

# SAM SAYS

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### THE PREZ SEZ

#### What's Going On?

At this writing it appears that spring has sprung, and not too soon for me. As the years pile on the need for sunshine and warmth increases. So, finally glad to see that winter may be behind us. And, quite a winter it turned out to be. Science, the study of facts as applied to our lives, missed the boat on guessing the weather consequences for last years El Nino. It would appear that the "The Child" thought it funny to wait a year and catch everybody off guard. And, catch us off guard she did.

The wind storm we had a couple of weeks ago was unlike anything I can remember in the 48 years I've lived here. My house shook and quivered and made sounds that I had never heard a house make before. In the aftermath my neighborhood suffered some damage with a lot of fences down plus a number of large trees fell in yards across streets and did some vehicle damage. I lost a few shakes off the roof and a side fence that had been holding on by a thread for the last few years. All-in all it could have been worse.

The field on the other hand took a bit of a hit with about one fourth of the new shelter roof making like a wing and lifting off of the structure. Thanks to Gretta, Tristan, Robert Shaver and Richard Tanaka for retrieving the wayward roof panels from the trees along the river. Most were reusable and have been re-installed with additional screws. Several new ones will be forth coming to fill in the existing gaps.

Then there were the two days that the entrance road to the field was flooded. Haven't seen anything like that since the flood of 1995. But, all-in-all we fared pretty well considering. Much to my surprise our internet antenna and camera stood tall in the wind never missing a picture. And, speaking of the camera system. We have now replaced the old solar panels with two new ones of higher



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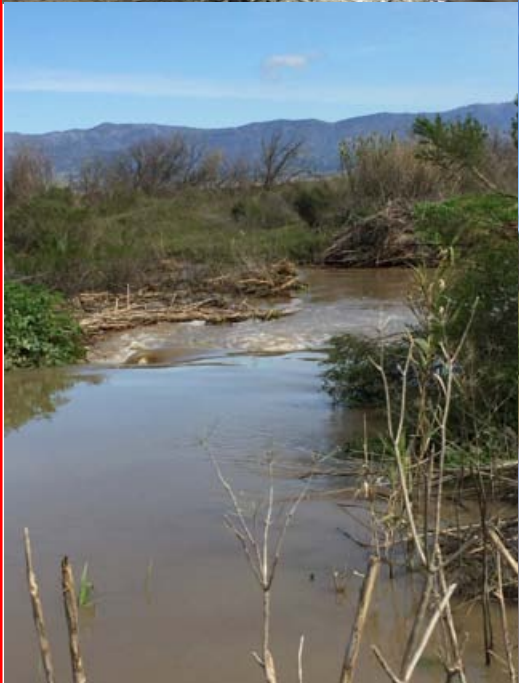
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output and that has greatly increased the available power. And, with 4 new RV deep cycle batteries and our internet system now being on a timer it appears we've got plenty of juice to keep things running.

The new gate latch has been installed and appears to be working well (pictures on page 6). And, it looks pretty cool. So, don't get any ideas a patent is pending.

A project for the upcoming work day will be to replace the roof over the BBQ area as several of those

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The top two photos were taken Friday February 24 at the entry to the flying field. The other three were shot Saturday February 25. The photo left center is a "river" running down the road constructed by the people that are hauling sand from the location. Knocking down the bank that was previously in place allowed water to backflow from the low area, which is always flooded during high water, down the road and around the high area and over the entry road to the adjoining field. It was quite a sight but I don't think the grower that farms the field on the left as you enter was amused. The only damage sustained at our flying sight was from the wind that accompanied the storm. The 70+ mph winds ripped much of the roof off the shelter by the infield area and some off the picnic shelter.



On final approach, gear down.....



But wait! It retracted, or subtracted, or maybe defected.



But it was straight down the runway!!

Howard's Fokker D-7....



Complete with pilot and machine guns.



Tristan with the EF-1 electric powered racer. It looks extremely fast just sitting there! I heard by the grape vine that Augie Caresani built, assembled, put together or whatever it was, this airplane for Tristan. I can hardly wait to see it in the Pylon Races.





Dennis' Chipmunk in the air and on the ground. The Chipmunk is an easy flying but good aerobatic air-plane made famous by Art Scholl. No spinner on the propeller, Dennis? Art wouldn't like that!!

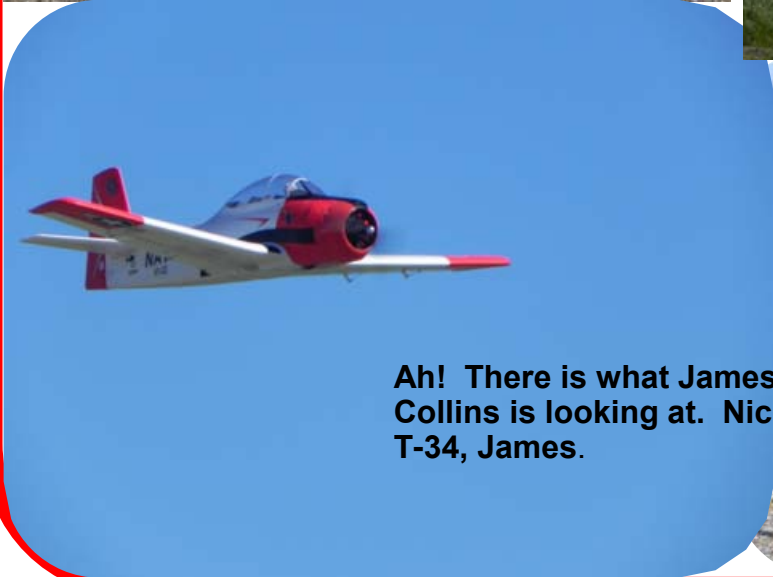


Joe Francis' Extra 300

Left - Joe Francis' Extra 300.



