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**SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS**  
AMA Charter Club #1822

# S.A.M.- Antics

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the General Meetings that we have upcoming this year and forward, I hope to see more members show up. We as the board will be sharing what has happened and what to look forward to in more descriptive manner. If you are interested in knowing what has happened and what we are currently doing in your club, the General Meeting will be very interesting to you. Let me ask all of you some questions; if you would change or add anything to the meeting, what would it be? Would you like the meeting somewhere else? Would you like the meeting on a different day other than Sunday? I would really like to hear from a lot of you through verbiage or email. Your input is very important to us.

Throughout the year, we have had some people hurt with electric airplanes and a few fires with LiPo Batteries. If you are plugging in your electric airplane, make sure the transmitter is away from you so you do not hit the throttle accidentally.

Also when charging your LiPo Batteries, if it is all possible, please charge the battery in a LiPo battery case or something ceramic or metal to protect the benches, airplanes, and more important, people from getting burned if the battery starts on fire. If your LiPo Battery is puffed, please do not use them at the flying site; best bet is to properly discard them in a safe matter. Puffed batteries are very dangerous to store and especially to charge or fly with them. If everyone could follow these procedures, it will make our flying safer and more enjoyment.

I would like to give Ed Kado a special hand in helping the club again. He was very generous in supporting the raffle for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trashman & YS Classic Warbird Race. With his donations, it helped to increase the money into the raffle, so in return, there was more money donated to the club. Thanks Ed for all you have done for this club. For those of you that do not know Ed, he was one of the original founders of the Sacramento Area Modelers.

There are 5 board member spots up for election, JR Schiager, Sergio Varo, Jerry Cunningham, Dick Weston, and Rodger Cady. We had eight nominations for those spots and they include; Dick Weston, Jerry Cunningham, Sergio Varo, Don Attwood, JR Schiager, Rodger Cady, Bob Obregon, and Gene Sorbell. The voting takes place at the General meeting on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. If you cannot make that meeting, please request in writing or email Jim Smith for an absentee ballot.

Till next time, fly safe and have a great time at the Sacramento Area Modelers Flying Field!!!

JR Schiager

"Good Sportsmanship Equals Fun For All"

## 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 Tuesdays or Fridays. You may call **Jim Lichtenberg** our Flight Instructor Coordinator at **916-681-5335** or e-mail at **[rcflyer999@comcast.net](mailto: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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### ***New Members***

Dale Olstinski

### ***Members Running for Board of Directors***

Dick Weston, Jerry Cunningham, Sergio Varo, Don Attwood, JR Schiager, Rodger Cady, Bob

Obregon, and Gene Sorbell

*Voting will be at the November meeting, or you can vote by mail by contacting Jim Smith at [jimmy.skids@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmy.skids@yahoo.com)*

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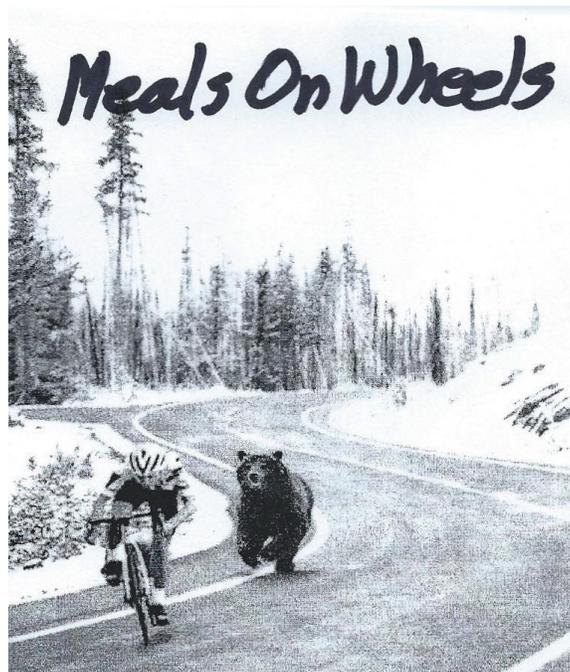
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# SAM Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: October 12, 2015

Location: Perko's Restaurant – Hwy 50 and

Bradshaw Time: 7:15 PM

## Board Members

Present: President: JR Schiager, Vice President: Jerry Cunningham, Secretary: Jim Smith, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Safety: Sergio Varo, Field Marshall: Rodger Cady, Events: Kimo Dias, Publicity: Mark Forister, Membership: Dick Weston, Events: Kimo Dias

Absent: N/A

## Officer reports

President: JR started the meeting by thanking everyone for coming to our annual budget meeting. Prior to the discussion on budget there was discussion regarding the use of the helicopter pad for 3D airplane flight. The pad is only for Helicopter and other rotary wing flight training. General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> with the purpose of scheduling events.

