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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On January 26, 2017, some of the board members put on a presentation for the club to the County Parks Board of Directors. The presentation included a power point and demonstration of various airplanes such as a P38 and a trainer with the buddy system. The presentation went very well and we had lots of questions regarding our club and activities. All the feedback that was received was positive.

This year we are going to reseal, fix and restripe the runway and pits. There is an area on the south side of the runway that has sunk a little, they will be fixing that as well. Center Line Stripping will be contracted to do the work. Every year we save money into our deferred maintenance account to allow us to reseal and restripe every 3 years. We do not have a set date yet because the weather has to be stay above 50 degrees for at least 3 days and 3 nights, also we cannot have rain during these days. The plan is to have the work done by the middle of March. During this process, the field will be closed for 2 days. You will be informed at least a week in advance (or longer if possible) and I will have it posted at the field and the website when the scheduled date is set.

I like to remind everyone again, that if you are going to fly or turn on your radio, you

must have your current AMA card on the frequency board. If you do not have your current AMA card yet, please inform a board member know so we can verify your AMA status on the AMA website. Any member can help with this; so if you see someone that does not have a card on the frequency board, please remind them.

Remember if someone is flying without a current AMA, they are putting our field into a major risk. It is just not worth it. Just remember that AMA dues are set on an anniversary date and not on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Friends don't let friends fly without AMA!!!!

Please take a look at the schedule as it has change due to conflicts with other clubs and also we moved dates to make since overall to benefit the membership and our club.

**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"*

# SAM Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: January 10, 2017

Location: Perko's restaurant at 50 and Bradshaw

Time: 6:55 PM

## Board Members

Present: President: JR Schiager, Membership: Bob Obregon, Secretary: Jim Smith, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Field Marshall: Don Atwood, Events: Jeff Montrose, Safety: Sergio Varo, Publicity: John Gray  
Absent: Vice President: Jerry Cunningham

## Officer reports

President: JR opened the meeting with discussion on a small change to the events schedule due to a conflict with the Mather Airshow. The Mather show will be September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. This will have the club's swap meet date at September 9<sup>th</sup>. CD's will be JR Schiager, Jeff Montrose, and Sergio Varo. The CD's have proposed that this year that the swap meet be free of charge again to those selling. The response last year was very positive and with this being a time when the club is not open to flying this provides a benefit to the membership. The 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> would be the new dates for the YS Trashman Classic also due to the airshow change of date.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January there will be a team of four SAM members going to the meeting with the Board of County Parks. The SAM Board will be giving a presentation on how we and the public use the site. JR is working on a power point presentation that will be shown.

JR Schiager mentioned that there had been some input from club member(s) that there is a desire to have the meeting during the middle of the week and at an offsite location. There was some discussion regarding changing dates and times. Most of the board felt that there was not much club support behind the changing of dates. If this is something the membership really feels is needed the board would need to see much more interest before we make the change.

Vice President: Jerry Cunningham was unable to attend. (Get well soon.)

Membership: Bob Obregon reported that membership renewals are coming in. If you have not paid your dues yet, please submit them soon. Bob's personal goal for this year is to see the membership grow to 200 this year.

(Secretary's note: please make sure that your AMA is current as well – most memberships expire at the end of 2016)

Safety Officer: Sergio Varo did not have anything to share at this time.

Publicity Officer: John Gray had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer: Steve Brown handed out the operating statement and then went over closing figures for 2016.

Field Marshall: Don Atwood did not have anything related to field maintenance at this time. He did advise that we will need to start planning maintenance soon for spring cleanup.

Events: Jeff Montrose noted that he had logged the changes to his event schedule for the year.

Secretary: Jim Smith had nothing to add at this time.

New Business:

This year's nominations for honorary memberships were:

1. Robert Blum
2. Robert Holik
3. Wally McAllister
4. Richard Verano
5. Mark Alexander
6. Greg Hutchinson
7. George Steiner
8. Lawrence Tougas
9. Active Employees of RC Country
10. Rodger Cady
11. Dick Weston

Old Business:

N/A

Motions:

1. JR made the motion that we move the dates for the swap meet and YS Trashman Classic to the above dates proposed.

Steve Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approved.

2. Jim Smith made the motion that we approved the 11 members discussed for honorary memberships.

Don Atwood 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approved.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Smith

Secretary

## SAM Club Meeting Sunday 01/15/17 Location: Club Field

JR Schiager Opened the meeting at: 3:17 PM

President: JR Schiager started the meeting by letting the membership know that if desired and not already receiving club newsletters and or club updates by email you can contact our membership director and let him know that you are not currently are not receiving club emails and ask him to have yourself added to the club distribution list. Besides checking the website this is a quick and easy way to receive updates on things happening at SAM.

