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President Says . . .

This is REALLY gonna be a short article this month. Spent the weekend out at the Bob Francis Memorial Fun-Fly. WE HAD A BLAST! There was a smaller than anticipated turn-out, but we had a great time. Had 18 pilots and around 30 planes that people brought out. Some had more planes in their trailer or vehicle, but didn't bring them out, all due to the weather. Had 16 or 18 folks for the dinner, and that was good in that there were no leftovers. John Midgorden did the most FABULOUS job in cooking the Tri-Tip! PLUS, we made some good money on the event. But you need to come to the next meeting to find out how much we made, or wait for the next month's newsletter.

I'm sorry to say I will not be at the May meeting due to a family challenge. So there will not be coffee or cookies, but just some GREAT fun and some fabulous Show & tell stuff. There will be some topics to discuss so still be sure to come.

Until next time, HAPPY LANDINGS!
CRASH St. John, your Captan on this flight

ps: I did get to fly two good flights today, so I'M BACK!

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SALINAS AREA MODELERS * Club Meeting Minutes * March 2, 2005

President Jim St. John called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 11 members present. Bob McGregor's treasurer's report indicated that the club is financially sound with good balances in both the checking account and the certificate of deposit. Jim asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes printed in the newsletter. None were offered and they were declared approved as printed.

Old Business

1. Some members are not getting the newsletter or having difficulty downloading it.
ACTION ITEM: Bob McGregor to send Doug Raarup the latest roster which includes the email addresses of those who have them.
2. It was noted that the shed has still not been repaired from Dave Stoick's crash. Malcolm Beety shared that he was negotiating with Walt Newman to do the carpentry work and that Dave Stoick was still going to repaint the entire building.
3. St. John reported that the DG had been delivered and that he could arrange for more if we needed it.

New Business:

1. Midgorden reported that the Club's charter is up for renewal and that there is an AMA requirement that we provide a name for safety officer for them to communicate safety information with. Jack Jella volunteered to be the contact person. There is also the need to provide AMA with the latitude/longitude numbers for the field.
ACTION ITEM: Bob Dooley has the equipment and will take the reading and email the numbers to Midgorden.
2. Midgorden asked for help with the April 22-24 Bob Francis Memorial Fun Fly. There will be a Saturday night BBQ and lunches served on both Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers from the meeting were:
 - a. Saturday noon food shack – Malcolm Beety and Malcolm Bruce
 - b. Safety inspections – Alan Brown
 - c. Condiments – Jack Jella
 - d. Ice – Bob McGregor
 - e. ACTION ITEM: Midgorden will prepare a list of jobs to be filled and post at the field.
3. Jim St. John announced that he has negotiated with the owner of Hobby World in Gilroy for a 10% discount for SAM club members. Just show your club membership card. The address is 6901 Monterey Road, Gilroy.

Show and Tell

1. Dick Moeller showed the following:
 - a. Liquid electrician tape
 - b. Pictures of the San Diego electric model event he attended
2. Malcolm Beety showed the fuselage of the Bird of Time ARF he recently purchased at Howard Power's going-out-of-business sale. His purpose was to show how poorly some of the areas are glued. Bob McGregor shared his recent experience with no glue in his Hanger 9 Ultra Lite Stick.
3. Alan Brown brought a book about secret British airplane projects during WW II. He also showed an electric model of a 1925 light aircraft competition 35 hp Bristol Brown. It hasn't flown yet.

Program

Bob Dooley set up his computer and demonstrated the Great Planes G3 Flight Simulator. Several in the group had their hand at trying to fly the simulator. It was great fun and very interesting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Midgorden, Secretary

SALINAS AREA MODELERS * Club Meeting Minutes * April 6, 2005

President Jim St. John called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM with ten members present. Bob McGregor's treasurer's report indicated that the \$1,000 memorial gift from Cindy Miller is in the checking account, but it will be put in the investment account soon. Bob also mentioned that he had paid the annual lease to the county for our use of the flying site.

