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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Years to everyone!!!! We are looking forward to 2016 as it looks like it will be a great year. There are things being implemented and new plans are being looked at. We as a board are open to any suggestion you may have to improve on anything that you may think needs to be addressed. So please, do not keep quiet and let us know what you think. We are hoping to get more involvement from the members to join us for the General Club Meetings. The meeting will be very descriptive and very informative on past, current and future items discussed. With more attendance in the meeting means more dialogue between all the members. There is also a form on the website for suggestions on how to improve the General Club Meetings.

The New board members that have been elected for the following positions; Don Atwood is our Field Marshall and Bob Obregon is our Membership Director. Thank you for joining the board and I look forward to working with you for the next 2 years. The reelected Board Members will be staying in the same positions as it was last year. I like to say Thank You again to Dick Weston, and Rodger Cady for all your dedication and everything you have done for the club. You guys are the greatest!!!!

Great job on the S.A.M. Christmas Party Jerry. Jerry did it again and had a very successful party. Great food, Great comrade, Great prizes and a Great time!!!!

Thanks to Ron Davis for filling in as our temporary News Letter Editor. He will start on the February issue. He is not looking to do it for a long period so we are still looking for someone to take it over. If any of you are wanting and willing to take over the newsletter, please contact me. If you are interested, please call me directly and please do not email me on this topic.

Please do not forget to renew your AMA Membership ASAP and your SAM Membership by January 31st. Remember, if you have not renewed your AMA for 2016, you cannot fly.

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”

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** 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 27th of each month. Please send articles as Word text or as text in an email to the Newsletter Editor, at info@sacramentoareamodelers.com. Submittals may be edited for content and length.

SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2015

Location: Spaghetti Factory Hazel and 50.

Time: 6:50 PM

Board Members

Present: President: JR Schiager, Vice President: Jerry Cunningham, Secretary: Jim Smith, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Publicity: Mark Forister, Events: Kimo Dias, Safety: Sergio Varo, Field Marshall: Rodger Cady

Guests: Incoming board members Don Atwood and Bob Obregon

Absent: Membership: Dick Weston,

Officer reports

President: JR started the meeting by welcoming Bob Obregon and Don Atwood to the SAM board. He then thanked Dick Weston (not present) and Rodger Cady for their years of service.

JR recapped the responsibilities for each board position and who currently held each position for the new incoming board members. The board positions are: President, Vice President, Membership, Safety, Publicity, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Events, and Secretary.

At this point JR went down the list of officers and the new board decided who would fill each position for the upcoming year.

2016 Board Members as determined:

President: JR Schiager

Vice President: Jerry Cunningham

Membership: Bob Obregon

Safety Officer: Sergio Varo

Publicity Officer: Mark Forister

Treasurer: Steve Brown

Field Marshall: Don Atwood

Events: Kimo Dias

Secretary: Jim Smith

After the 2016 board positions had been established, JR shared with those present that the News Letter Editor position for 2016 had been filled by Ron Davies. JR is working on some logistics to streamline the newsletter position, moving the work from personal PC to web based storage and distribution via the website and drop box.

Recently we learned that the image used for our Christmas flyer this year would need to be paid for, it seems that the image was used without the required permissions needed. The expense for this year's flyer was \$84.00. Moving forward there will be more research done regarding image use for all club flyers.

New as of the 21st December all "Pilots" who are flying a plane between .55 and 55 pounds will need to register with FAA as a pilot. AMA is still working with FAA to determine the definitive ruling on how this effects AMA members and will be sending out a statement once everything is determined.

Once we receive AMA notification it will be posted on the prominently on the SAM website.

(Secretary's note: as of 12/17/15 AMA in an email notice to members has asked all AMA members to delay their registration until a later date as AMA is working with FAA and also pursuing other options with regards to this new FAA ruling). It was also discussed that SAM and the SAM board does not need to be involved with the enforcement of the FAA policy. However, the goal would be to inform the membership with any details that come from AMA once the final decisions are handed down.

For next month the board will be working on honorary memberships. Also starting with the January board meeting we will be holding the meeting on the second Thursday of the month.

JR will be working on the open membership meeting schedule over the next couple of weeks. SAM will be having open membership meetings quarterly during 2016. The first meeting will be in January,

location and date to be determined. Notice should be in the January newsletter and on the SAM website.

Safety Officer Report: Sergio shared with those at the meeting that he would be willing to take any members used batteries that they need disposed of correctly. For those interested please see Sergio Varo at the field.

New Business:

Board of Directors insurance was brought up by Kimo Dias for the SAM BOD. More information is still needed so this item was tabled until the next board meeting.

Old Business:

None.

Motions:

None.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Smith

Secretary

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SAM 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
2/21	SAM General Meeting	SAM
4/10	Big Kahuna Warbird Race	SAM
4/24	SAM Open House	SAM
5/14	Spring Pattern Contest	SAM
5/15	SAM General Meeting	SAM
6/11 thru 6/12	Flying Ash Fast Warbird Race	Redding
7/31	Nitro Madness Warbird Race	SAM
8/21	SAM General Meeting	SAM
8/28	SAM Picnic and Fun Fly	SAM
9/8/ thru 9/11	11th Annual Trashman & YS Classic Warbird Race	SAM
9/18	SAM General Meeting <i>(Nominations for the Board)</i>	SAM
9/23/ thru 9/25	SAM Field is Closed for Flying	SAM
9/24	SAM Swap Meet	SAM
10/8 thru 10/9	Bud Garric Pattern Contest	SAM
10/16	SAM General Meeting <i>(2017 Events Scheduling)</i>	SAM
11/20	SAM General Meeting <i>(Board Elections)</i>	SAM
12/10	SAM Christmas Party	SAM

* Dates subject to change upon S.A.M. Board approval

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