



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

# S.A.M.-Antics

OCTOBER 2012

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

This is a busy time of year at SAM. We have 4 board positions that will be available this year. At the September meeting we had 6 people nominated for the Board positions. Congratulations to the nominees. Please refer to the meeting minutes for their names. I think it shows some health in our club that we have more people willing to serve than positions available. We will have the candidates say a few words at the October meeting and elections will be at the November meeting.

The SAM Board's most important role is to take care of the day to day operations of our club. Within that task is to try and keep a balanced budget for our club. Unfortunately our budget projections for 2012 were overly optimistic and we are running at a deficit for the year. Our club is healthy enough to cover this shortage with savings for this year. To overcome the deficit for 2013 we must increase revenue and decrease costs. Our operating costs are generally out of our control. Electricity costs continue to rise at 3%-5% each year along with the cost for the garbage and outhouses. One expense that can be trimmed is the lawn service. The board voted to go back to mowing the lawn with our own people. This should save us \$1300 per year with the added equipment costs figured in. Income for the club comes mostly from membership dues. We do make some profit from our yearly events but this is not a significant portion of income. To increase our membership income we either need to raise dues or increase membership numbers. The Board voted to do both. First we will raise the dues \$20 per year to \$90. That works out to \$7.50 per month for the use of a great facility. Additionally we will offer to any new member the option of splitting up the \$100 initiation fee into 2 \$50 payments during the first 2 years of membership. It was also brought up during the general meeting that we have a "Membership Drive" during January and February. The details of this drive have not been worked out but I think that it is a great idea. If you have any good ideas come to a meeting and offer them.

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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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### 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.

### NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS

None to report

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## **THANK YOU**

Next time you are out at the field; take a good look at the new start up tables in the pit area. Don't they look nice! Once you have tried one, you will appreciate the convenience (especially if your back and joints creak) and the improved safety. They are durable. **Gary Phillips** supplied the heavy channel iron and **Jim Flagg** cut it to length and scrounged pipe material for the legs. He also did the welding and assembly. Good work.

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

**John Bigwood** had several items that he wanted to discuss prior to budget matters being brought up. First, all SAM members need to be conscientious in having AMA cards placed in the proper racks at the field and a "pin" for their transmitters. This is about the only way to ensure that the requirement for AMA membership can be verified for flyers. Next, the new startup tables are very attractive for being used to tune one's engine prior to flying. However this is not their purpose. A note to this effect will probably be stenciled on the tables. The bid for lawn service at the field was received and it was high. The club cannot afford it. John, Sergio Varo, and Tom Richardi volunteered to mow the lawn. However the current mower has passed its useful life and would be replaced. John has gotten a preliminary quote from a local mower shop on a commercial grade mower that appears suitable. He would bring the current mower to his house and "tinker" with it. It has probably a split pin in the transmission and bearings for the rotary blades are shot. After it is running, it would be kept for weed control only at the field. Club work days would be used for fertilizer application to the lawn. Lastly, John reminded Board members that in December the club hosts an installation dinner for current and incoming Board members. This has usually occurred at a restaurant and the cost has been covered by SAM. In a spirit of frugality, John volunteered to host the dinner at his home and barbecue the meat course, providing SAM provided the meat. Wives would be invited. John's hospitality is well known and all present agreed to accept this offer.

Considerable time was spent discussing the budget for 2013. It was agreed that purchase price for a new lawn mower would be advanced from the Building Fund (which was established to provide for capital equipment purchases, etc.). The Building fund would be repaid over a 5 year period from the maintenance expense operating budget. This yearly budget item would also cover fuel, fertilizer, and other maintenance expenses. DJ reviewed preliminary budget accounts for 2013 and asked the appropriate Board members for their comments and suggestions on individual line items.

Even with these budget actions, revenue is dropping, mainly as membership drops. Hence a dues increase appeared inevitable. After much deliberation as to effect of a dues increase on members and the need to be financially sound, an increase of \$20 in yearly dues was approved by Board vote. It was suggested that the initiation fee, currently \$100, be reduced or eliminated. After much discussion the Board voted and approved having new members pay the initiation fee in 2 steps: \$50 the first year of their membership and \$50 in the second year of membership.

