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President Says!.....

Well, Darlene fooled me last month. I thought by the time you received the newsletter, the IMAA Mini-Festival would have been history. But low and behold you received it before the Labor Day weekend. Now, however, the IMAA event is indeed history.

In preparing my Contest Director reports to the AMA and IMAA, I have been analyzing the data and it is encouraging. There was a 23% increase in the number of pilots this year (32) and there were only 13 pilots returning from the 2002 Event. That means we had 19 new pilots. We know of at least 5 pilots who had planned to come, but for one reason or another couldn't make it. I think it is completely within reach to have 40 pilots next year.

It was also encouraging that 31% of the pilots were SAM members. We gained two new members and one renewal from the weekend activity. There were also five new IMAA memberships, which should make the International officers pleased.

There was the usual mix of kit, ARF and scratch built aircraft. It is also interesting to see many nice aircraft that change hands over time. **Gary Pozzi's** Zero was there but with a new owner. The beautiful Douglas DC-3 was also built by someone else other than the current pilot/owner. The winner of the SAM perpetual Pilot's Choice trophy was Charley Spencer from Manteca with his 140" Waco. With its five-cylinder 215 RCS engine it was absolutely real sounding. You had to see and hear this engine to appreciate the sound and power. It took the 55 pound Waco almost vertical. Pictures of the engine and Charles with his winning aircraft are included in the IMAA pictures in this issue.

A special thanks to all those who made this weekend a success: Darlene Francis for handling the registration; **Howard Power & Bob Francis** for the safety inspections; **Chuck Bosso** for providing the lunch chips and sodas; **Malcolm Bruce** for setting up each morning and providing coffee; **Malcolm Beety & Bob Dooley** for supervising the lunch shack on Saturday & Sunday, respectfully; and **Jack Jella** for condiments & lunch shack help; **Dale Oxford** for setting up the sound system; **Bob McGregor** for ice, salads & lunch shack help. And most of all a **BIG THANKS** to Les (chef), Shirley (beans) and David (Dad's helper) Florence for the wonderful Saturday night tri-tip dinner. I may have missed someone but these were the persons who made the weekend success-

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President John

**REMEMBER
TO PACK
YOUR
TRASH!**



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ful. It was also a financial success with almost \$1,000 net to the club.

Some have asked if I will run again as President. I have given this a lot of thought and would be willing to do so if two major concerns could be addressed. We need for someone to step forward and be willing to plan and arrange for the monthly programs at the club meetings. The other major task that remains unfilled is someone to take charge of the RudderGate cooking. I think there are a number of persons who would be willing to do this on occasion, but we need someone to develop a roster of "chefs" and then make a schedule, then follow through to make sure we don't have anymore non-RudderGates.

Have a good month with many smooth landings, both on land and water!

John Midgorden, President 2003



IMAA Mini- Festival

All Photos by: JOHN MIDGORDEN



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Pictures
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Later
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FOR SALE



99" Curtis Robinhood, airplane only \$350.00
 with 6 Airtronics 161's & one 738 \$650.00
 servos & D&B 5.1 \$1850.00
 All of above, floats & other assessories \$2000.00

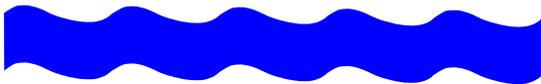
Solaro 82" WS (more or less) no engine/servo's
 Requires 8 channels, 90 two stroke or 90-120 FS
 Sale Price: \$150.00 OBO

OLY 650 type glider with 2 Futaba 148 servo's
 Sale Price: \$100.00

Interested in any of the above?

Call **Jerry Arana:**

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 831.252.2676 (cell phone)



**REMEMBER
 These Coming Events**

October 1	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas
October 10-12	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
	Members & Guests only	
October 11	Annual Auction	Fremont
October 17-19	Salinas Air Show	Salinas Airport
October 18	Swap Meet & Fun Fly	Pittsburg
October 26	Ruddergate	SAM Field
November 1	Swap Meet	Richmond
November 1-2	Pattern	Morgan Hill
November 5	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas
November 8	Electric Model Contest	SAM Field
November 9	Electric Model Flyin	SAM Field
November 22	Flea Market	Morgan Hill

SAFETY RULE #5

Shut engine down in pilot box at end of flight. DO NOT TAXI INTO PIT AREA!

Minutes of September Meeting:

by **Dick Moeller**

Meeting was opened at 7:30pm. 12 members were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Treasurer reported we are solvent. There was a profit from the IMAA event and a check is expected from the Quail Lodge event.

