



S.A.M.- Antics

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SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS
AMA Charter Club #1822

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Welcome to March. A great time if you are a duck. Sound familiar. So is the weather. The sun will shine eventually.

For those of you who were not at the February meeting the sad news is that the District 10 VP, Jim Giffin passed away. He will be missed by all. Mike Brown is filling Jim's shoes and should do a great job.

We also had a great presentation of memorabilia and stories of the Flying Tigers at the February meeting. We will continue to have either speakers or demonstrations by members at each meeting. Come on out and join the 20 or so regulars at a monthly club meeting.

We had some vandalism at the site in February. It looks like kids with guns decided to shoot things up. No major damage but in reporting this to the Sacramento Parks and Recreation I was very surprised at their proactive attitude. They have a zero tolerance policy for discharge of firearms in their parks. If you are the first at the site and this happens again please call myself or another board member and don't disturb anything. The Parks Department has their own CSI team that will come out and collect evidence.

The first event of the year is fast approaching. April 11 will be the Kahuna Klassic with Jerry Votaw and myself as the CD's. See Jerry for entry information and either Jerry or myself if you would be willing to help put on this event. It takes 20 volunteers to run a race and one way or another we all have fun.

See Kimo's notes about the upcoming work day. Come out and contribute some "sweat equity" to the club. There will be jobs both heavy and light for all abilities. It is work but I have told Kimo to leave the whip at home. (why does he have that thing anyway?) Bring a plane and we will work in the morning and play in the afternoon. I will bring an epicurean delight for a lite lunch

If you haven't flown in a while or are just learning now is the time to fly. The ground is soft!

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 !

Hank Downs
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Rick Elwood
Robert Watkins
Joel Reading

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R/C COUNTRY'S SPRING

← →
**SWAP
MEET**
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SATURDAY

MAY 1st

In the Parking Lot

The swap meet is open to anyone buying
or selling (non-commercial). Bring your
flash light because it starts early.

STORE OPENS @ 8:00 am

A REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Hey Guys,

Well workday coming up on March 6th. Hope to see ya'll there. 4 yards of fill dirt is being delivered on March 5th in prep for the workday. If anyone would like to bring a wheelbarrow we sure could put all of them to good use. Donuts and muffins will be provided to get you CARBED up for what looks like to be a productive day. Some new shelving will be installed in the sheds to get a little more organized and make it a little easier to keep track of what we have in there.

If anything else needs attention please let me know? 916-870-0468 or sk_dias@hotmail.com

... Kimo

Board Meeting Annie's Restaurant 6:30 pm February 04, 2010

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

President John Bigwood declared a quorum present and business could be conducted. Attending were John Bigwood, Bob Fallon, Jerry Votaw, Tim Sorenson, Dick Weston, Kimo Dias, Bob Gully, and Mike Miller.

Mike Miller motioned to waive reading last months minutes and to approve as printed in newsletter, Dick Weston seconded, motion passed.

John Bigwood, President went over agenda items not addressed in previous board meeting. John reported Publicity Director Tom Richardi contacted county regarding 'Adopt a Street' program and county will be getting back with more info; item tabled until Richardi reports with paperwork. Also, application should be filed with AMA to collect \$300 for Channel 13/31 TV spot in January.

Bob Gully, Safety officer motioned that no more couches, chairs, etc. be brought out/donated to field. Members must have board approval before donating such items. Kimo Dias seconded, motion passed.

Jerry Votaw, Treasurer reported on account balances, county lease status, and CD rollovers.

Kimo Dias, Field Marshall credited Dick Weston, Joe Lopez, Jerry Haynes, Jim Lichtenberg, Mike McWilliams, and Andy Anderson with filling and packing most of the ditches from sprinkler project at field. Also, Kimo reported work party scheduled for Saturday, March 6th, 9:30 am and talked about his monthly report he will be posting in the newsletter. Kimo suggested grass seed be purchased for field restoration.

Dick Weston, Membership Director reported 150 members at present and said he would need to purchase a new step ladder and supplies to build shelving for storage locker.

Bob Gully, Safety officer reported new signage would be installed along entry road in March.

Bob Fallon, Vice President reported search ongoing for 2010 SAM Xmas Party location.

Tim Sorenson, Secretary (no report at this time).

Mike Miller, Events Director (no report at this time)

Next board meeting will be at Celia's Restaurant (on Micron off Bradshaw & Hwy 50) March 4th at 6:30 pm.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sorenson
Secretary

Meeting was called to order at the time and place above. Ellis Hall motioned to waive reading last months minutes and to approve as printed in newsletter, Bob Gully seconded, motion passed.