Grower attempted with no success to stop the flow of water into his field.



Ah! There is what James Collins is looking at. Nice T-34, James.





Chris Thomsen appeared with his jet the other day. James Collins wasn't taking any chances on the fire breathing machine! Thanks for protecting the field, James.



Robert Shaver said the airplane was in position for a two-point landing - the left main and the tail wheel.



Good shot of the Stik in slow flight.

## BREAKING NEWS!

Tristan Williams participated in the science fair at CSUMB. He entered three wing designs to be tested in a small wind tunnel. All the wings had the same area in square inches, one a "Hershey Bar" wing (a-la Piper Aircraft), another a rear swept wing and the third a forward swept wing. Amazingly even with the wings being very small (around 6 inches in length), wind tunnel measurements were still able to be extracted and the results matched what was scientifically known to be correct concerning the performance of the different airfoils. Robert Shaver provided his shop and help for the construction of the wings. Tristan won first place in his category AND won the Top Aerospace Project Award of \$100 AND won an invitation to the State Science Fair. Congratulations, Tristan!

(Hope this is accurate as it is second hand reporting. The Ed.)



## The Prez Sez (Continued from Page 1)

panels ripped off in the storm. They have become brittle with age and are crumbling. One new project I'm working on will be to motorize the camera so it can be turned at programmed intervals to provide different views of the parking area, pits and pilots stations.

With all the rain and now some warm weather the greenery at the field is reaching knee depth in some places. Bob, Chuck and I are about the only ones running the mower. It would be nice if someone else would show an interest in helping. With a little instruction you could be experiencing the thrill of driving a real tractor through the waving fields of grain, or weeds if you prefer. Also, still looking for volunteers to help with the spraying.

See ya at the field.

The Prez



Removing any one lock allows you to move the bolt to open the gate. **LOCK** the lock back in the corresponding hole with the bolt retracted after opening the gate.



Overall picture of the new bolt locking mechanism specially built for the Salinas Area Modelers by Dennis Stanley. **NO MORE CHAINS!** Good job, Dennis, and it even works!!!



Dick Moeller presented the giant scale PBY to Dennis. Dick has had it for a few years and never got around to finishing it. It was given to Dick in the same state as it is in presently. It has retractable tip floats for which Dennis is going to have to come up with an actuating mechanism. I believe it is a 12 foot wing span airplane. Dennis, we expect to see it flying at McSwain in September. What are you groaning (or laughing) about? That gives you seven months! Just park your motor-tricycle for a while.

## Calendar of Events

## March 2017

- 18 Slope Soaring—Seaside  
22 Membership Meeting at the Flying Artichoke

## April 2017

- 7-9 SAM Float Fly (if there is water)  
15 Easter  
22-23 IMAC I  
24 Board Meeting  
29 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

## May 2017

- 6 Glider Contest I  
14 Mothers Day  
19-21 SAM Float Fly II (If there is water)  
25-28 Castle—West Coast Giant Scale  
28 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

## June 2017

- 3 Glider Contest I  
10 Work Day  
24 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

## July 2017

- 8 Glider Contest 3  
15 Memorial Fun Fly  
17 Board Meeting - Location to be announced  
22 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

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**There is now a link on the SAM website to the field camera. Just go to our website at [www.salinasareamodelers.org](http://www.salinasareamodelers.org) and click on SAM Field Cam in the center of the page.**

You will noticed that float fly events have been scheduled for April 7 – 9 and May 19 - 21 with the caveat “if there is water.” Well, now water isn’t the problem. San Antonio Lake is at 50% capacity (plenty for a good float fly) but the recreation areas have been shut down for two years of so. The latest word is that the County plans on opening the South Shore area Easter weekend, but the North Shore area where we fly will remain closed until Memorial Day weekend. I am presently trying to bet somebody at the Parks Department to talk to me. I have left messages but have received no call-backs. I will do my best to get them to allow us entry before the above dates since we do not use there normal services. There is no suitable spot at South Shore for a float fly. Stay tuned. I will update with emails as I get new information.

Bob

For Sale From Dale Oxford

- Balsa USA Eindecker with OS 91 4-Stroke
- Dynaflyte Super Decathlon with OS 120 4-Stroke
- Trainer 40 with OS 70 4-Stroke
- Tower hobbies Cub with Tower 60 2-Stroke
- Balsa USA Fokker D7 with OS 70 4-Stroke
- Goldberg J3 Cub on Floats with OS 70 4-Stroke
- Seamaster 120 (fuse damage) with Super Tigre 2300
- Stampie Biplane with 60 size 2-Stroke
- Laker 40size float plane 2-Stroke engine
- Spirit Glider
- Hobbico Nexstar Trainer 40 size with OS Engine

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Michael plans on being back in Salinas around the 27th of March. You may call him any time at the above number. These are good airplanes!!

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