



# THE AERIAL VIEW

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## It's Helicopter Time with the Fabulous LV Fun Fly

By Alec Sonenthal

The best helicopter pilots in the country will converge on Bennet Field this spring for our annual Fabulous Las Vegas Fun Fly.

Scheduled for March 11-13, 2011, this annual event features helicopters of all sizes, and pilots of all skill levels. You will see some of the biggest names in the helicopter world showing off the newest machines and some of the hottest moves you'll ever see.

Club Treasurer and Helicopter pilot Rockie Roper organizes this event, now in its 11th year! Says Rockie "we'll have over 100 participants this year, from all over the U.S. It'll be a great event."



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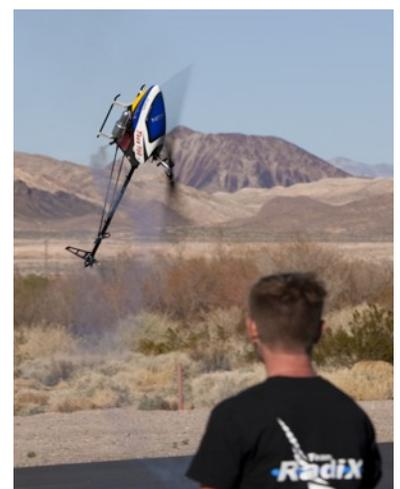
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# A View from the Fence...

By Anita Rost

In honor of Valentines Day, I decided to keep things short and sweet with the top ten ways I love my RC flying soul mate! So, here it goes, I hope y'all like it.

## How Do I Love Thee

How do I love thee let me count the ways:

- One... Fuselage
- Two... Props
- Three.... Wheels
- Four... Wings
- Five... Servos
- Six... Miles from the field
- Seven... Ounces of fuel
- Eight... Minutes of fly time
- Nine... Friends watching
- Ten... A perfect 10 landing

Happy Valentines Day to all our friends at the LVRC!



## Alan Szabo Sr. Named Member of the Year!

At the 2010 club Christmas Party, member Alan Szabo Senior was recognized as our first ever Club Member of the Year.

President Tom Brandt did the honors of recognizing Alan for his many years of club participation. He noted in particular Alan's willingness to help anyone at the field, club member or not, and his unfailing good cheer at all times. Well done Alan!



## 2010 LVRC Christmas Party



## “There and Back Again – An RC-er Tale

## Narrated by Anita Rost

Up at five and get ready to drive. Ready, set, on the road and off we go, only four hours to Ontario. It’s cold and clear – at least there’s no snow. The fog in the El Cajon Pass not only added more time to the trip but a little more tension. The winds were strong, but with both hands on the wheel and our safe distance from the tractor-trailers we stayed in our lane. The snow peaked mountains at times surrounded us, but the white stuff never made it down to our roadway.

This was not my first trip to the AMA Convention. Now I know, taking a RC’er to the AMA Convention is like taking a Chocoholic to Willie Wonka’s place, and no golden ticket is needed here. A “little” extra spending money sure won’t hurt though.

In the larger exhibition room there were 110 vendors with plenty to see. Walking up and down the aisles with vendors on both sides, you really needed a sightseeing plan. You wouldn’t want to miss anyone; after all, you never really know what you might find that you need.

There were plenty of toys for all the boys. ARF’s, servos, crystals, custom throw meter, shrink wrap, foamies, balsa, jets, helis, boats, carbon rods and hardware in all of the hard to find sizes. Something for everyone. Planes and kits available for sale – make a deal and take it home. There were many planes on exhibit. You can tell by looking at them that there were many hours of love put into their construction.

Just in case 110 vendors couldn’t keep you busy, there were guest speakers talking on many different topics. The U.S. Navy had a very nice exhibit commemorating 100 years of Naval Aviation. They had scale models and a speaker. They had two areas where you could try your driving skills. These areas were equipped with big wheel trucks. They had a flat track and another with a mountain terrain. Both areas proved that some driving skills had to be perfected.

In a smaller room across the hall there was the Swap Meet. The tables contained lots of items that you probably couldn’t find anywhere else. Some engines, books and aircraft that seemed to have been around a long time were now looking for new homes.

Another area had planes that were made from light balsa and tissue paper. Get that old Christmas stuff back out. The people at the tables were demonstrating how to build different styles of planes. They made it look so easy that I think even I could build one.

These were rubber band powered, don’t hold it against them, they looked really nice. There was a table area where they had instructors helping you build your own tissue-covered plane. Adjacent to this area was a test flying area where you could test fly your new plane. It seemed the kids liked this area more than their parents did.

Next door was the indoor demo area. I’m still no sure whom the safety nets were in place to protect, but I’m sure glad that they were there.

The little foamie planes were a sight to see. It amazes me that something that light and small can be controlled to fly. The flying discs were fun to watch. But, the most exciting demos again turned out to be the helis. The Szabo family was honorably represented. Most of the crowd stood there wondering - how can you get an aircraft to do those things?

After five hours of just looking and a lighter billfold, we bid the AMA goodby for 2011. The drive to Ontario is long but I think worth it. After all, look at all we saved, postage and handling and all that sales tax.



LVRC Members Tom Brandt, Wayne McGartlin, Alec Sonenthal, Mike Rost and Joe Ridolfo at the 2011 AMA Conference in Ontario, California



One of the raffle winners at the 2010 LVRC Christmas party.

