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**HOW'S THAT?** A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?" Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

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**President Says!.....**

The annual Christmas Season dinner at the Elks Lodge signaled the end of another year of SAM activity and fellowship and the promise of a new year to come. The promise comes in the form of the re-election of the same slate of officers and board members that have been building the club in 2003. I'm confident that I speak for all the officers and board members when I say we will do our best to fulfill our duties for the good of all the members. If you have problems with the way things are going or if you have suggestions, please let me or one of your officers know.



President John

The proposed calendar for 2004 is presented in this newsletter on page 3. Although it may be subject to a few changes as we go along, it represents the input that I have received from a number of you over the past several months. It pretty much duplicates the activities from last year with a few exceptions. The September Float Fly has been eliminated because those who go down and camp for the weekend find the weather too hot to enjoy. SAM will not be hosting another SCAT aerobatic contest in 2004, but there has been some interest in providing an IMAC contest. However, there is no commitment or date for this activity. There is still the possibility of another electric contest, but no date has been set.

I understand that many of you have yet to receive your 2004 AMA membership cards. Because of Muncie's slowness, we will have to delay changing the gate combination until you have had opportunity to renew your dues. We will post the effective date of the new gate combination on the board at the flying field.

It takes a goodly number of dedicated folk to run a volunteer organization like SAM. I am deeply appreciative of the officers and board members who have performed their tasks this past year with expertise and enthusiasm. There have also been a goodly number of other club members who have also provided time and energy to making this past year successful. Please note my reflections on 2003 on page 5 of this newsletter. Thanks to the many who make SAM a wonderful organization to belong to.

Lets make 2004 another banner year for SAM.

John Midgorden, President 2004

## Minutes of December Meeting

By Dick Moeller

The December meeting of SAM was held in conjunction with the Holiday Banquet. The election results were announced. The four incumbent officers were re-elected:

President: **John Midgorden**  
 Vice President: **Dave Florence**  
 Secretary: **Dick Moeller**  
 Treasurer: **Bob McGregor**

The Board of Directors from last year were also re-elected:

**Malcolm Beety**  
**Bob Francis**  
**Dave Roth**

The dinner was very good and the white elephant exchange was a **blast!** And as usual, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

## FOR SALE

LANIER, 540T with 4.6 Twin and six JR4721 Servos. Includes brand new Wing Bags, **Ready to Fly!** \$2000. Call **Gary Pozzi** @ 831.385.5871.

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Collector of large scale model airplanes desires to purchase large scale radio controlled model aircraft. Prefer WWII style airplanes but will look at all. Top Prices Paid.

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## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Lost an article or picture from SAM's newsletter that you wish you had kept? Thanks to **Bob Dooley** our "Webmaster" you can now look up the back issues of "Sam Says" on our website. Just go to:

[www.redshift.com/~modeler](http://www.redshift.com/~modeler)

## INVERTED FLIGHT

From the newsletter of the Low Country R/C Fliers Club

You have mastered flying right side up, or so you think. Your next challenge is to fly upside down. While not required for all, knowing how to fly inverted could save your airplane.

I remember the first time I flew an airplane with flaps. After a brief takeoff with full flaps, my model started to loop & was on its way back to the ground. Since the flaps were new to me, I didn't realize what kind of effect they would have on the aircraft. I was even less familiar with the flap knob so I was not able to make a correction using it. My solution was to stop the loop by flying the airplane inverted while I cleared my mind & readjusted the flaps. Flying inverted can save your airplane in many other instances, such as when your model drops from a hover or when you are not able to complete that low pass loop.

So, how do you do it? It's easy. When inverted, two of your controls – the elevator and the rudder – will feel like they are reversed. The ailerons will feel this & turn the airplane in the same direction as if it were flying right side up.

The easiest way to learn to fly inverted is by starting a loop (make sure you are at least 200 feet up for safety). When you reach the top of the loop, try to keep flying while inverted, like an immelman without the roll. This will require you to apply down elevator (stick away from you) and steer/maintain level flight with your ailerons. Note that you will apply down elevator to raise the airplane's nose and up elevator to bring the nose down (opposite of what you've already learned). If you feel uncomfortable, just pull on your elevator and complete the loop.

Once you can hold the airplane steady for a while, use your ailerons to fly it like you would during regular flight. Fly a pattern around and do some figure eights. When you feel comfortable with this, you can start to use the rudder to make your coordinated turns, but remember that now the rudder acts opposite what it does when you're flying right side up. From there, it is up to you to see how many maneuvers you can accomplish while inverted – loops, snaps, spins, etc.

You can also perform a half roll to get your airplane inverted, but I do not recommend that when you are starting out since there is a greater loss of altitude involved if you make a mistake.

Happy Flying!!



## SALINAS AREA MODELERS 2004 Event Calendar



### JANUARY

7 Board/Club Meeting Salinas

### FEBRUARY

4 Board/Club Meeting Salinas

### MARCH

3 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
7 Glider Fly Los Banos

### APRIL

3 Glider Fly Los Banos (Saturday)  
7 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
23-25 Giant Scale Fun Fly SAM Field

### MAY

2 Glider Fly Los Banos  
5 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
14-16 Float Fly Lake San Antonio  
23 Rudder gate SAM Field (not last Sunday)

### JUNE

2 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
5 Glider Contest SAM Field  
27 Rudder gate SAM Field

### JULY

3 Glider Contest SAM Field  
7 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
10-11 Memorial Fun-Fly SAM Field  
25 Rudder gate SAM Field

### AUGUST

4 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
7 Glider Contest SAM Field  
29 Rudder gate SAM Field

### SEPTEMBER

1 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
3-6 IMAA Mini Festival SAM Field  
26 Rudder gate SAM Field

### OCTOBER

6 Board/Club Meeting Salinas  
8-10 Float Fly Lake San Antonio

### NOVEMBER

3 Board/Club Meeting Salinas

### DECEMBER

4-5 Toys for Tots SAM Field  
4 Annual Dinner Meeting To be announced

**CUT OUT AND HANG IN YOUR SHOP TODAY!**

### MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Now Available  
Check the Website or call:  
Bob McGregor, 422.3049

#### RENEW EARLY!

We need to get the roster finished & sent to you.

