



S.A.M. Antics

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

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Presidents Message

Hello fellow flyers.

Looks like the weather can't make up its mind. There were some great days with mile temps and light wind and then pouring rain and gale winds. As we move into March, I'm hopeful the weather cooperates.

On March 22nd we had our first workday at the field. Doughnuts and pizza were provided to the workers. A lot of stuff was completed by the members. We had a road crew patching the largest potholes on our road. We had some weedwhackers and roundup sprayers cleaning up the field to make it look nice. We also had a crew dismantle the transmitter impound. The total amount of debris from the impound filled our dumpster. Overall, it was a good workday.

On March 23rd we had the new power wires installed coming from the main breaker panel to the sub breaker next to the Auger Inn. The wires were pulled through and are ready to be hotted up. On the next workday, we should be installing new conduit for the new plugins in each bench. Then when those outlets are ready, we will remove the old wiring. More information on that.

On the 29th we had our first STOL (Short takeoff/landing) competition. It was a fun day with 12 contestants vying for the shortest total landing distant. Takeoff and landing distances were measured and totaled. In the end, 3rd place was Jaden, 2nd was Doug M and 1st was

your truly. Everyone seemed to like the contest and we may have another one scheduled later this year.

Remember when you are flying you must either put your AMA card in the board or have it attached to yourself. Let's all try to remember this.

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

Jeff Montrose



SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2025

Location: Mountain Mike's Pizza on Bradshaw

Time: 6:35 PM

Board Members

Present: President: Jeff Montrose, Treasurer: Steve Brown, Secretary: Jim Smith, Publicity: Robert Bell, Field Marshall: Brent Jensen, Membership: Steve Nickerson,

Absent: Safety: Sergio Varo, Events: Gary Prosser, Vice President: Ryan Golden,

Officer Reports

President: Jeff started the meeting at 6:35 PM. He thanked everyone for showing up and then called for board member reports from those present.

Vice President: Ryan was unable to attend.

Treasurer: Steve Brown, went over the club financials. Dues are steadily coming in for 2025, but we have a ways to go to get the membership count back to last year's numbers.

Membership: Steve Nickerson, stated that there are 74 paid memberships currently. As a reminder the 2025 dues/budget was based upon 121 paid memberships for the 2025 calendar year.

Safety Officer: Sergio was unable to attend this month's meeting due to a prior commitment.

Events Director: Gary was unable to attend.

Publicity Director: Robert asked regarding the upcoming events so he could update the field entry events board. The first event (non-event as the club isn't closed) is the warbird training on March 8th. There is a second (non field closing) event on 3/29 organized by Steve Nickerson, the STOL competition (see website for details under events). Also, The Big Kahunas' warbird race is on April 5th and 6th.

Field Marshall: Brent gave an update on the planning for the road repairs. He also went over some of the plans for the impound shed. There is also a field workday coming on March 22nd when the site is closed due to the Capital City Airshow.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report.

Motions:

Brent proposed offering a remitted membership for the member who donated items. Jim seconded the motion. Passed by a majority vote. (See new business below)

New Business:

Brent discussed a remitted membership for a member who donated some high dollar supplies for the site updates.

Old Business:

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM

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 specialkidteacher@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** 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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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Flying Field 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, 2025	Big Kahunas Memorial Warbird Pylon Race (S.A.M. Warbird Series) CD - Steve Nickerson (916) 397-6831
April 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am-12:00pm @ Flying Field
May 17, 2025	Don Atwood Pattern Contest CD - Ron Davies (916) 682-7902 CD - Russ Nichols (916) 212-8867
June 21 & 22, 2025	Turn and Burn Warbird Pylon Race (SAM Warbird Series) CD - Greg Lane (916) 201-7668
July 19, 2025	S.A.M Open House 9:00am to 12:00pm CD - Jeff Montrose and SAM Board (916) 897-4655
July 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field
August 17, 2015	Fun Fly & BBQ 9:00am to 12:00pm CD - SAM Board
September 13 & 14, 2025	YS - Valley of Speed III Warbird Pylon Race (SAM Warbird Series) CD - Ollie Merrill (916) 947-6599
September 21, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field

September 27 & 28, 2025	Bud Garric Pattern Contest CD - Russ Nicols (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



Field Marshal Update

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered on Saturday and Sunday for our SAM Club Work Days.

