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

# S.A.M.-Antics

MAY 2012

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The SAM Open House occurred this year after a year off. It was a great success for the 32 new pilots that went through the program. We had pilots from 5 years young to 75 years old. I think all the participants had a good time and it is a great way to show off our club and our field to the Public. Many thanks to those club members that came out and helped. As is always the case nothing happens without the volunteers.

This past weekend JR Schiager put on the Cancer Fundraising Race. I will let him describe the events in detail but I would like to thank him for the huge amount of effort that he put into this event. JR weathered the last minute calamities well and produced an event that gave a well deserving charity a helping hand.

The next event for the SAM Club is the Rancho Murieta Air Show on May 19. Talk to me if you have a plane you would like to static display. Contact Tom Richardi if you would like to fly a short demonstration flight. I think Paul Lockwood should come out, show, and fly the beautiful Gee Bee he had at the open house. Nothing sounds better than a round engine with a collector ring.

A big thank you to Frank Tanforan for volunteering to fill the open Secretary position. This will be 2 shoes he will be filling but I am sure he is up to the task.

This is the time of year when we should all be flying. Cool mornings and long evenings lead to great hours of flying. Keep your eye out if you go out in the grass to retrieve a plane. The snakes are out of their holes for the year.

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

### Welcome New and Rejoining Members

Edward Labrado  
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### **R/C Country Hobbies**

#### **The Hobby Shop**

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Sacramento CA**

**(916) 731-5868**

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Open: Tues-Sat 11:30 AM-6:00 PM  
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### **SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT SAM**

#### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Introduction to Radio Controlled Airplanes**

##### **Open House**

**April 21, 2012**

It was a perfect day for a SAM Open House, etc. The temperature was mild; the wind was light; and everyone had a good time. John Bigwood cracked the whip and had everything ready to go by 9:00 AM. Of course that meant that he was out there the evening before mowing weeds and jamming up his back. As usual, guests drifted in throughout the morning and it was entertaining to guess as to whether there was an instructor pilot at the sticks or one of the newcomers. No one was talking! There was some time to spare so Ollie Merrill showed off his P-47 warbird flying skills and Andy Anderson dropped some bombs from his Stuka. I would swear he got so close to the marker pylon that he must have walked out when no one was looking and hand place at least one. At noontime, Dave Sullivan dazzled the crowd with his display of aerobatics. It's not fair. He does it so well and I can barely keep a plane in level flight! Honorable mention must also be given to the cook shack crew. Dan Hughes, Bob Fallon, and Les Horn fed us efficiently and well. By 2:00 PM things wound down and just a few members were left doing their thing. Too bad, John, this was so much of a low key, fun club event that you will probably have to do it all over again next year.

JR was running around snapping pictures. Visit the club website ([www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org](http://www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org)) and see if you are in any of them.

## **Board Meeting**

Called to order at 6:45 PM, April 11, 2012, at Perkos, 9647 Micron Ave, Sacramento,

### **Board Members Present:**

John Bigwood (President), JR Schiager (Vice President), Dick Weston (Membership), Sergio Varo (Field Marshal), Casey Smith (Events Director), Tom Richardi (Publicity), Don Enzminger (Treasurer)

### Items discussed:

-More discussion on giving the neighboring sheep getting water from the club field. We would have to run a water line underground to a water container with a float valve to get water on the other side of the fence.

-Big thank you to John Reynolds for painting the inside of the snack bar. Looks great and feels more like home!

-Sergio says a big thank you to all those who helped in the field work day. We got a lot done.

-Discussion on extending the shade structure. The club would like to extend it and dedicate to Jerry Votaw's memory. The discussion was about leaving an open area without tables for a gathering area or putting in more tables.

-The board decided to give out a lunch at the open house instead of doing a raffle.

-The board discussed possible new locations for the club meetings. One location in particular being the Round Table Pizza on Madison ave. The place has a back room with tables and a video screen and we could even enjoy pizza and drinks during the meeting.

