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Remember:

* always use the engine test table for testing and breaking in engines. The set-up tables and flying stations are not meant for this.

We arrived at the San Antonio Lake on Friday to discover that the county had scheduled two groups in the same area for float flies. The other group was the Tri-Valley Modelers from Santa Maria. They had about the same number of people as us and were a good bunch of guys. The weather was great and as soon as we got set up we began to fly. For the most part Tri-Valley had

smaller airplanes and we had larger planes so it was a good mix. We had a few traffic pattern problems as they were not accustomed to flying a pattern, but with a little communication that problem was solved, for the most part.

As it turns out the two clubs were sched-



uled for the same weekend in October also. As we talked we said we would work it out, but have a pilot meeting in October before flying and lay out the ground (or air) rules for the event. About a week after the May event I got a call from Tri-Valley saying that a couple of their guys were not comfortable flying in such a large group and with people they didn't know.



Float Fly

The end result is they moved their October float fly to the week after ours, so we will not have a combined event in October. One or two of them might join us on Saturday Oct 13. When we schedule next year's events we will make sure there no overlap. It appears that the county employee who took our reservation didn't realize there were two different clubs and thought that two different people from the same club had called to schedule the event. On top of that we were not aware that there was another club conducting float flies at San Antonio. Now we know! Overall it was a great weekend with beautiful weather the whole time. If you don't have a float plane or floats for one of your planes, invest in a set or a small float plane and join the fun.



Flying off the water is an absolute blast! Join the rest of the "float gang" September 14-16 and October 12-14.



Sam Minutes

June 7, 2012

The June meeting of the Salinas Area Modelers was called to order by President Chris Meharg at 7:00 P. M. The meeting was held at the Landing Zone Restaurant in the Salinas Municipal Airport Terminal.

Board members present were Chris Meharg, Walt McCommons, Dennis Stanley, Pat O'Keefe, and Bob Mcgregor. Club members present were John Midgorden, Bill Range, Don Meeks, Malcolm Bruce, Bill Hurst, Ed Gylmn, Merle O'Grady, Dan and Alice Nolan and Dick Moeller.

Treasurer Bob McGregor gave a report of the finances in the Club's checking and savings accounts. He also shared that the club membership is now 87.

Old Business

1. Use Permit: Bob McGregor has had phone conversations with most of the county agencies who have to sign off on the Club's Use Permit. However, they can't do anything until they have received the application. Bob is in the process of drawing a new site plan that will include all the changes since the last site plan the County has on file. He is in the process of making the necessary measurements and taking photographs for the application package. It will be another couple of months before anything will be concluded.

Ed Glynn suggested that the latitude and Longitude numbers on the bulletin board are faded and need to be replaced.

2. Fun Fly: Dennis Stanley and Pat O'Keefe are running the Fun Fly event and shared with the members present the planned events. One event will be a bomb drop. Dennis showed the bomb and drop mechanism that will be strapped to the bottom of each air-plane. It will be a team event with a pilot and bombardier. Another event will be a Touch and Go plus dead stick landing (at idle). These two kinds of event will be run simultaneously to speed up the process. A 40 size model or bigger, gas or electric, is recommended. There will be an entry fee of \$10. The Fun Fly event winner will get half the pot and the club the other half. This event will be held at the June RudderGate on Saturday June 30th. It will begin at 9 A.M. Special announcements will be emailed to club members with the information and rules.

3. RudderGate—June 30th: Dick Moeller has volunteered to cook at the June RudderGate and he will be cooking chicken. Club members are encouraged to bring something for meal to compliment the chicken entrée. President Meharg emphasized the need for sign-ups for cooking at the remaining RudderGates of the season. No cook, no RudderGate. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board at the field.

New Business

1. T-34 Races —August 11th: Dennis Stanley is listed as the official CD of this race, but Kevin Norris will be running the race. SAM will need to supply lap counters for the pilots and provide a lunch. SAM will supply the fuel and get all the entry fees.

2. Workday—June 16th: The projects for the coming workday will include cutting down the bamboo along the fence, mowing, spraying the weeds and cleaning up the overrun areas at both ends of the runway. The field will be closed to flying until work is done and all Club members who come to work will be provided lunch.

Show and Tell

Bill Range brought his newly acquired ASK glider from CZECH REPUBLIC.

Program: There was no program this month.

John Midgorden, Acting Secretary

Schedule of Events

July

- 2 - Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 5 - Club Meeting (a Thursday) Salinas Airport
- 7 - Glider Contest SAM Field
- 14 - Memorial Fun Fly SAM Field
- 28 - RudderGate SAM Field
- 30 - Board Mtg. Location to be announced

August

- 1 - Club Meeting Salinas Airport
- 11 - T-34 Race SAM Field
- 4 - Glider Contest SAM Field
- 24-26 - Scale Fun Fly SAM Field

September

- 1 - Glider Contest SAM Field
- 3 - Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 3 - Labor Day Fly In SAM Field
- 5 - Club Meeting Salinas Airport
- 14-16 - Float Fly & RudderGate Lake San Antonio
- 22 - Field Work Day SAM Field

October

- 1 - Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 3 - Club Meeting Salinas Airport
- 6 - Electric Fun Fly SAM Field
- 12-14 - Float Fly Lake San Antonio
- 27 - RudderGate SAM Field

November

- 5 - Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 7 - Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport

December

- 1 - Toys/Tots Fun Fly SAM Field
 - 1 - Annual Banquet Landing Zone
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Other Events

In addition to SAM's schedule of events the Cloud Clippers have notified us that their Electric Fest is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 22, 2012. This event is held at the NCCC Flying Site just east of Paso Robles, at the Paso Robles Airport. This fun and casual day of electric flying includes lunch (burgers and dogs).



Bring your latest electric. Like Howard's PB.Y.

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