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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

With any luck I think the rains have ended. It is time to fly! A big thank you to JR and his crews for the lawns looking so good. The rest of us need to work a little on our clean-up skills. If you eat nuts in the pits or smoke please clean-up after yourselves. I am as much to blame for this as anyone so we all need to try harder. On the same subject, if you use the Snack Bar for an event **CLEAN IT UP AFTER YOU ARE DONE**. Thank you to Jerry C., Jerry V., Kimo and Sergio for cleaning up the rat nests and the primordial ooze in the ice chests.

We are going to put on a demonstration for the Rancho Murieta Airport Open House on May 21. We will be having a static display of model aircraft along with a flying demonstration. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. This is a great way to reach out to the community and show off our sport.

We just completed the first Warbird Race of the season. You can read the details of the race elsewhere but I will give you my views as the starter. The weather on Sunday was great except for the minor 20 MPH crosswind! With a few reminders the pilots did a great job of keeping the planes on the right side of the deadline but almost everything else that could happen did. We had lean engines shed their props and spinners in the starting area, engines seize in the run-up area, jumped starts, violent crashes before, during and after heats and even a few break-outs. But through all of this nobody got hurt and nobody lost their cool. At the end of racing for the day the pits were filled with jokes and laughter. This is what our sport is all about and it was a great thing to see. For those of you that haven't been to a race you should try and come out.

This month's meeting will again feature a great raffle and a couple of useful demonstrations. Jerry Votaw will show us how to remove ingested paper towel from a YS engine while Bob Gully will show us the responsibilities of the Co-CD.

Be Nice

... John

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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 !

Richard Noble

Jeff Tveten

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

Saturday
April 23rd
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 members present: John Bigwood, Bob Gully, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Rodger Cady, Casey Smith, and Tom Richardi.

* President John Bigwood reviewed agenda: SAM Work Party March 19th (later rescheduled due to rain), PA system needs to be checked (Jerry Votaw has spare amplifier). Until further notice all lifetime memberships would be honored (annual dues still required, no lifetime memberships were offered since 2005).

*Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported raffle prizes accumulating for SAM general meeting and lawn maintenance at field paid in advance for 2011 at discounted rate.

* Membership Director Dick Weston reported 157 members at present.

* Vice President Bob Gully volunteered to demonstrate unsafe universal battery charger connector problem (potential for accident) at general meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Sorenson,
Secretary



“Andy” Anderson and his Douglas “Dauntless” dive bomber

New Member 'Larry' was introduced to members before the meeting (the man bore a striking resemblance to 'Uncle Fester'). Turns out 'Larry' (John Bigwood) lost a bet at work and was paying by having to shave his beard and cranium bald. Welcome, 'Larry'!!

Board members present: John Bigwood, Bob Gully, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Rodger Cady, Kimo Dias, Casey Smith, and Tom Richardi.

Officer Reports:

- * President John Bigwood again reported that annual AMA charter for SAM club has been renewed and that Rancho Murieta Airport Open House (Saturday, May 21st) invited SAM to do static and flight demo at their event. John also reported that there would be no SAM Fireworks Booth or SAM Open House this year.
- * Vice President Bob Gully reported that new engine was donated and other great gifts had been purchased for raffle, and also that Rudy's Hideaway would be reserved for the 2011 SAM Xmas Dinner.
- * Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported on account balances and that lawn maintenance at field (Schiager's Lawn Service) was paid in advance for 2011 at discounted rate.
- * Safety Officer Rodger Cady reported no incidences at field.
- * Jerry Votaw (reporting for Events Director, Casey Smith) reported that Big Kahuna Warbird Race was on schedule for April 3rd and that entry's need to get 'em in!!
- * Publicity Director Tom Richardi reported he was "spreading the word" about the Big Kahuna event.
- * Membership Director Dick Weston reported 157 members at present.
- * Field Marshall Kimo Dias reported that SAM Work Party would be rescheduled to March 26th due to rain.

Jim Smith announced RC Country Swap Meet would be on Saturday, April 23rd.

Bob Gully demonstrated how a universal connector (if connected with the polarity reversed from charger to battery) could short circuit and explode, projecting the parts at high velocity in unknown directions thereby creating the potential for a "high velocity exploding universal connector accident".

Tom Richardi demonstrated the correct way to install mechanical retracts: measure travel from end to end of retract linkage throw, apply distance to retract servo arm by .5 from center and that is where to install linkage rod connectors in servo arm (easier than it sounds).