-The board discussed possible new secretaries. Bob Calvert resigned and we needed a new secretary. We wanted to talk to Frank Tanforan to do the job because he uploads the notes for the newsletters already so we thought he would be a perfect fit.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Submitted by Casey Smith

## Club Meeting

Called to order at 7:33 PM, April 24, 2012, at the club field

### Board Members Present:

John Bigwood (President), JR Schiager (Vice President), Dick Weston (Membership), Sergio Varo (Field Marshal), Casey Smith (Events Director), Tom Richardi (Publicity), Rodger Cady (Safety Officer)

### Items discussed:

- Discussion on a new secretary. Frank Tanforan was asked to fill the position and he wanted to think about it and get back to us.
- The open house was a success! We had a total of 32 new pilots come out and fly with us including Grandparents. We served lunch to everybody who came out and everybody had a great time.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Rancho Murrieta air show and club members will be flying some demonstrations for the crowd. The demonstrations will include some warbird racing, flying lawn mower, and some unusual model airplanes.
- The backflow preventer on the well was broken and the county fixed it.
- John Bigwood wanted to price out how much it would cost to get water to the other side of the fence for the neighboring sheep. We want to be good neighbors and help out as much as we can.
- The club discussed extending the shade structure. We might leave an open space with no tables. It's all up for discussion so voice your opinions.
- Sergio discussed backfilling the gravel up to the concrete from the parking lot to the tables so nobody will trip and fall.
- Dick Weston and Sergio Varo repaired 5 benches out at the field. Thank you guys!
- The Big Kahuna Memorial race was a success with 35 pilots racing. With it raining the day before it turned out to be a good day of racing.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Keaton Raphael Memorial charity race and the same day as the Rancho Murrieta air show May 19<sup>th</sup> the club will host a 1 day pattern contest.
- JR said he was working on the Christmas party. He is trying to have it at the spaghetti factory. Details will come later.
- It looks like Round Table Pizza on Madison Ave will be the new location for club meetings. We might alternate between the club field and Round Table for a little bit though.
- Show and tell was a Kadet airplane that was donated to the club. John announced that the board discussed what to do with this airplane and decided that the best thing to do was to give it to Frank Tanforan for all his hard work he does for the club. Thank you Frank and we all can't wait to watch it fly!
- Raffle winners were....
  - Donny Prince- Glue from RC Country, gift certificate for a warbird race entry
  - Don Cooper- Electric fuel pump
  - John Bigwood- Glow igniter
  - Rodger Cady- Parkzone p-51 airplane

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 pm

Submitted by Casey Smith

### **Thank you, JR**

**Yes, thank you JR for putting on The Kids with Cancer Charity Race to raise funds for the Keaton Raphael Memorial. The first day of racing was abbreviated due to the strong cross wind. Saturday, only the first round of Bronze Class races were held before the wind stopped the fun. You should have seen the eclectic mix of models that were in the Bronze Class. For openers, Tim Sorenson raced his F-82 Twin Mustang and was very competitive. If there were an award for Iron Man in SAM racing, it would have to go to Tim since he raced in all three classes. There were not enough entrants in the Electric Class of racing to conduct a competition, but I am sure that Tim would have raced in that class also if possible!**

**Sunday the wind was not so strong or gusty. Racing began with the first round of Silver and Gold Class races. After that, there were two full rounds of racing and then the final trophy round. Things went pretty smoothly except for the 2 heats that were rerun to ensure accurate results. Sure, a little more time was needed to do this, but everything was operating so efficiently that not a lot of time was consumed. At every race, it seems that there are 1 or 2 heats where a rerun is in the best interest of the competitors. By about 3 o'clock the races were done; Dick Weston and other workers had managed to clean up the field; and end- of- race raffles were conducted. This was such a relatively smooth, entertaining, and glitch free operation that hopefully JR will be encouraged to CD the event again next year. This was a stand- alone event and points acquired did not count toward season totals in the year's warbird race competition. Check the club website for race results and photos.**



# Fly 'n' Ash Fast

Warbird Race June 24<sup>th</sup> 2012



- Registration Starts at 7:00 a.m. and
- Closes at 8:15 a.m. Sharp!(No Exceptions)
- Worker's meeting – 8:30 a.m.
- Pilot's Meeting – 8:45 a.m.
- Racing Starts – 9:00 a.m.

