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SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS
AMA Charter Club #1822

S.A.M.-Antics

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

How many of you have tested the altitude of the fog deck this month? It's fun until the distance from the weed tops to the fog gets small! The weather should be getting better every day now so let's go fly. Yes that means me too. I am going to re-learn on a trainer and move up again. I have broad shoulders so bring on all the wise cracks you have.

The SAM Club has been invited by the management of the Rancho Murietta Airport to put on a static and a flying demonstration for their Open House on Saturday May 21. Rancho Murietta is a small airport but it was at their open house many years ago that the Sacramento Valley got their first look at a B1 bomber "as it happened to be flying by". There are many high ranking ex-military that live there that still have some pull. It is a close neighbor to us and should be a great showing for both the hobby and SAM.

The AMA has granted our application to lower the breakout times for the Warbird Racing by 5 seconds in all classes. This should lead to better racing and limit the "sandbagging" that has been going on. Our first race is April 3. Come out and enjoy the competition.

We have been trying to upgrade the monthly meetings and raise the attendance. Our first change started last month in the raffle. Instead of offering the same gift certificates each month we are now raffling off a large kit/ARF each month along with some smaller general hobby items. The kit will alternate between Warbirds and General Aviation. We are also bringing back the speaker/builder demonstrations. This month we will have a speaker talking about competition aircraft building. All of us have tricks to share. If you would like to speak just talk to any board member and we can get you scheduled.

Keep your schedules open for a Club Spring Clean-up morning coming in March. Mr. Dias will keep us informed as to the date. It should be easier this year than last.

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 !

Bill Fitzgerald
Keven Foss
Mark Brandes
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2011

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.

Board Meeting Espanol Restaurant 6:30 pm January 12, 2011

Quorum present with John Bigwood, Bob Gully, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Rodger Cady, Kimo Dias, Casey Smith, and Tom Richardi attending.

Agenda items:

- * President John Bigwood said SAM 2011 Events Schedule needed to be approved ASAP. As per unanimous vote item was approved as presented by Casey Smith, Events Director.
- * New SAM Open House CD wanted for event to happen this year. Former long time open house director Jim Lichtenberg has stepped down but willing to lend hand to new director should volunteer step forward.
- * John cautioned that should SAM Fireworks Booth not be continued this year, club would lose optimum position with vendors and face timely re-application/placement process. No fireworks booth director has volunteered to date and event procedures for 2011 need be initiated ASAP should event go forward. Idea was put forth that 2010 SAM Xmas Party funds be used to fund this year's fun fly event.
- * New ideas welcome to liven up the general meeting in order to boost attendance. After discussion, idea to purchase raffle prizes in lieu of gift certificates was accepted (with limit of up to \$200 monthly) with Bob Gully directed to make purchase of ARF & misc. prizes (from RC Country Hobbies) for February raffle. Rodger Cady volunteered to sell club an ARF for future raffle at near half price.

Board member reports:

- * Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported on account balances and gave reminder that some members have not yet renewed their membership for 2011. Jerry also said he would provide copy of 2011 events schedule to bay area clubs with members who compete in SAM Warbird Races.
- * Vice

President Bob Gully asked that 2011 SAM Xmas Party location be selected and approved much earlier this year, discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sorenson,

Secretary

President John Bigwood announced:

- * July general mtg. would be at the SAM field.
- * New site waiver approved w/lower breakout times as outlined in the 2011 SAM Warbird Race Rules.
- * Jim Lichtenberg would no longer be able to CD the SAM Open House event. Board is looking for volunteer to CD event under Jim's guidance.
- * Fireworks Booth also in limbo, club still not committed as yet, new CD sought who would need to get ball rolling ASAP or club might not be eligible to run booth for some time in future.

* JR Schiager has agreed to host SAM Website, transition will take several months and JR would be taking over for current web host John Riley.

* Vice President Bob Gully spearheading search for 2011 SAM Xmas Party location, Bob said club needs to decide on location ASAP, club soliciting member's ideas for Xmas party activities.

* June SAM Fun Fly and BBQ good time for members to brainstorm on ideas for Xmas party activities.

Board member reports:

* Field Marshall Kimo Dias volunteered to help John Bigwood with Fun Fly at BBQ.

