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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to say Thanks to Peg Sweeney for all the hard work she does to put the Sacramento Area Modelers newsletter together every month. She does a GREAT JOB and if you see her at the flying field, please tell her thanks!!!

Don't forget about the S.A.M. Open house being put on by Jim Smith and Jerry Cunningham. Bring your family and friends so they can fly and learn about RC Airplanes. They will have a great time. The S.A.M. Open House will be held on June 14, 2014 starting at 9:00 am. Don't forget about the free hotdogs and drinks.

During the month of June, if you know anyone that may want to join our club, we are running a promotion for ½ off the initiation fee. This is a perfect time to spread the word about our great club and the great facility.

JR Schiager

"Good Sportsmanship Equals Fun For All"

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.

SAM-Antics ARTICLES

Deadline for submissions to the SAM Antics is the 27th of each month. Please send articles as Word text or as text in an email to Peg Sweeney, Editor, at pegspatches99@gmail.com. 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." 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** 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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May 17th Spring Pattern Contest

Once again, weather gods were smiling on us again for the 1-day pattern contest May 17. Gentle breezes, mild temps and bright sunshine made for a great day. On Friday, several pilots showed up for practice and it was pretty busy on the flight lines for most of the day. As an added 'treat', we invited all contestants to join us Friday night at the Rancho Cordova Event Center for an evening of flying indoor pattern. Several SAM members have been flying there for the past few months trying to get a hand on flying indoor pattern models.

As we have previously reported, we started the SAM Spring Simple Contest format in 2012 as an experiment to see how simply and quickly we could run a contest and get 4 rounds in before mid afternoon. The focus was getting started on time and minimizing activities like a pilot's meeting which all run longer than expected. For this contest, the pilot's briefing is a printed document outlining what would have been covered in the typical briefing. We also do not allow any practice flights before the contest begins. The early morning practice flights are typical at contests and take quite a bit of time and delay the beginning of the contest. We set up all the flight lines and judging panels set Friday night so that was also not a reason for delay on Saturday.

The contest kicked off on schedule at 8AM with judges and pilots in the ready boxes. We successfully finished 4 rounds by 2:30 PM when the sun becomes a problem for any of the patterns that have large vertical maneuvers on the south end of the box. Thanks for Ron Davies for being the Assistant CD, and a special thanks to Peter Vogel for managing the scorekeeping duties all day. Peter has developed an electronic judging/scoring system that utilizes wireless game pads to communicate individual maneuver scores back to a central computer that records scores, calculates k-factors and prints pilot review sheets. No writing down scores for the judges or entering scores by the scorekeeper. Worked great and really saves a lot of time and effort. Many, many thanks to Peter.

We had 20 contestants and best news was we had 6 pilots in Sportsman. It was nice to see entry-level pattern pilots and the improvement they showed with each round. Below are the results at the end of the contest:

<u>Sportsman</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>	
Jay Winkler	2964	Lawrence Tougas	3000
Fred Light	2929*	Dan Lipton	2933
Mark Alexander	2909*	Geoffrey Hodies	2847*
Greg Weissenfluh	2877*	Peter Vogel	2620
Mack Petterson	2486		
Michael Rawlins	502		
<u>Advanced</u>		<u>Masters</u>	
Jon Bruml	3000	Jon (the Sheriff) Carter	2995
		Frank 'Fingers' Capone	2983*
<u>FAI (P13)</u>		Bill Sneed	2965*
Chris Atwood	3000	Dale Olstinske	2918
Don Atwood	2858*	Bob Obregon	2892*
Adrian Wong	2591*	Dick Belden	2634

* SAM member

As previously mentioned, the idea was to keep this contest as simple as possible. So, we did not plan any lunch services and initially told people to bring their own. Frank Capone felt it would be a good idea to go ahead and have a lunch tent again as he did last year to honor Dave Wick, a long time

SAM member and fellow pattern flyer. Frank put together a great BBQ and made hot dogs available to pilots and guests. Great job guys, it really made for a nice day.

As usual for this pattern contest, all moneys collected minus expenses were returned to SAM. Per the current event guidelines, we returned \$200 to SAM which is the default amount for a 1 day event at the field. It just happens that is the amount of money collected after all expenses.

Thanks to the SAM club for the use of the field, visitors are always impressed with the facility and we enjoyed a great day. Below is a picture of the flight line and also the group of people that participated in the indoor fly Friday evening.

Don Atwood



MAY 2014 - SAM RETURNING MEMBERS

1. RICHARD DOZIER - (richarddozier@comcast.net)
2. ROBIN ALEXANDER - (ralex1254@sbcglobal.net)

SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2014

Location: Perko's Restaurant (Hwy 50 and Bradshaw)

Time: 6:35 PM

Board Members

Present: President: JR Schiager, Vice President: Jerry Cunningham, Secretary: Jim Smith, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Membership: Dick Weston, Events: Casey Smith, Field Marshall: Rodger Cady, Safety: Sergio Varo, Publicity: Mark Forister.

