

June Glider Contest in May



No we didn't get mixed up. We really did have our June glider contest in May. Due to the shifting of the calendar because of the poor weather in April. The April float fly was rescheduled to the June weekend originally scheduled for the June glider contest.

As you can see from the photo we had eight gliders and nine pilots. We actually had nine gliders as well. Jack Jellá graciously brought another glider out of his van when two guys lost their gliders to landing accidents. Jim Green broke his wing at the center joint and Bob McGregor did a number on his Spirit when the vertical fin hit the limbo line and it went in nose first.

The guys who began flying Jack's backup glider liked the way it flew so well that everyone wanted to fly Jack's backup glider.

Several intrepid glider pilots were "lucky" to launch during moments of thermals and put in some decent times. As in previous contests, an additional 30 seconds was added to the flight duration time if you flew under the limbo line on landing. This trick proves to be tricky, especially after the wind came up and gliders couldn't penetrate the wind good enough to get back to the limbo line.

The top three winners in order of finish were Randy McGregor, Jack Jellá, and Malcolm Bruce. See more photos on page 5.

By your Editor



President Says



HEY Y'ALL, IT'S TIME!

That's right, another month has passed and we've seen another float-fly and another glider fly go off into the wind. On the 21st of this month will be the FIRST RudderGate of the year, with the Bosso's creating a SPECTACULAR feast for us to enjoy!

At the last club meeting we kicked around some thoughts and ideas on why our events have had a low turnout the last two years. We will try a few new ideas for upcoming events and revise the events for next year to see if we can't get more of the folks off the couches and into the air! We did have one member that wrote a very detailed letter following the April Bob Francis Memorial event that will not be enclosed, but a lot of what he wrote will be used to attempt to get the activity going again.

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PRESIDENT SAYS (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

The Salinas Area Modelers was built with friendship and common interests as the motive to be formed. There were just a few enthusiasts that created the club, and over the years we've had increased membership, declines, lost MANY good friends to passing on; have seen lost fields and flooded fields, have endured minor damages and now a break-in to the container. BUT THE ONE THING THAT THIS CLUB HAS DONE THE BEST OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS IS TO HAVE SURVIVED! We've lost some very influential members of the hobby as they have moved onto the Great Landing Strip in the Sky. We still honor these great people, and we shall continue to honor them by keeping the BEST and STRONGEST CLUB IN CALIFORNIA together as one big happy family!

Which leads me to asking you, my brothers and sisters, if you're reading this and are NOT active in the club, WHY NOT! We know there are some that have work challenges (like me) that can't get to events too often, some that have health challenges, some with family challenges. So if you can't make events, weekends or the monthly meeting, why not write an article over ANYTHING related to the club and send it for the newsletter. How you got started in the club, an event in the past that got you excited, how you got into the hobby, an upcoming activity that you want to share with us. We want to hear from ALL of the members.

Our club meetings are open to all the members, we have a great time. Great refreshments, hot coffee or cold soda, SUPER FANTASTIC presentations from Alan Brown, other members bringing their projects and ideas to improve the field. We're having a lot of fun without you, but we'd rather have it WITH you there!

Lastly I want to remind ALL of you about the club's 30th Birthday party on July 30th at the field. We will have lunch catered at no cost to the members and their families. There will be lots of flying, some static displays, the club photo albums will be there, there will be some videos shown, and a lot of associating with each other. I'm hoping we can take a few minutes at the lunch break to allow those wanting to share with us some memories of the past years. I think everyone attending will leave with happiness for being there.

WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY LANDINGS!

Jim "CRASH" St. John, President

The April 2006 Club meeting was called to order by President Jim St. John at 7:30 PM at the Landing Zone Restaurant back room (in the Salinas Airport Terminal Building). There were thirteen members present and one guest, Bill Rains. Bill has been out of the hobby for a few years and is getting back in and wants to join SAM. Treasurer Bob McGregor gave the financial report. Bob also made copies of the latest roster for those interested.

Old Business

Container: Jack Jellá asked about progress toward replacing the container at the field. Bob McGregor is checking into prices for a replacement. It is estimated that we lost \$3,000 worth of equipment in the break in.

Runway: Malcolm Beety brought up the poor condition of the runway with cracks and holes, especially along the northern edges. Although something will need to be done, no definitive action was taken.

30th Anniversary Celebration: Jack Jellá reported that Merle O'Grady will not be willing to cook the meet for our anniversary. It was agreed to go with the fellow in Hollister who had been contacted by President St. John earlier. Jim was to contact him and make the necessary arrangements.

Fighter Factory Tour: Jack explained the procedure for attending the June 10th tour of the fighter factory tour at the Salinas airport. All interested are to be at the factory at 10 AM for about a 3 hour tour. All those interested will also have lunch at the Landing Zone following the tour.

Radio for Cindy Miller: Midgorden reported that he had purchased a 6-channel JR computer radio to give to Cindy Miller. Cindy had made contact with a budding RCer while she was on a medical mission to the Philippines. The Board had agreed to buy a new radio instead to putting together a used set, given all Cindy has done for the club since her husband passed away.

Club Field Lease: Midgorden reported that he thinks he finally has all the necessary insurance forms to the county for extending the lease.

New Business**May Calendar of Activities:**

Float Fly—May 5-7

Glider Contest—May 13

Ruddergate—May 21 (Bossos cooking—bring salads)

Future Ruddergates: There is still the need for cooks to sign up for the future Ruddergates. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the field.

