



S.A.M. Antics

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

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Presidents Message

Hello SAM flyers.

Fall is definitely trying to get here. Cool mornings and balmy afternoons make for some great flying. Also, the winds haven't been too bad with landings from both ends. This gives you some practice landing from the south.

At this month's general meeting we will be voting for next year's board. Up for nominations are Ryan, Sergio, Steve, Brent, Gary and Russ. These are for the 5 positions up next year. Come out on the 16th and vote.

Also, in November we will have the 2nd STOL competition at the field on the 22nd. We had lots of fun at the 1st one and you should come out and try it. See the flyers at the field or Steve Nickerson for more information.

I wish to thank JR Scheiger, Steve Nickerson and Jim Smith for putting on a presentation to the County Board of Parks on the 23rd of October. With my voice non-existent, they stepped up to make this a great presentation. A special shout out to JR for narrating the PowerPoint presentation. In addition, they brought some great planes to show what we do at our field. I believe the board members were impressed and well informed. We do this type of meeting every 3-4 years.

The field crew would like everyone to make sure the trash cans are moved away from the benches. The squirrels are using the benches to get into the trash and rip up all the bags which makes it hard to remove them.

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

Jeff Montrose

Vice Presidents Message

Flyers for the Christmas Party are in the Auger Inn.

If interested in attending, complete and turn in to any Board Member and they will give to me. Turn in NO LATER than 12-7-25.

12-13-25 6M is the party.

Thank you,

Ryan Golden



SAM October Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: Mountain Mike's Pizza on Bradshaw

Time: 6:30 PM

Board Members

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

Absent: *Events:* Gary Prosser

Officer Reports

President: Jeff opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. To start the meeting Greg Lane was present and he was given the floor to address the Board regarding questions for updating the Warbird Racing rules (see new business below). He then called for the Board Reports.

As part of his notes to the Board, Jeff discussed the upcoming nominations for November's meeting.

Board Nominations

Steve Nickerson

Brent Jensen

Ryan Golden

Sergio Varo

Gary Prosser

Russ Nichols

Vice President: Ryan handed out the rough draft of the Christmas Party paperwork. Jeff will print up flyers and have them available in the Augur Inn.

Treasurer: Steve Brown, shared the accounting for September 2025. As part of his business, he is working next year's budget to discuss at the November Board Meeting. Steve shows that we are close on income vs. expenses for the year.

Membership: Steve Nickerson, provided the current update that there are paid 119 memberships currently with a total of 137 active memberships in total. As a reminder the 2025 dues/budget was based upon 121 paid memberships for the 2025 calendar year.

Safety Officer: Sergio, has fire extinguishers signage. Those will be added in the next couple of weeks.

Events Director: Gary, was unable to attend.

Publicity Director: Robert, had nothing to add.

Field Marshall: Brent, had nothing at this time.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report.

Motions:

N/A

New Business:

Greg Lane approached the Board regarding adding Electric to the Silver Class. Based upon conversations he has had with out-of-towners, he is being told that they would be more inclined to come race in Sacramento if Electrics were allowed in Silver. Some mitigation research has been done and was discussed by Greg. The Board listened to all of Greg's information and also discussed other issues regarding the possibility. Safety issues were brought up as part of the discussion. Greg has a task list and will be researching the possibility with other CD's and AMA.

Steve shared about the STOL Contest with the field not being closed, coming up on November 22nd.

Swap Meet is on Saturday the 18th of October.

Old Business:

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Jim Smith (Secretary)



SAM Club Meeting Sunday 10/19/2025

Location: Club Field

New Members or Guests Present

New Members: N/A

Guests Present: N/A

Board Reports

President: Jeff Montrose (via Steve Nickerson as Jeff's voice was still healing) opened the meeting at 11:02 AM and thanked everyone for attending, then called for guests and new members (See above). The main meeting topics for this meeting included officer reports and CD requests for Event Dates in the 2026 Calendar Year. Steve first called for Board Reports.

Vice President: Ryan shared regarding the December 13th Christmas Party... flyers will be in the Auger Inn and members can return to any board member.

Membership: Steve N. let those present know that the membership count is currently 119 paid memberships and 137 total memberships for 2025, so far. This year's budget is based upon 123 dues paying members.

Publicity: Robert Bell had nothing to report.

Safety: Sergio gave a quick update on the fire extinguisher signs.

Treasurer: Steve B. gave a quick update and said that we are right on budget.

If you have further questions regarding the clubs budget see Steve.

Events: Gary gave quick updates for current events and let those present know that he had spoken with next year's CD's regarding Event Dates. He asked that anyone else who wanted to discuss dates, reach out to him after the meeting closed.

Field Marshall: Brent was unable to attend. Hopefully he is on the mend and will be well soon.

Secretary: Jim had nothing to report. (* After report note, November Club Meeting will have voting for 2026 club officers)

Show and Tell:

Steve Nickerson shared his Motion RC Zeus done up in Ferrari colors.

New Business:

Ollie took the new business opportunity to discuss the Bigwood Winter Fest Warbird Race for November 1st. He also discussed all the prizes. Currently, he has Bronze full and a limited number of pilots for Silver. He concluded by asking for more workers.

