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

# S.A.M.-Antics

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I must apologize for the late Newsletter this month. Frank has been waiting patiently for my notes but I forgot. As Frank reminded me "the second thing to go is the memory". I must be on the downward slope. The really important news this month is that both the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed the "FAA Reauthorization Bill" with a provision that the model aircraft community will continue to be free of further regulation. There will still be one more step to this legislative process but it looks like we will be left alone. I think a great job was done by AMA to lobby for this legislation.

The SAM Board has been looking for ways to increase the attendance at our meetings. I will be the first to admit that the agenda of our monthly meetings has gotten stale. Starting with the February Meeting, Tuesday 2/21, we are going to try a few new things.

1. We are going to send out an email and post on the website an approximate agenda of the upcoming meeting. This will be done 2 days +/- prior to the meeting and will act as a reminder of the meeting.
2. We will be including in the agenda any special building or flying tips that will be demonstrated at the meeting. Yes that does mean that some of you will be asked to share something. We all have shortcuts and tips that make our hobby easier and the results more desirable. They don't have to be long demonstrations just small tips.
3. The agenda will also include the Show and Tell projects for the month. Just send us a quick note a couple of days before the meeting and tell us what you plan to bring. It might interest someone else. This does not mean that you can't bring your brand new Pink Widget that you just finished. It is just a heads up.
4. Raffle prizes for the month will be listed so you can stop at the ATM on your way to the meeting.
5. If you have any other ideas for the meetings please talk to me or any board member and we will consider them. This is your club so make it what you want.

SAM has again been asked to attend and perform at the Rancho Murietta Airpark Open House. This will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> this year and according to the local EAA chapter will be larger than last year's event. Tom Richardi will be organizing the aerial shows and I will be coordinating static displays. This a great way for SAM to present itself to the community.

The first Warbird Race of the year will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is earlier in the year but we will hope for continued fair weather. We will be having a short workday on March 18 starting at 8:00 am. Check with Sergio for details but if you stick around after the work is done you can watch the Outlaws crash into each other!

Get well Jerry Votaw after your hand surgery. I have a transmitter tray I can loan you! JR Schiager watch out for those cowboy lies!

Be Nice

...John

## 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 Tuesday 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 [tank4an@surewest.net](mailto:tank4an@surewest.net). Submittals may be edited for content and length.

### Welcome New and Rejoining Members

None to report at this time.

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Cameron Park, CA  
(530) 677-4417

### **R/C Country Hobbies**

#### **The Hobby Shop**

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Sacramento CA**

**(916) 731-5868**

#### **E & H Hobby Enterprises**

2372 Butte House Road  
Yuba City, CA 95993  
Open: Tues-Sat 11:30 AM-6:00 PM  
(530) 751-0225

### **WEBSITE IS BACK**

Yes, thanks to JR Schiager, SAM's website ([www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org](http://www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org)) is back in operation. The website is still a work in progress. JR is continuing to add features. So, have patience if you look for things and they are not yet there. At the same time, JR wants your comments. Look at the website and there is a link where you can readily pass on ideas, suggestions, etc. Let your flying buddies know that the newsletter will be available on the website if they don't get it as an email attachment.

### **WHAT A DEAL**

If you buy your hobby supplies in the Sacramento area, you probably saw it hanging from the ceiling there in R/C Country's sales room: a 100 inch wingspan Eindexer complete with O.S. 1.60 twin motor, servos, receiver, transmitter, etc., never been flown and ready to fly. Well, over the past months the price has been dropping and dropping. You just knew that sooner or later it was going to be sold. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Andy Anderson walked in to buy supplies and saw that the price was too good to be resisted. He is now the proud owner of that beautiful model airplane. It had its first flight on January 25<sup>th</sup> and he is happy beyond description. Good for you, Andy, now all the SAM members that are fortunate enough to be at the field when you take it up in the future can also enjoy it.

## **Board Meeting**

Date: January 11, 2012 Location: Perkos, 9647 Micron Ave, Sacramento, CA

Call to Order @: 6:40 PM

Board Members Present:

John Bigwood  Dick Weston  JR Schiager  Sergio Varo  Rodger Cady   
(President) (Membership) (Vice President) (Field Marshall) (Safety Officer)

Jerry Votaw  Tom Richardi  Casey Smith  Bob Calvert   
(Treasurer) (Publicity) (Events Director) (Secretary)

Officer Reports:

Individual Officer Reports were not provided during the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year with new officers attending.

