



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

# S.A.M.-Antics

JANUARY 2012

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Welcome to 2012. If the Mayans are correct this is the end. Personally I think they just ran out of rock for more calendar years. Last year ended on a sad note with the passing of John Riley. He was a long time member of SAM and had been the webmaster for SAM for many years. John was an active member of many organizations as was evident by the hundreds of people that came to his Memorial Service. He will be missed.

December was a busy month. We had the annual Scheduling Meeting at my house. The events for 2012 were tentatively set. This schedule will be checked for compliance with club policies and then distributed in January. We also had the Christmas Party last month at the Pheasant Club. 30 members came out and enjoyed the good food and setting. A good time was had by all but I think a few of the guests from the Votaw side of town had a little head start. You must all ask Sergio and Jerry about the cute practice of "plunking".

The SAM club is in need of help from a few volunteers. First of all we need a Webmaster for the club website. Anyone with some computer knowledge can do the job I am told. Until we get a volunteer our website will not be updated. Therefore the newsletter will be e-mailed to all of you that have given Frank Tanforan your e-mail address. We will also put a few extra copies in the transmitter impound at the field. SAM is also looking for someone to CD the "Open House". We did not hold this event last year due to lack of a CD but we again scheduled it for this year and hope to find a volunteer. This event is our way of reaching out to the community. Any volunteers???

We have again been given permission to hold our monthly meetings at the SMUD room. It seems to get harder every year to get this done. Our meeting dates for 2012 are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

We are still waiting for proposed rules from the FAA and Homeland Security. The latest deadline I have seen is the middle of February. Nothing moves quickly in the government. Don't be surprised if it is put off until after the elections of 2012.

Enjoy the good weather and fly!

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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

Jeffrey Caspar  
Stephen Vogel  
David Beal

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## **IN MEMORIUM**

This has been a cruel time of year. We are having members die at a fast rate. In the last issue of this newsletter, Dave Wick's death was announced. Since then even more members have died. Words cannot do justice to their lives. Instead, let us remember them as we saw them at the field, helping at events, or attending club meetings.

**Phil Heller**—control line speed addict who won his class in September at Napa

**Bob Riley**—always there helping at the races

**John Riley**—our club webmaster

**Inaugural Board Meeting    Espanol Restaurant    December 08, 2011    6:30 PM**

Quorum Present with John Bigwood, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Rodger Cady, Kimo Dias, and Casey Smith attending. Also attending were board members elect: Bob Calvert, JR Schiager, and Sergio Varo (new 2012/2013 term members). Welcome to the board!!

President John Bigwood thanked outgoing members Kimo Dias and Tim Sorenson. After discussion, John announced the newly reshuffled board positions as follows:

President: John Bigwood

Vice President: JR Schiager

Secretary: Bob Calvert

Treasurer: Jerry Votaw

Membership Director: Dick Weston

Safety Officer: Rodger Cady

Field Marshall: Sergio Varo

Events Director: Casey Smith

Publicity Director: Tom Richardi

(Should Tom not actually perform a duty soon, he will be nominated to receive a promotion to secretary).

John also announced the SAM Xmas Party would be at the Pheasant Club at 6:30 pm, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Secretary's note: Bob Calvert will be taking over for me in January. I have learned and benefitted in many ways by serving as secretary these past four years and I would like to thank all the SAM club members who have helped me along the way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Sorenson,

Secretary

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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.

**THANK YOU**

Yes, thanks to Tim Sorenson, who donated the wood and then helped load it, and to JR Schiager, who helped load the wood in his pickup and bring it to the field, a supply of seasoned firewood is available at the field. This will really be appreciated by all the club members that brave the winter cold.

## 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 January meeting will be on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. The other meeting dates for 2012 are listed below.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2/21 SMUD  
 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

### JANUARY

1	Time to renew your membership for 2012
16	Martin Luther King Holiday.
24	Club meeting at SMUD, 7:30 PM

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

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