



Salute to Our New Pilots!



Do you SAM members remember your solo flight? If you were like me it was a day of high excitement with an appropriate mix of fear and anticipation. After landing, what a sense of accomplishment and pride!

I'm dedicating this front page article to the new SAM pilots who have soloed, or who are very near soloing this year. I also want to thank those who have taken on the instructor role, beside myself:

Bob McGregor and Malcolm Beety.

Our new pilots represent a broad spectrum of our membership from our youth, Dante Bonetti and Jonathan Meharg, to youthful adults like Rob Ellis, to mature gentlemen like Gary Mallett.

Congratulations to each of you and may 2008 see even greater feats of your flying prowess.

Your Editor

Pres Says . . .

IT'S DECEMBER
FINALLY!

WE ALL KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS, RIGHT??!

Yep, it means it's time to EAT again!!! Oohh, and it's time to ask ole Saint Nick for that new radio system or that new engine ya ben wanting. The last two activities we'll be doing this year are upon us, with the Toys for Tots and the Annual Christmas Dinner/meeting.

We as a club have donated over 1,000 gifts to local youngsters over the past 15+ years that we've been doing this. All we do differently for 12/1 & 12/2 is bring at least one unwrapped gift for a child as a flying fee. Most of us have been bringing two or more gifts, for a boy and/or a girl. Then, we put them into Jack Jellá's van and he takes them to the Chualar Fire Department and they see to it that needy kids get them. Sounds easy, doesn't it. Since you all agree that it must be easy, then WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!!!

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SAFETY AT THE FLYING FIELD IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

If you are an AMA member, you need to be concerned with safety at your flying field. It is easier to take the heat from a fellow club member for correcting him or her for a safety violation than it is to take that same person to the hospital or the morgue.

Complaining to each other about the problem without confronting it only aggravates you and your

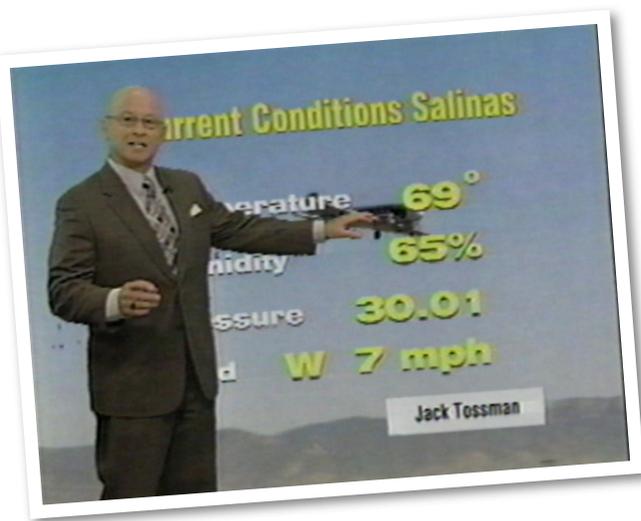
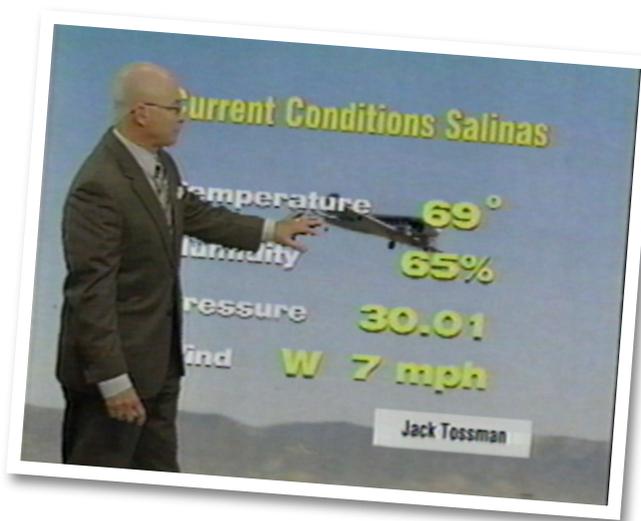
friends while appearing to condone the activity. Find a way to bring it up or get someone else to do it but don't wait until the next club meeting or tattle to the Safety Officer. It really needs to be fixed at the time of occurrence so it can be discussed, if necessary, between all parties present at the time.

