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## PILOT BRIEFING

From President Augie

Hello Pilots,

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will again take time to celebrate the veterans amongst us, but this year is special. A century ago, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour the guns of the First World War fell silent. If you are like me, you may have had a grandfather who served in WWI, and if so let us remember those veterans as well.

As we begin November, we find our field to be in great shape, but we must get ready for our next major event. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding our three most important events of the year. The first is our Toys for Tots collection, which will take place at 1pm at the field. I will send out more information as we get closer to the date. The second and third is of course our Christmas Dinner and our Annual Meeting. Please make sure you get your renewal notice and return your ballot to Bob, as well as paying for the Christmas Dinner.

Until our next month's Pilot Briefing, I wish all of you fair weather and happy landings. See you at the field -- Augie

An interesting saga took place at the field this past month. Seems Steve Perkins and George Mateer were at the field and George went over to take a look at the car track. While there he discovered an owl caught in one of the bushes at the fence. George and Steve worked for about 30 minutes to free the owl who was apparently quite exhausted and didn't move. After a while they decided to call the SPCA. They came and captured the owl and took it for rehabilitation. Apparently the owl misjudged a dive for prey and hit the bush. As you can see it's leg is caught in the crotch of two branches.



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Good job, George and Steve. Need those owls to catch many unwanted visitors. What a pretty bird!

## Let's Get Radical...by Crazy Ivan

I've added more obstacles to the R/C car track and couldn't be happier. What we now have is very cool and unique; the original race-track pretty much runs the outer perimeters of an inner-area that's filled with four jumps, a regular rumple strip, a super cool Sharks Teeth rumple strip, a Spider Web rumple strip as well as a multitude of turnouts, off shoots, turns, alleys, avenues and ramps. Although there are a-few jumps and obstacles still to be added next year, the Race-Park is awesome "as it stands" and could easily be called "complete"; Expected coolness-factor met and exceeded! That's a huge weight off my shoulders and will allow me to begin designing Driver Stands for a track that was designed-specifically to not need them which gladly results that "Optimum Driver Height" begins at the 3' level, I'm contriving 4' tall two-person stands, that two people can easily move.



Reiterating:

1. The track was specifically made for 1/8<sup>th</sup> nitro buggy but anything same or smaller whether be it nitro or electric should be a-lot of fun out there.
2. Don't buy the Losi RTR 8ight buggy or



truggy. A specific explanation is too long so I'll say that 2 bearings are "virtually missing" whereas both bearings cleverly have two functions and Losi "completely failed to notice, regard or utilize" one of them.

I just purchased a Kyosho Inferno that's also RTR out of the box, they have a few versions of these at varying prices such as \$350 for a standard Inferno and \$500 for the MP9 TKI 4 version that I just bought; all being RTR w/ the TX included. The differences in the price are for included soup-up parts on the same chassis like big bore shocks, high capacity center differential etc. There are also many other long-standing brands out there and except that the Traxxas Slayer is really good, I have no "recent" knowledge of the other Brands to offer. For the most part in today's world R/C cars are practically-indestructible and the engines start and run like a clock. If it weren't for the Losi got cheap (or stupid) weakness, I would only now have

turned my first wrench on it so I'm feeling pretty good about my Kyosho purchase and am enjoying "that new car smell" lol.

