



The Official "Fly" paper of the
SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS
AMA Charter Club #1822

S.A.M.-Antics

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

This is the hardest column I have ever written. Since the murder of Jerry Votaw I have gone through what I have been told are the normal stages of grieving. It was first just shock, then disbelief that it even happened followed by a very long period of pure anger that it happened at all. I guess I am starting to heal because I can start to hear Jerry's laugh and see his smile again in my thoughts. We have lost a great friend and a big part of our lives but we will go on. It is nothing that any of us would wish for but it is reality and we must accept it for what it is and go on. I will see Jerry in his Birkenstocks, sweatpants and holey tee shirt for a long time and hopefully hear the laughter. We must all work hard to accept what is and let all the happy memories of Jerry shine through.

Back to the nuts and bolts of our club. As many of you have read on the web-site our general meeting for March has been cancelled. The remaining general meetings will be held at the club field at the same time of 7:30 pm.

The Kahuna Klassic has been renamed the Kahuna Memorial and will go on as scheduled. JR Schiager has agreed to take over as CD of the event. Registration forms can be mailed to him. Since we will not have a meeting before this event we will be relying on those that usually help put on these events to step up and again volunteer.

The Saturday night before the race (3/31) we will be having an informal "Jerry Luck" dinner. SAM will have BBQ's available so bring out some dinner and some extra to share. We all remember Jerry's habit of sampling off of everybody plate so we will be promoting that. After dinner we will have a campfire with whisky for all and remember Jerry as he should be remembered. The fire should start at 7:30 +/- and everyone is welcome. Bring a bottle to share.

We will have a short work day at the field on Sunday 3/18 starting at 8:00 am. We will be doing some general clean-up before our first event. Contact Sergio if you have any questions.

The SAM Open House is coming up on 4/21. I will be coordinating this event this year with help from Bob Calvert. Many others that have helped put on this event in the past have offered to help. Please e-mail me and I will coordinate a meeting in early April to coordinate our efforts.

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 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 tank4an@surewest.net. Submittals may be edited for content and length.

Welcome New and Rejoining Members

Kevin Klatt.
Nick D'Amico

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ysperf@charter.net
www.YSPartsandService.com

GOLD COUNTRY ACE HARDWARE & HOBBIES

4121 Cameron Park Dr.
Cameron Park, CA
(530) 677-4417

R/C Country Hobbies

The Hobby Shop

**6011 Folsom Blvd.
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



**R/C Country's
SWAP MEET**

**Saturday
April 21st
In the Parking Lot**

The swap meet is open to anyone buying or selling (non-commercial). Be sure to get here early to get a spot.

Due to the event there is no parking in the parking lot, however, there is additional parking at the school a block west of R/C Country.

Store Opens @ 8:00 am

Board Meeting

Called to order at 6:40 PM, February 8, 2012, at Perkos, 9647 Micron Ave, Sacramento,
Board Members Present:

John Bigwood (President), JR Schiager (Vice President), Dick Weston (Membership), Sergio Varo (Field Marshal), Rodger Cady (Safety Officer), Casey Smith (Events Director), Tom Richardi (Publicity), Bob Calvert (Secretary)

Items discussed:

Membership – There was 1 renewal since last months meeting. Membership total is currently 119. Casey provided several suggestions for increasing member attendance at the regular monthly General Meeting. They included (1) send out an email reminder to each member a couple days (or some other time) before the meeting to remind them of the meeting, raffle, etc., (2) provide an agenda of the meeting in the email, (3) get members to provide a presentation at each meeting – volunteers are solicited from the entire membership, not just board members, and (3) put a suggestion box on the web site. Another suggestion to spur interest in the club is to make videos of various events and personal flying experiences for upload You Tube. They would be forwarded to JR for upload and creating links on the club web site. Discussion to increase attendance and interest is ongoing.

Vandalism – the fence to the right side of the gate was cut. J Bigwood will report it to the County Parks.

Homebuilt Airplane – The club was offered a partially built full size aircraft. It was discussed that it could be used, if mounted properly, as a source of shade for spectators. It will be discussed further.

