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**SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS**  
AMA Charter Club #1822

# S.A.M.- Antics

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to give a big appreciation to Steve Brown. He did it again; after extensive research, he found a way to save the club a lot of money again. He found a new company to take care of our garbage and save the club \$1200 a year and \$100 this year. Thanks Steve for all your great work and research.

Congratulations to the newest board members that were elected for 2016 and 2017, Don Attwood and Bog Obregon. Also, Congratulations to the board members that were re-elected: Sergio Varo, Jerry Cunningham and myself. Dick Weston, and Rodger Cady were on the board for years and I'd like to say Thank You for all your dedication and everything you have done for the club. You guys are outstanding club members and we as the board will always appreciate any input or help you'd like to give the club.

Remember the SAM Christmas Party will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> and if you have not RSVP, please contact Jerry Cunningham before December 5<sup>th</sup>. Jerry always puts on a fantastic party and if you don't go, you are missing out. There is a limited number that will be accepted, so don't wait to RSVP.

Lastly, I am sad to say, Peg Sweeney is resigning from doing our newsletter effective after the December issue has been submitted. She has done such a great job. Thanks for everything, Peg, that you have done with the newsletters and the organization it takes to keep it flowing to the members every month. If any of you are wanting and willing to take over the newsletter, please contact me.\* We will be looking to start training someone for the January issue.

Please do not forget to renew AMA Membership by December 31<sup>st</sup> and your SAM Membership by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Till next time, fly safe and have a great time at the Sacramento Area Modelers Flying Field!!!

JR Schiager

"Good Sportsmanship Equals Fun For All"

*\*Peg will give you the files, format, and e-mail lists.*

## DO YOU HAVE A VALID AMA CARD?

**Remember:** Our By-Laws and the County of Sacramento require a current AMA Card to fly at the S.A.M. site. Also did you know that your current status as a **member requires a valid AMA card?** If you do not have a current AMA Card in your possession or proof in the form of a fax or e-mail from AMA, **do not fly**. If you fly without AMA membership, you will be in violation of our rules and may be suspended from flying at the S.A.M. site. Contact the AMA at 1-800-435-9262 for membership when paying via credit card.

## FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Are you new to R/C flying? Or perhaps you need to brush up or even just want to talk with one of our "Pro's." SAM's corps of Flight Instructors stands ready to help you. You will usually find at least one of them at the flying site on Tuesdays or Fridays. You may call **Jim Lichtenberg** our Flight Instructor Coordinator at **916-681-5335** or e-mail at **[rcflyer999@comcast.net](mailto:rcflyer999@comcast.net)** and he will arrange for the assistance you need. If **Jim** is not available, you can contact the Assistant Flight Instructor Coordinator, **Ron Davies** at **916-682-7902**. Or you can call our flight instructors directly.

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### SAM-Antics SUBMITTALS

Deadline for submissions to the SAM Antics is the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send articles as Word text or as text in an email to: [jrstuff88@gmail.com](mailto:jrstuff88@gmail.com)  
Submittals may be edited for content and length.

### ***NEW AND RENEWING MEMBER***

Jesse Arias – New Jr. Member  
Leonard Lupo – New Member  
Wes Green – New Member

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# SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 09, 2015

Location: Perko's Restaurant – Hwy 50 and

Bradshaw Time: 6:55 PM

## Board Members

Present: President: JR Schiager, Vice President: Jerry Cunningham, Secretary: Jim Smith, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Publicity: Mark Forister, Membership: Dick Weston, Events: Kimo Dias

Absent: Safety: Sergio Varo, Field Marshall: Rodger

## Cady Officer reports

President: JR started the meeting by letting the board know that our current newsletter editor Peg Sweeney will be retiring after the December newsletter. (Anyone interested in becoming the newsletter editor for 2016 please contact JR regarding the opportunity).

