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President Says . . .

ZIP, BOOM, BANG, OUCH! Whata landing that was. Well, it be that time of the month again, time to share some words of wisdom and knowledge to ya'll. This will be shorter than I was hoping due to issues at home (the left brake light on our car quit but it's not the bulb, and I have to be gone on business for the next 10 days). So this will only cover 4-5 pages instead of the 10 I was hoping for (just kidding?).

I've gotten flyers for our upcoming **Bob Francis Memorial Fun-Fly** on April 22-24th, to Hobby World in Gilroy, Capitola Hobbies in Capitola, and to Sheldon's Hobbies in San Jose. Each shop posted the color flyer that John Midgorden made while I was there. I left 80-100 flyers at each shop knowing that they would leave them on their counters for folks to take. In past years when I've left them at Sheldon's, if they run out they will make more to give out.

Now, for an update on Hobby World and Salinas Area Modelers. Per Guy Basset, the owner of both the shop in Gilroy and the one in San Jose at 6148 Bollinger Road, our club has a 10% discount available on stuff purchased from their stores. We also can tag along on a discount for fuel that the South Bay club has for Byrans fuel at \$13.00/gal. In order to take advantage of the discount you will need to tell them you have the discount available and show them your membership card. The clerk may not ask for your card, but they will be happier if you offer it (just trust me on that). Mr. Basset has also asked us to help them out in deciding what products they need in the Gilroy shop. We **ALL** need to go there and just let them know what we **REALISTICALLY** would like to see in the store and they will get stuff in there for us. Tell them what props you use, what % fuel you want, building glues and hardwares you need available. They have a really great supply of balsa, bass, and plywoods available now. They have quite a few electric models, because the Hollister club flies them and has asked for them to be available. They want to work with us, so PLEASE let's work with them.

There are several items we need to discuss at the next meeting. We need to talk about the Memorial fund that Cindy Miller has given the club and what to do with it. My idea is to use it to fund the training system that John Midgorden is running for the club. He keeps showing folks how easy it is to fly, and they keep joining the club! GO FIGURE, RIGHT??!! But, you are all invited to have your input on the subject.

We need to work out the work list for the April Memorial event. If you can work even for an hour or two, PLEASE let us know. If for some reason you don't have the ability to work, PLEASE come join us anyway! The more of the club members there, the more meaning the event has. On this note, does ANYONE know how to contact the gentleman that now owns the Raven that Bob built?

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If you do, I NEED TO KNOW ASAP so I can call him to make arrangements for the plane to be part of the Missing Man Formation that we will perform to honor our missing friend, Bob Francis.

Lastly, **PLEASE** refer to the list of past members that have moved to the Great Landing Strip in the sky that I listed last month. I'm still looking for pictures of all 10 of those folks. I have several albums of club events that started before I joined the club. I have no idea whom some of these folks are, but maybe some of you could help me out on this. Especially with Manny Casquilho, as he was one of the founding members of the Salinas Area Modelers. Don Meeks is another one that may be able to help, along with Jack Jella. I have this NEED to have everyone associated with our club understand that ALL members of our club are SPECIAL people, and we will honor them for that. I will bring the albums to all of our future meetings and events with the hopes we can discover whom some of these folks are.

Lastly, LASTLY, I want to know why I'm still bringing home cookies and only having to make 12 cups of coffee for the meetings???!!!! We all bathe regularly, we brush our teeth and use deodorant. So WHY NOT come and join us???!!!! The club has 60+ members and we get 10-12 to meetings. In the "old days", we use to get 25-40 folks to the monthly meetings. The room we use now has had standing room ONLY many times! This is YOUR club just as much as the next person's club. Come join us to make it even BETTER!

See YA'LL on April 6th at the Salinas Recreation Center, 7:30pm

HAPPY LANDINGS!! Jim "CRASH" St.John

Dick Miller Memorial Gift

SAM has received a gift of \$1,000 in memory of Dick Miller, who lost his battle with cancer this past year. His wife, Cindy, is very appreciative of the support and help given her by SAM members in helping her find a good home for Dick's models and equipment. This is her message in the card that came with the check:

Dear SAM Members,
I cannot thank you enough for all your help this past year. Every time I hear a plane my mind goes to my friend. This donation is to be used as you see fit.