Rancho Murrieta – S.A.M. was asked to participate again this year at the Rancho Murrieta Open House and they specifically ask for Dave Sullivan to provide an exhibit. Tom Richardi will organize a war bird demonstration. There is also a Pattern event on the same date at the S.A.M. field. However, there should be sufficient help for the event to run. At this time, it is the consensus of the board that we should participate in the Rancho Murrieta Open House.

Honorary Membership – Due to the support he has shown for SAM and modeling in general, Dick Weston motioned Dave Sullivan be given an honorary membership to the club. It was seconded by Tom Richardi. The motion passed.

Sheep Grazer – SAM received a request from the owner of the sheep grazing next to the SAM airfield requesting he be allowed to graze his sheep on the airfield site. He suggested it would provide benefit to both him (additional grazing area) and to us (keep weeds in check). He was informed we couldn't allow it because of safety reasons and he should contact County Parks about grazing on the remainder of the Park area. J Bigwood will research past records to determine the cost of possibly providing his request for use of approximately 400 gallons of water per day for his sheep. The matter is tabled until next month.

Well – the problem of the well continually cycling on-and-off is resolved. The tank had lost its cushion of air, creating the problem. Reestablishing the air pocket resolved the issue.

Open House – J Bigwood will organize the event with assistance from R Calvert and Jim Lichtenberg. Discussions included giving the children (or adults) a certificate showing they have successfully passed the SAM Introductory Flight Training when completed. The back of the certificate will have the SAM calendar and AMA information. It is estimated the cost of providing hot dogs and chips will be approximately \$150 ±. Other ideas discussed for the Open House included (1) have a place for attendees to provide their email address so we can follow-up to them, (2) possibly providing a 1 day only membership deal of 10 to 20 percent off regular membership as a way to spur continued interest in modeling and increasing club membership, and (3) advertising needs to be sent out as soon as possible. The advertising should also go to schools and after school programs. John B & Tommy R will contact Jim Lichtenberg to see if he has posters from previous open houses we can update.

Projects – There appears to be a couple leaks in the sprinkler system. Repairs will not take place until the sprinklers are turned back on in the spring. The Safety Officer will bring the medical kits up to date as soon as possible. There will be a work party on Sunday, March 18th at 8:00 AM. All members will be encouraged to help. Sergio will provide information at the next Board Meeting for cost and material requirements for two options of extending the Shade Structure at the south edge of the pits. One option is for concrete only and incorporates the ability to complete the shade structure in the future. The second option is for completing the entire project at one time.

Meeting Adjourned @: 8:10 PM

Sacramento Area Modelers



John Bigwood & JR Schiager Presents:

1st Annual

Big Kahuna Memorial



Photo © Bill 107

WARBIRD RACE

April 1st, 2012

In Memory of Jerry Votaw



Photo © Bill 107

Itinerary for Sunday

Registration Starts at 7:00 a.m. and
Closes at 8:15 a.m. Sharp! *(No Exceptions)*

Worker's meeting – 8:30 a.m.

Pilot's Meeting – 8:45 a.m.

Racing Starts – 9:00 a.m.

There will be 3 heats and mains for each
bracket.

Send Payment to:

JR Schiager
1509 Rampart Dr
Roseville, CA 95661
(916) 792-1526

Please make checks
payable to SAM

**CASH PRIZES IN ALL
BRACKETS!**

**NO FREQUENCY
CONFLICTS!**

HARD HATS REQUIRED!

2011 SAM Rules Apply

3 ways to Pre-Register

1. Send in Entry Form and Check
2. Pay Cash to me directly
3. www.Sacramento-rc-flyers.org pay by credit card

Entry Fee: **\$35.00** in Advance
\$40.00 day of race

Entry fee must be paid by Sunday 8:15 am.

