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SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS
AMA Charter Club #1822

S.A.M.-Antics

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It has gotten dark in the morning and dark earlier at night and all I want to do is to climb into my warm bed and hibernate. However, this is the time of year to do all those things that have been put off during the busy months of summer. The first fall job is to elect Board Officers for the coming 2 years. We have a full ballot of John Bigwood, Dick Weston, Sergio Varo, Bob Calvert, JR Schiager, and Christina Schiager that have been nominated and accepted the nomination to fill the 5 open positions. Come to the general meeting on Wednesday the 16th to vote.

The present board met and with some massaging of the numbers created a balanced budget for the club for 2012 without a dues increase. I think our numbers were very fiscally conservative so we should be financially healthy for next year. As is always the case you can request to see the club's detailed budget at any time.

Come All Ye Faithful to the SAM Christmas Party at the Pheasant Club on December 10th at 6:30 pm. See the reservation form in the news letter. The food is great and the atmosphere very festive. Just think Kimo, a place we haven't been thrown out of yet.

See you all at the meeting on the 16th. The raffle will be back!

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

Geoffrey Hodies

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Cameron Park, CA
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(916) 731-5868**

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2372 Butte House Road
Yuba City, CA 95993
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(530) 751-0225

THANK YOU!

Two of SAM's current Board members are not seeking re-election: Kimo Dias and Tim Sorenson. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

Our field is more than just the landing strip and the pit area, and the surrounding area needed attention. Kimo initiated a major cleanup day in his first year on the Board of Directors. If there was time, I am sure that we would have even strapped scrap on top of Tim's truck before he took a load to the dump. There was a major turnout of those members that always show up when SAM needs work and the field looked really sharp at the end of the day. Then, in his second year on the Board, he persevered through 2 rainouts and had a "touchup" day to build on the previous year's work.

Now, over 80% of SAM's members do not attend the meetings. The club and Board minutes, as provided by Tim, have kept everyone informed as to what is happening or contemplated. As newsletter editor I have appreciated his timeliness in making them available. But more importantly I have appreciated his wit (he pokes fun at whoever earns it but is not mean or petty) and also the amount of information that he provides to the reader.

Kimo and Tim have strongly supported SAM. I couldn't ask for more than that!

...Frank Tanforan

Board Meeting John Bigwood's Home 6:40 pm October 26, 2011

Quorum present with John Bigwood, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Kimo Dias, Rodger Cady, and Casey Smith attending. Tom Richardi was unable to attend. Unfortunately, Bob Gully has resigned from the board.

Officer Reports:

*President John

Bigwood announced he was working on getting a 2nd Thursday of each month time slot for the general meeting at the SMUD building for 2012. John reported he would get back to board later with menu, etc. for SAM Xmas Dinner.

*Jerry Votaw reported that 2nd porta-potty was removed from field for next 4-5 months to reduce costs and dumpster service would be reduced (2yd dumpster w/bi-monthly pick up) for next 4-5 months to reduce costs also, as per board approval.

Also, billings for SMUD, toilets, and dumpster would be submitted on-line/paperless to save costs. Jerry reported the new SAM mailing address is;

Sacramento Area Modelers

PO Box

279582

Sacramento, CA 95827.

New Business:

*Board

members reviewed the 2011 SAM operating budget (as submitted by Treasurer, Jerry Votaw) Membership Director Dick Weston reported membership down by around 10% from last year. Board would implement cuts for 2012 in order to balance budget. Largest reduction would be for deferred maintenance costs next year. 2012 operating budget would be finalized and announced at later date.

*Outline of projected 2012 budget;

SMUD	1,300
Dumpster	1,700
Toilets	2,100
Maintenance	3,800
Printing/Postage	250
Administration	2,000
Raffle	550
Miscellaneous	175
<u>Deferred Maintenance</u>	<u>125</u>
\$	12,000

*Following a lengthy discussion on how to rein in costs for the club raffle, Field Marshall Kimo Dias said he would ask the News Editor (Frank Tanforan) to print a solicitation to club members to help by donating any RC ARFS, kits, engines, radios, servos, batteries, and other miscellaneous RC supplies new or in good condition that could be spared to the club raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary

Tim Sorenson,

General Meeting SMUD 7:30 pm October 19, 2011

Board members attending: John Bigwood, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Kimo Dias, Casey Smith, and Tom Richardi.

Board Member Reports:

*President John

Bigwood announced entry road chip seal project postponed until next year. John relayed announcement by Dave Sullivan that Mather Aerospace Modelers would have Fly-in event on Saturday after Thanksgiving. Attendees are asked to bring 4 cans of food each. John also announced that new rules from FAA for AMA still forthcoming.

*Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported on account balances. Jerry asked if pump cyclor on well at field could be adjusted to reduce power usage and reported dumpster costs have increased excessively this year. Jerry also announced SAM would have new PO Box on Kiefer Blvd.

*Membership Director Dick Weston reported 175 members at

present.

*Events Director Casey Smith reported 2nd annual SAM

Swap Meet to be held Saturday, October 22nd from 7-11 am.