Cindy Miller
(signed)

Your board is working to develop guidelines in the use of this memorial gift and is open to all suggestions from members of the club

John Midgorden, reporting



Bob Francis Memorial Fun Fly

April 22-24, 2005

This past year SAM lost a very active and significant member in Bob Francis (as well as others). Bob was known nationally for his superb scratch building of large-scale models. He competed in the Scale Masters contests throughout the country with his beautiful renditions of full-scale aircraft. When he decided to model Wayne Handley's Turbo Raven there were no plans, so he went to Wayne and received permission to measure the real airplane and then made plans on his computer CAD program. Bob's three-views are the only plans available for the Turbo Raven and are available through Bob Banka's scale plans service.

For many years Bob Francis spearheaded the large-scale fun flies sponsored by SAM. He was especially committed to the spring large-scale event held on the last weekend in April. The SAM board decided to hold a special event in on Bob's weekend this year: April 22-24. We are calling this the Bob Francis Memorial Fun Fly.

This event is open to all RC pilots in SAM and across Northern California. Please note that this is not a quarter-scale and larger event. It is open to all RC pilots and their aircraft, regardless of size or power (electrics are welcome). By doing this it means that all SAM members can participate. In fact, the Board hopes that every SAM member who is able and available on the dates of the event will join in honoring Bob and his RC spirit which made such a significant contribution to our hobby. We are also hopeful that many of Bob's friends from the Northern California RC clubs will also join us in this activity.

All one has to do to fly in this event is to be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and to pay a \$10.00 landing fee. Lunch will be served on Saturday and Sunday noon for a nominal fee. There will also be a great BBQ dinner on Saturday evening that will cost \$15/person. There are a number of jobs that need to be filled in order to provide this event. We need volunteers for the following tasks:

Cooking for the BBQ • Cooking for the noon lunches
Manning the snack shack on Saturday and Sunday
Coffee/donuts on Saturday and Sunday mornings
Cleanup • Set up of the PA system

Site caretaker (need someone with an RV to be at the field by Friday afternoon to watch the field so out-of-towners can come in and camp, beginning Friday evening)

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please make yourself useful to the club and sign up. Or you can call me at 633-4026 or email me at jomidg@earthlink.net.

John Midgorden,
Bob Francis Memorial Coordinator

SAM Club Events for April and May

April	6	Board/club Meeting	Salinas
	8-10	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
	22-24	Francis Memorial Fun Fly	SAM field
May	4	Board/club Meeting	Salinas
	13-15	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
	22	Ruddergate	SAM Field
	27-30	West Coast Festival	Atwater, CA



2005 Contest and Fly-In Schedule NCRCS - Northern California R/C Society

April	2	T-34 Triangle Series @ FRM, Fresno, CA.
	9	Warbird Races @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.
	16	Fun Fly @ LFE, Livermore, CA.
	16-17	IMAC @ Wavemasters, Hollister, CA.
	16-17	Q-500/ QM-40 @ Sepulveda Basin, CA.
	16-17	Open House and Float Fly @ Woodland-Davis, Davis, CA.
	17	Warbird Races @ SAM, Sacramento, CA.
	22-23-24	Bob Francis Memorial Fly-In @ Salinas Area Modelers, Salinas, CA.
	23	Electric Invitational Fly-In @ SACRC, Union City, CA.
	23-24	IMAC @ Tucson, AZ.
	24	Combat – F-27's Only @ Vaca-Valley R/C, Vacaville, CA.
	29-30-1	Vertical Challenge Helicopter Fly-In @ FRM, Fresno, CA.
	30-1	Pattern @ BARCS, Richmond, CA.
May	7	49er Scale Masters Qualifier @ Woodland-Davis, Davis, CA.
	12-15	Circum-Gyration International Helicopter Contest @ Bayside R/C, Fremont, CA.
	14	IMAA Giant Scale Fly-In @ FRM, Fresno, CA.
	14-15	IMAC @ Riverside, CA.
	15	Electric Fun-Fly @ SAM, Sacramento, CA.
	21	Fly-In @ LFE, Livermore, CA.
	21	Electric Fly-In @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.
	21	T-34 Triangle Series @ Madera, CA.
	21-22	Pattern @ Wavemasters, Hollister, CA.
	21-22	Pattern @ Las Vegas, NV.
22	5 th Annual Memorial Fun Fly @ Delta Valley Modelers, Stockton, CA.	
27-30	IMAA West Coast Festival @ Castle Airport, Atwater, CA.	



Photos from the March 2005 Slope Soaring Event



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Next Club Meetings

Wednesday, Apr 6, 2005 7:30 pm
Wednesday, May 4, 2005 7:30 pm

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