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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FLYERS NEWSLETTER CLUB 152

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*May the Luck of the Irish be with You*

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, here we go into March. For a second year in a row, we did not receive our Recs. and Parks Right of Entry agreement in time for the February Winter Fun Fly. Hopefully, it will be here in time for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Combat Fun Fly. Word is, they had another new insurance reviewer this year. I am proposing to Recs and Parks that we change from a calendar year agreement to a year-long agreement that starts on the date of signing. This way, if we get the agreement in mid-March, we would be covered until the following mid-March instead of end of year. Hopefully that will help.

KTLA Channel 5's LA Unscripted tv program came out on February 12<sup>th</sup> to shoot a segment about RC flying at the Apollo XI Model Airfield. We took Olivia De Bortoli through a short training session in the training center, then Federico took her up for a flight with the buddy box. While I have not yet received a date for the episode, I expect it will be around the time this newsletter comes out. LA Unscripted airs each weekday at 7:30 PM.

We have goats! A project was setup and paid for by the Audubon Society to bring in about 500 goats for brush control in our airspace. The goats will be clearing about 35 acres surrounding the airfield. The project will be completed by no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you loose an airplane within the fenced in area, contact the herder, who is onsite 24/7, for retrieval.

Second phase of the solar project will be starting the first week of March. This will involve installing 9 more panels, for a total of 14 panels. A second 5kw inverter/charger and two more 48v 100 ah batteries. The old solar panels and old batteries will be removed as well.

Keep an eye out for an email about club meetings. We are long overdue. We are still looking for a venue. If one is not found, we will again look at holding the meeting at the airfield. Stay tuned. If you know of a potential location for holding meetings, please send an email to [programdirector@valleyflyers.com](mailto:programdirector@valleyflyers.com). Now finish the newsletter, so you can get back to flying!



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

*I want to apologize for not publishing a newsletter for the month of February. I had the grants due, my daughter got accepted into the "London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts," & our Prez and wife went on a vaca. All this made it impossible for me to publish the newsletter. Sorry again!*

*I want to thank you all again for my wonderful and unexpected "Willie Gardner Award", I will cherish it forever, it definately means the world to me!!!*

*The "Site Improvement Grant" from the AMA was submitted on the 1<sup>st</sup>, we should be eligible for \$3,000.00 we will know the results by the end of March.*

*I am also applying for the "T- Mobile Grant", we are going to ask for the money to pave joining all areas and maybe the parking lot as well. The grant is up to \$50,000.00. There was a park in Lousianna that was awarded \$50,000.00 to pave their park area and parking lot. So maybe?..... I will be needing some letters of support from some of our members.*

*See ya next month.....  
.Lori*



**Racing returns to the Pacific NW in 2026!**

**Sanderson Field RC Flyers host 2026 Pylon Race  
May 30th & May 31st Practice day Friday May 29th  
Location: Sanderson Field, Shelton, WA**



**When: May 30-May 31, 2026, Practice day on Friday May 29 Classes: EF1, Q40-422,  
Quickie-426**

**Entry: \$ 50.00 per class/per day - proof of AMA at sign in Pilots meeting Sat 8:30am,  
1st heat 9am**

**CD - Dave Windom, Sanderson Fld RC Flyers Club President  
(503) 340-2413 dwindom@rocketmail.com**

**Assistant - Brian Richmond bririchmo@comcast.net 253-225-5356 Assistant - Dan  
Nalley dan@dnc.aero 360-561-3209**

**Pilot's name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_ NMPRA #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**State, Country, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Enter in classes: EF1 \_\_\_\_\_ Q40-422 \_\_\_\_\_ Quickie-426 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Teammates (2 max): \_\_\_\_\_**

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**We are THRILLED to bring back racing to  
one of the fastest sites in the USA ~ Sanderson Field, Shelton, WA**

