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President Says!.....

The clock is running down on SAM's annual IMAA Mini Festival. As the Contest Director of this event I am happy to report that everything is shaping up nicely for our event over the Labor Day Weekend. Les Florence (our VP's father) has graciously agreed to provide the BBQ dinner for Saturday evening. Les will also be cooking the meat for the lunches on Saturday & Sunday. We will need help in the food shack for the lunches. I would also appreciate some volunteers to help cleanup the field on Sunday afternoon. Although the event will be over officially on Sunday, August 31st, there may be a few who want to stay over & fly on Monday. However, the field will be open to anyone on Monday, so if you want to fly on Labor Day go at it. There will not be any IMAA size restrictions after Sunday.

I want to thank **Jack Jella** for his very interesting presentation on rubber powered free flight models at our last meeting. Many there were absolutely blown away by the complexity of this form of modeling. The models that Jack used in his demonstration were works of art. Those of you who weren't there missed a very interesting & informative presentation.

A major decision made at the July meeting was the approval of the contract to repair & resurface the runway. The Board discussed this need & the bids that had been submitted & recommended to the club members. The work will be done by Bond Blacktop, Inc., out of Union City. The members present voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,500 for this repair. We are hopeful that this can be done prior to the IMAA Mini Festival.

At the August Club meeting bring your questions about RC modeling, building & flying. We will have a panel of "experts" there to answer your questions. Since **Alan Brown** was unable to make the July meeting, he will also be available to talk about his recent articles in the newsletter about aspect ratio. Have a great summer, what's left of it, & I hope to see all of you at the flying field soon.

John Midgorden, President 2003



President John

**REMEMBER
TO PACK
YOUR
TRASH!**



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RUDDERGATE

June, 2003

Hope you were there, but if you weren't here are some pictures to show you that you were missed!

The "tri-tips" and beans fixed by Chuck & Ginny just melted in your mouth, along with the salads brought by all of us to share that were enjoyed by everyone. But the undisputed highlight of the meal was the fabulous desserts – lemon cheesecake, chocolate-chocolate cake & cherry pie. You can't get better than that!

Lots of flying, eating, & socializing made it a perfect day for the SAM members.



FAMOUS
RUDDERGATE
COOKS
Chuck & Ginny Bosso



Everyone enjoyed
the good
food & friends!



Dave
showing off
his latest



Bob & Dick
aren't
going to
lose this one

And here
you have a
small sampling
of the
"SAMettes"



Steve & Dave
dwarfed
by their
planes

R.C.
BOB
&
JACK
trading
secrets



COUNTRY CLUB AT QUAIL LODGE

**Race and Sports Car Concourse
Friday, August 15th, 9:00am to 3:00pm**

I need five to ten more scale planes
for static display
– no flying –
vintage through present

Please call **Walt** at 624-7934

This is an "invitation only event and we have been asked to be one of the displays – for which the club get a nice contribution.

Minutes of July Meeting: by Dick Moeller

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm. 14 members were present. Treasurer, **Bob McGregor** reported the club is solvent. The June meeting minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS: The glider contest at the field was a success. **Bob Francis** reported that the Castle (Atwater) 1/4 Scale National Flyin had a large turnout and was well run. Thanks was expressed by the membership to the **Bosso's** for hosting the June Rudder gate. Indications are that the bid of \$4,181 to reseal the runway is a very good price. **Malcolm Beety** made a motion to accept this bid with a limit not to exceed \$4500. **Bob Francis** seconded the motion and it passed. **Walt Newman** reported that he has not been able to re-contact the model helicopter pilots who said they would put on a demonstration at the Quail Lodge event. **John Midgorden** will contact the Tomcats Club to ask for pilots. Sending the club newsletter on the internet has been very successful and less costly, therefore will be continued. **Bob Dooley** reported that the club website revision is in the works.

NEW BUSINESS: The next glider contest at the field will be on July 5th. The Memorial Fun Fly will be held on July 12-13th. The July Rudder gate will be on July 27th. **Midgorden** volunteered to host it. For the IMAA Mini-Festival on August 29th-31st **Midgorden** has sent ads to previous attendees, shops, clubs and other organizations. Also to area AMA members. Les Florence has volunteered to be the chef. **Jack Jella** explained the intricacies of Rubber Free Flight construction and flight using one of his models.