**JR Schiager** then brought up the subject that potential new SAM members were being discouraged from joining by the initiation fee required. He suggested a membership drive for 1 or 2 months in which the initiation fee would be reduced to \$50 instead of the usual \$100. Positive comments were given on this suggestion but it was also pointed out that in January and February people were still busy paying for Christmas gifts that had been purchased on credit. No action was taken on the suggestion at this time. The clock was showing that it was almost time for the Board members to hasten over to Round Table Pizza and convene the Club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Tanforan

Secretary

#### President's Notes Continued

As was mentioned last month we need to be more vigilant in our use of pins for every pilot. This is our only way of knowing that everyone flying is a current member of AMA. It was discovered at the last Warbird Race that one of the individuals that has been using our site as a Day Use pilot was **not** a valid AMA Member per their records. If this person was involved in an incident SAM would not be covered by AMA insurance. Set an example by putting up your AMA card and pulling a pin and don't be shy about asking others to do the same. It is not worth the chance of losing our site.

On October 14<sup>th</sup> following the Outlaw Race SAM will hold an auction of miscellaneous items that have been donated to the club. The complete list of the items to be auctioned will be posted soon but there will be 5 +/- complete kits, 10 +/- engines (4 & 2 stroke), tools and 10 +/- complete airplanes. These items are presently in my living room and need to be relocated (according to my wife). I will post a complete list this week on the website.

Be Nice

...John

**Board Members Present:**

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

**John Bigwood**-County Planning Department has not approved the new sign for the SAM field entrance on the basis that only one sign is permitted per parcel and there is already a sign on our parcel, the Gene Andal County Park sign. County Parks Department is working with Planning to see if there is a way to gain approval. Members flying electric models are requested not to connect their main battery to the plane until the plane is on one of the startup stands. This is a safety issue. Recently, more than one model has suddenly started operating while on the benches under the shade structure. Members are also asked to police themselves in making sure that all flyers post their AMA card and pull a frequency pin. Lastly, he congratulated Tom Richardi for the TV coverage of the Trashman Classic Warbird Race.

**JR Schiager**-The Xmas Party will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Spaghetti Factory near Hazel Ave. and Highway 50. There will be a flyer out soon.

**DJ Enzminger**-Reported on accounts.

**Tom Richardi**-Had nothing new to report.

**Dick Weston**-Current membership is at 147.

**Frank Tanforan**-Requested that reading the minutes of the last club meeting be waived and approved as published in the September issue of the SAM Newsletter. Those in attendance concurred,

**Sergio Varo**-Thanked all who participated in the field cleanup on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Casey Smith**-Events for October start with a 2 day Bud Garric Pattern Classic on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Then there is the Outlaws Spaghetti Feed on the 14<sup>th</sup>. And the Two Minute Tango races are on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**John Bigwood**-Reported to the club that revenue is down, mainly as a result of lower membership and the Board voted to raise annual dues by \$20 to \$90 a year. The Board also voted to spread the \$100 initiation fee to be paid over 2 years in \$50 installments. At the October club meeting, a straw vote will be taken of those in attendance to determine membership concerns on these actions.

**Jim Smith**-Proposed raising the day use fee to \$10 a day. The club will closely monitor day use fee numbers to see if this might be warranted.

**Dick Weston**-Mentioned the possibility of a membership drive where for 2 months, January and February, the initiation fee would be ½price, \$50. No Board action has been taken on this item.

**Steve Brown**-A new microphone is needed for the field's PA system. He found a suitable replacement for approximately \$37. The club will reimburse Steve for the cost of the mike.

**Nominations**-The Board terms of DJ Enzminger, Rodger Cady, Casey Smith, and Tom Richardi expire at the end of December. The following members were nominated as candidates for their replacement: Jim Smith, Tom Richardi, Steve Weintraub, DJ Enzminger, Casey Smith, Rodger Cady, and Mike Miller. Candidates may submit statements for inclusion in the SAM newsletter and they may make a speech if desired at the next club meeting. Elections will be at the November club meeting.

**John Bigwood**-Family of a deceased club member, Robert Jones, gave the club many model items such as tools, kits, transmitters, etc. John will select a time in the future and auction the items off at the field in the near future. Receipts will benefit SAM.

