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AMA Charter Club #1822

S.A.M.-Antics

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It is a busy time of year. Thanksgiving is this week and it's only a month until Christmas. I must be getting older and moving slower because everything seems to be compressed together.

Congratulations to Dick Weston, Jr Schiager, Sergio Varo, Bob Calvert and myself for their election to serve on the board for the next 2 years. We will be having the installation dinner on Thursday December 8. At that time the board will decide who will perform the individual duties. We should all give Kimo Dias and Tim Sorenson a big thank you for their time spent on the Board. We will give you a few years to recover and then hit you up for your second tour.

The SAM Christmas party is coming up fast. Reservations are due by December 3 and the Party will be held December 10th at the Pheasant Club. Unlike last year the reservations are brisk this year. I will try to include everyone that wishes to come but I need a head count by the 3rd. We will again have a raffle however this year there will be larger but fewer prizes. Come early and get the festivities going.

The Scheduling meeting will be held a week earlier than was originally planned and will be on December 14 at my house. If you would like to CD an event in 2012 or would like to help out and learn what goes on come to this meeting. Casey Smith will run the meeting and we will set a schedule for next year's events. In addition to the Racing and Pattern events we have the traditional SAM events of the Member BBQ, Open House and Swap Meet to schedule and find members to lead. If you have an idea for a new event bring it to the meeting and we will discuss it.

I have not heard from SMUD about whether we have a room for next year or what day it will be. We will get the day and time on the web-site and post it at the field when we are informed. Again this year I received the room request for the day after it was due. SMUD has always been very generous to us and I am sure that we will get a room for the coming year.

The "after Christmas" season is very important to our hobby. It is the time when there are all the new park flyers taking to the air. If we help and encourage those young pilots we get a few to graduate to larger aircraft and then we have them hooked for life. That young pilot might take a few years off to go to school or raise a family but they always come back. So when you see that boy or girl in the park struggling with that foamy lend a hand. Get it in the air and see the smile. You will be investing in the future of our hobby.

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

None at this time.

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SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS P.O. BOX 279582 SACRAMENTO, CA 95827 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012

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 Perko's Restaurant 6:30 pm November 09, 2011

Board present: John Bigwood, Tim Sorenson, Dick Weston, Casey Smith, and Tom Richardi.

Officer Reports:

*President John Bigwood asked that board members promote upcoming SAM Xmas Party (\$25 a plate, includes gratuity) and try to drum up interest. SAM committed to December 10th date at the Pheasant Club and nonrefundable deposit paid. John said he would print flyers and post at field. John also said he would be purchasing raffle prizes for club meeting.

*Dick Weston reported 175 members at present

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Sorenson,

Secretary

General Meeting SMUD 7:33 pm November 16, 2011

Board present: John Bigwood, Tim Sorenson, and Dick Weston. Jerry Votaw and Casey Smith excused due to illness.

New Members Jeffrey Hodies and Gary Phillips stood for introduction.

President John Bigwood asked that a moment of silence be observed to recognize the memory of longtime club member Dave Wick. Dave (age 75) passed away on November 8th. Members spoke of Dave at length and recalled his kindness and humor, his knowledge and skill, his mentoring of new members, and how he always had a treat for your dog. Andy Anderson said he would write something about Dave for the newsletter.

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Officer Reports:

*John Bigwood announced the SAM Xmas Party would be Saturday, December 10th, 6:30 pm at the Pheasant Club in West Sacramento and said he would get a few larger prizes for a raffle. Reservations deadline is December 3rd and must be mailed to John Bigwood no later than this date (see newsletter). John said Xmas Party was funded by the Fire Works Booth in past years and that decision to run booth in 2012 needs to be decided upon at January board meeting.

*John announced general mtg. to remain at same time and place each month for 2012.

*Events scheduling meeting would be scheduled by CDs preferably for early December (December 14th, 6:30 pm at Bigwood's house?). Mike McWilliams said he would be willing to CD the SAM Open House in 2012.

*John thanked Dick Weston for repairing another costly irrigation leak at the field.

*Secretary Tim Sorenson announced he was glad and sad to be leaving his post after four years on the board and invited everyone to attend the asteroid shelter digging party at his house this winter (donations of food, water, oxygen, and reading material are welcomed).