Crazy Ivan

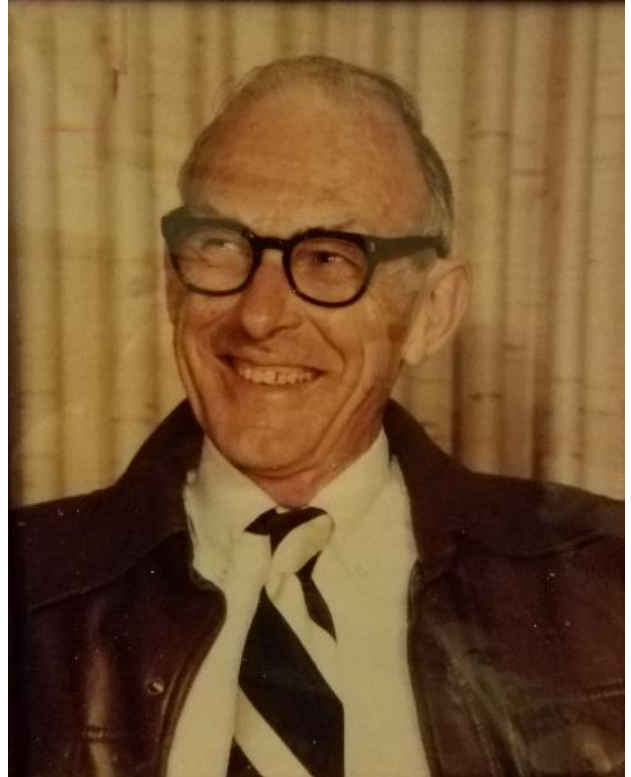




## WELCOME TO “CRASH’S CORNER!!”

By Jim St John

Hi Fellow Flyers!! We’re gonna remember the next 2 missing members from our club’s past. The first of the 2 I’m going to talk about is Darwin “Tommy” Thomas. I have to admit that I did not know him much. I do know he enjoyed building planes, and his son, Randy Thomas, did fly them. I do wish I could tell you more, but I can’t. The picture shows a man with a happy face, which is how I want to remember him.



The second one I want to talk about is the one that had the BIGGEST influence on my flying and being in this club. Frank Schoening was one of two guys that spent A LOT of time helping me learn to fly. The other one is a past member whom moved onto his home in Texas. His name is Keith Moody and I still e-mail with him and he shares his newsletter with me every month and I send him ours too. Frank was the one that spent more years helping me. He looked at the wing on my Falcon 56 trainer the first day to the field and saw a bad warp in it. He started his van and held the wing in front of the exhaust and twisted the wing until he got most of it out. Then we flew it for awhile. The next time out he had



me fly  
low and

slow to practice a landing approach. And remember this, I did not have a buddy box hooked up, it was all with one transmitter and I usually flew 2 mistakes high. But that time was low and slow, and he told me to cut the power. I landed and went forward from there. Frank enjoyed flying, mostly giant scale BUT he flew 1/2A 3 channel, he flew gliders, he flew 40-60 size sport, he flew whatever he could. He helped ANYONE whom needed help, would spot for anyone needing help at events, enjoyed float flying, was President of the club several times, along with his wonderful wife Rosemarie whom was newsletter editor for several years. Frank was one of the BEST

flying buddies you could EVER want!!

Editor’s note: Tommy Thomas owned an aircraft refinishing business in Salinas called T & P Aero Refinishers. He had a country-wide reputation for excellent work and attracted business from coast to coast. As a side note, Frank Schoening taught my son Randy and me to fly.

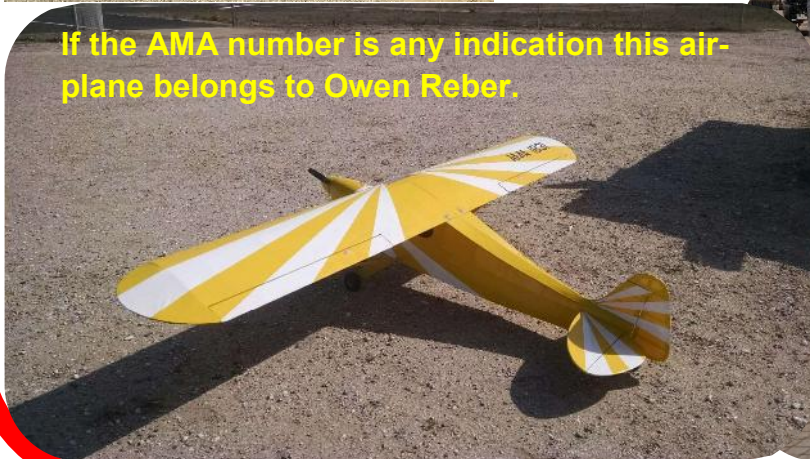




Left is ADDICTION that belongs to Steve Perkins. Like that paint scheme, Steve. Above is Stu Tschén's ducted fan AVANTI. It looks fast just sitting there.