*Entry fee includes the \$10.00 Surcharge Year-End Points for
All brackets*

Registration (one per class)

Please write legible and complete full registration

Name: _____	Plane & Description: _____
Address: _____	_____
_____	_____
Telephone: _____	Engine Size: _____ Frequency #: _____
Email: _____	Event Choice (circle one):
AMA #: _____	Bronze Silver Gold



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Introduces

Kids with Cancer
Charity Race
May 5th and 6th, 2012

<p>Itinerary for Saturday Registration Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Closes at 8:15 a.m. Sharp! <i>(No Exceptions)</i> Worker's meeting – 8:30 a.m. Pilot's Meeting – 8:45 a.m. Racing Starts – 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Send Payment to: JR Schiager 1509 Rampart Dr Roseville, CA 95661 (916) 792-1526 Please make checks payable to SAM</p>	<p>NO FREQUENCY CONFLICTS! 2011 SAM Rules Apply <small>(Exception – Any plane style that follows the wing area with engine displacement) See Rules or call JR Schiager</small></p>
<p>There will be 3 heats for each bracket</p>		
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<p>Itinerary for Sunday Worker's meeting – 8:00 a.m. Pilot's Meeting – 8:30 a.m. Racing Starts – 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>There will be 2 Heats and Main for each bracket</p> <p>All prizes will be awarded Sunday only</p>	<p>3 ways to Pre-Register 1. Send in Entry Form and Check 2. Pay Cash to me directly 3. Log into www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org to pay by credit card</p> <p>Entry Fee: \$35.00 in Advance (get a T-Shirt) \$40.00 day of race</p> <p><i>To get a t-shirt (entry must be received by April 27, 2012)</i></p> <p><i>Entry fee must be paid by Saturday 8:15 am, no reduced entry fee for one day of racing.</i></p>	

Registration (one per class)

Please write legible and complete full registration

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>AMA #: _____</p>	<p>Plane & Description: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Engine Size: _____ Frequency #: _____</p> <p>Event Choice (circle one): Bronze Silver Gold</p> <p>Electric (5 Laps with 1 Min 15 Sec Breakout)</p>
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FIELD WORK DAY

**Sunday
March 18th
8:00 AM**

It is time to get the field ready for the flying season. Bring your gloves and your energy. Think of the thrills and excitement as our President, John Bigwood, challenges the garden tractor to be started. Try to guess how many SAM members are needed to fill one squirrel hole. Then, after all this, stay for the “Outlaw Races”. Share the hopes and dreams of club members who try to finish a race despite the surrounding carnage. Who will have the most pylon cuts? Can a race get underway without at least one jumped start? Be there!

CLUB OPEN HOUSE

April 21st

Save this date so you can help at the club’s open house. See the flyer, later in this newsletter, for details. Shop wisely and early at RC Country’s Swap Meet then come out to the field and help at the open house. Don’t wait to be asked, contact John Bigwood and let him know what part you want to play in this club event!

NOTE

The club’s mailing address has changed. See the last page of this newsletter.

Annual Open House – Open to the Public

Sacramento Area Modelers



14th Annual Introduction to Radio Controlled Airplanes Open House

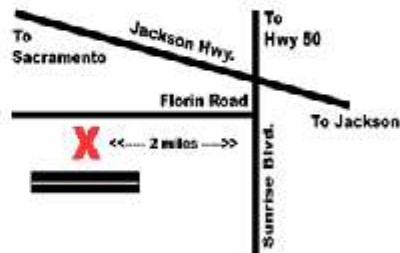


Come Fly Our Airplanes
Flight Demonstrations
Flight Simulators
Radio Control Basics
Plenty of Shade & Restrooms

Buddy Box Instruction
Setting Up Your Airplane
Safety Instruction
Hands-on Flight Instruction
Full Service Snack Bar on site

Sat. April 21, 2012
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
SAM's air park
11000 Florin Road
Entrance at Gene Andal Park
(Between Excelsior and
Sunrise)

S.A.M. AirPark
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**SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS
P.O.BOX 292441
SACRAMENTO, CA 95829
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

There will be no club meeting the month of March. The next club meeting will be in April on April 26th. This meeting and all subsequent meetings for 2012 will be at the SAM field. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. In addition to reports from the various Board members, there will be "show and tell" and a raffle. Plan to attend and keep updated on club activities

SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

11	Daylight Savings begins
18	Work day at the field, 8:00 AM

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

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