### SAFETY RULES #8 & 9

Do not occupy a pilot box except to fly. Re-  
move plane & equipment when not flying.  
Use Narrow band transmitters only.

Well, there SHOULD  
Be a category and a  
national event for it!!





# HERE'S SAM IN 2003



CAN'T WAIT TO SEE "2004"!

## Reflections on 2003

, by John Midgorden

The following reflections highlight the good things that happened under the SAM banner during 2003.

1. Twelve months of a wonderful **Newsletter**. A special thanks to **Darlene Francis** for her expert on-time every month job! Also, thanks to **Bob Dooley** for assisting Darlene in the transition of providing the **Newsletter** on-line since July.
2. A new **Website** designed and updated by **Bob Dooley**. Thanks, Bob, for your expertise and skill.
3. The three **Glider Contests** orchestrated by **Malcolm Beety**. Thanks Malcolm for all your work, including the reactivation of the power winch.
4. A successful Spring **Quarter Scale Fly In** spearheaded by **Bob Francis**. Thanks, Bob, for making this event available to the many friends of SAM in Northern California.
5. A special thanks to **Dale Oxford** for arranging for the three **Float Flies** at Lake San Antonio and for the difficult task of carting the recovery boat back and forth. Not to mention the very difficult task of assembling the pesky inflatable.
6. SAM lost another of its valuable members this past year, **Jim Gillott**. It is very appropriate and touching that SAM remembers these fallen Rcers in our annual **Memorial Fun Fly**. **Jack Jella** does such a great job maintaining these remembrances! Thanks from all of us, Jack.
7. SAM sponsored a second **SCAT Aerobatic Contest** in 2003. Thanks for all those who helped in the food shack on both days. This event was an easy money maker for the club.
8. The **IMAA Mini Festival** Labor Day Weekend was successful in that we had an increase in flyers and the net income from the event was the largest in the seven years of this event. Thanks to all who made this so successful: **Darlene Francis** for registration, **Bob Francis and Howard Power** for safety inspections, **Dale Oxford** for the PA system, **Les and Shirley Florence** for the BBQ cookout, and all those who helped in the food shack and cleanup.
9. A special thanks to all those who cooked and helped with the set up and cleanup of the many **Rudder-gate** pot-lucks. A special thanks to **Chuck and Ginny Bosso** for their very memorable Rudder-gate in June.
10. Thanks to **Malcolm Beety and Malcolm Bruce** the flying site has been well cared for this past year. And thanks to **Bob McGregor** for arranging the contractor for the runway's resurfacing in August, in time for the Mini Festival.
11. A special thanks to **Dolores Slater** for frequently providing coffee for the "over the hill gang" that flies on Thursdays. **Dolores and Doris Bruce** also deserve our thanks for their help in setting up and cleaning up at our many Rudder-gates.
12. Monthly club meetings were made interesting by the **Programs** provided by **Bob Francis, Jack Jella, Don Loughridge, Howard Power and Alan Brown**.
13. **Jack Jella** also deserves our thanks for coordinating the **Youth Flying Seminar**, the **Toys for Tots** fly in and making

sure there were appropriate **condiments** for the Rudder-gates. 14. SAM's participation in the **Quail Lodge** static show was excellent, thanks to **Walt Newman's** efforts and those who displayed their models.

15. The club's first **electric contest** was hampered by "not-so-good" weather. But those who participated had a good time. Thanks go to **Howard Power** for the inspiration and effort to put on this event.

As all can see, 2003 was a good year, full of a wide variety of activities and events. If I have forgotten to thank someone, it is simply because I didn't remember. Please don't take offense. I haven't left anyone out on purpose. Thanks to all who made 2003 another good year for SAM!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

January 15TH

Send me all your news, pictures and  
"For Sale" items.

Darlene, 831.688.6283 or email: francis@got.net

## SUGGESTED COMPUTER RADIO FUNCTIONS

By Robert Osorio

PPM	Please Press Me
PCM	Please Crash Me
FLPR	Flaps Loose, Prepare for Release
RFL	Rudder Flapping Loose
RGOG	Retract Gear On Ground
EPBBC	Eject Pilot Bust Before Crash
TMGR	This Makes it Go Right
TFMS	Try & Fly Me Stupid
SYTS	So You Think So?
EAM	Erase All Memory
DTOB	Don't Take Out the Battery
TBMC	This Button Makes it Crash
TLS	Turn Left Stupid
GRQM	Get off Runway Quick Mode
MBC	Make a Big Crater
TRTR	Turn Right! Turn Right!
FBBF	Fry Buddy Box Function
SDE	Shoot Down Everybody
DUH	(I think you can figure this one out yourselves)

From The Flying Penguin, Robert Osorio, editor

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2004**  
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, January 7, 2004**  
6:30pm  
Salinas Recreation Center

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