## **Additional Information**

**MAIL RACE REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO: SFRCF Treasurer**

**1485 E Pickering Rd, Shelton, WA 98584**

**Friday night welcome reception at the Nalley household, 6723 Westhill Ct**

**SW, Olympia, WA 98512**

**RSVP to pattdan@comcast.net or 425-306-3165**

**Dry camping will be available at the field for \$10.00/night Food will be available for purchase for lunch**

**Directions to the field:**

**Go North on HWY 101, go past the main entrance to Sanderson Field.**

**Sanderson Way is the next turn to the left. This is the industrial entrance.**

**Turn left on Sanderson Way, the road winds around a little but stay on the main road (see the second map). Watch on the left and you will see the**

**runway we fly from. Go past the gate that**

**looks down the runway to the second gate.**

**AMA & FAA UAS certificate number must be applied to all planes competing at the event.**

**All planes will be inspected for compliance.**

**These engines will be allowed to race:**

**JETT, Nelson, DKT & FORA**

**In the event a speed National AMA record s set (and backed up) at this event, the engine and muffler used to set such record will be impounded by the CDE and submitted to the engine's manufacturer to verify compliance.**

### **AREA HOTELS**

**La Quinta Inn Tumwater Olympia - 4600 Capitol Blvd SE, Olympia, WA 98501**

**(360) 352-5433 Courtyard by Marriott Olympia - 2301 Henderson Park Ln SE,**

**Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 943-8448 Hilton Garden Inn Olympia - 2101**

**Henderson Park Ln SE, Olympia, WA 98501 (360)236-9934**

**Race field sponsor**

# 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

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## **Needed Field Manager**

### **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.*

# Clean Up/Volunteer Day

EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY IS VOLUNTEER DAY, PLEASE COME HELP  
ANYTIME 8 AM - 12 PM



Celeste up at the top  
Glen Roe & Lori Power  
working hard

# VOLUNTEER DAY



Scott top left Lori top right  
Celeste

# Now Open!



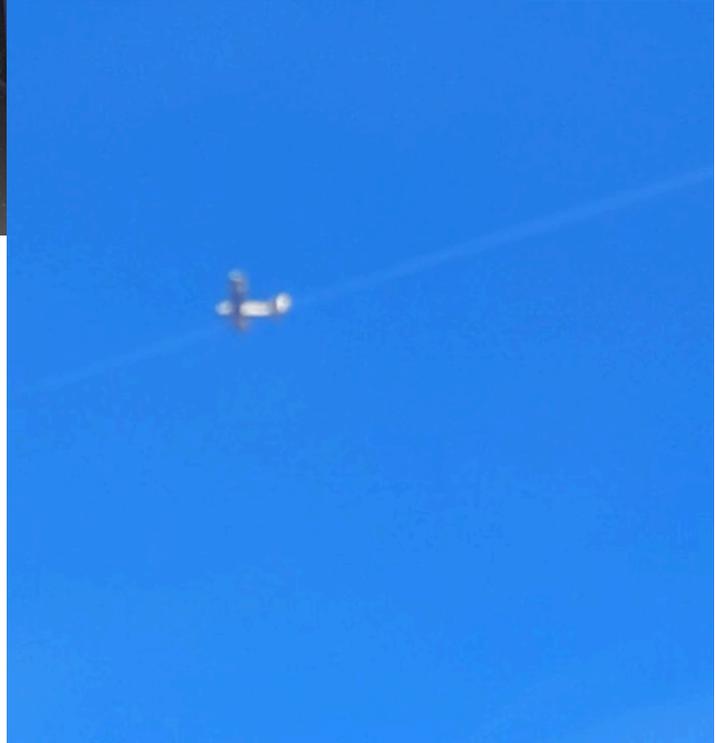
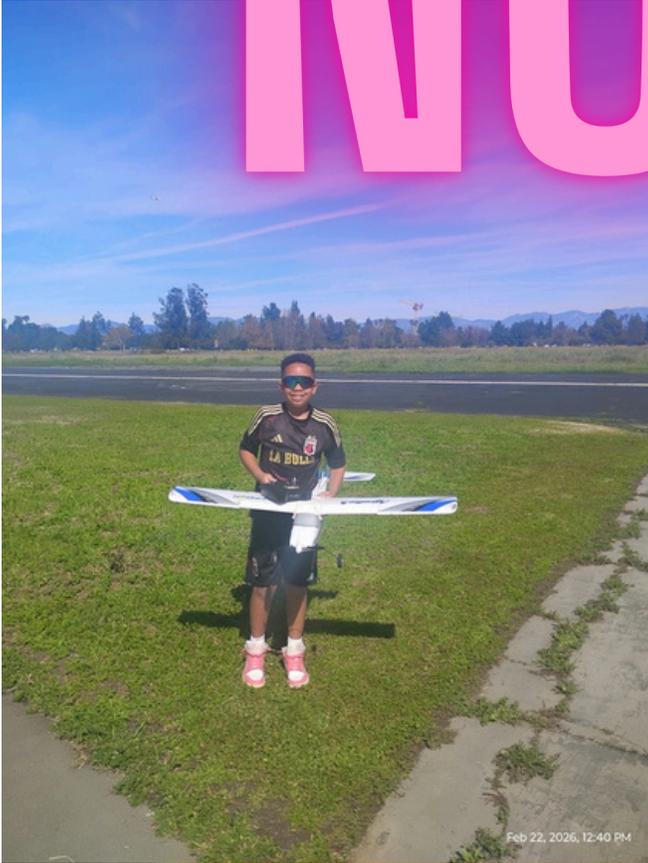
## Let Training Begin!