## NO FREQUENCY CONFLICTS!

2012 NC RC UF Rules Apply

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- City/State \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone # \_\_\_\_\_
- Email \_\_\_\_\_
- AMA# \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Entry Fee: \$35.00 \$40.00 day of race  
 Entry fee must be paid by SUNDAY 8:15 am, no reduced. WWW.ashcreekrcflyer.com

Mail to NCRCUF

22468 Venzke Rd Cottonwood, Ca 96022

- **Plane & Description:** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

- **Engine Size:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Frequency #:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Event Choice (circle one):**
- **Bronze    Silver    Gold**

# Sacramento Area Modelers

## 2012 Spring Pattern

MAY 19, 2012

**PATTERN CLASSES:** Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters, FAI (P13)  
**REGISTRATION:** 6:30am Saturday **FLYING:** 8:00am Saturday

**ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 (Sportsman fee.....\$5.00)**  
( any AMA legal plane allowed in Sportsman)

Normalized scoring per AMA/FAI Rules  
We are trying to get as many rounds as possible, sun becomes a problem about 2PM  
There will be no warm up flights Saturday prior to contest, be ready to fly by 8AM

Large Shaded Pit Area – Camping at Field (no hookups)  
Electricity is available for charging

Sacramento Area Modelers website [www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org](http://www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org) for more detailed location information

Lunch will be avail (hot dogs or similar) and there are sandwich shops such as Subway close to field

If you would like to pre-register, please forward the information below to:

CD – **Don Atwood** or **Asst CD – Ron Davies**  
[atwooddon@aol.com](mailto:atwooddon@aol.com) [rdavies@frontiernet.net](mailto:rdavies@frontiernet.net)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ registration info – cut here \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City/ST/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMA #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Freq:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sportsman** \_\_\_ **Intermediate** \_\_\_ **Advanced** \_\_\_ **Masters** \_\_\_ **FAI** \_\_\_

# Rancho Murieta AIRSHOW

Help us celebrate Armed Forces Day

*Saturday,  
May 19th*

*10am-4pm,  
gates open 8:30am*

*Join The Rock Stars  
of the Airshow Industry!*

Julie Clark • Bill Stein • Eddie Andreini • Dan Buchanan and more!  
Military Demo's • Military and Warbird Fly-bys • RC Aircraft  
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## Rancho Murieta Airport

Tickets: \$12 advance, \$15 at the gate. Parking **FREE**

Children (under 12) **FREE** (does not apply to VIP tickets)

V.I.P. Tickets \$100, includes: admission, show center seating,

Performer's Tent lunch buffet, hosted bar, refreshments and shade all day!

Advance tickets available at the Rancho Murieta Airport, Rancho Murieta Country Club, and other select locations. Call 916-354-9889 for ticket information. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Bring your hat, chair, and sunscreen. No ice chests. No outside food or beverages. More information at [www.ranchohurietaairport.com](http://www.ranchohurietaairport.com). A portion of the proceeds benefit U.S.O.



Photo: Clark Cook

## **SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING**

The May club meeting will be on Tuesday, the 22nd. This meeting and all subsequent meetings for 2012 will be at the SAM field. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. In addition to reports from the various Board members, there will be "show and tell" and a raffle. Plan to attend and keep updated on club activities

### **SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **MAY**

5&6	Kids with Cancer Charity Race at the field
19	Spring Pattern Contest at the field
19	Rancho Murieta Airshow
22	Club Meeting, 7:30 PM at the field

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

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