Business:

1. Honorary Membership suggestions were presented and the following memberships were approved by the Board: Ellis Hall, George Steiner, Wally McCallister, Frank Tanforan, Richard Verano
2. The events calendar was approved as presented by Casey Smith. Casey to send copy to Frank Tanforan for including in the SAM newsletter.
  - Discussed Events Guidelines;
    - Costs
      - Breakdown per entry:
        - \$35.00 - entry
        - - 8.75 - 25% to club
        - - 2.00 – Timing loan
        - - 10.00 – Year end trophy fund
        - Results: the breakdown of the entry fee is \$14.25 is for cash prizes, \$10.75 to SAM and \$10.00 held by SAM for year end trophies.
          - At the end of every Warbid event, the CD will give the treasurer \$20.75 X number of entries. The same breakout (\$20.75) applies to a 2 day race. The amount to SAM is submitted first; remaining funds are for cash prizes.
      - List of items the CD's must do (or assure is completed at each event)
        - Enough people to set-up for the event
        - Schedule people to clean-up after the event is complete
3. JR volunteered to become the new webmaster
4. Open House:
  - Still need a CD
  - Will have a BBQ – the kids & their families like the free hot dogs
  - Jim Lichtenberg has the basics for holding the event laid out – however, he is unavailable to run the event.
5. Monthly Raffle – suggested there will be one large prize and one or more smaller prizes. Will attempt to keep within the \$150-200 ranges. After some history of money received and spent, will adjust accordingly.
6. Fireplace: Sergio to get a creosote burning log to clean the firebox and chimney to prevent a fire from the buildup of creosote.
7. Meetings:
  - General meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month except February (which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) and July (to be held at the club field – still held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday).
  - Board meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Meeting Adjourned @: 7:50 PM

Bob Calvert  
Secretary

## CLUB MEETING

Date: January 24, 2012 Location: S.M.U.D. HQ Building, 6201 S Street

Call to Order @: 7:39 PM

Board Members Present:

John Bigwood  Dick Weston  JR Schiager  Sergio Varo  Rodger Cady   
(President) (Membership) (Vice President) (Field Marshall) (Safety Officer)

Jerry Votaw  Tom Richardi  Casey Smith  Bob Calvert   
(Treasurer) (Publicity) (Events Director) (Secretary)

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **President:**

1. JR Schiager volunteered to take over as the web master after John Riley died. JR has worked diligently to transform the SAM web page to a modern computer language more easily manipulated and supported. Take a look at it – it's looking great!
2. The FAA has delayed the next rule-making meeting concerning rulings on the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) until February. Being an election year, it is uncertain when proposed rules will be available for public comment.
3. The SAM Open House is scheduled for April 21, 2012. In previous years, the Open House was scheduled at the end of the flying season just prior to youngsters heading back to school. By scheduling it earlier, it allows us to support the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) emphasis on youngster participation by introducing them to modeling at the beginning of the flying season and their summer vacation and then following up with them
4. SAM Projects – major projects have been tabled until our financial position is further evaluated due to a slow membership renewal rate. Past years renewal pattern will be evaluated to determine if this year is an anomaly or if it is a yearly occurrence. Our membership dues are our main source of income. However, if work needs to be completed to save an asset (for example, chip seal the entrance road if it starts to deteriorate beyond repair), it will be completed as we do have sufficient funds.
5. A Special Events application has been submitted to the County for the JR's Charity Event.
6. General membership meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (except February, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

#### **Vice President:**

1. Web page set up and still under construction. It includes a signup for a SAM forum and classified ads. If you see ways to improve it or something requiring correction, please contact JR (jrstuff88@gmail.com)
2. A letter will go out in a month for the JR's Charity Event, Keat Raphael Memorial Charity Race..

#### **Secretary:**

Nothing at this time.

#### **Treasurer:**

1. Reported the club is solvent.
2. Lawn service has been paid for the entire year.
3. \$1,000 lease payment to the County will be paid shortly.

#### **Publicity:**

1. Nothing at this time

#### **Membership** (provided by President John Bigwood):

1. Large percentage of members have not yet renewed
  - a. 179 members at end of 2011
  - b. 115 members as of January 2012
2. Membership is our primary source of income
3. If you know someone has not renewed, remind them to do so quickly
4. If membership is low, i.e., funding low, the Board will adjust the budget as necessary.

#### **Field Marshall:**

1. A creosote burning log was purchased and burned in the fireplace to remove creosote from the chimney. This was a safety issue.
2. Weed spraying is scheduled to be completed.
3. Rodger Cady is in the process of repairing benches (under the cover) that are sagging.

#### **Events Director:**

1. The 2012 calendar of events has been approved by the board.

#### **General Business:**

1. In light of the lag in new members and the economy, the question of why SAM is continuing with the \$100 initiation fee was raised. It was suggested by "Andy" Anderson it would be better to lower the initiation fee and attract additional members than to keep the fees intact and not attract potential members. President Bigwood said he would take in under advisement with the Board.