Left: Looks a little better with the bamboo cut and hopefully will stop the justified complaints of the overhanging stuff hitting vehicles. Above is a shot of the newly sealed runway.



If the AMA number is any indication this airplane belongs to Owen Reber.



Randy Bonetti and his T-28



Upper right is Randy Bonetti with his E-flite Sukhoi SU29MM. How many electrics do you now have, Randy???

Below is Wayne Sweet's Extra 330 "Slick." It looks slick!

Lower right is Howard Power's Fokker D-7. And below that the Fokker's in the air.



Steve Perkins' A-10 Warthog



Below - Howard's PT19, AKA "Cub Killer."

Lower Left is Dennis Stanley's Sky Mule.



## SAM 2019 CALENDAR

**JANUARY**

- 16 Board Meeting
- 23 Membership Meeting – Flying Artichoke

**FEBRUARY**

- 20 Board Meeting
- 27 Membership Meeting – Flying Artichoke

**MARCH**

- 16 Slope Soaring – Seaside
- 20 Board Meeting
- 27 Membership Meeting – Flying Artichoke

**APRIL**

- 1 Easter
- 5-7 SAM Float Fly – If it rains!!!
- 13-14 IMAC I
- 17 Board Meeting
- 27 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

**MAY**

- 4 Glider Contest 1
- 12 Mother's Day
- 15 Board Meeting
- 17-19 SAM Float Fly 2 (if there is water)
- 23-26 Castle - West Coast Giant Scale
- 25 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

**JUNE**

- 1 Glider Contest 2
- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 Work Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 22 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

**JULY**

- 6 Glider Contest 3
- 13 Memorial Fun Fly
- 17 Board Meeting
- 27 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

**AUGUST**

- 3 Glider Contest 4
- 14 Board Meeting
- 24 RudderGate & Membership Meeting
- Pylon Race 2

**SEPTEMBER**

- 7-8 IMAC II
- 18 Board Meeting
- 20-22 Lake McSwain Float Fly
- 28 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

**OCTOBER**

- 4-6 SAM Float Fly 3 (Water???)
- 16 Board Meeting
- 26 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

- 9 Work Day
- 28 Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER**

- 7 Toys for Tots
- 7 Christmas Dinner
- 25 Merry Christmas

Note: Some dates subject to change.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We would like to get a good turn-out at the Christmas dinner December 1. You should have all received the invitation by email. If you didn't please let me know and I can email you another. You may email me your reservation if you would like, but remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid. I would even accept a phone call at 831-595-3681. This is our biggest social event of the year. Let's make it a good one. Reservation absolute deadline is November 26. I must have a count to the Flying Artichoke that evening.



### Calendar of Events

#### November 2018

- 10 Work Day
- 22 Thanksgiving

#### December 2018

- 1 Toys for Tots
- 2 Christmas Dinner at the Flying Artichoke

#### January 2019

- 16 Board Meeting
- 23 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

#### February 2019

- 20 Board Meeting
- 27 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

#### March 2019

- 16 Slope Soaring - Seaside
- 20 Board Meeting
- 27 Membership Meeting - Flying Artichoke

#### April 2019

- 1 Easter
- 5-7 SAM Float Fly at San Antonio (if it rains)
- 13-14 IMAC I
- 17 Board Meeting
- 27 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

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If link doesn't work, cut and paste it to your browser.

**Submissions for the newsletter of any kind (this includes opinions) are welcome and will be used on a space available basis.**

Left - Richard Ciampa's Edge.



**Stu Tschen's FPV Aero-Commander**



To the left is the chief heckling section. You don't dare make a mistake, bad landing or heaven forbid, crash, without hearing about it. It's all part of the fun.

Below, I'm not sure who the Cub belongs to, but rumor has it that it might be Randy Bonetti.

Hope Howard has his plane in sight.



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