*Field Marshall Kimo Dias reported the SAM work party was good and was attended by 5-6 members, also he said he would check on the well valve a. s. a. p.

Other Business:

*JR Schiager

announced the SAM field would be mowed bi-monthly for next 3 months.

New Business:

*Board nominees willing to serve if elected; John Bigwood, Dick Weston, Sergio Varo, Bob Calvert, JR Schiager, and Christina Schiager. John Bigwood announced elections would be held at next month's general meeting (November 16th).

Show and Tell:

*Casey Smith brought his shiny new Great Planes 25 size ARF Spitfire, with an OS FX .25 two stroke, and covered with Ultra-cote for debut (the new 2012 Outlaw racer). Five High-Tec HS 82 servos, a 2.4 GHz Futaba receiver, one 4 cell battery, and 20 hours build time would prepare this 2 pound 9.6 ounce bird for flight this weekend.

*Steve Weintraub showed a 90 millimeter ducted fan/electric motor purchased for \$150 which he plans to install in a Star fire 55" jet.

Raffle: (none this month).

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary

Tim Sorenson,

S.A.M.'s Christmas Party

December 10, 2011

6:30 PM

Club Pheasant

2525 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento

916-371-9530

www.theclubpheasant.com

Choose one of the three choices:

Oven Fried Chicken, choose either baked potato or ravioli

Garlic Steak Sandwich, choose either fries or ravioli

Fresh Filet of Salmon, served with baked potato

\$25.00 per person

Wine compliments of Deaver Vineyards

Send check to John Bigwood by December 3, 2011

8935 Vincent Ave., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Make checks payable to S.A.M.

Name_____

No. in party_____

Dinner Choices_____

2011 Bud Garric Memorial Contest

The annual Bud Garric contest occurred this past weekend at the Sacramento Area Modelers field in Sacramento. As usual, Frank Capone and Bob Obregon did a great job as CDs. We had 20 entrants with some coming from as far away as Oregon, Washington and Colorado. Thanks to all that made the trip, we appreciate your support. Actually, I think most of the competitors showed up for the Saturday night BBQ and the raffle. This year the BBQ was great and we were even treated to live music via Sax Man Dave. Dave is a great sax and clarinet artist and we really enjoyed his music in the beautiful evening weather. We joke about the club hosting a Sat. evening BBQ and a pattern contest breaks out. The raffle this year was incredible with many very nice RC type goodies as well as a stainless steel Stanley Shop Vac for those times the balsa dust gets too thick on the workbench. The traditional EZ-UP shade canopy was also there and one of the first raffle prizes selected. If I remember correctly, our own Bob Finkbonner won the shade canopy. Many, many thanks to Mark Alexander for his support for the raffle with much of the prizes being donated by Mark himself. Talk about being generous!!! We also received donations from Maxx Products, F3A Unlimited and we appreciate their support very much.

This year, Dick Belden was the target of a surprise roast. I don't know how Frank and Bob select the 'roastee' but Dick drew the short straw this time. A humorous review of Dick's modeling history was enjoyed by all and a special plaque was presented to Dick recognizing his participation and support of RC pattern. Great job Dick.

The results of the competition are:

Sportsman (4)

1. Lawrence Tougas	3979
2. Fred Light	3941
3. Mark Alexander	3771
4. Peter Vogel	3209

Intermediate (2)

1. Ron Davies	4000
2. Art Kelly	3209

Advanced (4)

1. Dale Olstinske	3986
2. Jacob Boracca	3971
3. Jon Bruml	3706
4. Robert Hixson	3138

Masters (8)

1. Jon Carter	4000
2. Bill Sneed	3968
3. Luke Peng	3905
4. Robert Obregon	3847
5. Dick Belden	3781
6. Bruce Thompson	3775
7. Roy Speights	3674

FAI (2)

1. Don Atwood	4000
2. Adrian Wong	3612

Sportsman, Advanced and Masters were pretty tightly contested with the final rounds determining the winner. As previously mentioned, the weather was incredible, light breezes and mild temperatures. Which was handy since Bruce Thompson and myself joined the Peng/Olstinske Lipo Launch and Retrieval club and spent some time hiking out past the flight line. Bruce and I both ejected our flight packs during snap rolls, we found mine quickly but it took 2 days to find Bruce's. In both cases, we are a little puzzled how the ejection happened but regardless, they did.

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Below are pictures of all pilots and all the winners with their trophies. Congrats to all....

... Don Atwood



Steve Weintraub/Andy Anderson

Congratulations on a successful swap meet. All rumors, gossip, and hearsay indicate that participants went home either with money in their pockets or new "treasure" to replace that which they had sold!

SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING

Club meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the S.M.U.D. Headquarters building, 6201 S Street: the building with the statues in front. The November meeting will be held on the 16th. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Plan to attend. There will be reports from club directors and an entertaining raffle for attendees. There will be an election for new Board members.

SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

6	Daylight Saving Time ends
11	Veteran's Day Holiday
16	Club Meeting at S.M.U.D.
24	Thanksgiving Day

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

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