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The Prez Sez

Going's on

We're now in the home stretch to the end of the year and you know what that means. Yes, the holiday's are once again up on us. But, more important than that it's **club elections time**. The joyous time of the year to cast your vote for the changing of the guard, or keeping of the guard if you so choose.

A week or so ago we held a club board meeting to toss around some names of potential nominees' for club officers. The positions open are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Board Members. To date we have, in the hat, candidates for each position. And, they are: **Augie Caresani, for President, Howard Power for Vice President, Bob McGregor for Treasurer, Gretta Williams for Secretary, Chuck Bosso for 1st Board Member, Mike McCauley for 2nd Board Member, Tristan Williams for 3rd Board Member.** And, least we not forget, Dennis Stanley for retirement :-).



Any club member can run for any position if so desired. So, if you or someone you know, that is willing, would like the chance to serve the club you need to enter your, or their name so as to be placed on the ballot for the up coming election. Please don't submit a name without positive confirmation they are willing to serve.

Nominations will be accepted up to and no later than the end of the upcoming RudderGate/club meeting on the 28th. The ballots will be mailed out around the 2nd week in November.

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Photos by Mike and Kathy McCauley,

There are two upcoming events on the calendar left this year, beyond the next rudderGate, and they are the scheduled work day on the 11th of November which Augie Careisani is putting together, and the Christmas Diner for which the invitations will be sent out along with the election ballots in November. So...come on out and lend a hand for some needed work on the field and work off a few pounds to make room for a great Christmas Dinner. Thanks to all.

The Prez (ret)

FLOAT FLY AT SAN ANTONIO LAKE

Yes, it finally happened! After a three-year absence of adequate water in San Antonio Lake, there was finally enough for a weekend float fly. Albeit we were not in our usual spot, the conditions could not have been better. The water was great and the weather could not have been more perfect. The parks people were glad to see us and most of all we had a GREAT time. The lake was at 32% capacity which meant there was no water north of the fence line where we have traditionally flown. However Mark Sandavol of Cal Parks (the contractor that operates the facilities) told us we could have any spot that would work for us. Those of you familiar with the North Shore camping area, we were at the end of Road 3 right on the water where we had 75 to 100 feet of gently slope shoreline. There were a few sticks poking out of the water, but Rand and Chuck went out in the retrieval boat and cleared a super area for us to operate. Thanks, Chuck and Randy! There were very few campers and boaters at the North Shore facility because the water was too shallow for safe boat operation. Of course that means we had NO interference or wakes from boats.

Thursday saw Mike and Kathy McCauley, Gary and Barb Sobak, and Randy and Bob McGregor there with RV's. Chuck and Genny Bosso were also there on Thursday and stayed at the hotel on Ft. Hunter Liggett. They stayed through Saturday. Gary and Barb made an 8 hour drive from Redding to be with us. Friday Dennis Stanley and Joe and Chantell Francis showed up. All of those stayed through Sunday. Saturday Randy Bonetti, Terry Gansberger, Gary Pozzi, Augie Caresani (yes - your eyes are not deceiving you - that did say Augie) and Dan, Gretta and Tristan Williams appeared. All but Tristan were one-dayers. Tristsan spent the night with Dennis as he had a spare bed.

This was Augie's first experience flying off the water, and to his credit he got his airplane in the air quite easily after getting advice (whether he wanted it or not) from everybody there. However he didn't stay in the air too long though no fault of his own. It was an equipment malfunction. Dogone AFR's anyway! He said he'll be back. Looking forward to it, Augie.

We did have evening and night visitors in the form of wild pigs. Therefore we could leave nothing out at night including the airplanes. You can see (left) how we solved the problem with the Duck.



The Tri-Valley club from Santa Maria preceded us by a week at the location. They had a couple airplanes damaged by the little monsters.

We are planning three San Antonio float fly events for next year (see proposed calendar for 2018) anticipating there will be adequate rain this winter to provide enough water to carry us through. Plan on making a trek to the lake even if it's only for a day. If you have never flown off the water it is a great and fun experience.

View of our camping and flying area before the campers arrived.



Our little airplane wreckers



More pictures on Page 5

Lets' Get Radical

By Crazy Ivan

SAM Pylon Racing info / update:

I was asked and have decided to take charge of our Pylon Race Events in the future.

The Triangle Series Racers (TSR) has lost its key leadership and at this point has completely disbanded. We will pick up quite a few of its members (as contestants) and have probably already lost a-few; none-the-less, enough of them will continue for us to host profitable thus worthwhile races in the future.