Absent: N/A

Officer reports:

President: Discussed Drop Box (on line storage for club documents) with the board members. Spoke regarding the audit performed by Andy Anderson for the club financial records from 2013. Andy had met with himself and the Treasurer Steve Brown and audited the books as well as made some suggestions for improvement in the record keeping. He expressed his gratitude for Andy's effort and the time taken to perform the audit.

Vice President: Let everyone know that the plans for the open house are in the works and that help is needed.

Events: Mentioned the upcoming Pattern Contest (Saturday May 17th) and thanked the members who helped prepare the field for the event.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Gave an update on the monthly finances and our year to date budget. He also shared that we have started a different vendor for the out houses at the field. The projected savings for the remainder of the year is roughly \$700.

Field Marshall: Repairs have been completed on broken sprinkler manifold and the system is working efficiently and correctly at this time. Discussed the shade over the snack area as still being a work in process and that a member was looking into having a local company donate some of the supplies.

Membership: 131 current members. The current day use envelopes in low supply and a new order is needed. JR will look into ordering a new supply.

Safety: Nothing at present to report

Publicity: Work has been completed on the open house flyers and he will be working with others to have them distributed. Spoke regarding the need for signage for the entry sign to advertise events. Other board members mentioned that he may want to contact Frank Capone for the source used for the Pattern ones. Also shared ideas regarding adding advertising the day of the open house with balloons and A frame signs on the day of the event.

New Business: N/A

Old Business: Most of the discussion revolved around the open house and funds needed to carry out the open house (see motion below). JC mentioned that Rob from Ace Hardware would provide a flight demo. Looking to also have a 3D flyer, some scale planes and maybe a race demo.

Motions: Made by: Jim Smith Funding in the amount of \$200 for the open house for sodas and hot dogs that will be given out to the public in attendance and workers was requested from SAM.

2nd by: Jerry Cunningham

Approved by all but Steve Brown who chose to abstain from the vote.

Made by: Jim Smith

Proposed that SAM provide a free membership for a parent/child combination to be given out at the open house by raffling off to the guests who completed the flight school that day. (Provided that the requirement of AMA be met and that the term would be free for the remainder of 2014.)

2nd by: Casey Smith

Approved by all but Steve Brown who chose to abstain from the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Smith

Secretary

Sacramento Area Modelers



JR Schiager & Mike Miller Presents:

1st Annual Miller Time WARBIRD RACE July 13th, 2014



Stiletto 784, Reno 1987



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Itinerary for Sunday
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.

There will be 3 heats and mains for each bracket.

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HARD HATS REQUIRED!
 Version 1-1-13 SAM Warbird Rules Apply

3 ways to Pre-Register

1. Send in Entry Form and Check
2. Pay Cash to me directly
3. Fill Registration Form online www.sacramento-rc-flyers.org

Bronze Class

Entry Fee: \$25.00 in Advance
\$30.00 day of race

Entry fee must be paid by Sunday 8:15 am.
Entry fee includes the \$5.00 Surcharge

Silver Class

Entry Fee: \$35.00 in Advance
\$40.00 day of race

Entry fee must be paid by Sunday 8:15 am.
Entry fee includes the \$10.00 Surcharge

Gold Class

Entry Fee: \$50.00 in Advance
\$55.00 day of race

Entry fee must be paid by Sunday 8:15 am.
Entry fee includes the \$15.00 Surcharge

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

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

AMA #: _____

Plane & Description: _____

Engine Size: _____ **Frequency #:** _____

Event Choice (circle one):
Bronze Silver Gold

SAM 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
6/14	Open House - Bring family/Learn to fly	9:00 AM	SAM Field
7/13	Miller Time Warbird Pylon Race SAM Series Warbird Race #2	All Day	SAM Field
7/20	SAM General Meeting - Informational, Raffles, Show & Tell	3:30 PM	SAM Field
8/24	SAM Club Picnic	All Day	SAM Field
9/20	Trashman Classic Warbird Pylon Race - Day 1 SAM Series Warbird Final Race	All Day	SAM Field
9/21	Trashman Classic Warbird Pylon Race - Day 2 SAM Series Warbird Final Race	All Day	SAM Field
10/11	Bud Garric Pattern Contest - Day 1	All Day	SAM Field
10/12	Bud Garric Pattern Contest - Day 2	All Day	SAM Field
10/12	SAM General Meeting - Informational, Raffles, Show & Tell, Nominations	3:30 PM	SAM Field
10/26	Two Minute Tango Warbird Race	All Day	SAM Field
11/16	SAM General Meeting - Informational, Raffles, Show & Tell, Elections	3:30 PM	TBA
12/16	SAM 2015 Events Scheduling Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA

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