



S.A.M. Antics

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

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Presidents Message

Hello fellow flyers.

The weather was a mixed bag again with rain, freezing temps, fog and some golden days with no wind. I see the faces of many new pilots at the field and some are junior flyers just starting out. Make sure to help any of our members that ask for it. We all started as 'newbies'.

Looking back on last year I am thankful for the opportunity to fly at such a great field with such a terrific membership. Every day I fly, I see the usual suspects having fun with a few new members just starting to enjoy the RC hobby. We had some great events and had a good turnout on them as well. I would like to see more members starting to take advantage of our Events as they help improve their skills as pilots plus they are a good place for some RC aviation talk. This year we will try a STOL Contest, Short Take Off and Landing. There are flyers posted at the field with more information to follow.

If you haven't heard, the board approved next year's budget with no increase in dues. This was due to our having more members to help spread the cost.

Remember, the dumpster is for flight site trash only. You can put your boxes from the new airplane you acquired for Christmas in there, but please do not put tires, sofas, or any other household items in the bin. It will be rejected and we will have to remove the items

and take them to the dump ourselves. Also, we will be required to put our recyclable items in another container for recycling.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a New Year of RC flying

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

Jeff Montrose

Vice President's Message

The Club Christmas Party was a success. I want to thank everyone who attended.

The information for the 2025 Christmas Party is in the making and possible a new location

Ryan Golden



SAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10, 2024

Location: Mountain Mike's Pizza on Bradshaw

Time: 6:39 PM

Board Members

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

Absent: **Vice President:** Ryan Golden, **Events:** Gary Prosser,

Officer Reports

President: Jeff began the meeting at 6:39 PM. He welcomed everyone present and then asked for Officer Reports first, which would then be followed by discussion regarding the upcoming year and assignment of Board Positions. After the discussion regarding Board Positions the consensus was that the Board would continue in the same positions for 2025. The discussion then turned to Honorary Memberships for 2025. Steve N. had a list of potential Honorary Memberships which the Board voted on (see motions below).

Vice President: Ryan was unable to attend. However, the Christmas party is coming up this Saturday. Sergio gave a report that we have 44 attendees on the list for this year. Gifts have been wrapped and are ready for the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Treasurer: Steve Brown gave a report on the 2024 budget and was happy to report that we were fine for the budget this year.

Membership: Steve Nickerson reported current 128 paid memberships and a total roster of 140 plus with youth and remitted memberships. As a reminder, this year's budget was based upon 110 members for 2024.

Safety Officer: Sergio asked if anyone had heard or any issues at the field.

Events Director: Gary was unable to attend.

Publicity Director: Robert had nothing to report.

Field Marshall: Brent gave a report on the updated power panel and roof support. There was some discussion about removing the old impound shed based upon condition of the structure and the planning of the date to do so. There was also some conversation regarding road repairs.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report.

Motions:

Steve N. made the motion that we accept the list of Honorary Memberships as discussed this year. Brent seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business: N/A

Old Business: N.A

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 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 specialkidsteacher@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
February	-----
March 8, 2025	Pylon Racing Workshop 9:00am - 12:00pm CD - Greg Lane (916) 201-7668
March 21- 23, 2025	2024 California Capitol Airshow Flying Field is Closed
March 29, 2025	First Ever RC STOL Competition Cash Prizes Contact Steve "Coach" Nickerson (snickerson3360@hotmail.com)
April 5 & 6, 2025	Big Kahuna 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 7, 2025	S.A.M Open House 9:00am to 2:00pm CD - Jeff Montrose and SAM Board (916) 897-4655
June 21 & 22, 2025	Turn and Burn Warbird Pylon Race (SAM Warbird Series) CD - Greg Lane (916) 201-7668
July 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field
August 2, 2025	Fun Fly & BBQ 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 27 & 28, 2025	Bud Garric Pattern Contest CD - Russ Nicols (916) 212-8867
September 21, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field
October 19, 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 2025) 11:00am-12:00pm @ Flying Field
November 1, 2025	Bigwood Winterfest 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 <i>Flying Field is Closed</i>
December 13, 2025	S. A.M. Christmas Party CD – Ryan Golden (916) 561-9606 <i>Flying Field is Open</i>

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

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 916-267-3575. Thanks.