There are a few of our members that have shown a real interest in Racing. If anyone is interested, you will find a-lot of help and a team like structure amongst SAM members; "off the track" lol. I hope to pick up another EF-1 pilot and a 46 Modified Warbird pilot (or one person that Races both Classes) from within the SAM membership so, if you're interested the time is ripe, the more the merrier and, there's a-whole-heap-of-knowledge in this club to help you make a very fast racer of either types; no doubt!

If anyone asks: "We are using the Triangle Series Racers Rules" which are "the same rules as before".

No biggie but pretty cool just the same is that I supplied Tower Hobbies with a kit review w/ 4 pictures of my racing Mustang; I thought it was a-bit wordy but, they posted it, pics and all; Hmm pretty cool. (See hyperlink below)

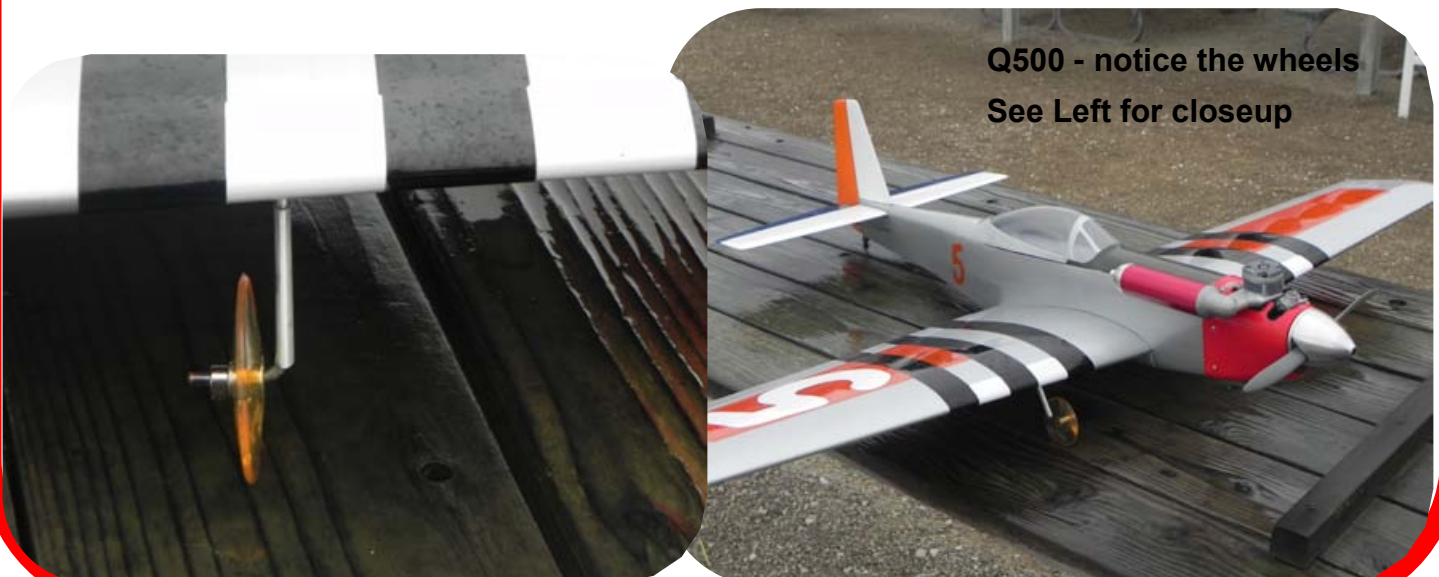
Great Planes GP/EP P-51 on the Tower web site then click on reviews.

That's all the racing FYI needed be said so thanks again to the volunteer "team" that pulled us through a pretty good challenge. I intend in the future to always have a BBQ the weekend after the races for the Race Volunteers whereas all's invited too. Richard Ciampa made us all a special plate of food this year, it was awesome! Yep we must celebrate!

<https://www.towerhobbies.com/cgi-bin/wti0001p?&I=LXERPA&P=ML#BVRRCContainer>

(Open hyperlink and scroll down to reviews. If the hyperlink doesn't work, copy and paste it to your browser. Ed.)

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Howard's Mustang is back!



The P-51 cockpit.



What it looked like before the electrical failure. Had a DA 4 cylinder engine in it.



Result of a total electrical power failure.



Above - Howard's PT-19 (repaired). Just don't let it any where near a Cub!!!

Below - Malcom Beety and the Robin-hood acquired from Dale Oxford.