Jim Rice
From the AMA Newsletter

CLUB MEMBER MAKES THE EVENING WEATHER FORECAST

As many of you know Norm Hoffman is the weatherman for both channel 35 (Fox) and 46 (CBS) and for several months has solicited digital photographs from viewers which he turn uses as back-ground for his weather reports.

Jack Tossman sent Norm a number of photos of electric planes just prior to our October Electric Fun Fly. Norm used the photo below of Jack's DC-3 at a 5:00 P.M. news slot on KION, Channel 46. Hopefully some of you saw Norm's promo for our event.



SAD NEWS

SAM has received word that Dick Igaz passed away on November 16th. This comes as a shock since it was only on October 27th that he was at the field flying his new Extra. The photo of Dick with his Extra to the right was taken on that day.

Dick was a lover of large aerobatic aircraft and was often at the field on weekends enjoying the hobby. Always friendly and outgoing, Dick was eager to share with the other large scale flyers of the club. He often sought help and

encouragement from Don Meeks and Steve Saulovich.

We also received word from Carolyn Stewart that her husband Bob passed away in May. Bob had been a long time member of SAM, but inactive in recent years. Even though inactive he has continued his membership as an supporting member. Unfortunately, we just received word of Bob's passing.

Paul Sparks passing in April brings our 2007 club losses to three. These losses remind us again that life is tenuous. Our

hearts and prayers go out to the families of these friends and fellow RC modelers.

Your Editor



ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET—DECEMBER 1ST



The annual banquet is scheduled for December 1st at the Landing Zone Restaurant located at the Salinas Airport Terminal. Happy Hour begins at 6:00 P.M. and the dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. There will be a special video presentation of 2007 SAM activities followed by the White Elephant gift exchange led by Santa Jack Jellá.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The November Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President St John. Board members present were Chris Meharg, Jack Jellá, Bob McGregor, John Midgorden, Jim St. John, Dale Oxford. Other club members present at Board Meeting were Chris Thomsen, Dick Moeller, Jonathan Meharg, Malcolm Bruce,

Treasurer Bob McGregor gave a report of the club's finances, both in terms of the checking account and the investment certificate of deposit. The checking account is down quite a bit from last month due to the cost of re-sealing the runway. Bob also reported that the IMAC and IMAA Fall events netted the club \$600.

McGregor also reported that the membership for 2007 now stands at 76, which will probably be the total for this year.

Old Business

1. The question of the annual dues amount was raised and by unanimous consent it was voted to keep the annual dues \$50/year.
2. Chris Thomsen has looked into the weather station options for the field. One option would require a monthly charge for the air card. The approximate cost for just the station is \$700. Chris will contact a fellow to come and talk to the club about the particulars.
3. The secretary was asked to put the airport weather number in the newsletter.
4. The Klimas' have inquired about their Raven. It is assumed that Bill Range still has the model. Bob McGregor will contact Bill to see if we can get it back for Kenny King to paint.

New Business

1. Dale Oxford shared that he was willing to serve on Board again 2008. There for the secretary was requested to add Dale's name to the roster of candidates for the Board.
2. It was agreed that the dinner cost for the December banquet would be \$25/per person. The secretary was to include this cost on the reservation form to be mailed this month.
3. Jim St. John reminded everyone of the Toys for Tots fun fly on Dec 1st. Jack Jellá indicated that the practice over the past several years was to bring two unwrapped gifts, one for a boy and one for a girl.
4. Based on emails received from AMA they will be late getting 2008 membership cards out this Fall.
5. Calendar of Events for 2008 - the IMAC contest is up in the air. The IMAC pilot would like to have the

contest earlier so they can qualify for points for the big IMAC in Tucson, AZ in late Summer.*

6. Bob McGregor shared that he has the spraying guy ready to spray he weeds at the field when it is the right time
7. Field improvements needed include removing the rust on the container and painting needed. There was also talk about doing something to prevent the roof from rusting out like it did on the previous container.

