



SAM Says

Lots of Watts at 2nd Annual Electric Fun Fly



The Second Annual Electric Fun Fly was even better than the 2004 event. Although we didn't get an official count, there were more than twenty participants. Most brought more than one airplane and some had as many as six.

Although the field was socked in with fog earlier on, the sun came out and the day was perfect for small electrics—no wind until afternoon.

The show stoppers were Bob McReynold's ornithopter (see launch above) and Alan Brown's Pterodactyl. See page 5 for a sequence of photos of Alan's takeoff, flight and landing. More photos are on page 4.

The flying was fast and furious with as many as six airplanes in the air at once. The breadth of size and types was exceptional. From small park flyers, to 3-D foamies, to cameral carrying giants.

Gary Pozzi donated two foamy electric kits that were raffled off after lunch. Thanks Gary, the raffle added a nice touch to the fun. The winners were Fred Baker and Malcolm Bruce.

Dick Moeller and Jim St. John did the cooking with a choice of hamburgers or hot dogs. The club provided the lunch, which was greatly appreciated by all, especially our guests. Who said there wasn't a free lunch?

With electric power becoming so popular this event promises to grow in interest and attendance in the future. The fact that fourteen of the pilots were SAM members speaks to how much interest there is in electric flight within our own club.

Thanks to Jack Jellá for directing this very successful event.

by SAM Says Editor

President Says



HEY FOLKS! It's time for CRASH to land and write some inspiring stuff again.

To update you all on the Hobby Shop situation; SRS Hobbies in Salinas wants to work with us to build up their inventory to allow us more flexibility with our needs. Show your club membership card and get a 10% discount on all products EXCEPT sale items and on fuel.

Hobby World in Gilroy is the same basic story, with them wanting you folks to go tell them what you need them to stock. Hobby World also has a shop in San Jose, so if you need something to pick up in Gilroy, they can try to coordinate getting it from their other store.

Also willing to help us out is Capitola Hobbies in Capitola. They don't have much in big stuff, but they deal in mainly electrics, trainers and 4 cycle stuff. But I was told they can order just about anything you need.

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And of course we all know about Sheldon's Hobbies in San Jose. Sheldon's is the Wal*mart of hobby shops, but they are in San Jose and with gas at \$2.75+ per gallon, we all need to take advantage of the FABULOUS offer of the local shops to give us a discount. You guys need to help them work with us, and then we will have all the support locally that we need.

I know others are putting in articles about the October Float-Fly, but I need to thank those of you that helped me get my Falcon 56 in the air. The OS 48 Surpass in it hasn't been run for maybe 8 years. After 4 attempts to keep it running in the air, I took the needle valves out and blew the lines clean with the fuel pump. Got some nasty looking snot out of the carb. Moral of the story is: test run your engine before trying to have fun. But I will say that the last attempt got it running fine and I was having a blast! There was a bunch of folks there on Saturday, and all seemed to be flying and having a blast! Of course the "Hot Dog" of the day was Randy McGregor! That "kid" can really fly, but a lot of the credit goes to the terrific builder/mechanic he has.

LASTLY, I want to encourage you to go out and help others when they are starting their planes, ESPECIALLY if they are new to the club. I remember my early days at flying RC, we ALWAYS had a spotter to assist us in holding the plane and watching the traffic with us. Now, I see a lot of you folks flying alone. This hobby is full of good people, and I feel this is one of the BEST clubs in the country! Let's get back into helping the other guy.

See you at the field and at the next meeting!

HAPPY LANDINGS TO ONE AND ALL!!!

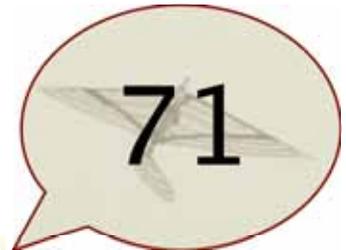
Jim "CRASH" St. John

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Membership Update
as of October 15th

Election of 2006 Officers

Its the time of the year for an election to determine those who will serve the club in 2006 as Officers and Board Members. At the November Club Meeting a slate of officers will be presented. Additional nominations will be accepted at the the meeting.

In accordance with the SAM Bylaws every member will receive in early November a ballot in the mail. Names may also be written in on the ballot. This ballot is to be returned to the Club P. O. Box address. Ballots will also be accepted prior to the Annual Dinner on December 3rd. The results of the election will be announced at the dinner.

All the persons serving on Club positions have agreed to run for their same positions for 2006. You can review the names of the officers and board members on page 8 of this newsletter.

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Meet Marcelino "Ping" Gamboa and his son Miguel



Next Club Meeting

November 2, 2005

The November meeting will be held at the conference room at the Salinas Airport Terminal. Enter from the outside stairs on the east side. Board meets at 6:30 PM and the Club meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

The program this month will be a video of the October float fly by Marcelino Gamboa. Come and enjoy the "dumb thumbing" and Helen Klimas' refreshments.

CORRECTION

In the October *SAM Says* the airplane featured in the Dumb Thumb award belonged to Randy McGregor instead of Bob McGregor. Doesn't this make the accident all the more problematic?

GHOST SQUADRON

Each month the newsletter will feature a model and RC pilot from yesteryear.



Answers to October's quiz!

Pilot	Dick Miller
Looking On	Harvey Kitamura
Year	1999



Anyone recognize this glider pilot?

What is the glider called?

What year was this photo taken?

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Scene at the Field!



2nd Annual Electric Fun Fly



Minutes of the October Club Meeting

The October meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Jim St. John. There were nine members and one guest present. Bob McGregor gave the treasurer's report. but indicated he had additional money to deposit.

