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Everything is going good and smooth. All we had going on is great people flying and lots of bonding between great friends.

On September 18, 2016 at 3:30 pm at the flying field, we will be holding a General Meeting for nominations for the board for 2017. There are a total of four board positions that opening up for next year. Jim Smith, Mark Forister, Steve Brown, and Kimo Dias have fulfilled their two year term plus and all of them have done a great job and has shown their dedication to Sacramento Area Modelers. If you or if you know someone that wants to be on the board, you can come to the meeting and nominate that member. Remember, to be nominated, you or the other person must be a current Open Member, AMA Member, and have been an Open Member for at least 2 years.

Don't forget on October 1st, we will be having our annual SAM Swap Meet. We will not be charging for space this year. It will be free to come out sell or trade your Radio Control items.

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"

SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2016

Location: Perko's restaurant at 50 and Bradshaw

Time: 6:45 PM

Board Members

Present: President: JR Schiager, Vice President: Jerry Cunningham, Membership: Bob Obregon, Secretary: Jim Smith, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Field Marshall: Don Atwood, Safety: Sergio Varo,

Absent: Publicity: Mark Forister, Events: Kimo Dias

Officer reports

President: JR started the meeting with discussion regarding the recent break in at SAM and the items stolen and the vandalism associated with the break in. At this point there was some discussion regarding adding video surveillance at SAM with Don Atwood sharing his research on adding cameras, etc. Don will be doing further research and report back on his findings. JR then moved on to the replacement of the stove that was stolen from the Augur Inn. Steve was able to find a replacement for \$120. With donations from members and some club support the new (used) stove has been acquired. The next topic of discussion was with regards to the club initiation fee for membership. Currently we have a policy that has new members pay an initiation fee of \$100 and if membership has lapsed more than 3 years the member would again pay that \$100 to reinstate status. Based upon a quick vote Bob will work be working on some changes to the current policy that would make it easier to reinstate a membership. Once Bob has written the refinements he will present them to the BOD to vote on the changes. See motions below for more information.

Other officer reports:

Vice President: Jerry Cunningham let the board members present that he has started work on this year's Christmas party. He admits it is early to plan for Christmas, but getting started this early is necessary to put together a successful dinner.

Membership: Bob Obregon shared that the membership is currently at 155 members.

Safety Officer: Sergio Varo has some items to replace for the first aid kit and will be updating it within the next week. A topic was brought up regarding people taxing back into the pit area. Recently someone was hit by a pilot doing this type of activity. Please do not taxi in the pit area... to do so would be in violation of club rules. For those that have questions regarding the flying site rules they are posted at the main entry to the runway just under the frequency board. Sergio will be adding the field rules to the next newsletter. Sergio's last words were for everyone be SAFE!

Publicity Officer: Mark Forister was not present.

Treasurer: Steve Brown shared the income and expenses. Currently we are tracking close to budget or possibly will have a slight deficit.

Field Marshall: Don Atwood spoke regarding some minor repairs going on at the field currently. Not much needed. He is also working on some signage for the spectator

area. There has also been a request from one of the site workers for assistance prepping the field for the upcoming event(s) – See Don Atwood if you would like to volunteer to help out.

Events: Kimo Dias was not present.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report.

New Business:

JR let the board know that the upcoming event will be adding an extra outhouse for the race in September. This is paid for by the event and not SAM. Steve Brown will also be looking into extra servicing.

Old Business:

N/A

Motions:

1. Sergio motioned that the \$100 “re-initiation” fee be dropped and that the initiation fee be a one-time fee. Furthermore the initiation fee would be possible to be paid in two installments of \$50.00 per year over two consecutive years. Lastly any returning members gone more than 3 years will have their current year’s dues prorated by the current month.

Don Seconded

All approved

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Smith

Secretary

SAM Club Meeting Sunday 08/21/16 Location: Club Field

JR Schiager Opened the meeting at: 3:35 PM

Guests Present: Tom Gross

New Members Present: Becky Smith

Officer Reports:

President: JR Schiager opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any guests or new members present.

JR then reported that AMA changed their annual coverage and membership system to an anniversary system. No longer are memberships for new members or late returning members from January to December. As such the club is asking that everyone post an AMA card on the frequency board every time they fly.

The next topic on the agenda was with regards to first person view flying (FPV). The club (and the board) has taken the position that quads, etc are allowed to fly, but there will be no FPV flying allowed at SAM, in other words the person flying needs to maintain visual sight of the aircraft they are flying. Of note, if a plane, quad, or whatever being flown is equipped with a camera system, spectators may view what is going on... just not the pilot in command.

