



S.A.M.- Antics

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AMA Charter Club #1822

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Welcome to February. A great time of the year if you are a duck!

The new SAM Warbird Racing Rules are still not official but I have been assured by Ellis Hall that they soon will be. The only changes have been to the wing area-engine displacement tables to try and attract more 2 strokes. I can't imagine why since their sound is irritating at best.

Tom Richardi has been working on an Adopt A Road program for SAM. This will be the first of our Community Outreach projects. More details will be available later but basically we will have to pick up the trash along Florin Road in front of the site a few times a year. For this we will get 2 signs recognizing Sacramento Area Modelers as a volunteer organization.

If you missed it Channel 13 – 31 was on site on Friday 1/29 and did some live filming. Jim Sweeney open up his shop at 7 am for some filming of aircraft under construction then the crew came to the site. We put on a mock Warbird Race complete with a dead stick due to a wannabe pilot trying to fly inverted too long. A good time was had by all and I think the club got some great positive publicity.

Work days for the site will begin as soon as the weather improves. We have many small jobs to get done to make the site look good for the members and the upcoming event season. If anybody has ideas about projects that will improve the site speak to any Board Member and we will see if it is feasible. I have been asked by a new member about control line circles. If you think this is something you might want to see, talk to someone. The circles were on the original plan for the site but were never built. It would be a lot of work to do but if there is interest we can look into it. For the rest of you- no we are not going to lengthen the runway!

This is February so remember that the 14th is coming soon. NASCAR starts in Daytona!

Be Nice

... John Bigwood

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.

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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 !

Dave Shirley
Hank Donns

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CLUB WORKDAY

Saturday, March 6

9:30 AM

Come to the field and bring your shovel/hoe/rake and your model. We will backfill low spots in the sprinkler system trenches. It should not take more than an hour or two to do the job. Then we can fly. **Rain will cause the date to slip to the following Saturday, March 13.**

Meeting was called to order by President John Bigwood at the time and place written above.

Jim Lichtenberg motioned to waive reading last months minutes and to approve as printed in newsletter, Steve Brown seconded, motion passed.

President John Bigwood reported on January 14th board meeting and items addressed: AMA Leader Club status possible for SAM through further community involvement such as sponsoring a cleanup project along a section of Florin Rd. etc. The 2010 events schedule was approved with minor changes and will be posted soon. A new fireworks booth committee is still in works. Board will still not be mailing newsletter copies to members at this time but, copies are available at the field or at SAM web-site online. Also, John asked that day users put e-mail address on day use cards, and that a rule board would be installed by the heli pad at the direction of Safety Officer Bob Gully (Bob will personally supervise all heli pilots during bunny rabbit rescue and gerbil medi-vac operations).

Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported on account balances and reviewed 2010 budget with members present. Tim Sorenson, Secretary had no report at this time.

Field Marshall Kimo Dias reported on status and specifications of sprinkler repair project. Also, Kimo announced that a club workday was scheduled for 1st Saturday in March. Members are asked to show up with shovels, hoes, and gloves to fill trenches and tidy up the runway area. Kimo suggested the board discuss a pothole repair project for the entry road.

Publicity Director Tom Richardi reported contacting the county about the 'Adopt a Street' program (re; further community involvement) and has not heard back from them yet.

Membership Director Dick Weston reported 205 members at year end and 132 renewals to date.

Events Director Mike Miller announced Big Kahuna Classic Warbird Race coming up April 11th.

Vice President Bob Fallon reported he was looking into location for 2010 SAM Xmas party.

New Business: Jim Lichtenberg announced he was applying for the AMA TAG program grant money (\$1,000) for this year's SAM Open House (August 7th)

Also, John Bigwood announced a guest speaker will talk about the historic 'Flying Tigers' of WW2 at the February general meeting.

Show and Tell: Tom Richardi showed a Kyosho built Focke Wolfe 190 (TA 152) ARF with fully sheeted wings, flaps, detailed covering, and pre-installed retracts. He plans to install a YS 1.10 S four stroke in the fighter and race it this year. Tom also spoke briefly on the history of the infamous 'Butcher Birds' and the impression they made in the skies over Europe.

Tim Sorenson brought his Black P-82 twin Mustang, a model of the long range bomber escort/night fighter which flew at the end of WW2 and the start of the war in Korea. The model was built by Mark Connelly from two 25 size Model Tech Mustang ARFs and finished by Tim with two OS FX .25 two strokes, nine servos on eight channels, flaps, and retracts. With 14 flights, two landings on one engine, one landing with a missing wheel, so far... so good.

Raffle: (5) \$25 RC Country gift certificates were won as follows: Jim Lichtenberg (1), Steve Brown (2), Andy Anderson (1), and Tom Richardi (1). Steve brown announced he was donating (1) gift certificate to the President's Cup Warbird Race.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Sorenson
Secretary

Meeting was called to order by President John Bigwood at the time and place written above. Quorum present with nine board members; John Bigwood, Bob Fallon, Tim Sorenson, Jerry Votaw, Dick Weston, Kimo Dias, Bob Gully, Mike Miller, and Tom Richardi.

John Bigwood, President reviewed agenda with board.

John announced board would select monthly guest speakers as new feature for Sam General Meetings (points of interest: aviation history, modeling, aeronautics, electronics, etc.).

Recent decision by board to discontinue SAM Newsletter mailings was reviewed. Jerry Votaw motioned the board make no changes for now, Bob Gully seconded, motion passed.