President John Bigwood introduced the guest speaker, Larry Simpson, who spoke about his father, retired Colonel Robert S. Simpson of the General Chennaults' Flying Tigers, who flew for the Chinese against the Japanese at the start of World War Two. Colonel Simpson Joined the Army Air Corps in 1941, flew Texan's in training, and piloted 18 different military aircraft (including a B-29) during his 20+ years of service. He had a record of over 4000 hours logged in B-25s, and was highly decorated with commendations from both the U.S. and Chinese militaries, notably the Chinese Medal of Honor given personally by Chiang Kai-shek. He was one of only about 300 pilots to join Gen. Chennaults' American Volunteer Group where he was assigned to fly a B-25. Probably the most harrowing experience during this time was when his B-25 was shot down over enemy territory and he fought off over 20 Japanese from the turret guns of the wrecked bomber. After the fight, he and his men traveled on foot for weeks while passing several POW camps, suffered from leaches and malaria, and narrowly escaped capture. His last duty was as Director of Nuclear Operations in the Pacific during the early 1960's. Colonel Simpson now resides in a retirement home in California and is one of the last few surviving members of the Flying Tigers. Larry brought many articles of historical significance that his father had accumulated during his career; photographs, medals, commendations, and other memorabilia documenting the aviator's service.

New members Rick Elwood and Bob Calvert stood for introduction.

A sympathy card for Jim Giffin (SAM member and District X VP), who passed away Sunday, January 31st, was passed for all to sign.

President John Bigwood announced that Mike Brown will serve as the new District X VP.

John reported that vandals left bullet holes in signs at the field and it was reported to the authorities. Member's could check on the field more often (please do not confront trespassers, but report them to sheriffs office). John recognized Jim Sweeney, Jim Smith, and other members who put on a warbird race demonstration for Channel 13/31 News in January.

Publicity Director Tom Richardi reported on 'Adopt a Road' program (cleanup project on Florin Road from Excelsior to Sunrise) and that county officials will school club members on duties and requirements of program. Project will serve two purposes; club will be eligible for AMA Leader Club status and it will fulfill our county lease requirements. Also, it will provide extra publicity for the club because two signs recognizing SAM will be posted on Florin Rd. John Bigwood polled members present and a majority were for the project.

Vice President Bob Fallon reported the new Broiler restaurant downtown was good prospect for 2010 SAM Xmas Party (5th floor old Elk's building) and board will consider choice at next board meeting (Bob Gully will provide details).

Treasurer Jerry Votaw reported account balances, status of CDs, and budget balanced to date.

Field Marshall Kimo announced a work party (to fill ditches and fix uneven lawn areas around runway) will be held at 9:30am, March 6th (members are asked to bring hoes, rakes, and shovels). Kimo also thanked those who recently filled many ditches at the field (Dick Weston, Joe Lopez, Jerry Haynes, Jim Lichtenberg, Mike McWilliams, and Andy Anderson) and talked about maintenance and inventory. Jerry Votaw spoke on the need to fix holes in entry road and chip seal again, and will get estimates for project.

Safety Officer Bob Gully had no report at this time. John Bigwood asked Bob Gully to prepare a safety presentation for the club to comply with AMA requirements.

Secretary Tim Sorenson had no report at this time.

Membership Director Dick Weston reported 150 members at present.

Events Director Mike Miller announced the 1st event of 2010, the Big Kahuna Warbird Race on Sunday, April 11th. Mike also reported the Madera club has a warbirds race on March 20th.

Show and Tell: Jim Smith brought a new Spitfire (black with invasion stripes), the 40 size ARF's manufacturer remains a mystery to all but a few of Jim's cadre. Sporting Robart air retracts, and a YS 110 FZ four stroke for testing purposes, it has 5 flights so far. The pathologically competitive racing expert plans to keep the retracts in it and install a YS 110-S for racing in April, the plane (christened 'Top Secret') may prove to be his best 'speed demon' of the 2010 season. Jim announced that R C Country will be having their Spring Swap Meet on Saturday, March 1st.

Raffle: (5) \$25 RC Country gift certificates were won as follows: Jim Smith (2), Ross Dibble (1), Steve Brown (1), and Bob Calvert (1). Jim Smith announced he was donating (1) gift certificate to the Big Kahuna Warbird Race. Next SAM General Meeting will be held March 11th and the board meeting on March 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sorenson

Sacramento Area Modelers



PRESENTS:

THE

BIG KAHUNA CLASSIC

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 2:30

Silver 2:00

Gold 1:30

**CASH PRIZES IN ALL
BRACKETS.**

NO FREQUENCY CONFLICTS!



APRIL 11, 2010

**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**

2010 SAM Rules Apply

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Plane & Description: _____

Engine Size: _____ **Frequency #:** ____

AMA #: _____

Event Choice (circle one):
Bronze Silver Gold

Sacramento Area Modelers



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 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

Each Month, 3rd Sunday

Outlaw Race, 12:00 noon lunch with racing to follow..... (Field Open)

Jim Smith

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, March 11th. Meeting time is 7:30 PM. Plan to attend.

SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

6	Work Day, 9:30 AM at the field
11	Club meeting, 7:30 PM at S.M.U.D.
14	Daylight Saving Time starts. Spring ahead!

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

HANK DOWNS

Sorry about not spelling your name correctly in last month's issue. Please accept my apology.

...Frank T.

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