JR then asked the membership in attendance for their opinion on dropping one of the two portable bathrooms used at the site. By carrying the second bathroom the club is paying roughly \$700 a year in additional "waste" fees (sorry couldn't help myself). The membership present agreed that they desired to keep two portable restrooms for the entire year.

For those that do not know, there was a recent break in to the SAM site where the Augur Inn stove and some other items were taken. One of entry locks at the gate was cut and the locks for the storage containers were also cut, the intelligence of the thieves was demonstrated by their inability to get into the storage containers. There was also either vandalism or theft regarding the Jerry Votaw memorial. The board is looking to add some security items as well as replace the stove for the Auger Inn (a new stove has been purchased and plans are in place to have it installed prior to the cold of winter).

The membership present had quite a few suggestions what could be changed to make the club more secure as well as some not so kind words for scum associated with the break in.

The website has been undergoing changes and has a nice feel for perspective new members. JR has asked that if you have any website comments, input, or suggestions that you please contact him directly to let him know.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Jerry let everyone know that the Christmas party is scheduled for December. More details to follow in the next few months.

Treasurer: Steve reported that we are still on budget.

Safety: Sergio wanted everyone to know pilots should not taxi past the pilot station fence when returning to the pits. “There is no taxiing in the pits” were his direct words to those in attendance. There may be some lines and wording added to the taxi way or pits to stress this sensitive safety item in the future.

Secretary: Nothing to report..... Way too busy taking notes.

Membership: Not present.

Publicity: Updates are being done with Facebook and Twitter with support from JR.

Mark is making sure that we are covered on Craig’s list and at the local hobby shops as well.

Events: August 27th, there will be some show cars on site at 9:00 AM for about an hour and ½. There should be about 16 SSR’s. Gary Smith is looking for additional club members to show up and show off our RC stuff. August 28th there is a club BBQ picnic (shortly after the membership meeting board members present decided that this event would be removed). September 8-11 the club will be closed to open flying for the YS and Trashman Classic. September 18th, there is a club meeting scheduled for board member nominations. Four board members are up for election spots. 9/30 – 10/2 the SAM club will be closed to flying due to the Capital City Airshow. 10/1 there also will be the club swap meet. 10/8-10/9 is the Bud Garric Pattern Contest. Please check the club website for a full list of events and current changes.

Field Marshall: Don reported that his crew is doing a great job of keeping the field in good condition. Don recently added the “no FPV flying” signs on the frequency board fence.

Show and Tell: Steve Nickerson showed off his latest creation. A Supermarine Spiteful. A YS powered WW2 fighter aircraft purpose built for racing. The model sported a new YS 1.15 warbird special with JR servos and receiver. The model had two test flights and all those who witnessed its flight commented on the beauty and quickness of the aircraft.

Raffle:

Tom Gross: heat gun

Ron Chunn: Props from APC

Rodger Cady: LiFe Battery

Mark Forister: Glow Starter

JR Schiager: Airplane Stand

Ed Whittenberg: Iron

Sergio Varo: Props from APC

Rodger Cady: Mechanical Landing Gear

Rodger Cady: Prop Reamer

Meeting Adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Smith – Secretary

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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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.

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SAM 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Date | Event | Location |
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| 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 |
| 9/30/ thru 10/2 | SAM Field is Closed for Flying | SAM |
| 10/1 | 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 |
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* Dates subject to change upon S.A.M. Board approval

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The Back Page

This & That

New Date for Museum Trip

Field trip to the Hiller Aviation Museum on Tuesday September 20th. If you are still working this is what sick days are meant to be used for. Leave in the morning, visit the museum, have lunch and return in afternoon. Admission is \$15.00. If interested please contact me and we will group up to limit the numbers of cars to get there and back. 530 676-4233 or by email geneal123@comcast.net

Club By-Laws

One should always be familiar with the By-laws of any organization you may be a member of, as Jerry Cunningham once pointed out to me. While I was embarrassed at the time, that I was shall we say less than aware of content of the By-laws, I thank him today for the direction he pointed me in. With the upcoming board elections there is good information on potential nominee requirements and absenteeism voting. One should refresh themselves with all club documentation from time to time.

Volunteer needed

In January the club will need a person to do the newsletter. I have very much enjoyed this past year and will finish out the rest of this year, but then I wish just to return to just sport flying with my “Old Crony” friends. I’ve gained a lot of respect for many of the board members and am extremely happy they want to drive the ship while I sit on the sun deck. If interested please contact our club president (JR).

To post on the “Back Page” please contact Gene Strobel at 530 676-4233 or by email geneal123@comcast.net Dead line for submittals will be 26th of each month