Midgorden failed to get the March meeting minutes to the newsletter editor. The group agreed to approve the minutes as written (unseen).

Old Business:

1. Midgorden reported that the AMA has granted the club a charter for 2005.
2. Bob Dooley reported on his work to get the club clothing ordering back under control. He has contacted the business owner in Cannery Row that Dave Roth had been using before his move last year. Bob is now in a position to take orders for clothing.
3. Midgorden reported on the progress of a couple of his student pilots.
4. Jim St. John reported that the board had taken action to change the IMAC contest weekend to August 6-7 due to a conflict with the June date that would have limited the number of pilots considerably.
5. Dale Oxford reported that, although his article didn't get printed in the newsletter this month, the float fly, scheduled for this coming weekend, is on and the rangers are ready for us to come.
6. Midgorden reported that he is filling the job positions for the Bob Francis Memorial Fun fly, scheduled for the last weekend in April (22-24).

New Business:

1. Malcolm Beety moved that the club purchase a water pump to clear off the runway after the rain. Malcolm Bruce has found such a device that will operate in as little as 1/8 inch of water for under \$100. The motion was seconded and approved.

Show and Tell:

1. Malcolm Beety brought the rudder from his Decathlon that he had covered with coverall and dope. He also showed the new bungy high start that he had ordered from Hobby Lobby. Malcolm indicated that he was going to try it out the next morning at the field.
2. Bob Dooley brought his Harrier 3-D ARF by Seagull which is about ready for its maiden flight.

Program:

Alan Brown presented a lecture, including Q&A, on flaps and glider wings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Midgorden, Secretary

SAM Club Events for April and May

May	4	Board/club Meeting	Salinas
	13-15	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
	22	RudderGate	SAM Field
	27-30	West Coast Festival	Atwater, CA
June	1	Board/club Meeting	Salinas
	4-5	IMAC Contest	SAM Field
	11	Glider Contest	SAM Field



Note: This event has been rescheduled to Aug. 6-7

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

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.
June	4-5	29 th Annual Dan Sullivan Scale Contest @ Ukiah Prop Busters,
	4-5	Pattern @ Lone, CA.
	*4-5	IMAC @ Salinas Area Modelers, Salinas, CA. Rescheduled to Aug. 6-7
	10-12	13 th Annual NorCal Regional Float Fly @ NorCal R/C Unlimited Flyers, Red Bluff, CA
	11	T-34 Triangle Series @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.
	12	All Scale Contest @ Vaca-Valley R/C, Vacaville, CA.
	18	Pattern @ SAM, Sacramento, CA.
	18-19	IMAC @ Whittier, CA.
	25	Giant Scale Fly-In @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA.
	25-26	Q-500/ QM-40 @ Sepulveda Basin, CA.
26	2nd Annual Bee Fly-In @ Delta Valley Modelers, Stockton, CA.	

June 1 will be the last monthly meeting to be held at the Salinas Recreation Center on Lincoln. As you all know by now the City of Salinas is beset with financial problems (regardless of how they got there) and will be closing the Rec Center the end of June (and you thought it was just libraries!). The search for a new meeting place took one phone call. **Beginning July 6** we will be meeting in the upstairs room of the Salinas Municipal Airport terminal building. The room is right above the restaurant (where we held our Christmas party, for those of you who attended). If you face the building from the parking lot the exterior stairway entrance is on the left (northeast) side of the building. The downside is it does require climbing stairs. The upside – it's free! See you at the airport in July.

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KITS FOR SALE

I HAVE BEEN PACKING AROUND A NUMBER OF KITS, SOME FOR AS MANY AS 25 YEARS, AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND A GOOD HOME FOR THEM. ALTHOUGH I KNOW WE NOW LIVE IN THE AGE OF ARFs, IF ANY OF YOU IN THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GO AT A REAL LIVE BUILD-IT-YOURSELF TYPE KIT, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE. OR THERE MAYBE SOME OF YOU, LIKE ME, WHO COLLECT KITS, PARTICULARLY OLDER ONES.