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2. Another suggestion was to offer Lifetime Memberships again. A discussion followed pointing out the differences of how AMA and SAM are classified for tax purposes and how it affects the member's contributions.
  - a. AMA is a "non-profit" and their lifetime memberships are considered taxable deductible donations that can be claimed on the member's tax return.
  - b. SAM is a "not-for-profit" and their lifetime memberships are not considered tax deductible donations and cannot be claimed on the member's taxes.
  - c. President Bigwood said he would take lifetime membership options under advisement with the Board.
3. A presentation was made by the Ash Creek RC Flyers (ACRCF) from Redding, CA.
  - a. SAM agreed to support and conduct the first Ash Creek RC Flyers' AMA sanctioned War Bird Race scheduled for June 24, 2012. The event is included in SAM's Schedule of Events.
    - i. SAM will run the event with an ACRCF member paired with each SAM member.
    - ii. The race will be Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. The field will be open Friday and Saturday before the event with practice on Saturday. ACRCF encourages SAM members to come early and bring other planes to fly in addition to their war birds.
    - iii. ACRCF adopted SAM War Bird rules and procedures verbatim.
    - iv. There will be an on-site hobby shop.
    - v. Prizes include YS engines, Justin Boots, A Main Hobby gift certificates and Airborne models.
    - vi. A Huey helicopter will be on display.
  - b. There will be a BBQ Saturday evening, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. Dry camping (no power or water at the campsite) is available at the ACFCF grounds at no cost. Toilets are on site.
  - d. ACRCF's runway is 600 x 60 feet with a view of Mt. Shasta to the north, Mt. Lassen to the east, and is located approximately 15 minutes off Hwy 5.
  - e. Contact information is:
 

Ash Creek RC Flyers  
 23799 County Hwy A-17  
 Anderson, CA 96007  
[www.ashcreekrcflyers.com](http://www.ashcreekrcflyers.com)  
 916-719-1208

**Show & Tell:**

**Who** John Bigwood

**What** Vintage unused O.S. 60 Open Rocker motor he purchased at a garage sale for \$30.00.

**Who** Bob Fallon

**What** Great Planes ARF Mr. Mulligan. Has a Rimfire 32 motor and is one beautiful plane. Bob finished it the day of the club meeting so hasn't had the opportunity to fly it.

**Raffle:**

**Who** Bob Calvert                      **What** \$15 RC Country Gift Certificate

**Who** Jim Smith                        **What** \$15 RC Country Gift Certificate

**Who** Bob Fallon                       **What** Tachometer

**Who** Bob Calvert                      **What** Hobbico torque 90 starter

**Who** Jim Smith                        **What** Triton EQ charger

Meeting Adjourned @: 9:05 PM

Bob Calvert  
Secretary



## **2012 EVENTS**

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Big Kahuna Warbird Race</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Open House</b>
<b>May 5/6</b>	<b>Keaton Raphael Memorial Charity Race</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Sacramento Spring Pattern Contest</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Pylonpalooza Warbird Race</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Warbird Race at Redding</b>
<b>July 22</b>	<b>Tres Amigos Warbird Race</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Third Annual SAM Swap Meet</b>
<b>September 22/23</b>	<b>Trashman Classic Warbird Race</b>
<b>October 6/7</b>	<b>Bud Garric Pattern Contest</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Two Minute Tango Warbird Race</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>SAM Xmas Party</b>

**Outlaw Races**                      **every third Sunday of the month. Lunch at noon, then race.**

**SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS  
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012**

Please Pay Dues Before December 31st, 2011	\$70.00
After December 31st	\$80.00
SPOUSE AND JUNIORS	\$10.00

YOU MAY MAIL CHECKS TO SAM, OR PUT ENVELOPE IN THE RED DAY USE BOX AT THE FIELD. DICK WESTON WILL GIVE YOU YOUR STICKERS IF HE IS PRESENT. PLEASE GIVE CHANGE OF ADDRESS, E MAIL, OR PHONE NUMBER. THE NEWSLETTER IS SENT BY EMAIL SO MAKE SURE THAT DICK CAN READ IT CORRECTLY.

## SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING

Club meetings will be held at the S.M.U.D. Headquarters building, 6201 S Street, the building with the statues in front. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. The February meeting will be on Tuesday, the 21st. The other meeting dates for 2012 are listed below.

March 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 3/27 SMUD  
April 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 4/24 SMUD  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5/22 SMUD  
June 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6/26 SMUD  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7/24 **Club Field**  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 8/28 SMUD  
September 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9/25 SMUD  
October 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10/23 SMUD  
November 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 11/27 SMUD  
December Christmas Party to be announced.

## SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

14	Valentine's Day
20	President's Day Holiday.
21	Club meeting at SMUD, 7:30 PM

Check the website for other scheduled events for SAM and throughout California.

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