The board meeting was adjourned in preparation for the club meeting.

*Respectfully reported
John Midgorden, Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

The Club meeting was called to order by President Jim St. John at 7:30 P.M. with fourteen members present. Jim shared briefly the action items of the Board meeting.

Show and Tell

Chris Thomsen brought his Global Beaver kit he recently purchased on eBay. He plans to put it on floats.

Program

John Midgorden showed a DVD of Bob Violet's Jet Factory in Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted
John Midgorden, Secretary*

* As a result of Steve Saulovich's negotiations with the IMAC flyers of California, SAM will sponsor a contest at our field on April 5-6, 2008. Club members at the November meeting were in agreement that this was a good idea and this event has been added to the 2008 calendar.

PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE (Continued from Page 1)

I’m sorta behind in getting stuff rolling for the April event, but trust me, folks are working on it already. Raffle prizes are being obtained, the sanction is being worked on, we have several hobby shops wanting to come this year, we’ll even have a helicopter trainer there for folks wanting to give Giant Scale Helos a try. We’ll have food Friday & Saturday evenings and both Saturday and Sunday lunch with coffee and FAT FREE donuts for breakfast. For anyone wanting to eat REAL food for breakfast, I’ll be cooking up something for that, but won’t try promoting it like last year.

We have a list of events for the club available, the roster of officers will be out to you for your voting, and the dinner reservations are getting to you. The dinner will be on 12/1 at The Landing Zone at the Salinas Airport with stuff starting at 6 P.M., dinner at 7 P.M. and our program at 8 P.M. I will be presenting the award for the Outstanding Member of the year again, as many of you have nominated the same person. That person is ??????????!(you need to come to find out!!) We’ll be having a program again highlighting the Year at Chualar provided by

John Midgorden. We’ll have a visit from good ole Saint Nick to get us into our White Elephant gift exchange, for those of you want to partake. It’s even fun just to come watch how WILD our folks in the club can really become.

This is all for this month, but expect 3 pages for next month as we have to get ready for the most SPECTACULAR year of activities the Salinas Area Modelers has EVER seen!

*HAPPY LANDINGS!!!!
Jim “CRASH” St. John.*

2007 was a good year for SAM!
We ended the year
with 76 members!

AMA MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR 2008 MAY BE LATE!

The AMA has notified us that there will be delays in getting our 2008 AMA membership renewals. The following note has been received from the AMA Secretary in Muncie, IN.

Please be advised that due to some last minute additions to the membership card package, the first round of 2008 membership cards will begin mailing around the 1st of November.

This may impact SAM’s renewal process. If you have renewed but don’t receive your card before its time to renew your SAM membership for 2008 indicate you have renewed on your renewal application. Bob McGregor will be able to verify. He will not return your membership card if he can not verify you have renewed your AMA membership



Please write you AMA number on your SAM membership renewal if you don’t have your 2008 AMA card by the time you send in your membership.

2008 SAM CALENDAR



You all received an order blank for the 2008 SAM Calendar in the November mailing election/banquet reservation mailing. I now have a preliminary sample of the calendar and it is really sharp this year. It is bigger, more colorful and many more photos. I will be ordering them following the Banquet December 1st. **Get your order to me on or before that!**

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (FINAL))

January

2 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport

February

6 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport

March

5 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 8 Slope Soaring Seaside
 22 Field Work Day SAM Field

April

2 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 5-6 IMAC Contest SAM Field
 11-13 Float Fly Lake San Antonio
 25-27 Francis Memorial IMAA SAM Field

May

2-4 Float Fly Lake San Antonio
 7 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 18 RudderGate SAM Field

June

4 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 7 Glider Contest SAM Field
 21 Field Work Day SAM Field
 29 RudderGate SAM Field

July

2 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 5 Glider Contest SAM Field
 12 Memorial Fun Fly SAM Field
 27 RudderGate SAM Field

August

6 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 2 Glider Contest SAM Field
 17 RudderGate SAM Field
 22-24 IMAA Fly In SAM Field

September

3 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 19-21 Float Fly Lake San Antonio
 27 Field Work Day SAM Field
 28 RudderGate SAM Field

