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

# S.A.M.-Antics

APRIL 2013

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The first quarter of the year is history and the weather has turned warm and sunny. This is the best time of the year to fly. The sun is bright and as usual the wind is straight across the runway. Don't forget to announce your intention to land but also the direction. In a cross-wind we all have our preferred direction.

We had our first general meeting of the year in March. The turnout was great which was a welcome change. We passed the hat at the meeting and collected \$1300 in donations for the Votaw Shade Structure. That brings our total donations to \$1500 which should cover the cost of the concrete slab. I will propose that the club fund the remaining \$1500 +/- from our "Deferred Maintenance" fund. We will try and start the construction Monday April 8 depending on the weather. The first step will be excavation for the slab. Rodger Cady has volunteered to bring out his mini-backhoe to do the digging but there will be plenty of manual labor to do also. If you have a few hours in the week we will accept all labor donations. We are still looking for someone to lead us in the concrete pour. I think we can find volunteer labor but we need expert advice.

An issue that came up at the general meeting is the Race Pylons. It is apparent that the north pylon affects some peoples flying patterns. At the same time we have many pilots that fly the race course and use the pylons daily. I will be talking to the club members at the field and see if there is a solution that is acceptable to all. Our next general club meeting is in June and at that time we will propose several solutions and have the general membership vote on their choice. This whole issue is not a big deal. We will find something that most will agree with. It bothers me though that some members felt reluctant to voice their concerns. If you see something that bothers you bring it up. If it is an issue that needs to be addressed we can find a solution. Remember though that in any large group not everyone's ideas can be accommodated.

This coming Sunday April 7 is the first Warbird Race of the year. We have relaxed some of the rules for the Bronze class so if you are a beginning racer check the aircraft requirements and come join us. If you want to spectate from some of the best seats come volunteer to be a course worker. Contact JR or myself if you want to work.

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## 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](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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.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 [tank4an@surewest.net](mailto:tank4an@surewest.net). Submittals may be edited for content and length.

### NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS

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Ross Martin

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## **GOLD COUNTRY ACE HARDWARE & HOBBIES**

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## **R/C Country Hobbies**

### **The Hobby Shop**

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## **SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT SAM**

**R/C Country's  
SWAP MEET**

**Saturday  
April 27th**  
**In the Parking Lot**

The swap meet is open to anyone buying or selling (non-commercial). Be sure to get here early to get a spot.

Due to the event there is no parking in the parking lot, however, there is additional parking at the school a block west of R/C Country.

**Store Opens @ 8:00 am**

**Board Meeting                      March 12, 2013                      Perko's Restaurant                      6:30 PM**

Board Members Present: John Bigwood, Frank Tanforan, DJ Enzminger, Dick Weston, Sergio Varo, Casey Smith, Tom Richardi, and Jim Smith .

Dick Weston reported that the club currently has 118 members. The names of several potential new members were brought up.

DJ Enzminger gave board members a summary of board finances. It was commented that the budget is tight and expenses will be closely watched. A second "port-a-potty" will be ordered to be onsite before the April 7<sup>th</sup> warbird race.

John Bigwood had prepared a detailed cost estimate for the Jerry Votaw Memorial Shade Structure. There is a long way to go until enough funds are available for the memorial. John stated that he would try to wring money out of the members at the club meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The update to the SAM Bylaws was given a final review. Both Jim Smith and John Bigwood provided input. The board voted to approve the bylaws with the necessary agreed upon updates. At the coming club meeting, members will be informed how they can email Frank Tanforan and get a copy sent as an email attachment. Also, 10 copies will be printed in booklet form for John Bigwood to disburse.

The club Open House on April 20<sup>th</sup> needs a manager. A few names were mentioned. John will see if he can convince a member to step up at the club meeting. Discussion of the Event Rules was postponed to a later Board meeting.

A brief agenda for the upcoming club meeting was presented. It would follow the same format as past club meetings with the addition of: request for donations to the Votaw memorial, upcoming warbird race needs, and open house help.

A work day is needed at the field before the April 7<sup>th</sup> warbird race. The logical date is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Work that needs to be done includes cleaning out cracks in the asphalt (Jim Sweeney said he would bring his air compressor to blow out debris) and then sealing with crack filler. Now is also the time to spray Roundup on the weeds along the entry way and along the edges of the runway. If a log splitter is available, work will be done on splitting the large pile of logs and stacking for future use.

The engine startup tables are still being used for extensive run up and tuning, to the discomfort of others. SAM members will be asked, politely, to avoid this practice. Another item was the leaving chairs at the flight line. This could be a safety issue if someone needs to avoid an off course plane and runs into a chair. Members will be asked to carry back any chairs from the flight line that they brought out.