# JACKSON FOX



Jackson has been flying for 1 month, he wants to be an engineer, pilot & a scientist

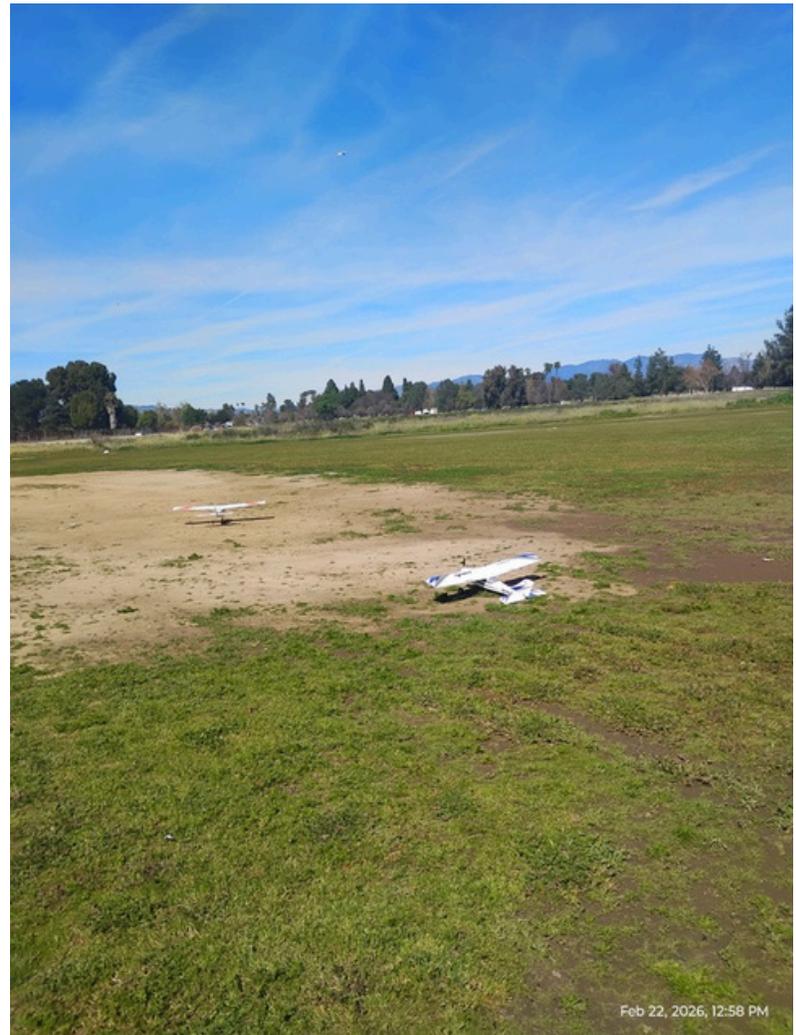
# NOAH



Noah has been flying for 6 months, he flies on the main runway, he wants to be a professional soccer player.