Next meeting date and location TBD.

Vice President: Jerry discussed this year's Christmas party; cost per person will be \$25.00 per person.

His proposal for this year's budget is \$750; this would be an increase from last years

Events: Kimo gave a presentation regarding the Bud Garric Pattern contest. Many pilots from outside of Sacramento combined with local pilots.

Secretary: Jim shared the one-day passes for distribution at the hobby shop. JR will be dropping them off at RC Country.

Treasure: Steve shared that we are currently on budget for this year. Then the board turned its discussion to budget items for 2016 (New Business)

Field Marshall: Rodger held off input until next month's meeting in an effort to get to the important budget items.

Membership: Dick reported that we have 162 members. YTD we have seen a 12 member increase over last year's membership at year-end (9.26% growth). Dick thanked Mark for his efforts behind adding new members.

Safety: Sergio shared that his records this year have shown more injuries due to electric motors than any other type of aircraft this past year combined. Please be careful with those electrics especially when arming them. Kimo took the opportunity to share that there was some conversation regarding speed passes, foamy flying, 3D flying, etc. over the runway. The runway is for take offs, landings, and touch and goes. Sergio will be gently reminding the membership to make sure that they keep to the west of the dead line for flight activities. Rodger shared that he has noticed that some of the pilots have been flying from in front of the flight line fence. In an effort to maintain safety it is strongly encouraged that everyone fly from a flight station **behind the fence**.

Publicity: Mark is working on some PR items for the local hobby shops letting them know great attributes of the SAM site.

New Business: 2016 Budget. The budget items were discussed regarding operations for 2016. There was much discussion regarding the items for 2016 in great detail. The budget for 2016 is \$14,450, which is a \$550 decrease from 2015's budget. At this time the board has determined that there will not be an increase in membership dues for 2016.

Old Business: N/A

Motions: Budget for this year's Christmas party to be \$750 made by Jerry Cunningham.

JR seconded the motion.

All voted for, except for Steve Brown, who abstained.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Smith, Secretary

## **SAM Club Meeting Sunday 10/18/15 Location: Club Field**

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JR Schiager Opened the meeting at: 3:10 PM

President's report: JR Schiager opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the October open membership for events planning that would be run by Kimo Dias.

JR shared with the membership present a brief summary of some of the club business that the board had been working on over the last year. Items including clubs not for profit status, yearly tax status, and an update regarding the online storage of club documents being used. JR also shared with the membership present the president's monthly agenda of items that has been created by himself and prior club President John Bigwood. The president's monthly agenda provides a "roadmap" which allows for whoever is president to run the club on a monthly basis.

JR then informed those present of the YTD increase of membership (SAM has seen an increase in membership of 10% over the close of last year's numbers). The board has been working with other groups and hobby shops in an effort to increase membership while enhancing the clubs impact in our community. JR spoke to the members present regarding the two fires that have recently happened at the field and the events associated with handling them and any issues associated with them. (As a reminder there are buckets along the fence line out in the field with WATER in them if needed.)

Unfortunately this past year there have been at least three people who have had to go to the hospital due to electric motor prop strikes. Also there have been some issues mentioned regarding LIPO batteries to the board. There are some who have expressed some serious concerns with regards to Electric Aircraft. Please be safe and cautious while enjoying Electric aircraft.

JR and the board have also been working with County Parks and Rec to increase club awareness, foster a growing relationship, and work towards updating our current lease agreement.

JR finally touched on the annual budget and how we look for 2016 budget and for 2016 dues before handing over the meeting to Kimo for 2016 events planning.

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Kimo at this point started the events meeting working with CD's present to set up the 2016 events calendar. Kimo will talk with the board regarding proposed dates and at the time the board will vote on the 2016 events calendar.

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### **Notice to membership:**

Anyone looking to vote via an absentee ballot will need to submit in writing a request for an absentee ballot. Requests will also be accepted by emailing the club secretary at [Jimmy.Skids@yahoo.com](mailto:Jimmy.Skids@yahoo.com) Please submit any written or email requests with your name and address for mailing of the absentee ballot. Thank you, The SAM Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 PM by Kimo and JR.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Smith – Secretary

# **Happy Thanksgiving**

## SAM 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
11/15	SAM Club Meeting		SAM Field
12/12	SAM Christmas Party – Spaghetti Factory	6:30 pm	Rancho Cordova

\*\* Waiting on dates of Capital City Airshow

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