* Vice President Bob Gully announced the monthly raffle @ the general mtg. would feature upgraded prizes such as ARFs, kits, and modeling supplies in lieu of gift certificates. Bob asked members attending what prizes they would prefer to see raffled, and members responded that a variety of kits & ARFs were acceptable.

* Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported on account balances.

* Events Director Casey Smith announced that the 2011 Sam Events Schedule had been approved by the board and reminded all CDs to apply for and secure sanctions well in advance of their events this year. * John Bigwood said he would inquire if Mike Miller would CD and add SAM Swap Meet to event schedule for this summer. Jim Smith suggested Swap Meet could be held Saturday of Capitol Air Show during no-fly restriction at field

* Safety Officer Rodger Cady reported all well at field except that large unknown Axis aircraft mid-aired Dale Kral's Me-109 at field.

* Field Marshall Kimo Dias thanked Rodger Cady for awesome job repairing entry gate at field. Rodger also said repaired gate needs to be opened outward towards Florin Rd rather than inward. Kimo also noted that scrap metal near parking area needs to be removed from field. Kimo announced he would schedule a spring clean up/work day for sometime in March and applauded Schiager's Lawn Service for excellent lawn maintenance @ field. John Bigwood said a wind sock needs replacing, and thanked Jim Smith and Dale Kral for new garbage can at field.

John Bigwood announced that something unusual occurred during the last election in that Bob Fallon did not get re-elected to the board. Bob, who has served on the board longer than anyone can remember and holds the distinction of being the last remaining person to hear about computers, was awarded an in/out box trophy w/pen and now may never have to inconvenience himself with modern conveniences.

Secretary Tim Sorenson read report he wrote on the book 'Miracle at Midway' by the late Gordon W. Prange, a retired navy officer and naval historian. The well documented book, with interviews from both Japanese and United States servicemen who participated in the battle of Midway, gives a unique perspective on what was the largest aircraft carrier battle of WWII.

Show and Tell: Jerry Votaw showed gold class P-51 Stiletto w/scratch built wing and fuse powered by YS 1.20 SC, magnificent forty size warbird combined older wing and new fuse built by Jerry Cunningham. Jim Smith brought stunning forty size gold class warbird race plane modified extensively from Kyosho Spitfire ARF with YS 1.20 SC, built to replace former primary fog-sucker lost to mid-air in 2010 race series. Jim talked about new Outlaw test bed, a World Model forty size electric P-51, which Jerry Cunningham agreed to assemble with OS FX 25. Jerry said he plans to beef up the stab on the light airplane which could prove to be the cuddly new outlaw racer for 2012.

Raffle: Forty size World Model P-51 ARF, misc. tools, and supplies from RC Country were won as follows: Bob Calvert (CA glue & fuel line), Don Cooper (Dremmel cut off wheels), John Bigwood (self sealing cutting mat), and Sergio Varo (World Model P-51). Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 pm, next meeting February 16th.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Sorenson,
Secretary

Sacramento Area Modelers



2011 CLUB CALENDAR

APRIL 3RD

Big Kahuna Warbird Race
CD Jerry Votaw 916-366-9589

May 15th

SAM Warbird Race
CD Tom Richardi 209-274-4063

June 12th

SAM Warbird Race
CD Casey Smith 916-302-6061

June 26th

SAM Family Day Picnic
John Bigwood and Board 916-965-4223

July 24th

Tres Amigos Warbird Race
CD Kimo Dias 916-797-3076

August 6th

SAM Open House

September 24th and 25th

Trashman Classic Warbird Race
CD JR Schiager 916-792-2156

October 8th and 9th

Bud Garric Pattern Contest
CD Frank Capone 916-621-1010

October 23rd

Two Minute Tango Warbird Race
CD Dale Kral 916-682-8935

Outlaw Races

Every 3rd Sunday of the month. Lunch at noon, then races.

SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING

For 2011, the general meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the S.M.U.D. Headquarters Building, the one with the statues in front. For February, the meeting will be at 7:30 PM on February 16th. Not only will there be reports from the various club Board members, but there will be an immensely entertaining raffle.

SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

12	Lincoln's Birthday
14	Valentine's Day—"Candy is dandy but..."
16	Club Meeting, 7:30 PM at S.M.U.D.
21	President's Day Holiday

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

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