No Ruddergate was held in August because of the IMAA event. This event was attended by 32 pilots flying 44 airplanes. Ten pilots were from SAM. Charley Spencer from Manteca won the pilots trophy with a beautiful WACO powered by a 5 cylinder radial RCS with a very realistic sound. Les Florence did a great job on the tri-tips for dinner. We will add dessert to the dinner next year. A number of participants commented on the good condition of our patched, sealed and restriped runway. Several club applications were handed out and 2 have been received.

The event at Quail Lodge was very successful. It was a beautiful event.

The first float fly of the fall is scheduled for Lake San Antonio on the 12-14th of September. The Lake McSwain float fly is to be held on September 19-21.

NEW BUSINESS:

A number of members have inquired about the source of club jackets and caps. **President Midgorden** will investigate.

A desire for table cloths for our picnic tables was discussed. No action was taken.

Jack Jella described a Lyceum program for November 1st at the field in which 10-20 kids, 9-13 years of age, would be given an opportunity to fly an R.C. Trainer on a buddy-box. The members present voted in favor of this program. No decision was made on serving a lunch.

Midgorden brought videos of the IMAA event, glider events and ruddergates.

RAFFLE:

Jack Jella	Fuel pump
Malcolm Bruce	CA
Dick Moeller	Airtronics Knee Pad
Bob Dooley	Epoxy
John Midgorden	Airtronics Knee Pad
Dick Moeller	Epoxy
Chuck Bosso	Epoxy

AVIATION ODDITY by Woody

What? An Air Force pilot leading the Navy Blue Angels! I'll bet Butch Voris would never have tolerated such a thing. But a precedent was set, sort of, way back in 1929 at the Cleveland National Air Races. The Navy's demonstration flight team, from the High Hat Squadron, participated in the daily air shows, flying Boeing F2B1 fighters. One element of three planes was led by an Army Air Corps pilot, doing such daring maneuvers as inverted passes by the grandstand, squirrel cage loops, and landings out of a loop. (Squirrel cage loops? Throw that one on the Whifferdill pile.) So who was this brazen aerial interloper? Maybe our grandkids wouldn't know it, but we old-timers all know that Charles A. Lindbergh was once a Colonel in the U.S. Army Air Corps. I guess in those days old Slim could fly just about any plane he wanted, and with any one he pleased.

DO THE RIGHT THING!

By Malcolm Bruce

Someone needs to do the right thing. **Chuck Bosso** left his starter box at the field.....It was put in the first aid box.....It is blue, size 4x4x8.....His name is on it.....NOW IT IS MISSING. Saturday of our last event a hi-tech transmitter was left in the frequency area.....No name.....The owner was found, but the outcome could have been a lot different. Anyone having any information about the starter box, please contact President John or just return it to the first aid box, no questions asked. Don't jeopardize your privilege to fly at our field.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

OCTOBER 15TH

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

Darlene, 831.688.6283 or email: francis@got.net

HINTS & TIPS.....

KEEPING TRACK:

Quick! What size in mAh is the receiver battery in that airplane you built two years ago? How old is it? How many cells? Don't know? What I do is type out this information like this:

Dragon Lady – Built 1996

Battery Pack #4

88 mAh 4 cells

Charge rate: 125 mAh

Date Purchased: 7/96

I reduce it on a copier or print it out real small. Then I cut this information out and glue it inside the airplane where I can see it with the wing off. Don't forget to make one for your transmitters too. The battery pack number is used in a log I keep to track information from the battery analyzer so you can spot a battery going bad.

from: Tri-Cities Fliers' Notam

FAVORITE PRODUCT LABEL

On Boot's Children's Cough Medicine: "Do not drive a car or operate an airplane after taking this medication." (*We could do a lot to reduce the rate of airplane accidents if we could just get those 5-year-olds with head-colds off the flightline.*)

RUB-JOINTING

A close fitting butt joint will often bond satisfactorily under atmospheric pressure without clamping. You can achieve this by wetting both surfaces with glue, rub them together to squeeze glue & air out of the joint while aligning the components. Don't use this method if there is any reasonable way to get the parts clamped together to ensure a good fit.

from Orbiting Eagles Newsletter

INTERESTED?

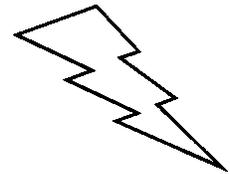
SAM Jackets & Hats

Call President John

For More Information



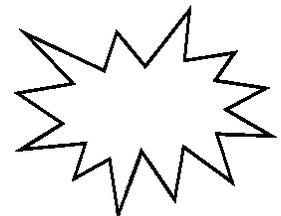
SAM MEMBERS SEEN AT "THE QUAIL"



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, October 1, 2003
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, October 1, 2003
6:30pm
Salinas Recreation Center

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