Brent Jensen / S.A.M. Field Marshal
brentlowelljensenjr@gmail.com.

Membership Update

New Members For December
Doug May
Chris Schoeppe

Dues Renewal Forms for 2025 are now available.

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

Events Update

Be sure to check the 2025 Events Calendar for upcoming events/
times

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

Publicity Update

See Recent Board Notes

Thank You,
Robert Bell / Publicity

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

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The Hobby Shop
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See *website* for more sponsors

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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.)

CHECK MEMBERSHIP TYPE: OPEN _____ FAMILY/JUNIOR _____ BUSINESS _____

SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS

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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.

Sacramento Area Modelers



S.A.M. WARBIIRD 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!

THE GOOD THE BAD & THE UGLY



... LANDINGS!!!

**FIRST-EVER S.A.M.
RC STOL COMPETITION
MARCH 29 2025!**

**CASH PRIZES! CONTACT
STEVE "COACH" NICKERSON
(916) 397-6831 FOR MORE INFO
(SNICKERSON8360@HOTMAIL.COM)**

What's Going On...Andy Anderson's latest...



Free table challenge. Greg donated it. He is proud that he can honor Don Atwood with his project. Floats just holding up the plane. Plane in pathetic shape, package taped together, but I plan to make it a trainer for a friend who is struggling medically. Dec 1, Dec 1, Day one.

XB-70 will probably fly by New Year.



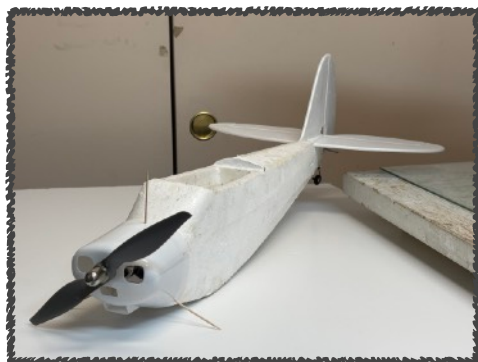
Project from free table. More pics as I go. A rest from bomber.



Two more pics. I'm adding strip ailerons to the wing. Super Cub originally a 2 channel R, E, & T. Out of production, but Horizon Hobby still had a cowl and sticker set.



Battery area. Check prices, RCC bargain bins.



Purchased cowl and motor mount for park flier motor installed.



Light sanding of filler and foam brought white color back



Sixpack of cans was 8.5 ounces.

1/16" balsa wet and formed around a mailing tube.

Glued wood sections around a wax paper covered can and primed and painted six exhaust ducts. Paint dried and held the shape.



Final sixpack weighed 2 ounces, shaving off 6.5 oz from location 16" aft of the CG.

Plane balances at the CG without ballast now.



Free table treasure.

Now I can finish up the XB-70.

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.

specialkidteacher@comcast.net

For those who don't know, JR Shiager keeps the S.A.M. website updated with photos, events, past newsletters, etc.

sacramentoareamodelers.com.

FOR SALE

GREGG WEISSENFLUCH has a Futaba 8FG Super radio with two receivers that is free to a deserving new young SAM pilot. It is in excellent condition, includes case.



GREG WEISSENFLUCH is selling a Bluejay "Utter Chaos" kit, NIB. \$150.



WANTED

Super Tigre flow through muffler for G60 Blue Head
(47mm spacing)

Please let me know if you need any more details.

Thank you,

Gregg Weissenfluh

916 261-0760

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.

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 specialkidsteacher@comcast.net and I will add to this section.