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Show and Tell:

MINUTES OF THE MAY CLUB MEETING

Jim St. John brought the fuselage of his quarter scale cub as a progress report.

Program

Alan Brown gave a lecture based on the two articles that have been in the last two issues of the newsletter dealing with airfoils and tails.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully, John Midgorden, Secretary

was a lot of “stick sharing” as almost everybody flew airplanes other than their own. I guess that is one thing that makes it so fun.

If you have never been to a float fly I would encourage you to get a set of floats for one of your airplanes and come join us. It is really a blast and is easier than flying off the runway, and you have almost unlimited landing area. We would certainly like to get more participation at

the floats flies, even if it is just for the day on Saturday. But it would certainly be nice to have more weekend campers. We have a lot of fun!

Hope to see you many of you at the next float fly on June 2-4!

by Bob McGregor



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FLOAT FLY

The May float fly was a huge success. The weather could not have been better, the lake was full and the company was great as usual. I don't think there has ever been so much water in the lake during a float fly. According to the Ranger the lake was 98% full. It did put you closer to the trees during approaches to landing, but no airplanes got grabbed by the trees.



Weekend campers included Dale and Joanne Oxford, Malcolm Beety, Gary and Barbara Sobak and Bob and Randy McGregor. Terry and Mary Jane Gansberger and a friend were there Friday overnight through Saturday. On Saturday Dick Moeller, Malcolm Bruce, Dennis Stanley and Kyle Matthew showed up for the day. Airplanes were in the air all day long—and would you believe nobody had a mishap that damaged an airplane!

Dick Moeller brought his PBY and everyone was impressed when one engine quit with Malcolm Beety flying it and he managed to fly it around the pattern and made a successful landing. After that we had to show Malcolm a little more respect—something he seldom gets! Randy had a ball flying his Ultra-Stick Lite 120, the ¼ scale Cub and anybody else's airplane he could get his hands on—especially Gary's Bingo. He also brought his little E-Flite helicopter to fly when the air was still. There

For more photos of all the float fly action see Page 7



Monthly Meeting Place

The monthly SAM Board and Club meets at the Landing Zone Restaurant located at the Salinas Airport Terminal Building.

A number of us meet at 5:30 PM for dinner at the restaurant—Come join the fun!

Board meets at 6:30 PM and the club meets at 7:30 PM. All are welcome for both meetings!

SAM 2006 Calendar

June		
2-4	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
7	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
10	Fighter Factory Tour	Salinas Airport
24	Field Work Day	SAM Field
25	RudderGate	SAM Field
July		
5	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
8	Glider Contest	SAM Field
15	Memorial Fun Fly	SAM Field
30	30th SAM Birthday Bash	SAM Field
August		
2	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
5	Glider Contest	SAM Field
27	RudderGate	SAM Field
September		
6	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
9-10	IMAC Contest	SAM Field
23	Field Work Day	SAM Field
24	RudderGate	SAM Field
October		
4	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
6-8	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
21	Electric Fun Fly	SAM Field
29	RudderGate	SAM Field
November		
1	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
December		
2	Toys for Tots Fun Fly	SAM Field
2	Annual Dinner	Landing Zone Restaurant

Date Change for June Glider Contest
 From Saturday the 1st to
Saturday the 8th!

Newsletter Deadline
 June 15, 2006
 Send your contributions to:
<http://www.jomidg@earthlink.net>

June Club Meeting Program

Do you want to know about the Spread Spectrum technology that is the future of our hobby? The club has received an introduction to the DSM 2.4 GHz Spread Sectrum radio system currently being sold by Horizon Hobbies.

This is a 45 minute presentation that we will be viewing at the June Meeting. Dennis Stanley has one of these new radio systems and talked some about it at a club meeting a couple of months ago.

Since this is the wave of the future don't miss this meeting. At this point the Horizon system is only for small models. Come and find out Horizon's plans for larger models.

Don't Forget! The Fighter Factory Tour on June 10th

Time: 10 AM-1 PM
 Where: Salinas Airport
 Lunch afterwards at the Landing
 Zone Restaurant



May 13th Glider Contest



B-17G Visits Salinas



Now This is a Model Airplane!



May 5-7 Lake San Antonio Float Fly

Photos by Bob McGregor and Malcolm Beety



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This Month's Events

June 2-4

Float Fly Lake San Antonio

June 7

March Board Meeting 6:30 PM

March Club Meeting 7:30 PM

June 10

Fighter Factory Tour Salinas Airport

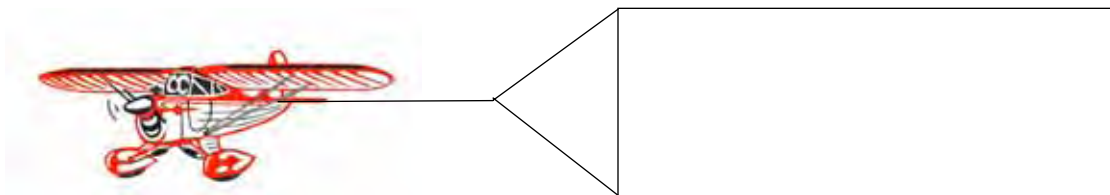
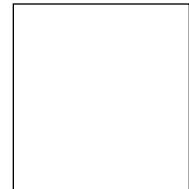
June 24

Field Work Day SAM Field

June 25

Rudder gate SAM Field

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