John Bigwood discussed how SAM would be eligible for AMA Leader Club status through several types of community involvement. Leader Club applications would be e-mailed to board members. Other ideas for community involvement followed. Jerry Votaw suggested fence repair and or cleanup project along Florin Rd. at field entrance. Researching a club sponsored county roadside cleanup program was discussed. Topic tabled for now.

Jerry Votaw, Treasurer reviewed 2010 operating budget and 2009 events budget.

Kimo Dias, Field Marshall discussed ongoing maintenance issues and inventory at field. He said he would announce a work day for members at the general meeting.

Bob Gully, Safety Officer reported no safety issues at field. John Bigwood asked him to post safety/flight rules for heli pilots at heli pad.

Tom Richardi, Publicity Director had no report at this time. John Bigwood suggested that Tom could research info on a club sponsored county roadside cleanup program.

Dick Weston, Membership Director reported 109 members at present.

Bob Fallon, Vice President had no report at this time.

Tim Sorenson, Secretary had no report at this time.

Mike Miller, Events Director reported minor changes to 2010 events calendar. Tim Sorenson motioned that 2010 events calendar should be approved with changes, Kimo Dias seconded, motion passed. Mike announced the new calendar would be e-mailed to board members and posted on SAM website. Mike motioned that the changes to SAM warbird racing rules be accepted as presented by Jim Smith at the events scheduling meeting in December, Tom Richardi seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Sorenson,

Secretary

A REPORT FROM THE FIELD



Hey Guys,

Field Marshall Kimo Dias here. I would like to first thank Roger Cady the outgoing Field Marshall for his hard work, dedication, and tireless efforts at the field. Roger has agreed to stay on as Maintenance Supervisor where his skills will be greatly appreciated.

Now for a few updates. The sprinklers have been installed and all that remains is to fill the trenches, some lawn greening and leveling, and filling of low spots. The runway will be edged especially at the ends where we seem to get some landing gear damage on long touchdowns. We plan on beveling those edges to obtain a smoother transition between grass and asphalt and vice versa. We will be filling the potholes on the entrance road as well. Jim Lichtenburg has mentioned that the asphalt is very slippery with oil at the North starting station where the plane holdown was installed. Jerry Votaw has volunteered some cleaner as a short-term solution, until we can get some slurry with sand down, to alleviate a potential problem. Thanks Jim and Jerry! We have scheduled a work party on Saturday March 6th @ 9:30AM to finish up the trench work, bring your hoe or shovel. I would also like to thank Dick Weston and Bob Gully for their involvement in securing a landscaper to install the sprinkler system and monitoring its progression. I will be doing an inventory of the field equipment to get a better idea what we have and what needs repair. So if you see something that needs attention or have a request or concern please feel free to contact me. I can be reached @ 916-870-0468 or sk_dias@hotmail.com. I would also like to thank the numerous people who have given their time and effort over the years to maintain the site. Thanks again and HAPPY FLYING!!!

... Kimo

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As of January 1, 2010 membership dues are \$65.00. Please send your dues to our mailing address below. Make checks payable to S.A.M. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Weston (Membership Director) at (916) 525-1849.

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2010 Club Calendar

March 6th (Rain Postpones to March 13th)

Club Workday

Kimo Dias 916-797-3076

April 11th

Big Kahuna Warbird Race

CD Jerry Votaw 916-366-9589

June 6th

Presidents Cup Warbird Race

CD Steve Brown 916-765-3555

June 28th to July 4th

SAM Fireworks Booth

John Bigwood(Tentative)916-965-4223

July 11th

SAM Family Picnic Day

CD John Bigwood and Board 916-965-4223

August 1st

Warbird Race

CD Kimo Dias 916-797-3076

August 7th

SAM Open House

CD Jim Lichtenberg 916-681-5335

September 25th and 26th

Trashman Classic Warbird Race

CD JR Schiager 916-792-2156

October 9th and 10th

Bud Garric Pattern Contest

CD Frank Capone 916-621-1010

October 24th

Two Minute Tango Warbird Race

CD Dale Kral 916-682-8935

December ??

Xmas Party

Bob Fallon 916-457-5825

Note: This calendar will be updated next month to include Outlaw racing dates if known.

NO MORE MAILOUTS!

The newsletter will still be available as an attachment to an e-mail message and it will also be posted on the club's website. A limited number of copies will also be left at the field. Contact Frank Tanforan at *tank4an@surewest.net* if you need to receive the newsletter via e-mail. If you have not renewed your dues, please do so. The e-mail list will be updated at the end of February!

SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING

For 2010, the general meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the S.M.U.D. administration building, the one with the statues in front. This month's meeting will be on Thursday, February 11th. Meeting time is 7:30 PM. Plan to attend.

SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

11	Club meeting, 7:30 PM at S.M.U.D.
15	President's Day Holiday—No, not John's!
22	Washington's Birthday

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

CAN YOU HELP?

All lot of you know Ron Chunn from being a great friend and from the Warbird Races.

Ron Chunn and his family have been through a lot this past year, especially with their son, Cole, having been diagnosed with lymphoma. Now, another terrible thing has happened.. Some jerk(s) broke into his race trailer and stole \$1000's of dollars worth of racing stuff. So, I am donating \$100 to his racing team. If there is anything you can donate please call me at (916) 792-1526. I will make the time to meet up with you to collect the donations.

Thanks everyone!!!!

...JR Schiager

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