# From the Pilots Seat

**By Tom Brandt, President, LVRC**



## ***It's Here - Bennet Field Management***

As most of you are aware LVRC has entered into an agreement with Clark County Parks and Recreation to co-operate Bennett Field. What, exactly, does this mean for you? It means having fun and simply following the rules you have already signed up for when you sent in your AMA Membership dues for 2011, and those

rules peculiar to Bennett Field. Bottom Line – as you fly your aircraft use common sense and follow the same rules that have been in place for the past 20 years at Bennett, plus a few new ones that have arisen with modern equipment and the encroachment of houses: 2.4GHz, turbines, noise issues etc.

Every pilot at the field should practice and know the Safety Rules as defined by the AMA and revised for Bennett Field; Remember, each flying field is unique and has its own set of safety rules and lines/barriers defined by the local club and/or property owner. All new pilots/members will receive instruction about the safety rules, flying areas and safety lines. I would never set foot on a different field to fly without talking with the pilots and understanding the safety lines and rules established for that particular field.

I am certain no one wants to lose this field due to unsafe and careless acts. The rules are posted and enforced to protect everyone - pilots and spectators. To help ensure a safe flying environment there are six individuals that are responsible for compliance and will be around, usually with at least one of them at the field every day, that may approach you asking questions or pointing out something they noticed while you were flying. Please do not get defensive – they are there to insure safe operation at Bennett. They are in no way intending to minimize your enjoyment of the hobby.



**Our 2011 Club Officers!**

We will remind a pilot twice about continued infractions. The third time he will be asked to leave the property. This is true whether you are a member of LVRC or not. LVRC now has the full backing of the Park Police, Metro and Clark County Parks and Recreation in ensuring compliance.

The following individuals can answer any question or concern at Bennett:

- Chuck Bolyard
- Rockie Roper
- Brad Rich
- Mike O'Brien
- Alan Szabo Sr.
- Tom Brandt

Remember, these individuals will be asking questions and requesting compliance with the safety rules. Don't take it personal. These individuals are not 'cops' but caretakers of a great resource that we are privileged to use. Remember that their job is 'safety first'.

We have developed a revised structured set of rules for Bennett Field and these rules cover two (2) areas:

1. **Safety** rules for actual flying, and
2. **Operational** rules that includes items such as times of operation, requirements, emergency numbers etc.

I will not address the *Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code* and the Bennett Field rules here as they are posted at both ends. You may read them at your leisure at the field. These posted rules are intended to be a guide to help each pilot understand the field rules and his/her responsibilities to fly safely.

The operational rules are:

1. Operating hours – 7 AM till 11 PM daily.  
Night flying is OK.
2. AMA is a must to fly at Bennett – NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Phone Numbers:
  - Park Police –
  - Metro – 311 non-emergency or 911 for an emergency
  - CCP&R – Jim Foreman

The new signs will be made and posted soon by County maintenance.

Fly safe.....Tom

## LVRC Flight Instructors Are Here to Help!

Membership has its privileges, and being a member of the LVRC has lots of benefits. One of the great benefits, especially for beginners, are our club instructors. Even if you aren't a club member, our instructors are still happy to work with you!

Each instructor is AMA certified to train and instruct, and more important, are happy and willing to spend time with you! It's not just time in the air, either!

Each of these instructors will assist you in flight prep, the essentials of flight, equipment management, and much more. If you have construction challenges, repairs, or just fine-tuning the performance of your plane or helicopter, they'll be there for you as well.

So, whether you just come out to the field, come to a meeting, or simply call one of these guys, get out there and get started!

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## Club News and Views

### Upcoming Meetings

- February 17, 2011
- March 17, 2011
- April 14, 2011

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the back room of the Skyline Casino Restaurant. Show up an hour early for dinner with fellow club members!

### Trainer Days

- February 19, 2011
- March 19, 2011
- April 16, 2011

Don't miss these great opportunities to get started in RC flight. Our club instructors are on hand and ready to show you the ropes!

### Events and Competitions

March 11-13, 2011

**Fabulous Las Vegas Helicopter Fun Fly**

**Bennett Field**

Three days of competition and fun flying with some of the best helicopter pilots in the country. For more information contact Rockie Roper at [m-support@rockcopter.com](mailto:m-support@rockcopter.com)

### News and Updates

- **Officer Elections.** For 2011 we welcome our newly elected officers:
  - ♦ President - Tom Brandt
  - ♦ Vice-President - Charles Bolyard
  - ♦ Treasurer - Rockie Roper
  - ♦ Secretary - Brad Rich
- **2011 Dues and Membership Cards.** We are collecting 2011 dues and handing out membership cards. You can pay at the next meeting, or if you see Rocky Roper at the field, you can drop off a check there.

### William Bennett Field Reminders

Our flying field is a fabulous asset and a great place to fly, but there are some reminders for all who fly there::

- No equipment, fuel, planes or helicopters can be on the picnic benches under the shelter, under any circumstances!
- You must have a current AMA card in your possession at all times!
- Flying is allowable from 7:00 a.m. to dusk.

Please note that Clark County Park Police may ticket you for any of these infractions, so be warned!

## Area Hobby Stores

### Dansey's Hobbies

4252 E. Charleston Blvd.  
(702) 453-7223

### Henderson Hobbies

117 Water Street  
(702) 834-4024

### Hobby People West

2610 S. Decatur Blvd  
(702) 871-6191

### Hobbytown USA

5085 W. Sahara Ave.  
(702) 889-9554

### Hobby People East

5466 Boulder Hwy  
(702) 547-2204

### Nice Twice Hobbies

3111 S. Valley View Blvd,  
# A-117  
(702) 876-2280

## New Year's Day Potluck a Great Success!

Fried turkey, potluck lunch, and lots of great flying marked the first day in 2011 for the LVRC - A great time was had by all!



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