JR then introduced the two new board members to those attending... welcome Jeff Montrose our new events director and John Gray our new publicity director. Next the lease was discussed. JR and the board are working with our land lord on a new lease. The 20 year lease that we have currently ends this year. JR also shared that this month some of the board will be doing a presentation with the board of parks and recreation on how the SAM facility is used.

For those interested the 2017 events schedule has been updated and is on the website. There were some changes made due to the Mather Air Show changing dates again this year. The Mather Air Show is great for aviation fans and for the community in Sacramento, but is not friendly when it comes to planning events at SAM. The Mather Air Show will be held on September 8/9/10. The field will be closed to flying, but we will hold the club swap meet on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Next topic was with regards to the club meeting date and location. The SAM site was chosen due to lack of participation and lack of interest in meetings from the membership, however, recently it has been mentioned that some would like to see this changed to a week night at an offsite location. JR opened up discussion for those present regarding possible meeting changes and pretty much all present said that they liked it at the club site. One club member said they would like it if it was warmer (chuckles were had by many). JR let the membership know that they could email him if they had meeting site and time change suggestions.

JR moved on to the topic of resealing the runway. The current plan is that we will be getting bids for the runway and pit area. Then a date will be picked where weather permitting the work can be done. The field will be shut down during said time. The hope is to have things done before the event season kicks off. More communication will be forth coming regarding this subject as it is available.

### Board Reports:

Vice President: Jerry Cunningham – Not present.

Membership: Bob Obregon – Reported that we had 170 members to close out 2016. His goal for 2017 is that we can increase our membership to 200. The cost to run the club and meet all expenses revolves around our membership count and 200 members would really help meet our expense numbers and provide for improvements to the site.

Safety: Sergio Varo – Asks that everyone keep flying safe.

Publicity: John Gray – Not present.

Treasurer: Steve Brown – let those present that we were very close on budget last year. We were a bit over budget, but as luck would have it we also did exceed estimates on funds coming in for the year.

Field Marshall: Don Atwood – spoke with regards to all the rain we have had. Work days will be coming soon and encouraged all to show up and help out. More to come.

Events: Jeff Montrose – said check out the website for event details. He also will be co-CD of the swap meet this year.

Secretary: Jim Smith – Had nothing to report.

JR then spoke regarding the raffle that the club will be doing. By attending the meetings you have the opportunity to win a ready to go (add radio and receiver) airplane. The plane was a donation to the club and is really nice. Show up at the meeting for a chance to win and see what this is all about.... There is no fee. Attendance, along with show and tell are how you get the opportunity to win.

Show and Tell:

Steve Nickerson showed his new KI 61 scratch built racer. The plane is beautiful and will be test flown soon. (Steve has been building his race planes from the ground up... if you haven't had a chance to see one close up you should see the amount of work that goes into the development, build, paint, and assembly)

JR showed off the new convergence from Horizon Hobbies. Part Quad, Part Airplane.... 100% cool. JR's wife gave him the plane for Christmas. All present were jealous.

Old/New Business:

AMA cards. Should they be worn or posted? Under discussion. More to come. (Secretary's addition: some have proposed that cards should be worn vs. posted on the frequency board to meet club requirements)

Meeting Adjourned at: 3:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Secretary: Jim Smith

## **OUTLAW'S WANTED FOR HAVING TOO MUCH FUN:**



On January 7<sup>th</sup> the Sacramento Area Modeler's OUTLAWs met up for the 2016 OUTLAW awards dinner at Aviator's Restaurant located at the Sacramento Executive Airport. The dinner finalizes the prior year's race season and awards are given out to some of the pilots for their accomplishments during the year. Many pilots look forward to this special night each year and the chance to win some of the coveted awards given out. Below are some photos from the night's activities. If you have interest in joining the OUTLAWs for some low budget no frills racing come on out to one of the races and see what the OUTLAWs are all about.

Winner (or losers) of the 2016 Mid-Air Award  
"Pickles" and the "Trashman"  
(“Pickles” did not relish this award and thought that he received a raw dill)



Proving that not everything is picture perfect  
“Hollywood” and the Ugly Airplane Award for 2016



Two Thirds of the Race Support Crew  
Bigwood and “Special K”





Each month there is opportunity not only to race, but to come out and work and have fun without flying. “Special K” and Bigwood help out behind the scenes calling cuts and keeping the cages informed with what his happening at on the course.... Not pictured “Eagle Eye” (AKA Rodger Cady)

One of the most prestigious awards was won by new comer “Joe Jet”  
Most Improved Pilot



“Joe Jet” also walked away with Best Looking Airplane on the year – and yes “Hollywood” was  
jealous  
Third Place for 2016  
“Super K”



“Super K” is one of 4 pilots on record of winning the OUTLAW title

Second Place 2016  
“Jimmy Skids”



AND THE 2016 OUTLAW  
CHAMPION (ONE OF ONLY  
FOUR TO WIN THIS  
PRESTIGIOUS TITLE)  
IS.....