San Antonio Lake float fly -
October 13-15, 2017

IMAC Sept 9 & 10

SAM hosted the IMAC competition In September. We host two contest a year and it adds around \$1,500 to our treasury between the two of them. It is certainly worth the time and effort put into the events. Joe MacGregor from Paso Robles CD's the contest for us, but this is his last year. Joe is moving to Arizona. Joe DeRenzi will be the new CD next year. Dan Nolan competed in the Basic category and was awarded third place, and yes, there were more than three contestants. Congratulations, Dan.



Matt Morell's entry. He took 1st in the unlimited category.



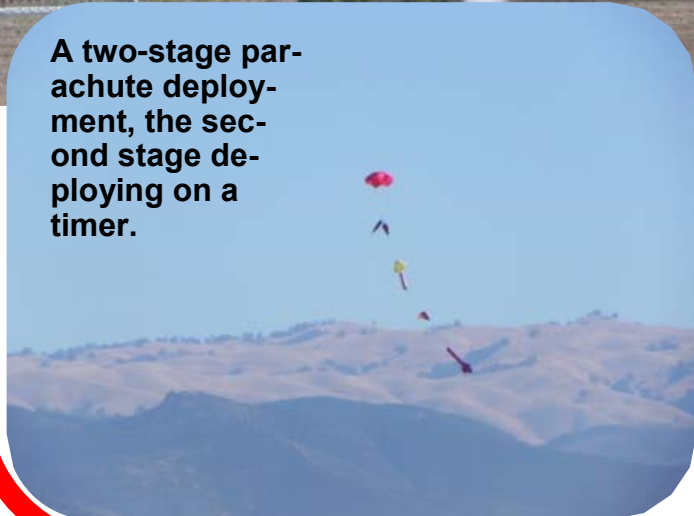
Joe MacGregor's swan song



Another Chris Thomsen rocket launch.



Ed Glynn and his Decathlon



A two-stage parachute deployment, the second stage deploying on a timer.



Chris Thomsen's two helpers.

Calendar of Events

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

February 2018

- 28 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

March 2018

- 17 Slope Soaring - Seaside
 28 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

April 2018

- 1 Easter
 6-8 SAM Float Fly San Antonio Lake
 21-22 IMAC I (There's more in April)

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Submissions for the newsletter of any kind (this includes opinions) are welcome and will be used on a space available basis. The newsletter editor retains editorial rights to any submission solely for the purpose of correcting spelling, grammar, etc., but not to alter the intent.

PLEASE NOTE!! The Christmas dinner and annual meeting (very short) will take place at the Flying Artichoke (restaurant at the Salinas Airport) Saturday December 2, 2017. This is a family affair. We will have a sit-down served dinner of either roast beef or chicken. Included will be salad, vegetable and dessert. You will be asked to state your entre' preference on the reservation form that will be sent out with the ballots. The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

We will have a gift exchange for both the ladies and the men. Details will be with the invitation and reservation form. If you have pictures and/or videos from this past year, please submit them to me on a memory stick and I will try to put together a picture show. I'll return the memory sticks so be sure to attached your name to them.

Please plan to attend this event. It will be fun and a chance to get to know your fellow modelers and their families. Reserve the date - put it on your calendar so you don't forget and schedule something else that evening.

APRIL

- 1 Easter
- 6-8 SAM Float Fly
- 21-22 IMAC I
- 23 Board Meeting
- 28 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

Remainder of 2018 tentative calendar. Se page 7 for January through March, 2018.

MAY

- 5 Glider Contest 1
- 11-13 SAM Float Fly 2 (if there is water)
- 13 Mother's Day
- 24-27 Castle - West Coast Giant Scale
- 26 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

Please note: I know we don't like to schedule the float fly on Mothers Day, but we can't have it the following weekend because of conflicts at the lake, and earlier would be too close to the April event.

JUNE

- 2 Glider Contest 2
- ?? Work Day
- 17 Father's Day
- 23 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

JULY

- 7 Glider Contest 3
- 14 Memorial Fun Fly
- 23 Board Meeting
- 28 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

AUGUST

- 4 Glider Contest 4
- ?? Pylon Races
- 25 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 8-9 IMAC II
- 21-23 Lake McSwain Float Fly
- 29 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

OCTOBER

- 5-7 SAM Float Fly 3
- 22 Board Meeting
- 27 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

NOVEMBER

- ?? Work Day
- 22 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 1 Toys for Tots
- 1 Christmas Dinner

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