RAFFLE WINNERS: **Bob Francis** c-gel & ruler
Malcolm Beety \$25 gift certificate
John Midgorden Probond & razor plane

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE AUGUST 15TH

Send me all your news, pictures and "For Sale" items. Remember this is your newsletter - I just assemble it!

Darlene, 831.688.6283 or email: francis@got.net

SAM MEETING August 6th, 7:30pm

"EXPERT" PANEL

Come & try to
Stump the "Experts"!
Bring all your
Questions about
RC Modeling,
Building & Flying

SAFETY RULE #3

Any pilot box available may be used for flying, regardless of frequency.

MEMORIAL FUN-FLY

BY Jack Jella

On July 12-13th we remembered our members who have passed on. We honor their memory by coming together in friendship to fly our models and to reflect on the good times that we once shared at the field.

Here is a list of the departed members (27) over the past 20 years.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| Ken Wade | 1983 | Marion "Sarge" Gleason | 1996 |
| Bill Shaw | 1985 | Ray Lang | 1997 |
| Alex Arellano | 1986 | Benjamin Young | 1997 |
| Mike Sanders | 1989 | Joe Quirk | 1997 |
| Jerry Reed | 1989 | Al Lang | 1997 |
| Walter Parker | 1990 | Bob Wieland | 1998 |
| Bob Morse | 1991 | Dan Potts | 1998 |
| Tommie Thomas | 1992 | Les Johnson | 1999 |
| Frank Schoening | 1992 | Chuck Fuller | 1999 |
| Charlie Rosen | 1993 | Les St. John | 2001 |
| Richard Davis | 1994 | Gordon "Scroggie" Wiley | 2002 |
| William Rudd | 1994 | Charles "Chuck" Perry | 2002 |
| Rudy Kershing | 1996 | William (Bill) Hurtt | 2002 |
| | | Jim Gillott | |

2003

REMEMBER These Coming Events

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| August 2 | Glider Contest | SAM Field |
| August 6 | Board & Club Meeting | Salinas |
| August 16 | Giant Scale | Morgan Hill |
| August 29-31 | IMAA Mini Festival | Salinas |
| August 30 | Warbird Fun Fly | Fresno |
| Sept. 3 | Board & Club Meeting | Salinas |
| Sept. 12-14 | Float Fly | Lake San Antonio |
| | Members & Guests only | |
| Sept. 12-14 | Full Scale Racing | Reno |
| Sept. 19-21 | Float Fly | Lake McSwain |
| Sept. 20-21 | IMAC | Morgan Hill |
| Sept. 27 | Electric Fun Fly | Half Moon Bay |
| Sept. 28 | Ruddergate | SAM Field |
| Sept. 28 | Airshow | Livermore |

BUILD YOUR OWN HINGES: By M. Brown

Ever have that happen to you, you are finishing a model you have built & the hobby shop is closed or they just might not have what you are looking for or your budget is non existent & the fun-fly is only a few days away. What do you do??

You build them yourself! The first method is to take & cut 2 pieces say 12 inch x 1.25" of the same, clear or very light colored covering such as Monokote. Lay one piece glue-side down and the other glue side up, overlapping them about 1/4" & use your covering iron to glue them together. You then cut 1" strips & these are the hinges. Let's say you are doing the elevator. Take the horizontal piece & the elevator piece & take the 1" pieces of hinge & lay them in between the balsa pieces each having the glue side towards the balsa. It looks like a checkerboard.

Another method & in my opinion, the best method is to take 2 lengths of covering material & sew them together.

You can sew a 5, 6 or even a 7' hinge this way but remember to sew them adhesive side to adhesive side.

With these 2 methods of hinges you have a sealed surface & that can even help stop the dreaded flutter.



Jack Jella gets help with a takeoff

Jim Green
Is waiting for the timer to be set



Malcolm Bruce
Isn't going to waste this beautiful flying weather.