Tim Sorenson reported on book 'The Few' (by Alex Kershaw) about American aviators who joined the Royal Air Force and flew against the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain (summer of 1940, WWII).

Andy Anderson reported that puppy was abandoned at field and had to be taken into custody by animal control; officer said he was great dog and would definitely be adopted. Woof.

Show and Tell: Andy Anderson brought recycled air force pusher jet he put back together after crash, the 'Force One' was covered to look like Russian version of the raptor with OS FX 25. Jim Smith showed a beautiful green/aluminum covered 'Precious Metal' P-51 gold class warbird racer with YS 1.20 four stroke, built w/help from a 'secret' friend and ready for first flight.

Lee Ercolini had his awesome new Hangar 9 60 size Pawnee ARF (crop-duster) with OS .70 four stroke also ready for maiden flight. Never to be outdone, Jerry Cunningham brought a new scratch built 'Strega' P-51' gold class warbird racer with new YS 1.15 four stroke, feather light and destined to give Mr. Verano a run for his money (built with help from a 'top secret' friend).

Raffle: New engine donated by Ellis Hall and miscellaneous prizes purchased from RC Country were won as follows; Steve Weintraub (multi-tool, ultra-light stand, Avistar trainer), Frank Tanforan (high speed drill bits), Jim Smith (Dremel accessories), Ollie Merrill (Dremel tool), Dick Weston (MDS .61 engine), and Bob Calvert (JR transmitter).

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sorenson,

Secretary

Sacramento Area Modelers



PRESENTS:
THE

BIG KAHUNA CLASSIC XI WARBIRD RACE

Registration Starts at 7:30 a.m. and
Closes at 8:30 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.

Please be ready to fly at 9:00 a.m.

Breakout Times

Bronze	2:25
Silver	1:55
Gold	1:25

**CASH PRIZES IN ALL
BRACKETS.**

**NO FREQUENCY CONFLICTS!
HARD HATS REQUIRED!
AMA SANCTION**



APRIL 3, 2011

Entry Fee: **\$25.00** in Advance
Plus \$10 for year end points
Championship awards

Please make checks payable to
SAM

Send Payment to:

Jerry Votaw
3331 Southport Dr
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 366-9589

2011 SAM Rules Apply

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Plane & Description: _____

Engine Size: _____ Frequency #: _____

AMA #: _____

Event Choice (circle one):

Bronze Silver Gold

Sacramento Area Modelers

Presents -- May 15th 2011



SacTown Smackdown



AMA Sanction # 11- 1007

CASH PRIZES IN ALL BRACKETS. NO FREQUENCY CONFLICTS! HARD HATS REQUIRED!

Pre-Registration \$35 (includes \$10 year end championship awards) free practice day at the SAMs site before the day of the event.

Late registration May 15th \$45 Starts at 7:30 a.m. and Closes at 8:30 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.

Please be ready to fly at 9:00 a.m.

Breakout Times: Bronze 2:25 Silver 1:55 Gold 1:25

PRE-REGISTRATION

www.SacramentoWarbird.com
or make check payable to SAM
Send Payment to:
Paul Schiager Jr
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2011 SAM Rules Apply

REGISTRATION

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

Big Kahuna Warbird Race

Sorry, the results for the individual heats of the Big Kahuna Warbird Race are not available. See the club's website where Jr has given, John Riley, SAM's webmaster the point totals for the day. Of all the races that day, perhaps the most memorable to me was the Gold Class main race between Logan Shaw and his brother Austin Shaw. It was a two plane heat and you knew that whoever won it was going to be an interesting ride home. The race was exciting, neck and neck all the way at low level. The lead changed more than once. Who won? I can't remember! Just that it was great racing. Then came the kicker! Both had cut the South pylon and on the same lap. Therefore, both racers went home with only one point for all their efforts and a tie for the race. This is why SAM's warbird racing is so entertaining. And thanks to Logan's and Austin's parents for having such great kids.

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 April, the meeting will be at 7:30 PM on April 20th. Not only will there be reports from the various club Board members, but there will be an immensely entertaining raffle.

APOLOGIES

I was updating the mailing list for club members that receive this newsletter as an email attachment. I had an attack of clumsy fingers and hit the "delete" button instead of the "remove" button. Hence I have had to recreate the mailing list. If I missed adding your name to the list, or if I put your name on the list when that was not desired, please let me know. I will correct it as soon as possible. In the meantime, please accept my apologies for any inconvenience that I have caused.

...Frank T.

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