There were no corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter. Some folks are still having problems downloading the newsletter, the problem seems to be not having the latest version of Acrobat Reader. But the newsletter is well worth the effort to get it! John is doing a d_mm good job!!

All of the current officers will be running for re-election. The November meeting will be open for nominees to be added to the ballot, so don't be bashful. If you would like to run for office, this is your club just as much as anyone else's. After the November meeting is over, the ballots will be mailed out along with the Xmas dinner reservation form. Bob McGregor will mail out copies of the club by-laws with the new club cards in January.

The October float-fly is still on schedule at Lake San Antonio, for Oct. 7-9th. The October ruddergate is still without a cook. It is scheduled October 30th, with Gary Pozzi setting up a Garage Sale of his treasures that day as well.

There are still projects in limbo. 1) The bamboo is still there and growing. Jim St. John is trying to get in touch with the land-owner to get permission to clear them out. Then Jim needs to find out if we can wait until the spring and burn it. 2) We're still attempting to coordinate the cleaning of the container and having Dave Stoik paint it for us.

Jack Jella will be in charge of the upcoming Electric Fun-Fly on Oct. 22nd. Jack will also check with AMA rules to clarify the guidelines for allowing non-AMA pilots to fly as guests at our field.

Jack Jella brought two little Sticks with Cox . 020 engines in them. He went into detail of their construction and the difference in how they flew.

by Jim St. John

Annual Club Meeting & Dinner December 3, 2005

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the SAM will be held at the Landing Zone Restaurant located in the Salinas Airport Terminal. Happy Hour will begin at 6:00 PM and the Dinner at 7:00 PM.

In addition to announcing the results of the election for 2006 officers there will also be a white elephant gift exchange. A reservation form for the dinner will be included in the November election ballot mailing. **Reservations will need to be received by December 1st!**



Alan Brown's
Pterodactyl



FLIGHT TRAINING 101—PROPER PRE-FLIGHT

I have observed many problems at the field over the past several months that often result in dangerous flying that can be hazardous to aircraft, modelers, spectators and property. Many of these problems can be avoided by using proper pre-flight procedures. These procedures need to be practiced so they become ingrained habits.

Here is a check off list that may be helpful, especially to those of you who are fairly new to the hobby/sport.

Before the First Flight of a New Model

(most of these checks should be performed before coming to the flying field)

- Check all control surfaces for binding, rubbing or sticking.
- Check throttle and steering push rods for proper operation.
- Check to make sure the direction of all control surfaces, throttle, and steering is proper.
- With the radio on, check all control surfaces for zero alignment and proper deflection.
- Check to make sure there is no play in control connections at both the servo ends and control horns.
- Check to make sure wheel collars, clevises, wing bolts, etc. are tight. If you are attaching the wing with rubber bands, use at least 12 #64 bands.
- With the radio on, check the tracking of your model by pushing it gently on a flat surface. Adjust the nose or tail wheel to make it track straight.
- Test run the engine for a reliable idle, smooth transition from idle to full-throttle, and adjust the throttle linkage to kill the engine at low throttle trim.

Before the First Flight of Each Flying Session

- Check transmitter and flight-pack batteries to make sure they are at full charge. If possible, use a digital voltmeter that provides a load.
- Range check the radio (check the instructions for your radio to see what the manufacturer recommends for range checking). Remember, never turn your radio on without the frequency pin from the transmitter impound area.
- Make sure you have the model secured, either by the flight station "tail holders" or a helper.
- Check once again the operation of the control surfaces (direction and proper deflections).
- After starting the engine, make all needle adjustments and removal of glow starters from behind the propellor arch.
- Make sure the engine operation is proper before entering the runway.
- Before entering the runway check for others pilots and their aircraft to make sure it is clear to proceed.
- Before entering the runway check the wind direction and announce your intentions loudly so other pilots know you are taking off.
- Be sure to extend the transmitter antenna fully.
- Before making a landing approach announce your intentions loudly so other pilots know you are about to land or do a touch-and-go.

Before Each Flight of a Flying Session

- After engine start-up, cycle the control surfaces once again.
- Be sure to extend your transmitter antenna again!
- Check to make sure the wind direction has not changed since your last flight.
- If you have flown more than three flights it would be wise to check your battery voltage again. Never fly with your transmitter below 9 volts or the flight-pack below 4.8 volts.

John Midgorden

Warbirds at the Marina Airfare

October 15, 2005



North American B-25



B-25



Vought F4U Corsair



P-51H Light Mustang



Russian Yak



NAF N3N "Yellow Peril"

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Coming Events

December 3, 2005

Toys for Tots Weekend at the Field
 Annual Banquet at the Landing Zone

December 3, 2005

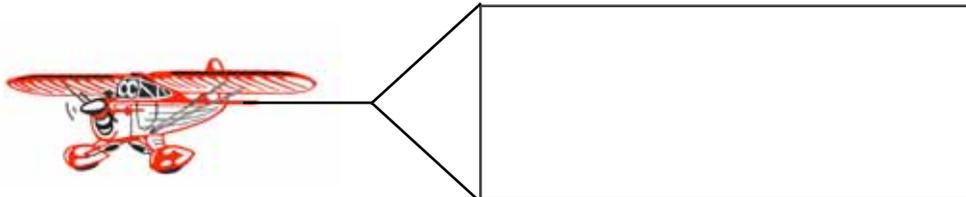
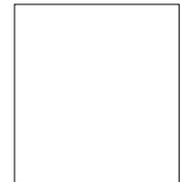
Annual December Meeting and Banquet at the Landing Zone Restaurant located at the Salinas Airport Terminal. Happy Hour at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM.

January 4, 2006

January Board and Club Meeting at the Salinas Airport Terminal—upstairs conference room.

The 2006 SAM Event Calendar will be published in the December issues of SAM Says.

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