



S.A.M. Antics

The Official "Fly" paper
of the
SACRAMENTO AREA
MODELERS
AMA Charter Club #1822
December 2025

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Presidents Message

Hello SAM flyers.

Well, winter is here with rain, fog and low temps. On some days you can fly under the cloud cover to get some time in. Other days you have to wait for the fog to lift. Make sure to dress warmly as the temps are falling.

At last month's general meeting Ryan, Sergio, Steve, Brent, and Russ were elected to the board. At the December board meeting we will pick who does what function for next year. Thanks to those who braved the rainy and cold day to vote.

The 2nd STOL competition was held at the field on November 22nd. There were 11 pilots in the competition, and a good time was had by all. Overall, the distances were a lot shorter than they were in the first STOL event showing the pilots have been practicing. There will be more about this event later in this newsletter.

Just a friendly reminder of your annual Christmas Party at the Spaghetti Factory on Hazel Ave. on December 13th. If you haven't got your order in, please do so in order for Ryan to get a head count. Every year we have more members and their spouses attend, so get your order into Ryan or Steve.

Our field looks very good so let's keep it that way. Please pick up any trash you see and make sure the garbage cans are not too full. Stan is doing a great job of this, but you can help him by emptying them when you see they are full.

That's all for now. See you at the field. Be safe and have fun.

Pickles

Hello everyone. Just a friendly reminder that our Christmas Party is on December 13th at the Spaghetti Factory on Hazel Avenue. Please fill in the dinner request located further in this newsletter and give to Ryan Golden or Steve Brown along with \$35 for the meal and a present.

See ya there.

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Jeff Montrose
SAM President

Vice Presidents Message

Flyers for the Christmas Party are in the Auger Inn and are also located in this newsletter. If interested in attending, complete and turn in to any Board Member and they will give to me. Turn in NO LATER than 12-7-25.

12-13-25 6M is the party.

Thank you,

Ryan Golden



SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 11, 2025

Location: Mountain Mike's Pizza on Bradshaw

Time: 6:34 PM

Board Members

Present: *President:* Jeff Montrose, *Treasurer:* Steve Brown, *Secretary:* Jim Smith, *Field Marshall:* Brent Jensen, *Safety:* Sergio Varo, *Membership:* Steve Nickerson, *Publicity:* Robert Bell, *Vice President:* Ryan Golden

Absent: *Events:* Gary Prosser, *Vice President:* Ryan Golden,

Officer Reports

President: Jeff opened the meeting at 6:34 PM. He let the board members present know that tonight's meeting topics are the officer reports, events schedule approval, and budget planning for next year. Jeff presented the dates for 2026 events (see motions below for acceptance of events dates as proposed). (Dates will be posted in the future to the SAM website).

Vice President: Ryan was unable to attend.

Treasurer: Steve Brown, took his time to discuss the budget. After the discussion and budgeting of numbers there was a motion made to accept the budget (see motions below).

Membership: Steve Nickerson, provided the current update that there are paid 119 memberships currently with a total of 137 active memberships in total. As a reminder the 2025 dues/budget was based upon 121 paid memberships for the 2025 calendar year.

Safety Officer: Sergio had nothing to add.

Events Director: Gary, was unable to attend.

Publicity Director: Robert had nothing to report.

Field Marshall: Brent had nothing to report.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report.

Motions:

After listing out all the dates Jeff called for a motion for to vote yes, Sergio Seconded it. Approved by all in attendance.

Jim made the motion that we accept the budget as presented by Steve Brown which would allow for dues for 2026 to remain at \$150. Brent seconded the motion. Approved by all approved.

New Business:

n/a

Old Business:

n/a

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM

Jim Smith (Secretary)

SAM Club Meeting Sunday

Location: Club Field

New members or guests present

New Members: N/A

Guests Present: N/A

Board Reports

President: Jeff Montrose was unable to make the meeting and made arrangements for Ryan Golden (VP) to run the meeting.

Vice President: Ryan opened the meeting at 11:07 pm. He called for members and guests of which there were none. He mentioned the Christmas party on December 13th at Spaghetti factory at 6:00 pm. He then let everyone know that today's meeting was for Board elections (voting) for the 2026 calendar year. He will be turning over the meeting to Jim for the voting purposes.

Membership: Steve N. let those present know that the membership count currently 119 paid memberships and 137 total memberships for 2025 so far. This year's budget is based upon 123 dues paying members. He also mentioned the STOL competition for November 22nd.