# RUEBEN

Rueben has been flying for 2 weeks, has picked it up quickly, he wants to be an engineer!



# In Training! Luca



Luca, has been flying for 2 months, he wants to be famous!! Good Luck  
Lucas

## 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.

# Bert working hard

**Bert, working hard taking on the initiative of making Apollo XI a better place. Thank you so much!!**



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Our 2026 membership report

Members 156

Aghabegians, Emin	Danny, Steven	Oshiro, Takashi	Stoner, Mike
Aguila, Tena "Homme"	De Biase, Andrea	Oshiro, Ty	Strasser, Benedict B.
Aguila, Tony	Dessetenne, Thierry	Pakfar, Jason	Sutter, Mark
Alajajyan, Haruoutyun	Donovan, Marc	Parker, Paul	Sweaney, David
Alderman, Declan	Dougherty, George	Patrick, Andrew	Sweet, Mario
Anorga, Cesar	Elkouby, Binyamin	Pinder, Rich	Taylor, Rodney S.
Arbiv, Moshe	Finkelstein, Benji	Polan, Leonard	Taylor-Hawkins, Todd
Arzilli, Frederico	Fitz, Maurice Michael	Port, Alex	Temesvary, Bela
Ausley, Iran	Flynn, Travis	Power, Lori	Thompson, Chuck
Belittary, Russell	Fullington, Gregg	Ramos, Scott	Thorburn, Michael
Billick, Donald M.	Galluci, Felix	Rhoades, Charles	Toro, Francisco
Borcherdt, Rahr	Gamboa, Alfredo H. Jr	Rhoads, Jeff	Toruno, Bernardo, A.
Brammer, Jim	Garcia Carro, Lauren	Rice, Robert	Turner, Ken
Broadnax, Max	Garske, Russell	Roberts, Mel	Valiensi, James
Brough, Ted	Gochman, Asher	Roe, Glenn	Vasilyev, Andrey
Brown, Winston	Gochman, Mark	Rollins, Patrick M.	Veres, Stephen
Bundy, Mike	Goeshel, Donald	Rosen, Ralph	Villorante, Renato
Bunker, Culley	Goldberg, Brian	Rosenthal, George	Wardewell, Robert
Caplan, Shiloh	Guerrant, Phillip	Sallave, Maurice	Whitla, Guy
Carlos, Christopher	Hagins, Steve	Sarabia, Phillip	Williams, Gerrick
Carriker, David	Hairapetian, Albert	Schatz, William	Williams, Richard
Cell, Frank	Hall, Leonard	Schmid, Jahan	Wolf, Bert
Choi, Hui	Hambley, Robin	Seidler, Bernie	Yamamoto, David
Clark, Mitchell	Hannibal, Wade	Shahbazian, Amir	Young-Ramos, Celeste
Cohen, Michael	Harfman, Jason	Shainsky, Robert	Zadourian, Serjik
Costello, Thomas	Harosh, Ran	Shamulus, Victor	Zagnoli, David
Craddock, Ronald	Harper, Michael	Shuster, Ronald	Zagnoli, Peter
	Hawkins, Todd Taylor	Shvartz, Nir	Ziliak, Daniel
	Helmick, Mark H.	Silver, Chris	
	Herman, Jeffrey	Singh, Vikram	
	Hernandez, Andres	Skrinska, Ray	
	Hession, Paul	Soghomonian, Garo	
	Hicks, John Wesley	Sonheim, Richard	
	Hostetler, Ray	Sonnentag, Clifford	
	Hull, Don	Soufer, David	
	Jocabson, Gregg		
	Johnson, Steven		
	Kern, Kai		
	Kline, Adam		
	Kreitenberg, Harvey		
	Kritall, Vladimir		
	Lack, Tom		
	Lamb, D. Gerald		
	Lamb, Terry		
	Laulom, Lawrence		
	Lee, Steve		
	Lee, Victor		
	Lerner, Michael		
	Levin, Jonathan		
	Lipsey, Joseph		
	Lockhart, James		
	Lopez, Abilio		
	Magbauna, Bert B.		
	Mansfield, Jason		
	Mashian, Faramarz Iassac		
	Mawer, Rob		
	Melnyk, Milan		
	Meresman, Lawrence		
	Miller, Frank		
	Miller, Mark Steven		
	Morrow, Jeffrey		
	Murcia, Derek		
	Nakhost, Kambiz		
	Narens, Joseph		
	Neill, Steven M.		
	Nelson, Richard		
	Nemit, Jeffrey T.		
	Nguyen, Giao		



