

# SAM SAYS

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### PYLON RACES COMING SOON

The weekend of August 19 & 20 is the scheduled time for the upcoming Pylon Races. SAM has hosted the races in the past with much success and are hoping for a good turnout this time. We don't really know how many participants will be present on the 19th. We are preparing for the best and are optimistic we will have a decent showing. Robert Shaver has worked hard to get the word out to procure commitments from the racing community. This is an AMA sanctioned event.

Dennis Stanley will be the CD (Contest Director) and Robert Shaver will be the "Operations Director." I know many of you have committed to help at the event and for that we thank you in advance. The races are one of the more exciting events to watch. They are fast and adrenalin pumping. Some of our own members will be racing including Tristan Williams, Dan Nolan and maybe Robert Shaver if he can weave it in with his management duties. There are three categories of races. The T-34 races are all the same kind of airplane with a 46 size engine all using the same fuel. Modifications are not allowed to the engine or aircraft. The Modified Warbird races are different in that they must be a 40 size warbird with a 46 engine, but you can do almost anything to the engine and aircraft to make it go faster than the competition. The other category is the EF-1 electric event where the aircraft used are specified as well as the size of the motor. The electrics really scoot! See picture below.



Robert Shaver built new pylons for the event. You have no doubt notice them at the field (see picture). It is felt the size of them will make it easier to judge the distance for the callers. The caller basically tells the pilot when to make his/her turn around the pylon. Knowing exactly when to turn is one of the more critical aspects of the race. If you turn too soon (known as a cut) you are penalized, and of course if you fly beyond the pylon you lose precious time. Accurate flying, which includes altitude control, will win races more often than all-out speed.

Come out and enjoy the races! Lunch will be for sale. This IS a fundraising event.

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Photos by [Robert Shaver](#) and [Bob Tuscany](#).



Two EF-2 racers. They even look fast!

# TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

July 27 - 30 was the date for the 2017 Fly-In sponsored by the Tri-Valley RC Modelers at Santa Maria. Four of our club members made the trek down Highway 101 for the event. Joe Francis, Rick Maida, Randy Bonetti and Bob McGregor were the SAM attendees. The group in Santa Maria was very hospitable and put on a great event. Saturday noon lunch, consisting of hamburgers or hot dogs, was provided for all registered pilots and available at a reasonable price for others. Saturday evening an excellent Santa Maria style trip-tip dinner was served. (In case you didn't know tri-tip was invented in Santa Maria) One of the Santa Maria wives put on a



free breakfast for anyone interested Sunday morning. As you can see we didn't go hungry. Night flyers graced the sky each evening once the dark set in. At one point I counted eight airplanes in the air simultaneously. All were electrics.

The entire spectrum of aircraft were represented including warbirds, antiques, aerobatic airplanes and jets with the various aircraft utilizing electric, glow, gas and turbine power. The nice thing about this group is

they will allow you to fly almost anything, but giant scale take preference. There was plenty of



opportunity to fly. This event is always the last full weekend of July, so if you are interested plan ahead for 2018. I guarantee you will have a



## GLIDER CONTEST

The last glider contest of the year was held August 5. Seven pilots participated with the length of the flight and landing accuracy being the scoring items. If my recollection serves me well Tristan Williams was the winner with Dan Nolan second and Dennis Stanley third. It was a fun day and we will resume the series the first Monday of May, 2018.

Thanks to Bob Tuscany for the pictures.



## FIELD CAMERA STATUS

As you have no doubt noticed the field camera has been inoperative for a couple of weeks or so. Richard Ciampa has been working to get the anemometer operational so you know how fast the wind is blowing, but this required some changes from our internet provider, Redshift. The changes resulted in problems getting the camera back online. Richard is working with Redshift and hopefully all will be operational soon including the addition of a second camera. You will then be able to see both the parking lot and the infield/runway area.



Left - Art Siordia is a new member in the club. Welcome to SAM, Art. He is holding a nice three cylinder Saito radial. What airplane is that going on, Art? An interesting side-light, Art's father is the designer of our club logo

Below - The Ultimate Bipe belonged to Dick Moeller but now belongs to Robert Shaver.



I believe the Cub (right) is what Ed Glynn (above) is looking at as it flies across the horizon. That's an interesting engine installation, Ed. Is that an original design?





Seems like Chris Thomsen has taken over as the Club's chief pyromaniac - - er - - chief rocket man. He is seen here (left) carrying his rocket to the launch pad. Below is the launch and below left the recovery. Elon Musk has nothing on you, Chris!!



Right - The big Fokker D-7 belonging to Howard Power graces the sky - and runway (below).



Right - A look into the cowl of the Beaver.



Howard's P-39 is lined up for what is now its last take-off. It went down in the trees and has yet to be found. Mike McCauley has been looking for it, but so far is unsuccessful. Thanks for your efforts, Mike.

OK, guys, quit talking and get busy cooking.



And it looks like they finally did! Chicken almost looks good enough to eat.



Right - Randy made it back to town for a little flying. Don't know who the old guy is behind him.





## Calendar of Events

### August 2017

- 5 Glider Contest 4
- 19 Pylon Races
- 27 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

### September 2017

- 9-10 IMAC II
- 22-24 Lake McSwain Float Fly
- 30 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

### October 2017

- 13-15 SAM Float Fly at San Antonio Lake - **FINALLY!!**
- 23 Board Meeting - Location TBA
- 28 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

### November 2017

- 11 Work Day
- 23 Thanksgiving

### December 2017

- 2 Toys For Tots
- 3 Christmas Dinner/Annual Meeting

### January 2018

- 24 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

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Looks like Bob's trying to get in but he is really just tightening the wing nuts. He remembered!



Making progress on the Cub. Look out Howard! I'll be in the sky again soon. It has to be ready for McSwain. Nothing like a Cub on floats.

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