Old Business:

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jim Smith - Secretary



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 - Event Completed (S.A.M. Warbird Series) CD - Steve Nickerson (916) 397-6831
April 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am-12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
May 17, 2025	Don Atwood Pattern Contest - Event Completed CD - Ron Davies (916) 682-7902 CD - Russ Nichols (916) 212-8867
June 21 & 22, 2025	Turn and Burn Warbird Pylon Race - Event Completed (S.A.M. Warbird Series) CD - Greg Lane (916) 201-7668
July 19, 2025	S.A.M Open House 9:00am to 12:00pm - Event Completed CD - Jeff Montrose and SAM Board (916) 897-4655
July 20, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
August 2, 2015	Fun Fly & BBQ 9:00am to 12:00pm - Event Completed CD - SAM Board
September 13 & 14, 2025	YS - Valley of Speed III Warbird Pylon Race - Event Completed (SAM Warbird Series) CD - Ollie Merrill (916) 947-6599
September 21, 2025	General Club Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Flying Field - Completed
September 27 & 28, 2025	Bud Garric Pattern Contest - Event Completed CD - Russ Nichols (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



November 11th

****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

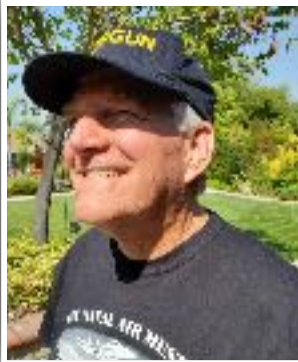
Deadline for submissions to the S.A.M. Antics is the 28th of each month. Please send articles as Word text or as text in an email to the Newsletter Editor, at specialkidsteacher@comcast.net. Submittals may be edited for content and length.

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** [cell](mailto:rcflyer999@comcast.net) 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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Jim Lichtenberg



Steve Brown



Ron Davies



Jeff Montrose



Donnie Prince



Dave Neves

Field Marshal Update

Please use recycling bin for any recyclables. And make sure to keep the trash cans, a couple of feet away from the tables to prevent squirrels from getting into them.

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

Membership Update

No New Members for October

Dues Renewal Forms for 2025 are now available

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

Events Update for November

November 1st Bigwood Memorial Warbird Pylon Race
November 22nd Sweet Potato STOL Competition

Join us Every 3rd Sunday at
Sacramento Area Modelers for
Outlaws Race Series

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

Publicity Update

See Recent Board Notes

Thank You,
Robert Bell / Publicity

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.

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.)

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

**R/C Country Hobbies
The Hobby Shop
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See *website* for more sponsors

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S.A.M. WARBIRD RACING

For more information, email us:

racing@sacramentosreamodelers.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!



2025 SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS

OUTLAWS

RACE SERIES



RACING STARTS AT NOON!

VISIT
RC COUNTRY
HOBBIES

COME IN AND PICK UP YOUR

E-flite T-28 TROJAN 1.2m

DON'T FORGET SOME PAINT TO MAKE IT YOUR OWN COLOR AND DESIGN

JOIN US EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AT
SACRAMENTO AREA MODELERS FOR RACES
11000 FLORIN RD, SACRAMENTO, CA 95830



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.

Sweet Potato STOL 22 Nov

Registration at S.A.M. Field 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

\$20 Cash Entry - All Used for Place Prizes!

Lunch Provided!

Full Ruleset on S.A.M. Website

Contact Steve "Coach" Nickerson for more info:
snickerson3360@hotmail.com



Key aircraft guidelines:

- Larger than Aeroscout with full fuselage (not profile)
- All wheels must rotate freely
- No wheel brakes or reverse thrust



2025 S.A.M. CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 13, 2025, 6PM @ Old Spaghetti Factory 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

If you have any questions, please text or call Ryan Golden @ 1-916-561-9606

NAME:

Please put an "X" next to the meal you would like and next to the selection for Dressing/ Ice Cream. If accompanied with guest please make their selection as well.

Chicken Marsala

A seasoned breast of chicken with a Mushroom and Marsala Wine Sauce. Served alongside spaghetti with Mizzfara Cheese & Browned Butter

Meat Lovers Treat

Sicilian Meatballs, Italian Sausage and Spaghetti with Rich Meat Sauce

Breast of Chicken Fettuccine

Fettuccine topped with tender diced chicken breast, fresh broccoli, sautéed mushrooms, Alfredo Sauce, and shredded Romano cheese

Salad Dressing: Blue Cheese or Creamy Pesto

Ice Cream: Spumoni or Vanilla

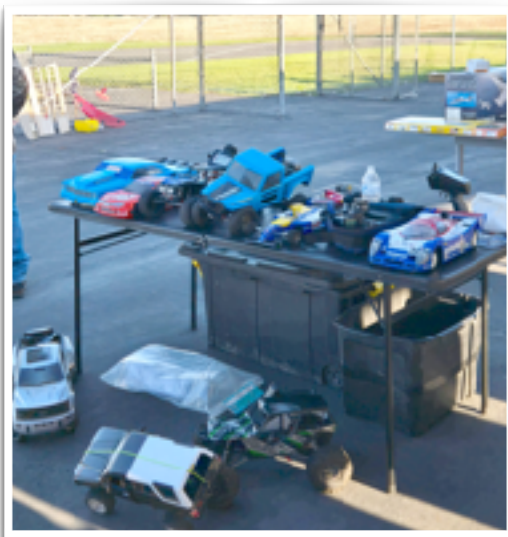
Christmas Dinner Flyers are available in the Auger Inn
\$35 per person;
3 food options, 2 salad dressing options and
2 options of ice cream.

RECENT EVENTS

S.A.M. Swap Meet

October 18th





Thank you JR for sharing all these photos.





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 photos, events, past newsletters, etc.

sacramentoareamodelers.com.

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.

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 martintheaircraft-mech@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



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.