### **February Membership Stats**

**There are currently 152 active club members. In the month of February through the 26<sup>th</sup>, we had 67 memberships started or renewed in February of those 25% are flyers who have not had a membership for multiple years. This suggests that club is doing something positive to attract them back to the club**

### **2026 Membership Cards**

**All members who renewed online through February 26<sup>th</sup> have been processed and cards have been shipped. There may be about six that filled out paper applications in January while I was on vacation, who are still being processed as soon as I receive the applications from the Treasurer. 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.**

### **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.

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

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

## **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 the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## **February Birthdays**

Tony Aguila

Ethan Alvarez

Hank Brautigam

Andres Hernandez

Morton Rosenthal

Jaxson Schwartz

Celeste Young-Ramos

**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.**

# KTLA



***This is Olivia & Nick with Jason Pakfar, They are from KTLA, which means the Apollo XI Airfield & the SFVRCF's are going to be televised.***

# OLIVIA'S 1ST FLIGHT



**Olivia's 1<sup>st</sup> flight**

NEW FAMILY MEMBER

# Apollo



*Tena & Tony found our new Valley Flyer member on February 13, 2026 at the field - therefore, naming him APOLLO*

# 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.**



# C SUN'S 100%

## story



**Andrew (Ground Control) & Jacob (Lead Aeronautics)**



**#11**



**Guys I surely hope I got this right, Lori**



**Ryan, Louis & Greg**

**Valley Flyers Board Meeting  
February 11, 2026**

**Attendees:**

**Scott Ramos, Celeste Young-Ramos, Tena Aguila, Tony Aguila, Culley Bunker, Lori Power**

**Meeting started at 6:30 pm.**

**Scott Ramos, President**

**·LA Unscripted:**

**The KTLA Evening show that features things to do in Los Angeles is scheduled to come and shoot video at the field on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This will be excellent free promotion for the club. Scott went over the preparation activities and volunteers to assist. Lori will submit info to AMA who will give us \$125 for having the event. The date it will air is in around 2-3 weeks.**

**·Past President List**

**Scott and Jason Pakfar have been capturing a list of previous presidents. Found a picture of Bob Adams from 1977.**

**·Donor Request:**

**Tony told Scott he needed to follow up on a donor request email and then tell Tony what to do.**

**·Proposed Paving Project:**

**Scott showed an Ai representation of what it would look like to pave the uncemented areas of the field that connect walkways such as the charger area, charger area to the park flyer area and in front of the drone charging station. The cost would be approximately \$3,500. There was discussion and the decision will be made as more details are presented.**

**·Parks and Rec Approvals for Flying Events**

**The parks is delaying approval of events again. They have a new person again this year who is doing the process. Scott has been talking to Paola weekly about it. February 21, event may have to be cancelled if we do not hear soon.**

Scott said he was going to contact AMA to see if our insurance can be renewed at the beginning of the year instead of later in the first quarter because maybe that is creating some delay when they see it going to need to be renewed in a few months.

### •**Upcoming Combat Event:**

Federico will be leading it but he does not have the proper certification yet from AMA to lead it so Scott said he could lend his name to it. Scott will follow up with him.

### •**Main Charging Stations**

The main charging station has been installed by Scott Ramos and Greg Fullerton and Mark Donovan and Membership Director, Celeste Young-Ramos, and Scott came out and painted the area to freshen it up.