Publicity: Robert Bell had nothing to report.

Safety: Sergio mentioned updating the medical supplies.

Treasurer: Steve B. gave a quick update about the 2025 budget. He also announced no new dues increase for 2026. (The dues will be \$150 due in January 2026.)

If you have further questions regarding the clubs budget see Steve Brown.

Events: Gary was not present.

Field Marshall: Brent spoke about the signage for the fire extinguishers and also about the electrical update.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report for normal business, he did mention the voting procedure for 2026.

Show and Tell:

N/A

New Business:

Greg Lane made a request for the open house flyers for next year. He has a lot of individuals interested in attending.

The election results are as follows:

Sergio Varo

Ryan Golden

Brent Jensen

Steve Nickerson

Russ Nichols

Old Business: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jim Smith - Secretary



****This Month's Safety Notes from Sergio****

- **Members needs to be wary of anyone who is not a member, but coming in to use our site and are doing things that could jeopardize it. Previously, a non-member launched a rocket at the field and caused a grass fire. *Per the SAM Board, none of the members should be granting permission for non-AMA members to use the site for any type of flight activity. Furthermore, if visitors have AMA, they should be paying day use and be signed in by a member for any flight activity.***
- **Basic Safety issues - *Be considerate and do not fly close to others who are not flying, but are working in the field, on the airfield and/or mowing.*** Please fly safely and accordingly.
- **Old batteries needing to be disposed are to be given to one of the Board members for proper disposal or you take them home and dispose properly. *Do not throw them away in the trash bins at the field.***
- **Please remember to put your AMA card up on the Board prior to flying. Fly with a friend...it's more fun and safer. Reminder: Make sure your AMA for 2025 is current and up to date.**
- **A friendly reminder, *No Flying Over the Pit Area.***
- **Those with Electric Planes, please arm your planes on the startup tables instead of the benches or on the starting line and NOT under the enclosure.**
- **Please note: There is an extreme need for communication on the flight line. *There have been a couple close calls due to lack of communication. Coming out, landing and crossing the runway should be called out anytime more than one pilot is on the flight line***

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.

S.A.M.-Antics SUBMITTALS

Deadline for submissions to the S.A.M. Antics is the 28th of each month. Please send articles as Word text or as text in an email to the Newsletter Editor, at specialkidsteacher@comcast.net. Submittals may be edited for content and length.

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." S.A.M.'s corps of Flight Instructors stand 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 **916-718-4979** cell 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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Jim Lichtenberg



Steve Brown



Ron Davies



Jeff Montrose



Donnie Prince



Dave Neves

Field Marshal Update

Please use recycling bin for any recyclables. And make sure to keep the trash cans, a couple of feet away from the tables to prevent squirrels from getting into them.

Thank you,
Brent Jensen / S.A.M. Field Marshal
brentlowelljensenjr@gmail.com.

Membership Update

No New Members for November

Dues Renewal Forms for 2026 are now available

Thank you,
Steve Nickerson & Steve Brown
S.A.M. Membership

Events Update for November

November 1st Bigwood Memorial Warbird Pylon Race

November 22nd Sweet Potato STOL Competition

Join us Every 3rd Sunday at
Sacramento Area Modelers for
Outlaws Race Series

Thank you,
Gary Prosser / S.A.M. Events Director

Publicity Update

See Recent Board Notes

Thank You,
Robert Bell / Publicity

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Closed for General Flying During Events

January 19, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am-12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
February	-----
March 8, 2025	Pylon Racing Workshop 9:00am - 12:00pm - Event Completed CD - Greg Lane (916) 201-7668
March 21- 23, 2025	2024 California Capitol Airshow - Event Completed
March 22, 2025	First SAM Work Day @ Flying Field Time TBD - Completed
March 29, 2025	First Ever RC STOL Competition - Event Completed Cash Prizes Contact Steve "Coach" Nickerson (snickerson3360@hotmail.com)
April 5 & 6, 2026	Big Kahunas Memorial Warbird Pylon Race - Event Completed (S.A.M. Warbird Series) CD - Steve Nickerson (916) 397-6831
April 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am-12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
May 17, 2025	Don Atwood Pattern Contest - Event Completed CD - Ron Davies (916) 682-7902 CD - Russ Nichols (916) 212-8867
June 21 & 22, 2025	Turn and Burn Warbird Pylon Race - Event Completed (S.A.M. Warbird Series) CD - Greg Lane (916) 201-7668
July 19, 2025	S.A.M Open House 9:00am to 12:00pm - Event Completed CD - Jeff Montrose and SAM Board (916) 897-4655
July 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
August 2, 2015	Fun Fly & BBQ 9:00am to 12:00pm - Event Completed CD - SAM Board
September 13 & 14, 2025	YS - Valley of Speed III Warbird Pylon Race - Event Completed (SAM Warbird Series) CD - Ollie Merrill (916) 947-6599
September 21, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
September 27 & 28, 2025	Bud Garric Pattern Contest - Event Completed CD - Russ Nichols (916) 212-8867