Frank Tanforan was requested to send a notice for the club meeting on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and a notice for the field workday on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, to the newsletter distribution list.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Tanforan  
Secretary

Board Members Present:

John Bigwood(President), JR Schiager(Vice-President), Frank Tanforan (Secretary), DJ Enzminger(Treasurer), Sergio Varo (Field Marshal), Casey Smith (Events Director), Tom Richardi( Publicity), Jim Smith(Safety)

New Members Introduced Themselves: Ross Martin, Eric Jaggi, and Mark Forester. Ross Dibble tried to pass himself off as a new member but he was recognized as used.

**DJ:** reported on finances. SAM is solvent and can pay its bills.

**Frank Tanforan** summarized the updates to the club bylaws. He has about 77 club members on his newsletter distribution list and they will receive a reminder in the next newsletter transmittal message about being able to request a copy of the updated bylaws via email. For those members without internet access, a limited number of hard copies is available and as copy can be requested from Frank.

**Tom Richardi** reported that he is concentrating on publizing the April warbird race and the open house.

**Jim Smith** said there were no member safety issues at this time. Members were requested to keep chairs removed from the flight line when not in use, even if they were not the person that put the chair there.

**Casey Smith** reviewed the events coming up before the next club meeting in June. Namely they were: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, a field work day; April 7<sup>th</sup> · The Big Kahuna Warbird Race; April 20<sup>th</sup>, Sam Open House; May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Pattern Classic; and lastly May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Redding warbird Races.

**Sergio Varo** thanked **Rodger Cady** for the good looking tile work in the Augur Inn. **Dick Weston** and **Jim Sweeney** were thanked for the carpet work in the inn. It really looks good! There is a field work day on Saturday , the 23rde. We will try and start at 8:00 AM and the more help there is the sooner we will be done. Bring shovels, weed wackers, gloves and some enthusiasm. Sergio will bring donuts.

**Dick Weston** reported that 2 years ago, membership was 205. Last year it was 150. Currently there are 121 members. **Kimo** was acknowledged for renewing his membership today.

**JR** will let everyone know when the date for the club Xmas party is set. He is looking for workers for the Big Kahuna Warbird race and asked all to help if they can.

**Donnie Prince** volunteered to be an instructor. He will be glad to teach new flyers how to do the one wheel touch and go. He was referred to **Jim Lichtenberg**, the coordinator for instructors.

**John Bigwood** took the floor. The open house on April 20<sup>th</sup> needs a chair or coordinator. **Jim Lichtenberg** did it for many years in the past and felt it was time for someone else to step up. John and Jim kind of worked through it last year but a single person in charge is needed. At worst, if absolutely necessary John said he would step up again but reluctantly. **Ollie Merrill** was drafted to be in charge but it is in doubt if he can follow through due to other obligations. The field work day will start at 8:00 am and as many bodies as possible are needed in order to get things done speedily. John has been very diligent in coming out to the field and actually flying. In 10 of 14 visits, all the benches were loaded with planes and the parking lot was full. This shows that the sport is healthy at SAM and at the same time shows that the Jerry Votaw Memorial Shade Structure will be a benefit for all members. John gave rough summaries of the detailed costs estimates that he had prepared. Donations are still far behind what is needed. Therefore, John started the ball rolling with a significant donation to the memorial fund and challenged Jerry's friends in attendance to match his generosity. The following responded to his challenge with significant donations on their part: **Jim and Peg Sweeney** (were not present but had given

challenge with significant donations on their part: **Jim and Peg Sweeney** (were not present but had given a check to John prior to the meeting), **Anonymous, Tom Richardi, Sergio Varo, Jerry Cunningham, Casey Smith**, etc. **Donnie Prince** gave all that he had in his pockets. **Casey Smith** announced that at the next month's PP races all proceeds from a snack bar would go to the memorial. The hat was then passed around to all in attendance. DJ added up all the donations (including IOU's) and John said that had enough had been gathered to start on Phase 1 of the memorial.

A **"How To" session** was conducted while the hat was being passed. **John Bigwood** showed how a garage sale crock pot could be used with some ethylene glycol antifreeze to clean a motor. Caution: do not put the crock pot back into meal preparation at your home! **Donnie Prince** talked about simple ways to tune a 2-stroke motor.

**Show & Tell:** **Jim Smith** showed a very attractive Hanger 9 Corsair, assembled by **Tom Richardi**. Very good looking plane. Not enough flights on it at this time to say if it flies as good as it looks. It can be bought from A Main Hobbies for about \$120. Good price for this ARF. Hope it flies well. (Secretary's note: If I did not know the limits on my ability as a flyer, I would get one of these quick.).

**Old Business:** The issue of leaving the pylons up or lowering them after races was hotly discussed. The event rules currently do not specifically address the issue. **Jim Smith** and others are looking at simpler ways to support the pylons and at the same time provide an easier way to lower them as necessary. Currently it is not a 1 man job to either raise or lower. **John Bigwood** will take an informal poll of club flyers to see if this is a major issue. Therefore if you have strong feelings on this one way or the other, catch John when he is at the field.