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The “Italian Stallion”

# 2016 OUTLAW CHAMPION



The OUTLAWs meet each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday with lunch at noon and racing after that. The field is shared and is open to all pilots. Racers and non-racers take turns racing or sport flying. This year the OUTLAWs start their 17<sup>th</sup> full season of OUTLAW racing.

Do you have what it takes to compete with the 2016 Champion? Come out and see if YOU can beat the “Italian Stallion”.

**\*\*\*\* *This Month's Safety Tip* \*\*\*\***

From the desk of our Safety Officer

I don't want to talk about putting your AMA card up on the board, flying past the dead line, taxing past the dead line into the pits or tuning up your motors on the startup tables. I just wanted to say keep your fingers out of the props.

Your safety officer,  
Sergio Varo

**\*\*\*\**Request from Membership Director*\*\*\*\***

Bob Obregon has asked that members, if possible, renew at the field to save on postage. Remember every little bit helps!!!

## 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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### SAM-Antics SUBMITTALS

Deadline for submissions to the SAM Antics is the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send articles as Word text or as text in an email to the Newsletter Editor, at [info@sacramentoareamodelers.com](mailto:info@sacramentoareamodelers.com).

Submittals may be edited for content and length.

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# 2017 Events

1-15-17 **General Club Meeting accomplished**

4-9-17

**Big Kahuna Memorial Warbird Race**

**S.A.M. Warbird Series** Flying Field Closed

4-23-17

**General Club Meeting**

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at flying field

5-13-17

**Pattern Contest** Flying Field Closed

**6-10-17 thru 6-11-17**

**Fly YS Fast Warbird Race**

**S.A.M. Warbird Series** Race is at Redding

Flying Field is Open

**6-24-17**

**S.A.M. Open House**

Bring your friends and family and learn about R/C Flying

Learn how to fly with an instructor and our planes. Flying field closed to open flying

**7-9-17**

**S.A.M. BBQ & Fun Fly**

9:00 am to 1:00 pm Flying field closed during event, open after event

**7-16-17**

**General Club Meeting**

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at flying field

**7-30-17**

**Nitro Madness Warbird Race**

**S.A.M. Warbird Series** Flying Field Closed

**\*\*\* 9-8-17 thru 9-10-17 \*\*\***

Field closed for Capital Airshow 8, 9, &10

**9-9-17**

**S.A.M Annual Swap Meet**

No Charge for selling space or parking



**9-17-17**

**General Club Meeting**

Nominations for Board Members

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at flying field

**9-21-17 thru 9-24-17**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Trashman & YS Classic Warbird Race**

**S.A.M. Warbird Series**

**S.A.M Flying Field Closed for four (4) days**

Final Race for S.A.M. Warbird Series for 2017

**10-7-17 thru 10-8-17**

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Garric Pattern Classic** S.A.M. Flying Field closed for two days

**10-15-17**

**General Club Meeting**

Events Scheduling for 2018

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at flying field

**11-19-17**

**General Club Meeting**

Board Elections

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at flying field

**12-9-17**

**S.A.M. Christmas Party**

Location TBD

\* Dates subject to change upon S.A.M. Board approval

\* Details for Events will be removed as completed, however you can always refer to January's newsletter on the web site for the years full roster of events

# The Back Page

## *This & That*

The trip to the Aerospace Museum of California to fly their flight simulators has been scheduled for **February the morning of the 21st**. These simulators have three screens set on a table with many controls, including rudder pedals. Now you can't as an individual fly these simulators it has to be a group. These outings are not limited to club members, friends & spouses are always welcome. If interested my contact information is below.

## *Trivia Questions*

When was the first National Aeromodelling Championship (NATS) held?

What year was the AMA legitimized as an official organization?

*Answers will be posted on "Auger Inn" bulletin board.*

## *For Sale & Wanted*

Looking for listings.

*To post on the "Back Page" please contact Gene Strobel at 530 676-4233 or by email [geneal123@comcast.net](mailto:geneal123@comcast.net) Dead line for submittals will be 26<sup>th</sup> of each month*