Remember to keep the field clean by cleaning up after yourself or if you see any garbage please pick it up. Any questions or comments, call or text me 916-397-5966. Thanks.

[Brent Jensen / S.A.M. Field Marshal](#)
brentlowelljensenjr@gmail.com.

Membership Update

Welcome March New Members

Andy Oliveria
Roberto Aponte
Ted Tianiro
Forrest Ward
Dave Neves

Dues Renewal Forms for 2025 are now available.

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

Events for April

April 5 & 6th Big Kahunas Memorial Warbird Pylon Race
April 20th General Club Meeting 11:00am-12:00pm @ Flying Field

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

Publicity Update

See Recent Board Notes.

Thank You,
Robert Bell / Publicity

SAM's Annual Work Day

We had a great turn out for SAM's Annual Work Day! Volunteers helped with pothole repair, spraying weeds and fence lines, removing the impound shed and lots more! Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Because of you, we can keep the club in good shape so everyone can enjoy it!

Thanks,

Brent Jensen, *Field Marshal*.



First Ever Good Bad Ugly STOL Update

March 29th

GBU STOL Report

The first ever Good, Bad, and Ugly STOL (Short Take-Off and Landing) competition is in the books. This competition is the brainchild of John Nickerson who created an RC version of the swamp STOL competition that is contested with full-sized aircraft. In our event, there were three rounds of three attempts, where the lowest accumulated combined takeoff and landing distances for each of the three rounds, wins. We had 9 contestants. The placements changed quite a few times as the rounds went on. In the end, consistent scoring in each round brought the best results. Jayden Martincek was third, Doug May finished second, and Jeff Montrose was crowned the winner! A special thank you to CD John Nickerson for creating and running this event! Also, thank you to Steve, Robert and Laura Nickerson for helping to put on this new and fun competition! We hope to run another STOL competition November 22 later this year.

STOL Final Tally



Contestant	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Rank
Jeff Montrose	100	100	100	300	1st
Doug May	120	120	120	360	2nd
Jayden Martincek	140	140	140	420	3rd
Steve Nickerson	160	160	160	480	4th
Robert Nickerson	180	180	180	540	5th
Laura Nickerson	200	200	200	600	6th
John Nickerson	220	220	220	660	7th
Steve	240	240	240	720	8th
Robert	260	260	260	780	9th

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.)

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.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT S.A.M.!!!

**R/C Country Hobbies
The Hobby Shop
9500 Micron Ave,
Sacramento, CA 95827,
1-916-306-5171**

See *website* for more sponsors

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Sacramento Area Modelers



S.A.M. WARBIRD RACING

For more information, email us:
racing@sacramentoareamodelers.com

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:

NOV. 1 BIGWOOD MEMORIAL

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.!

LOCATION:
S.A.M. FLYING SITE
11000 FLORIN ROAD
SACRAMENTO, CA

Overnight RV
Parking with
electricity, available

Racing begins
each morning, at
9:00 AM

All Race Events are FREE to the public.
Spectators are invited & welcome —
Please join us for the excitement!

Sacramento Area Modelers



THE BIG KAHUNAS' MEMORIAL

**SAM
SERIES**

Warbird Pylon Race

April 5th & 6th 2025



For more information & registration details visit:
www.sacramentoareamodelers.com/warbird-racing.html

Location:
S.A.M. Flying Site
11000 Florin Road
Sacramento CA

Entry Fees:
Bronze: \$30
Silver: \$50
Gold: \$70

Contest Director:
Steve Nickerson

Assistant CD:
Greg Lane

Still have Questions?

Email us: racing@sacramentoareamodelers.com

AMA Sanction No:

Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the fast and furious racing!!
Speed up to 165 mph! (No Charge) Bring your lawn chairs and the family.

Sponsors include:



Tailored
Tree



Don Atwood Pattern Contest

May 17, 2025
Saturday

AMA Classes:
Sportsman, Intermediate,
Advanced, Masters,
FAI

Happy Hour
Club Class
EDF
Classic



A 1-day contest, but 2 contests in 1... AMA in the morning and **Happy Hour** in the afternoon. If you are new to pattern or just want to have a some fun without the rigor of a normal pattern contest, **Happy Hour** is for you.

