, loss of flying privilege or both.

****Pilots please note, the Field is closed to open flying during all Valley Flyers Events. Pilots must check-in to participate. A valid VF Club membership and/or AMA membership is required.**

Become a member, visit **valleyflyers.com** for more information.



Happy birthday!

FIFTY YEARS AGO, with the July 1975 issue, Model Aviation magazine, as we know it today, was launched after being a part of American Aircraft Modeler. The staff only had two months' notice to make it happen.

We had some notable names involved at the time. John Worth was AMA's executive director, Carl Wheeley was the magazine publisher, and Frank Ehling served as the advertising manager.

Carl stated, "Wisely, we think, AMA officers saw most members preferring to receive a magazine with well-rounded features at a reasonable cost." The magazine launched at 80 pages, much less than the current 128. It is also interesting that membership in 1975 was \$17. Although this might seem extremely inexpensive, \$17 dollars in 1975 would be approximately \$101 dollars today, so, 50 years later, based on inflation, AMA membership is cheaper today and the magazine you receive is 44 extra pages!

If you received and read the July 1975 issue, it was released at roughly the time that a movie titled Jaws was making people rethink swimming in the ocean, and a company called Microsoft was created.

While researching the past 50 years of the magazine, it was discovered that I had shot the most cover photos, with a total of 24. I am also the longest continually serving editor who has presided over the publication. I don't see these facts as a pat on the back—I am humbled that I have had the opportunity to serve our members for 17 years! In fact, the very month you receive this issue will be my 17th anniversary at AMA. Time will tell whether I live long enough to see the 75th anniversary of Model Aviation magazine.

June's Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Scott Ramos, Celeste Young-Ramos, Tony Aguila, Tena Aguila, Cliff Sonnentag, Jason Pakfar

Reports:

Scott Ramos, President

- **The SAE has mailed a donation from SAE event. It's going to be a \$4,000 check this year. That is in addition to the \$1,000 in equipment they bought and gave to us during the event – fire extinguishers and PA sound system.**
- **We have received a very generous donation of \$1,000 from Todd Taylor Hawkins for the charging/solar project. Scott will reach out and thank him and we will announce it in the June newsletter.**
- **July 12 is Scale Fun Fly. He will contact Cully about the poster. Scott and Jason will be CDs. There was discussion that we need more volunteers at the event.**
- **Scott's brother-in-law will be arriving next week to help install the solar. And Scott will be making the charging stations.**
- **New Woodley sign has been installed thanks to Scott's meetings with the council women.**

Tony Aguila, Treasurer

- **He has filed the sanctions for all events to the end of the year. Having problems locating Ran on the AMA Contest Director drop down. He was directed to call the AMA to follow up. Scott and Jason will be Co- Contest Directors.**
- **The Foundation has \$ 2,850.92 not including the SAE donation and the club has \$2617.55**
- **Celeste reported she has \$1060 in money to have deposited from two of the recent events. We brought in \$435 Builders event and the jet event brought in \$642 gross.**
- **Tony said he paid for WIFI.**

Cliff Sonnentag, Digital Marketing

Asked Celeste to send new membership to post on the website. The new website is almost done. We decided to have Scott, Tena, Tony, Celeste, and Jason review it to collect feedback. Cliff will give us access to a dummy account.

MEETING MINUTES CON

Discussed posting registrations of events on website or potentially using Eventbrite.

Celeste Young- Ramos, Membership

- 15 new members joined in the month of May= 174 members in total.
- Has sent out text messages to 300+ people listed on the AMA website as current VF members.
- Reported events are not posted on the website. Cliff says people need to notify him when things need to be posted.
- Celeste suggested we start a YouTube channel to help promote the club. She has been collecting interviews of all events to post. It was agreed to continue but find out who has ownership of the channel or create another one.

Group Discussions

Pricing of Club Events:

There was discussion regarding the price to charge for Club events. It was suggested \$10, however it was agreed that that will not cover the cost of the food, raffle prizes and we have to make some money, as these a fundraising activities. The topic was tabled to be brought up at future meetings.

Club 75th Anniversary

We decided we would celebrate the anniversary at the September BBQ. This will give us time to advertise. We will have cake for anyone at the field to try to get them to join. They will not get free BBQ. We had extensive conversation on how to bring down the food costs. Celeste will do a detailed break down on food costs. We could get a freezer to hold the burgers during the events. Tena said she would be responsible for the food prep at the event.

Rat Infestation in the Containers

There is a chronic issue in the containers. There is feces on tables, in the training area, and in other areas which is not healthy. We discussed doing a survey of the containers to try to find the point of entry. Scott has purchased some special mouse buckets which has been successful. It is the group feeling that they are coming under the front doors. If we find openings during the survey they will be repaired.

Field Maintenance

- Scott has been doing the mowing.
- There are several tables that have broken tops
- We need to find a field director
- The trees need to be trimmed. Lots of cobwebs under the tables and bleachers. Weed whacking needs to be done.

SOLAR Project



Our Solar Power Project is moving along successfully. Phase I, which included improving our energy storage has been completed. Phase 2- will start in the coming weeks, that will consist of refurbishing our existing panels. We are expanding capacity to better power our charging station, simulator, and security system-supporting a more sustainable and self-sufficient field for all our members.

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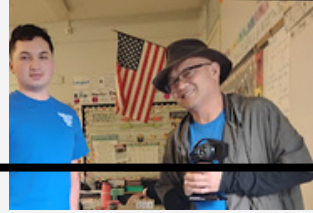
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2025 EVENTS @ APOLLO XI Airfield

March 9, 2025
6:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

August 9, 2025
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Drones Fun Fly
CD:**

March 15, 2025
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Member Fun Fly
CD - Scott Ramos
Lunch served by Mike Stoner

August 22 - 24
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**L.A Jets
CD:**

April 3- 6 2025
8:00 AM - 6 PM

Aero Design West SAE
CD - Scott Ramos

September 3, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

April 26, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Try and Fly Event
CD - Tony Aguila

September 6, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Try & Fly Event
CD:**

May 10, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

September 20, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**BBQ Fun Fly
CD:**

May 10 & 11 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**L.A. Jets
CD**

October 25, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Halloween Fun Fly
CD:**

June 1, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Builders Fun Fly
CD - Scott Ramos**

November 8, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**3D Helicopter Event
CD:**

June 29, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Western States Electric Fun Fly
CD - Scott Ramos**

November 9, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

July 12, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Scale Event
CD**

December 6, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Toys 4 Tots Event
CD:**

July 13, 2025
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**San Fernando Valley Flyers
Swap Meet**

December 20, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Giant Scale Event
CD:**

July 26, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Trainer Games
CD**

SUMMER MEMBERS FUN FLY



JULY 26TH 2025

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CD: Scott Ramos

Entry Fee: \$15 (includes membership for 2025)

Free to Members



Includes Lunch

50-50 Raffle - One winner, half the pot.

(tickets \$5 for 1, \$20 for 5)






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