**Raffle:** there was a PP size Spitfire model, 5 gift cards at R/C Country for \$20 purchased by SAM and 2 gift cards for \$15 donated by R/C Country. The winners were:

Sergio Varo	\$20 card donated to the Big Kahuna
Rodger Cady	\$20
Jim Smith	\$20
Jerry Cunningham	\$20
JR Schiager	\$20
Jim Smith	\$15 donated to the Big Kahuna
Rodger Cady	\$15
Gary Phillips	the Spitfire

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Tanforan  
Secretary

President's Notes continued

The SAM club will hold its Open House on Saturday April 20 at the field. This is our opportunity to show off our sport to the community. We will have a walk thru program for anyone that wants to learn about RC flying. The last step of the demonstration is to let the participants fly a model on a buddy box. SAM supplies free hot dogs and drinks for lunch. If you have children still in school spread the word of the event.

*Be Nice*

*... John*

# Sacramento Area Modelers



JR Schiager & John Bigwood Presents:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

## Big Kahuna Memorial

### WARBIRD RACE

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

*In Memory of Jerry Votaw*



<p><b>Itinerary for Sunday</b>                  Registration Starts at 7:00 a.m. and                  Closes at 8:15 a.m. Sharp! <i>(No Exceptions)</i>                  Worker's meeting – 8:30 a.m.                  Pilot's Meeting – 8:45 a.m.                  Racing Starts – 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>There will be 3 heats and mains for each                  bracket.</p>	<p><b>Send Payment to:</b>                  JR Schiager                  1509 Rampart Dr                  Roseville, CA 95661                  (916) 705-7778</p> <p>Please make checks                  payable to SAM</p>	<p><b>CASH PRIZES IN ALL                  BRACKETS!</b></p> <p><b>NO FREQUENCY                  CONFLICTS!</b></p> <p><b>HARD HATS REQUIRED!</b>                  Version 1-1-13 SAM Warbird                  Rules Apply</p>
<p><b>3 ways to Pre-Register</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send in Entry Form and Check</li> <li>2. Pay Cash to JR. directly</li> <li>3. Call (916)705-7775 to pay with Credit Card</li> </ol>		

<p><b>Bronze Class</b>                  Entry Fee: <b>\$25.00</b> in Advance  <b>\$30.00</b> day of race  <i>Entry fee must be paid by                  Sunday 8:15 am.</i>                  Entry fee includes the \$5.00 Surcharge</p>	<p><b>Silver Class</b>                  Entry Fee: <b>\$35.00</b> in Advance  <b>\$40.00</b> day of race  <i>Entry fee must be paid by                  Sunday 8:15 am.</i>                  Entry fee includes the \$10.00 Surcharge</p>	<p><b>Gold Class</b>                  Entry Fee: <b>\$50.00</b> in Advance  <b>\$55.00</b> day of race  <i>Entry fee must be paid by                  Sunday 8:15 am.</i>                  Entry fee includes the \$15.00 Surcharge</p>
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Race Entries will be limited to the first 50 Entries and Must show proof of Current AMA

### Registration (one per class)

*Please write legible and complete full registration*

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Full Address: _____                  _____                  _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>AMA #: _____</p>	<p>Plane &amp; Description: _____                  _____                  _____</p> <p>Engine Size: _____ Frequency #: _____</p> <p>Event Choice (circle one):                  Bronze      Silver      Gold</p>
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Annual Open House – Open to the Public

Sacramento Area Modelers



# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Introduction to Radio Controlled Airplanes Open House



Come Fly Our Airplanes  
Flight Demonstrations  
Flight Simulators  
Radio Control Basics  
Plenty of Shade & Restrooms

Buddy Box Instruction  
Setting Up Your Airplane  
Safety Instruction  
Hands-on Flight Instruction  
Full Service Snack Bar on site

Sat. April 20, 2013  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
SAM's air park  
11000 Florin Road  
Entrance at Gene Andal Park  
(Between Excelsior and  
Sunrise)

S.A.M. AirPark  
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## **SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MEETING SCHEDULE**

For 2013, SAM club meetings will be held once a quarter. These meetings will be at the SAM field on a Sunday after the Outlaw races. So, plan to come out to the field on meeting dates, enjoy the races, and stay for the meeting. Better yet, contact Jim Smith about joining the racers and participating! Meeting dates are March 17, June 16, September 15, and November 17. Meeting start time will be approximately 3:30 pm. Meeting reminders will be published in this newsletter, posted on the club's website, and notices placed at the field. See you there.

### **BYLAWS**

SAM's Bylaws have been updated. For a copy of the updated bylaws, send an email to [tank4an@surewest.net](mailto:tank4an@surewest.net). If you do not have internet access and desire a copy, contact any board member and ask them to let the club secretary know.

## **SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **MARCH**

7	Big Kahuna Warbird Race at the field.
20	Club Open House at the field.

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

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