### •**Monthly Cleaning Day**

Every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 8 to 11 am Celeste hosts volunteer cleaning of the field. February will be February 20<sup>th</sup>. Lori Power and Celeste Young-Ramos spent quite a bit of time organizing and cleaning the training center in preparation of the LA Unscripted event. It now has a more presentable appearance, and we would appreciate it if the office is not used as a dumping grounds as it creates a poor impression for new members and can pose safety risks.

If you are looking for cleaning supplies such as spray, sanitizer, paper towels they are in the office in a labeled, black and yellow bin.

Scott said Paul Parker will be coming out to spray weed killer on the runways.

### •**Solar Project**

The next set of solar panels (9) have been ordered for Phase 2 of the project and Scott's relative, a general contractor, will be arriving at the end of February to come and install them. Thank you to Culley Bunker, who came and pressure washed the current panels with our new pressure washer. It really boosted the charging abilities.

## ·Lawn Mower

It is currently out of commission for a week while parts are being ordered.

## Tony Aguila, Treasurer

### ·Funds

Foundation: \$10,860.08 and the Club Fund is \$5138.00

He reported that that Microsoft is now wanting to pay for the free service. He is going to work with Jason Pakfar on organizing it.

## ·Club Donation Box

There is a white security donation box located at the opening of the training center with donation slips for members who want to donate. Tony collects the money regularly.

## Culley Bunker, Media Director

### ·Event Flyers

He shared some of the designs for upcoming flyers and we gave him feedback. They looked excellent. Scott asked him to get several of the flyers for upcoming events prepared in advance so we can send them to AMA to post in their magazine.

## ·FOX News

Culley has contacted his friend on Fox News, and they will do a short story about the field. We need to send them pre-edited materials. Celeste said she will contact Rob to see if we can use some from the events we recorded for the B roll they need.

## Celeste Young-Ramos, Membership Director

### ·Enrollments

We have 127 enrolls so far. We added 60 in January. Cards have been sent out, and board member cards were dropped at the training center to pick up. She reported about 25% of the enrollments are for new or returning members after a long absence so it creates more membership.

## **Lori Power, Newsletter Director and Grants**

### ·Grants

She has said all grants have been submitted. She asked Scott to provide receipts for the solar project so she can submit for the T-Mobile grant. She will need Paolo of Recs and Parks, to sign the application.

### ·Introductory Pilot Program

She reported that AMA has an introductory new pilot program that she and Frederico have been talking about instituting and new flyers could get a 31-day trial AMA insurance.

### ·Broken Practice Controls

Celeste reported a new flyer reported the practice box closest to the door has an issue with the landing function. Tony said to swap it with the one on the long table.

**Meeting ended: 8:00 pm.**

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# 2026 EVENTS @ APOLLO XI Airfield

March 8, 2026  
6:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**San Fernando Valley Flyers Swap Meet**  
Sunday

June 28, 2026  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**WESTERN STATE ELECTRIC FUN FLY**

March 20, 2026  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**CLEAN-UP/Volunteer DAY**  
Friday

July 11, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SCALE FUN FLY**  
Saturday

March 28, 2026  
8:00 AM - 6 PM  
**RC COMBAT**  
Saturday

July 12, 2026  
6:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**San Fernando valley Flyers Swap Meet**

April 17, 2026  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAY**  
FRIDAY

July 17, 20256  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAY**  
Friday

April 26, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**TRY & FLY**  
Saturday

July 25, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SUMMER FUN FLY**  
Saturday

May 10, 2026  
6:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**SWAP MEET**  
Sunday

August 15, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**BBQ FUN FLY**  
Saturday

May 15, 2026  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAY**  
Friday

August 21, 2026  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAY**  
Friday

May 16 & 17, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**L.A. JETS**  
Saturday & Sunday

September 12, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**TRY & FLY**  
Saturday

May 30, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**BUILDERS FUNFLY**  
CD: Scott Ramos

September 13, 2026  
6:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SWAP MEET**  
Sunday

June 13 & 14, 2026  
8:00 AM-6:00 PM  
**CAL STATE COMPETITION**  
Saturday & Sunday

September 18, 2026  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAY**  
Friday

June 19, 2026  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAY**  
Friday



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