Randy McGregor
Takes his turn



Woody Woodcock
The competition is getting pretty hot!

GLIDERS AT SAM FIELD

PICTURES BY JOHN MIDGORDEN

PICTURES NEEDED

FOR Jim St.John, email: tigger999@sbcglobal.net

We had a FABULOUS meet for the Memorial Meet on July 12 & 13th. But the problem is we have 27 members that have passed away now, but only 9 pictures to show. I started this meet back in 1990 because there were too many of our members passing without any recognition of their efforts for the club's success.

We need to honor our past members because they ALL contribute to the club in ways that are missed. The members we have pictures to remember by are: Bill Shaw, Alex Arellano, Mike Sanders, Jerry Reed, Walter Parker, Tommie Thomas, Frank Schoening (my flight instructor), William Rudd, Les St. John (my father).

We need to get pictures on the following members to display every year in the future at our Memorial Fun Fly! I started the event, then I left the club as an active member for several years. During that time **Jack Jella** did a FANTASTIC job of supporting this event. My dad started me in control line planes in the late 60's, RC Planes in the late 70's, then lost his life in 2001. I'M BACK TO HONOR THE MEMBERS, PRESENT AND PAST! Anyone having access to pictures of these members please email me so we can get together and add the pictures you have to our collection, to honor these PRECIOUS past members of our club.

PICTURES NEEDED:

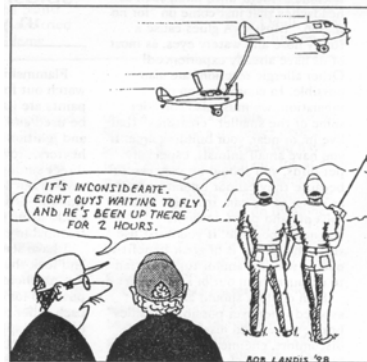
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| Ken Wade | Bob Morse | Charlie Rosen |
| Richard Davis | Rudy Kershing | Sarge Gleason |
| Ray Lang | Ben Young | Joe Quirk |
| Al Lang | Bob Wieland | Dan Potts |
| Les Johnson | Chuck Fuller | Scroggie Wiley |
| Chuck Perry | Bill Hurtt | Jim Gillott |

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 3 bladed Mejzlik Propeller and
 Tru Turn Spinner.....\$1400.

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 With Zenoah 445 Twin Engine
 Propeller and Tru Turn Spinner
\$1400

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HINTS & TIPS.....

EMERGENCY PATCHING:

Sometimes a taxi mistake or a soft landing results in minor damage, such as a hole poked in the wing covering material. Your aircraft is flyable except for that hole. To handle this problem, carry some denatured alcohol in a small, plastic container & a roll of scotch tape. Using a paper towel, clean the patch area with the alcohol to get rid of all oil. The oil film will keep the tape from sticking. Clean the area twice. Wait a couple of minutes & apply the scotch tape to seal the hole. I have an old Ugly Stik that I use to break in 2-cycle engines, & it has several scotch tape patches that have held up for years. *Caution:* Don't use regular rubbing alcohol as it has some oil in it that will leave enough film to prevent the tape from sticking properly.

from the Beacon
 Miramar Radio Control Flyers of MCAS Miramar

IRON ON COVERING:

If you have trouble separating the iron-on covering from its plastic backing, try this. Stick a small piece of tape to each side of the covering, near the edge, & pull them apart. This should separate the covering from the backing. Another method is to stick a No. 11 X-Acto blade into the backing at a sharp angle. The blade will puncture the plastic backing but not the covering. Then, just lift up on the blade, & the backing will come off.

GLUING ON CANOPIES:

Before gluing on your airplane's canopy, put a small hole in some obscure place to allow air circulation under the canopy. This will keep your canopy from popping off in the summer when the air inside expands or from collapsing in the winter when the air shrinks.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, August 6, 2003
7:30pm

Salinas Recreation Center, Lincoln Ave.
Between Alisal & West San Luis
Salinas, California

Club meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Next Board of Governors Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2003
6:30pm
Salinas Recreation Center

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