**Raffle**-JR won 2 \$25 gift cards for RC Country and Jim Smith won a \$15 RC Country gift card which he donated to the Two Minute Tango raffle. Sergio Varo won thick and thin CA adhesive; Steve Brown won 15 minute epoxy; JR also won a "6 shooter" fuel pump and Ray Witt won kicker for CA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted-

Frank Tanforan

Secretary

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trashman Classic Warbird Race

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trashman Classic Warbird Race was held at the Sacramento Area Modelers Club. We had a total of 26 pilots for this two day race. The race was a success with the help of the workers and pilots. Through the two day of racing, we had a few casualties of destroyed airplanes but overall, most pilots took their airplane home in great shape.

On Sunday, we had Channel 10 come out and do a live feed from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Monica Woods did her weather report and talked about our race. Thank You Channel 10 for supporting our Event!!!

I would like to give special thanks to my Co-CD and safety officer, **Mike Miller**. He did a great job and was a huge help with getting this event off and making it successful and fun. The voices of SAM's were **Joe Hart, Jim Smith, and Kimo Diaz**. They did a wonderful job of announcing the race, kept us informed and kept the racing exciting. The Matrix was nearly flawless with the help of **Kimo Dias, Jim Smith and Christina Schiager**. These three worked hard all weekend before the race, during the race and after the race to make sure everything was perfect for the matrix. **John Bigwood** did a great job like always as the Starter of the race. He kept the race running smoothly on the racing line and gave 100% to the race even with his bad knees. **Casey Smith** did a wonderful job as the starter assistant. He took control and communicated with the cage helpers and the Matrix team. The timers were **Ray Witt, Dick Weston, Rich Dozier, Bob Finkbohner, and Jim Flagg**. They also did a wonderful job; this is not the easiest job to do because it takes a lot of concentration and running back and forth to the timing system. The cage helpers were **Donnie Prince, Joe Lopez, Mike Smith, Rodger Cady and Rich Dozier**. These guys were in the cages watching for cuts and did an awesome job on making the right decisions if a pilot cut or not cut the pylon. This is also a position that takes a lot of concentration and learning which plane belongs to which pilot. **Sergio Varo** was our tech person; he did a great job to make sure that all the planes were legal to AMA criteria and SAM criteria. We had a professional photographer's (**Holly Shanks Photography**) **Holly and Don Shank**. They take great pictures; keep an eye out on our website for the pictures. Our back up help was **Bob Gardner**; he did a wonderful job to be available to help anywhere that needed assistance throughout the race. **Mark Forester** did a great job on impound control, security and helped where ever was needed. He had to make sure that people would not come into the pits that were not wearing wrist bands. Our setup/teardown guys were **Jim Sweeney, Dick Weston and Sergio Varo**. They took control and also did a great job to make sure everything was ready for the race and make sure that everything was taken down after the race to have it ready to go for our normal open field. **Steve Brown** kept our PA system working, he did a great job on taking care of the issues we had with the microphone. Then we had the Snack Shack, **John Reynolds, Gary Phillips, Hanna Vernon, Christina Schiager, and Bob Fallon**. These five people worked there tail off to serve everyone with food and drinks. **John and Gary** slaved over the hot bbq while the weather was very warm. This takes a lot of commitment and loyalty and we all appreciate the hard work you put into this. Over all, I wanted to say **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND THIS RACE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH OUT YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Let's put our hands together to all the pilots that raced. All the pilots put everything they had into racing and put a great show on. The winners were as follows:

Bronze:

1<sup>st</sup> – Dennis Lampson

2<sup>nd</sup> – Noel Howell

3<sup>rd</sup> - Todd Chandler

Silver:

1<sup>st</sup>-JR Schiager

2<sup>nd</sup>-Loren Braucht

3<sup>rd</sup>-Kimo Dias

Gold:

1<sup>st</sup>-Tom Richardi

2<sup>nd</sup>-Dave Sullivan

3<sup>rd</sup>-Jim Smith

Congrats and Thanks to everyone that was involved with this Race.