<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ENGINE SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
GLOBAL	CUTLAS 45	SCALE	.45 TO .60	\$50.00
GREAT PLANES	SUPER SKYBOLT	SCALE BIPE	0.6	\$75.00
ACE	CAP 21	SEMI-SCALE	.06 TO .075	\$15.00
CARL GOLDBERG	EAGLET 50	TRAINER	0.25	\$10.00
JACK STAFFORD	EAA ACRO SPORT	SCALE BIPE	0.6	\$75.00
MIDWEST	LIVewire BEERCAT	TRAINER BIPE	.40 TO .50	\$75.00
MIDWEST	CORSAIR 40	SPORT SCALE	.40 TO .50	\$50.00
MIDWEST	ZERO 40	SPORT SCALE	.40 TO .50	\$50.00
SIG	NINJA	GLIDER		\$20.00
ACE	TIGERKITTEN	SPORT	ELECTRIC	\$20.00

YOU CAN COME AND INSPECT THESE KITS AT MY HOME, OR I CAN BRING THEM TO THE FIELD. GIVE ME A CALL OR EMAIL ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

JOHN MIDGORDEN * 831-633-4026 * JOMIDG@EARTHLINK.NET

Bob Francis Memorial Fun Fly A Success!

Although the weather was somewhat threatening on Saturday, those who stayed away for fear of rain need not have worried. Eighteen pilots did pay the landing fee and enjoyed a good weekend of camaraderie, food and flying. SAM members made up 44% of the flyers. I wish more of you had participated in honoring Bob Francis.

The lunch crews did an outstanding job with chili hot dogs on Saturday and cheeseburgers on Sunday. The Saturday BBQ was a big success, with some of the long-time participants from the Bay Area indicating it was the "best yet." If you missed Ken Robbers' patriotic flight demonstration, you missed quite a show (see the picture of his Newport towing the American Flag).

We were blessed to have Bob's wife, Darlene, with us on Saturday. It is a joy to have Bob's son, Joe, a regular part of our membership and activities. Airtronics donated a nice computer radio which was raffled off on Saturday evening at the dinner.

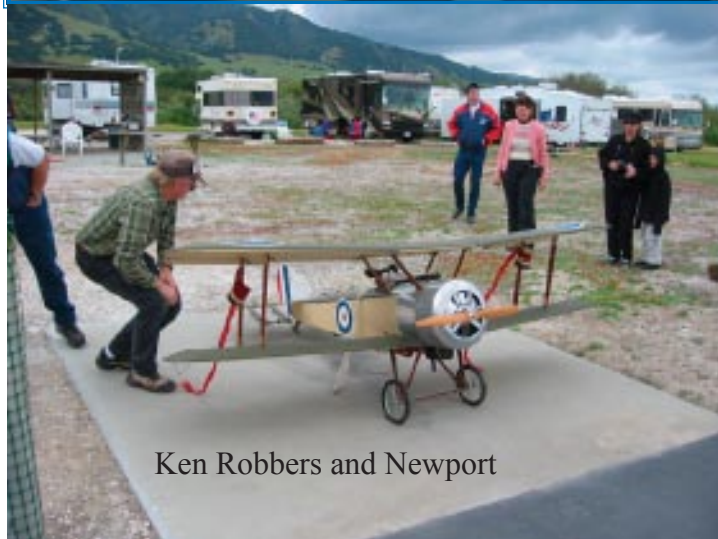
Thanks to all of you who helped make this event a great success! All our out-of-town participants are expecting a repeat of this event next year.



Darlene, Chantel and Joe Francis having lunch



Jim Giffin (AMA) with lots of help



Ken Robbers and Newport



Mobil hanger and guys from the Central Valley

Don Loughridge and Floater



Moeller and Falcon



Randy Rescuing a Cub

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Next Club Meetings

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 7:30 pm
Wednesday, June 1, 2005 7:30 pm

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