October 18, 2025

S.A.M. Swap Meet 6:00am - 12:00pm
CD - JR Schiager (916) 705-7778

October 19, 2025

General Club Meeting (Events Meeting for 2026)
11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field

November 1, 2025

Bigwood Memorial Warbird Pylon Race
CD - Ollie Merrill (916) 947-6599

November 16, 2025

General Club Meeting @ Flying Field
(Elections for SAM Board) 11:00am - 12:00pm
Flying Field is Closed

December 13, 2025

S. A.M. Christmas Party
CD – Ryan Golden (916) 561-9606
Flying Field is Open

Dates subject to change upon S.A.M. Board approval * Details for Events will be removed/marked as completed, however you can always refer to January's newsletter on the web site for the years schedule of events



**SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS
P.O. BOX 292441
SACRAMENTO CA 95829**

2025 ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL FORM

This up dated information is used for the Club Roster, also an E-mail mailing list for the SAM*Antics* (Newsletter). Please print your information clearly.

Thanks: Steve Nickerson

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____
Zip _____

Telephone _____ AMA Number _____ Open _____ Family/Junior _____

E mail Address _____

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Annual Dues are \$150.00 to be paid in the month of January 2025.

You May make your check to SAM and mail it to the address above.

Or:

Use the RED DAY USE mail box at the field.

Or:

Give the dues to Steve Brown (Treasurer) or Steve Nickerson (Membership Director) at the field.

2025 Annual stickers, once received, should be placed on your AMA card, The Gate Combination Sticker is to be placed on your wallet or a secure place for club members use only.

SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS, INC.

Academy of Model Aeronautics

Charter Number 1822

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Through the joint effort of many local radio-controlled model airplane fliers, 30 acres of open land has been leased since 1982 from the County of Sacramento for our exclusive use of Model Aircraft, with the right to fly over the remaining 330 acres. The 40 by 400 foot runway and the covered 30 by 260 foot pit area are completed with a beautiful asphalt surface. The address is 11000 Florin Road, one mile east of Excelsior Road, and two miles west of Sunrise Blvd.

There are four types of paid membership available:

OPEN MEMBER: Any member, age 18 or over not listed under one of the below categories. Only open Members have voting privileges. **Membership in the AMA is required.**

COST: \$100.00 New Member Fee, First year annual dues are \$150.00. We would appreciate payment in full for the New Member Fee. However **First Time Members:** Dues will be prorated at a rate of \$12.50 per month after February 28. Dues period is January 31st through January 31st the following year.

FAMILY MEMBER/JUNIOR MEMBER: Spouse of an OPEN MEMBER and/or children under the age of 19. COSTS: Spouse, \$10.00 annual dues, and No New Member Fee. FAMILY MEMBERS OR JUNIOR MEMBERS under 19 years of age, Initiation fee is deferred until member reaches 19 years of age. No annual dues until member reaches 19 years of age, then the initiation fee is the same as OPEN MEMBER. Dues **will not** be prorated. No Voting Privileges.

BUSINESS MEMBER: A Member who's Business may pose a conflict of interest with SAM activities.

Business members have no voting privileges and may not hold elected Office. Dues and Fees are same as Open member.

Fees are non-refundable. To qualify for Membership, you must have a current **Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) card in your possession.** Membership in AMA provides both you and the site with liability insurance, which is a requirement of The County of Sacramento and the by-laws of the Sacramento Area Modelers, a "Dispute Resolution Agreement Form" must be submitted with your Membership application.

S.A.M. meetings are held with place, time and posted. The news letters is available on the Sacramento Area Modelers (www.sacramentoareamodelers.com) website monthly to all current members. Flight Instruction and training are available for fliers from beginners to expert.

CUT OFF AND MAIL TO S.A.M., P.O. BOX 292441, SACRAMENTO, CA. 95829

Please make checks payable to: Sacramento Area Modelers.

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH(Jr. Member) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ AMA NUMBER _____ (must have valid AMA Number before membership is granted.)