...JR Schiager

## 2012 SAM Warbird Racing Series

We had another great year of racing the SAM Warbird Racing Series. There have been many up and downs through the year with emotions and heart aches, but as we progressed through all the confusion, the year ended with many happy faces and lots of excitement. The group of racers and volunteers that was involved in the SAM Warbird Series has proven to stick together and become one big family. Again we need to give a clapping hand to all the volunteers that have made this series successful year after year.

Final results for the year are as follows:

### **Bronze:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Todd Chandler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Steve Weintraub
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Dennis Lampson

### **Silver:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kimo Dias
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – JR Schiager
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Steve Stokes

### **Gold:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dave Sullivan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jim Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tom Richardi

For complete results, go the [www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org](http://www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org).

Congrats and Thanks to everyone that was involved with this series.

*...JR Schiager*

23rd ANNUAL

# "BUD GARRIC" PATTERN CLASSIC

Hosted by the SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS

**OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**

**BIG ANNUAL RAFFLE**

**AMA SANCTIONED**

# 12-1028

2012-13  
RULE BOOK  
APPLIES



I WANT YOU

REGISTRATION  
7:30 AM

**\$45.00** No Pre-Entry

entertainment featuring  
SAXMAN DAVE

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SATURDAY NIGHT Pot-Luck Dinner  
SATURDAY EVENING NIGHT FLYING

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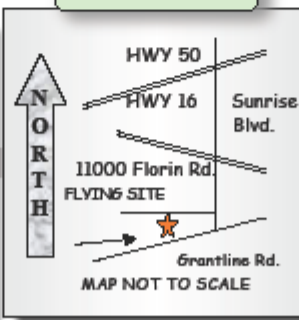
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FOR FRIDAY PRACTICE

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★ 401 - 404 & 406

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8:30 AM

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IN ALL CLASSES

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Some Contestant **Volunteer** Judging Will Be Required  
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# Tokay RC Modelers

## **NOR-CAL SWAP MEET, AUCTION, & INDOOR FUN FLY!**

**Saturday, October 6, 2012**



Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
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Lodi, California 95240



- ◆ Check in starts at 7:30 AM
- ◆ Selling starts at 8:00 AM
- ◆ Auction starts at 10:00 AM
- ◆ R/V Parking on site – hookups available \$25.00
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- ◆ Plenty of parking
- ◆ All indoors-11,200 sq. ft. hall
- ◆ Vendors welcome!

- ◆ Tables \$10 - No Sharing
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# Sacramento Area Modelers

PRESENTS:

## "THE TWO MINUTE TANGO" WARBIRD RACE



# OCTOBER 21st

### REGISTRATION

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Plane Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Engine Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency #: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Itinerary

Registration Starts at 7:30 a.m. and  
Closes at 8:30a.m. Sharp!

(No Exceptions)

Worker's Meeting - 8:30a.m.

Pilot's Meeting - 8:45a.m.

Racing Starts - 9:00a.m.

Please be ready to fly at 9:00a.m.

**Breakout Time 2:00 min.**

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Pre Registration required, to hold  
Frequency

**NO FREQUENCY CONFLICTS!  
HARD HATS REQUIRED!**

Entry Fee: \$25.00 in Advance  
\$28.00 day of Race

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# OUTLAWS SPAGHETTI FEED

**October 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

In October, the OUTLAWS will race on the second Sunday of the month, October 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a week earlier than usual because of The Two Minute Tango races. On this day, they will have their annual spaghetti feed. Anyone and everyone are invited and for \$5.00 per person they can have spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and a beverage. Lunch is at noon and racing starts at 1:00pm. Regardless how the races go, you will be well fed!

## SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS' MONTHLY MEETING

The October club meeting will be on Tuesday, the 23rd. This meeting will be at the Round Table Pizza at the southwest corner of Madison Ave. and Hazel Ave (8822 Madison Ave.)..

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.

Come early and enjoy the \$9.15 buffet.

## SAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

6&7	Bud Garric Classic Pattern Contest at the field
14	OUTLAWS Spaghetti feed, noon at the field \$5 per person
21	Two Minute Tango Warbird Race at the field
23	Club Meeting, 7:30 PM at Round Table Pizza

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

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