October

1 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport
 10-12 Float Fly Lake San Antonio
 18 Electric Fun Fly SAM Field
 26 RudderGate SAM Field

November

5 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport

December

6 Toys for Tots Fun Fly SAM Field
 6 Annual Dinner Landing Zone Restaurant



Terry Gansberger's FW 190
 The model flies superbly and will soon show up at the field decked out in its official WW II colors



Photos from the October
Electric Fun Fly

by Bob McGregor



*SAM Board members wish all SAM members
and their families a joyous Holiday Season.*



Runway Resurfacing
and Stripping



GLOW PLUG PROBLEMS

Today’s glow plugs are well made products and they should give you good service. Although the life of a glow plug is unpredictable, you should reasonably expect a dozen or more flights out of one. It’s always best to follow the manufacturer’s specific glow plug recommendations, but if you have an engine that seems to eat glow plugs, the probability is that it is suffering from one of the following three causes:

Overheating: A glow plug coil will melt if it gets too hot. Reasons why this happens vary. Sometimes the combination of running an engine wide open with a lean setting before you take the glow plug heater off is too much for the element. Quite often people use a power panel which has a built-in surge feature, which sometimes results in a momentary over-voltage to the plug when the power is first switched on. When a glow plug fails because of overheating, the end of the element wire has a tear drop shape at the break. Sometimes a microscope is needed to see this affect.

Vibration: If the engine is soft mounted the element is shaken from side to side with tremendous force. This literally fatigues the metal until it breaks. When you look at the end of the element wire break through a microscope it has a jagged, rough type appearance. The only solution is to increase the rigidity of your engine mount.

Shockwave: Most model engines use a steel or brass liner mounted on top of a cast aluminum case. As the engine gets older, the liner flange works its way down into the case and lowers the head with it. When the piston clearance gets too low the increase in compression forces air out of the squish band area with supersonic velocity and the action on the glow plug elements is like when a jet plane zooms over your house and knocks out the windows. The cure here is to raise the head with another head gasket.

Less often reasons why glow plugs sometime fail are:

1. Cranking the engine when it’s flooded sprays raw fuel onto the plug and the droplets beat the element over to the side of the housing where is shorts out.
2. Another problem that occasionally occurs is that engines sometimes wear abnormally, causing a crankshaft to crack, bearings to fail, or a connecting rod to chew metal off the crank pin. Of course, when this metal goes up and deposits on the plug element, the plug burns out.

From the Camarillo Flying Circus, Camarillo, CA

TIPS & TRICKS

Got fuel-soaked balsa?

Fuel leak from the fuel tank all over the tank compartment? If so I have the solution! First, remove the fuel tank if able. Next, try to dry as much as possible. When finished, get some regular corn starch

and dump it in the compartment and leave for 24-48 hours. After that, dump out the excess (if able) or use the vacuum cleaner. You will probably have corn starch stuck on the balsa where the fuel was. Just push the tank in and take it back out and use the vacuum to get the rest out. If it is still damp reapply the corn starch for another 24 hours. Repeat as you feel necessary. Yes, there are other methods to use but I have found this one to be best.

Reinstalling the fuel tank with motor installed

Have you ever tried to run those pesky fuel lines through the tiny hole in the firewall while the motor is installed and you got a headache? Well here is your aspirin! If you have any old pushrods or old bent landing gear lying around, straighten them as best you can and route them through the front of the firewall to the radio compartment. Then hook your fuel lines onto the wire and pull the wire out of the firewall. Easy huh?

Reducing glitch

Use shrink or silicon tubing on metal parts such as throttle and linkages to reduce minimum glitching.

—all tips and tricks courtesy of Jim's RC.com



Jack Jellá Flying his Electric Stick



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SAM AMA Club Charter #1554

Calendar

Dec 1-2

Toys for Tots	SAM Field
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Dec 1

Annal Banquet	Landing Zone
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Jan 2

Board & Club Meeting	Landing Zone
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Annual Banquet

6:00 P.M. Happy Hour
 7:00 P.M. Dinner
 8:00 P.M. Program and White
 Elephant Gift Exchange



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