AMA Classes:
Register at NSRCA.us or on-site at 7am
Wheel up 8am
\$15 for Sportsman, \$40 for other classes
Any AMA legal planes allowed in
sportsman

Happy Hour:
Register on site after noon
Wheels up at the completion of AMA
About 2pm
\$15 for each class

No lunch is planned, so bring your favorite brown bag.

For more information, contact:
Russ Nichols, 916-212-8867
Ron Davies, 916-342-4838

Field Location:
11000 Florin Rd, Sacramento CA



THE
Sacramento Area Modelers
& **YS ENGINES** PROUDLY PRESENT



YS - VALLEY OF SPEED III

S.A.M. SERIES WARBIIRD PYLON RACE

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2025

Location:

S.A.M. Flying Site
11000 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA



**Join us for our
biggest race
of the season!**

Compete in the
2-day race event.

Have you got what
it takes to set the
APC Fast Time &
add even more \$\$
to your winnings?

Will **you** take home
a new **YS Warbird
Special 2**?

2025 Season, **SAM
Series Champions**
will be crowned!



Entry Fees:

Bronze: \$30
Silver: \$50
Gold: \$70



Spectators are encouraged
to come out & watch the
Fast & Furious RC Airplane
Warbird Pylon Racing, with
speeds up to 165 mph! *(No charge)*
Bring your lawn chairs & the family.

Raffle available to everyone.
(Raffle prizes will be distributed
Sunday afternoon, during
the awards ceremony.)

For more information & registration details, visit:
www.sacramentoareamodelers.com/warbird-racing.html

Still have questions? Email us:
racing@sacramentoareamodelers.com

Contest Director: Ollie Merrill
Assistant CD: Russ Nichols

AMA Sanction # 17689

Sponsors include:



36th Sacramento Memorial Pattern Contest

Honoring Bud Garric and Frank Capone

September 27-28, 2025
Saturday and Sunday

AMA Classes:
Sportsman, Intermediate,
Advanced, Masters,
FAI

Happy Hour
Club Class
EDF
Classic



AMA in the morning and **Happy Hour** in the afternoon. If you are new to pattern or just want to have a some fun without the rigor of a normal pattern contest, **Happy Hour** is for you.

AMA Classes:

Register at NSRCA.us or on-site at 7am
Wheel up 8:30am
\$20 for Sportsman, \$50 for other classes
Any AMA legal planes allowed in sportsman

Field Location:
11000 Florin Rd
Sacramento CA

Happy Hour:

Register on site after noon Saturday
Wheels up at the completion of AMA
About 2pm each day
\$20 for each class

Music & BBQ
at field on
Friday night

No lunch is planned, so bring your favorite brown bag.