*Membership Director Dick Weston reported 175 members at present. John Bigwood announced membership renewals coming up soon and to please include a current phone number and email address with renewals. John Riley (SAM Webmaster) noted that club members can post info etc. on a Yahoo account at the SAM website.

Steve Weintraub (Sam Swap Meet CD) reported on the 2011 SAM Swap Meet and that participants were plentiful, some making long drives to attend.

New Business: Election of new club officers.

Ballots (collected before the start of the meeting) were counted and all five nominees who were eligible and willing to serve a 2012/2013 term were elected as follows: John Bigwood, Dick Weston, JR Schiager, Bob Calvert, and Sergio Varo. Congratulations and welcome to new and returning board members. New Board Members, please send Bigwood your email address.

Dave Sullivan announced a Fun Fly event at Mather Aerospace Modelers (Eagles Nest just north of Kiefer). Bring four cans of food (for homeless food drive) and great lunch will be provided for those who donate. (Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 am) at revamped field, bring a plane and fly.

Show and Tell: John Riley showed a Piper Cub w/glow engine (airplane bought from a club member several years ago). It had Airtronics servos, six channels, an automatic belly hatch, and was customized by John as a night flyer with led lights throughout. Bob Fallon brought a cub like electric Telemaster 40 with an AXI 28/26 motor and flaps, ready for first flight. Jim Smith brought his new outlaw racer for 2012, a Great Planes Spitfire with OS FX .25 two stroke, five cell battery, finished with black Ultracote and white Monocote invasion stripes, and ready for maiden flight (2 lb. 10.5 oz.). Sporting a red rudder the ode to the spittie could go like this: Roll over roll over, Red Rover, Red Rover, anutter butter outlaw mudder, that has a red rudder.

Raffle: Prizes purchased at RC Country Hobbies were won as follows: John Riley (Glues), Tim Sorenson (glues and World Models T-34 ARF). Bob Calvert won the green ticket prize (\$10 gift certificate).

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Sorenson,

Secretary

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_____

DAVE WICK

Dave was born in Wichita, Kansas, 75 years ago. During World War II, he lived with his parents in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where some of the Gato class submarines were constructed. Watching the boats being built and launched started a lifelong interest in model submarines. In later years he wrote a series of articles titled "R/C Model Submarines". Dave arrived in California at age nine. After building model airplanes for many years and bringing a number of them home in a sack, the joys faded. Next he tried 1/8 scale cars. Three years of returning from a race covered with castor oil, deaf, and in a state of nervous exhaustion convinced him to return to model ships. He served in the Air Force and the Air National Guard. He had a pilot's license in 1976. He retired from IBM after 30 years where he was a programming engineer. He worked part time driving passenger vans in the Bay Area and then drove for Folsom Stage Lines for about 5 years.

He was an accomplished modeler that loved to scratch build his own designs. Several years ago, Dave and Don Atwood were talking and he expressed some interest in pattern competition. A few weeks later he showed up at the field with a duplicate of a "Temptation" (a current popular pattern model), except it was 1/2 scale. He was called "Electric Dave" and sure enough, the new model was electric powered. Dave competed that entire year with his little "Temptation" and did very well at local contests. Over time, Dave moved to larger pattern planes. Many will remember his "Venus II" which he renamed "Accipter" (a bird of prey). Dave competed in many contests with it. It was always fun to watch Dave telling Ron Davies to "wiggle his wings" more, definitely a downgrade in pattern flying. Ron and Dave competed against each other many times and were always harassing each other about who was flying better and how they scored in the last contest.



Dave hated winters but used the time to build and repair his planes. His favorite phrase "Bring on summer"!

Dave Wick died November 8, 2011

...Renee Russo (Dave's step-daughter)

"Andy" Anderson

Don Atwood

SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING

There will be no club meeting the month of December. On December 14th, there will be a scheduling meeting at 6:30 PM. It will be held at John Bigwood's residence, 8935 Vincent Ave., Fair Oaks. John will provide light refreshments. If you wish to have an event in 2012, or wish to host a club event next year, plan to attend. After the Board reviews and approves the events and times, a schedule will be printed in this newsletter and posted on the club's website.

SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

3	Last chance to sign up for the Christmas Dinner
10	SAM's Christmas Dinner
14	Event Scheduling Meeting at John Bigwood's residence, 6:30 PM.
25	Christmas Day
31	Last chance to get a good deal on 2012 SAM dues.

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

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