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2025 Season, Race Dates:

INTERESTED, BUT NEW TO RACING? **TRY IT OUT!** ATTEND OUR FREE

MARCH 8 RACING WORKSHOP

SAM POINT-SERIES RACES:

APRIL 5 & 6 BIG KAHUNA MEMORIAL

JUNE 21 & 22 TURN & BURN

SEPT. 13 & 14 YS - VALLEY OF SPEED

1-DAY RACE:

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Marvel, and enjoy RC aircraft recreating the thrill and excitement of the Reno National Championship Air Races, in miniature; with aircraft racing at speeds often in excess of 160 m.p.h.!

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2025 SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS

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11000 FLORIN RD, SACRAMENTO, CA 95830



2025 S.A.M. CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 13, 2025, 6PM @ Old Spaghetti Factory 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

If you have any questions, please text or call Ryan Golden @ 1-916-561-9606

NAME:

Please put an "X" next to the meal you would like and next to the selection for Dressing/ Ice Cream. If accompanied with guest please make their selection as well.

Chicken Marsala

A seasoned breast of chicken with a Mushroom and Marsala Wine Sauce. Served alongside spaghetti with Mizithra Cheese & Browned Butter

Meal Lovers Treat

Sicilian Meatballs, Italian Sausage and Spaghetti with Rich Meat Sauce

Breast of Chicken Fettuccine

Fettuccine topped with tender diced chicken breast, fresh broccoli, sautéed mushrooms, Alfredo Sauce, and shredded Romano cheese

Salad Dressing: Blue Cheese or Creamy Pesto

Ice Cream: Spumoni or Vanilla

RECENT EVENTS

STOL Competition

ROUND 1			ROUND 2			Best 1-2	ROUND 3			Best Total 3 Rounds	
NAME	ATTEMPT 1	ATTEMPT 2	NAME	ATTEMPT 1	ATTEMPT 2		NAME	ATTEMPT 1	ATTEMPT 2		ATTEMPT 3
Jeff M	1:04 21.1 - 9.5	1:00 20.9 - 9.2	1:05 21.0 - 9.4	Robert B	1:00 20.8 - 9.3	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	Steve N	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	1:02 21.0 - 9.5	1:03 21.1 - 9.6	3:04 91.0 - 28.5
Russ M	1:02 20.7 - 9.2	1:00 20.5 - 9.0	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	Steve N	1:00 20.8 - 9.3	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	Jeff M	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	1:02 21.0 - 9.5	1:03 21.1 - 9.6	3:04 91.0 - 28.5
Rob W	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	1:00 20.5 - 9.0	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	Zane M	1:00 20.8 - 9.3	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	Robert B	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	1:02 21.0 - 9.5	1:03 21.1 - 9.6	3:04 91.0 - 28.5
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Steve N	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	1:00 20.5 - 9.0	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	Bill C	1:00 20.8 - 9.3	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	Zane M	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	1:02 21.0 - 9.5	1:03 21.1 - 9.6	3:04 91.0 - 28.5
Dave M	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	1:00 20.5 - 9.0	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	Dave M	1:00 20.8 - 9.3	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	Greg L	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	1:02 21.0 - 9.5	1:03 21.1 - 9.6	3:04 91.0 - 28.5
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George R	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	1:00 20.5 - 9.0	1:01 20.6 - 9.1	Greg L	1:00 20.8 - 9.3	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	Russ M	1:01 20.9 - 9.4	1:02 21.0 - 9.5	1:03 21.1 - 9.6	3:04 91.0 - 28.5
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The Back Page



If you are doing anything (constructing a plane, have recent photos you've taken from Events, just out practicing or have found photos and/or information historically interesting), I encourage you to forward it to my email below, the Event CD or any Board Member. I'd love to put it in the newsletter. Thank you to those who do share so others can enjoy.

specialkidsteacher@comcast.net

For those who don't know, JR Shiager keeps the S.A.M. website updated with photos, events, past newsletters, etc.

sacramentoareamodelers.com.

Wanted to Purchase or Wish to Sell

If you are looking for (i.e., airplane parts, websites to make purchases, etc. or have a plane or parts to sell), please let Steve Brown know at our S.A.M. Club and I would be glad to include in our newsletter. You may also email me at specialkidsteacher@comcast.net and I will add to this section.

LOST and FOUND.....

If you have lost something at the SAM field or found something that may belong to someone else, please give it to Steve Brown or any other board member and it can be posted in this section.