For more information, contact:
Russ Nichols, 916-212-8867



SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS

16th ANNUAL SWAP MEET

October 18, 2025

All RC Items Welcomed

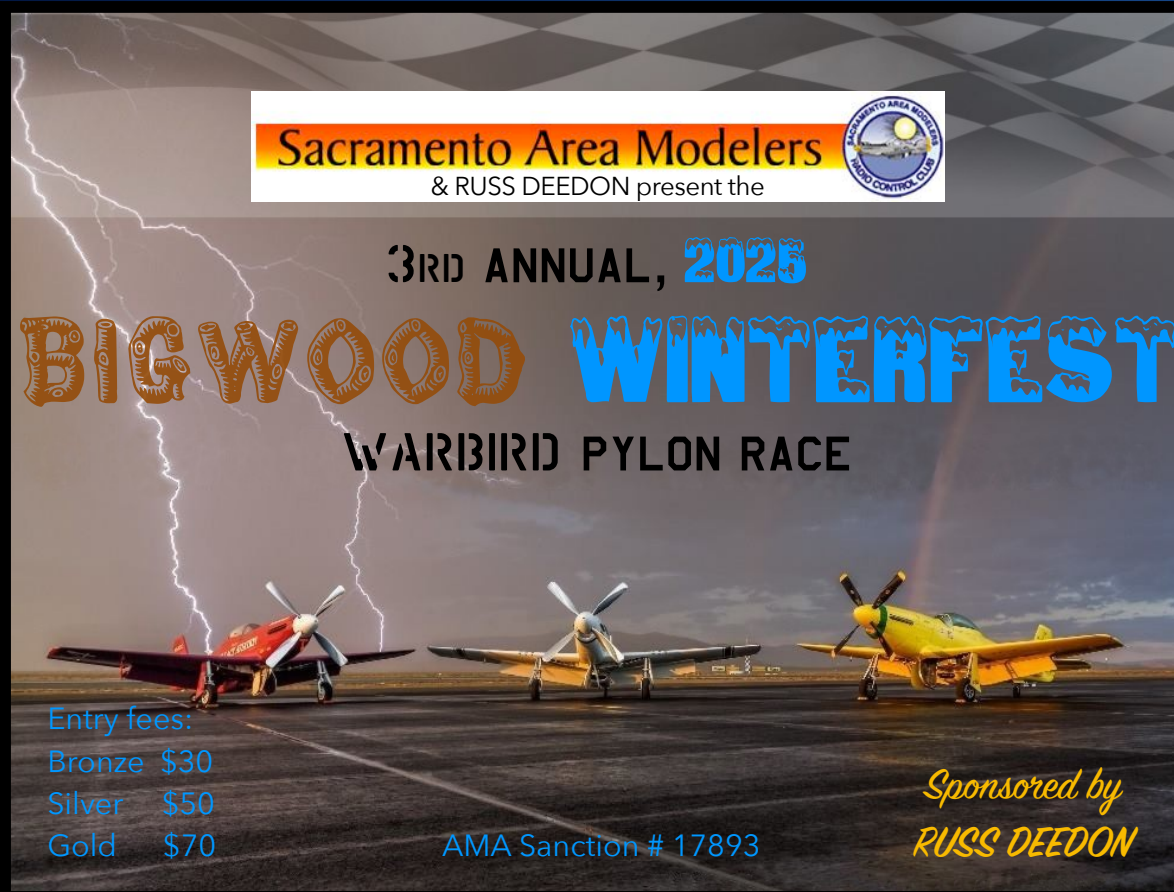


Gates Open @ 6:00AM, Ends around Noon
Contact: JR Schiager (916) 705-7778

www.sacramentoareamodelers.com

11000 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95830

No Sellers Fee, Donations Welcomed for Sacramento Area Modelers



Sacramento Area Modelers
& RUSS DEEDON present the

3RD ANNUAL, 2025

BIGWOOD WINTERFEST

WARBIRD PYLON RACE

Entry fees:
Bronze \$30
Silver \$50
Gold \$70

AMA Sanction # 17893

Sponsored by
RUSS DEEDON

On November 1, 2025

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST RACE OF THE 2025 SEASON

Location:

Sacramento Area Modelers
Flying Site
11000 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA 95830

*For more information &
registration details, visit:*

[www.sacramentoareamodelers.com/
warbird-racing.html](http://www.sacramentoareamodelers.com/warbird-racing.html); or, email us at:
racing@sacramentoareamodelers.com

Contest Director: Ollie Merrill
Assistant CD: Steve Nickerson

Enjoy one last hurrah of exiting racing competition with good friends, before Winter & the Building Season take over.

With entries limited to Silver and Bronze classes (No Gold), pilots have a rare opportunity to test their skills against many of the best pilots often found outside of their "usual" competitive group.

Prove you have what it takes to take home the cash, the awards, & earn major bragging rights, in our only *Elimination-style, 1-day* race event of the season.

Members Sharing

SAM Club Andy 's Latest

Fast taxi, maiden flight less than ten feet.

Have to tweak neutral trim and CG.



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

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

WANTED to Purchase

I would like to purchase another one of those F2G Super Corsairs from Roc Hobbies. If anyone has one or knows someone who is interested in selling one, **please call or text Martin at 916-204-4128 or email at**

martintheaircraftmech@ymail.com



WTB: FMS ROC HOBBIES F2G SUPER CORSAIR 1.1 MM. ANY CONDITION, NEW IN THE BOX TO A CRASH. WILL CONSIDER ANY MODEL. Thanks very much. Martin

Text to 916-204-4128 or martintheaircraftmech@ymail.com

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.