JR spoke regarding the current trash contract and the opportunity to switch companies. Our current vendor charges \$156 per month. The new vendor found by Steve Brown would cost \$52 a month for similar service. There would be a fee of \$450 to break our current contract. At this point the board is looking to make the changes in December unless there are other issues that pose a problem with setting up a new contract with the new company. More news to follow on this topic next month.

Next meeting date and location TBD.

Vice President: Jerry made sure that everyone knew that the Christmas party is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. There are flyers on line, in the newsletter, and should be at the SAM site soon.

Events: Kimo saved his input for new business (see below).

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report at this point.

Treasurer: Steve reported that we are still on budget at this point. No large expenses are expected for the remainder of the year.

Field Marshall: Rodger was out of town on vacation. Membership:

Dick reported that we currently have 163 members.

Safety: Sergio was not present due to being out of town on business. Publicity: Mark had nothing to report at this time.

## New Business:

Kimo was approached by a few members, who have asked to remain anonymous, regarding changes and questions. Below are the questions and responses.

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> question revolved around smoking and where at SAM can members smoke.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> issue brought to Kimo's attention was about LiPo batteries and the worries about fires that have reported from their use. Also mentioned was the extreme concern regarding the extremely large packs being used by the Pattern pilots.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> topic for discussion was brought to him by a member asking if the board would consider raising the fence at the south corner and the north area of the pit area.
4. The 4<sup>th</sup> item was with regards to moving the spectator area back to even with the shade structure.

The board discussed at length where smoking should and shouldn't be allowed. At this point it has been determined that there should be no smoking on any of the cement or paved areas. Furthermore the board asks that the members be courteous with regards to where they smoke and mindful of each other's needs. As for LiPo Batteries and their use, the board asks that everyone use caution with this power source. If you have questions there are many members that can be asked the how and why behind LiPo use and maintenance. There are many SAM members who have been using this type of technology for many years and have a very good understanding of how to care and feed these types of batteries.

With regards to raising the pit area fence the BOD discussed at length the merits of changing the pit area fence. At this time it is not one of the top priorities, however, if there is a member base that would like to chair a committee on making plans for these type of changes, the board would consider their input and also work with the committee to determine funding if it can be managed within the current budget.

The 4<sup>th</sup> item does seem to have some merit and the board believes that the spectator area can be moved with little or no expense. This will be looked into more before the start of next year's event season.

At this point Kimo then shifted to the events calendar for 2016. Below are the board approved dates for 2016. 4/10/16 – Big Kahuna Memorial Warbird Race  
4/24/16 – SAM Picnic and Fun Fly  
5/14/16 – Spring Pattern Contest  
8/7/16 – Nitro Madness Warbird  
Race 8/28/16 – SAM Open House  
9/22-25/16 – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trashman/YS Classic Warbird  
Race 10/8-9/16 – Bud Garric Pattern Contest  
Date TBD – SAM Swap meet to be scheduled concurrently with the Capitol City Airshow when the field is not open for flight activities.

Old Business:

None Motions:

Kimo made the motion to approve the events calendar as discussed. JC seconded the motion.  
Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Smith  
Secretary

## **SAM 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
12/12	SAM Christmas Party – Spaghetti Factory	6:30 pm	Rancho Cordova
12/25	<b>Merry Christmas</b>		
12/31	<b>Happy New Year's Eve</b>		

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## 2016 ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL FORM

This up dated information is used for the Club Roster and the E-mail mailing list for the SAM*Antics* (Newsletter). Please print your information so that I can read it. Thanks

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Annual Dues are \$90.00 to be paid in the month of January  
2016. The renewal period ending January 31st.

**Payments made after January 31st will be \$100.00.**

You may make your check to SAM and mail it to the address above, use the Red Day Use mail box at the field, give the dues to Steve Brown (Treasurer) or Dick Weston, Membership Director at the field.

2016 Annual stickers, received should be placed on your AMA card. The Gate Combination Sticker is to be placed in your wallet or a secure place for club members use only.