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PILOT BRIEFING

Welcome Pilots to your briefing for March and April

During the month of March our club was preparing for several upcoming contests. I would like to thank Robert S. for tackling the cutting of our "lawn", and Mike and Sal for fixing the roof over our eating area. The first event, which happen in April, was our first float fly. All accounts describe the event as simply wonderful, and the flying was surpassed only by the gorgeous weather. I believe Bob



will have pictures a little further below. Our second event was the IMAC, which occurred on the 13th and 14th. Fewer pilots competed this year then in past years, but we still made almost \$650 for the club, and had a boatload of fun in the process. I would like to thank all the individuals that helped and made the event a success. Included, are just a few shots of the contest.

During the Mont of May, we will be holding our first glider contest of the year, and we will be down at the lake for our second float fly. Please mark your calendars that on the 27th of April, we will be holding our first rudergate of the year. Please note Howard will be cooking. Well that's all I have for this briefing. Thanks again, and Happy Landings -- Augie



April Float Fly - by Bob McGregor

The April float fly at San Antonio Lake took place as planned on Friday the fifth, and continuing on the sixth and seventh of April. Mike & Cathy McCauley went down on Thursday to spend a little extra time there. Turns out we couldn't camp right on the water as the lake level was a little high to camp where we were in 2017. The lower area where I had planned to be was prone to being boggy. We adhered to the advice of the rangers and camped on higher ground. It was a very short walk to the water and were actually able to get vehicles right close to the water (see pictures). Friday brought a very light shower that hardly wet the grass (better know as weeds). Saturday and Sunday were ideal. It was very warm, but not hot, and the water was smooth.

Mike and Cathy McCauley, Joe and Chantel Francis, and Randy and Bob McGregor were the only weekend campers. James Collins arrived Saturday afternoon and spent the night accompanied by his wife Trisha and son Finnegan. Saturday attendees were Randy Bonetti, Mike Aliotti, Sal DiMaggio, Petee Speciale, Terry Gansberger, Gary Pozzi (a past club member), and Dennis Stanley. (Hope I didn't leave anyone out.)

The next float fly at San Antonio Lake will be May 17 - 19. Water access should not be a problem as the present release is very small. October is very problematic. Plan on getting out your float plane and joining the group in May.





WELCOME TO “CRASH’S CORNER!!”

Once again I’m here to honor 2 of the “Missing Members” that have been a part of the club’s history. Some of the past members have been hard workers for the club and some have been members that mainly flew, and a few were members just to belong and come out to the field and enjoy the others there. BUT they all have been part of the SALINAS AREA MODELERS history. There are still 7 of the 53 folks on that list that I do not have pictures of, but I’m still working on finding them. ANYONE that has been in the club since before 2007, you may be able to help me find more of the missing pictures. I will list the ones I still need at the end of this.

In 1996 we lost Marrion “Sarge” Gleason. He was on of those whom came to the field occasionally to fly. As I was putting together the missing pictures, I came across this one for him. I use to drive by Market Street offramp on HWY 101 everyday to go to work. I drove by and saw Gleason’s RV, and decided one day to stop and see if by chance, there was any relation. The owner of it was Marrion’s son. I found out that their main interest was in control line flying, not RC planes. Both father and son use to fly in competition events, and would go all over the country to events and they had a sizable collection of trophies.

The next person is Ray Lang. I honestly have nothing to report on Ray as I did not know him. I’ve looked over 3 years of newsletters looking for something on Ray BUT I couldn’t find anything on him. I did find out he was born 11/1924 and passed away on 3/29/1997. He seems to have joined the club late 1993 or early 1994. If ANYONE knew Ray and has a picture of him, PLEASE speak up!!

The list of past members that I still need a picture of are: Ken Wade 1983, Darwin “Tommie” Thomas 1992, Ray Lang 1997, Ben Young 1997, Joe Johnson 2002, H.L.Scates 2003 and Bob Steward 2007. I know my Quest to collect pictures of all the past, especially the early ones, will get more difficult as time goes on. There are 4 of these 7 pictures I need that I believe I know where pictures are, but getting to the folks that have them is difficult.

HAPPY LANDINGS TO ONE AND ALL!!!! Jim “CRASH”
St.John



Thank you to Mike Aliotti and Sal DiMaggio for installing new roofing where the wind decided to remove the old roofing a few weeks ago. The old fiberglass panels were in pretty bad shape. Replacing the remainder of the panels will be a project for a future work day.

IMAC COMPETITION

April 13 & 14 were the dates our Spring IMAC contest was held. It was a nice weekend for the most part but turned a little windy toward the end of the proceedings on Sunday. Sixteen pilots competed in five categories including Basic, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced and Unlimited. Dan Nolan was our only club participant and he was awarded second place in Basic. Congratulations, Dan. Augie was able to get a case of wine donated from Star Market to enhance the awards ceremony. If you happen to be in Star Market thank them for their generosity.

Many of our members turned out to help with the event and thanks to the following people: Chuck Bosso, Ed Glynn, Alice (Nolan), Tristan Williams, Robert Shaver, Dave Schradly, Augie Caresani, Mike Aliotti, San DiMaggio, Jim St John and Randy Fansel. If anybody was left out, my apologies, but thanks to all who showed up. Also thanks to Joe DeRenzi who is the CD for the event. His help and expertise is invaluable to the operation of the event. The IMAC group likes coming to our club even if it is windy simply because our members show up and help making them feel welcome and appreciated. They know we put on a good lunch for them and they look forward to our delicious hamburgers. The event helps our bank account too, this time to the tune of \$634.

Our next IMAC event will be held September 7 & 8, 2019. Friday and Saturday nights will be designated "camping nights" for the event. Please put it on your priority list to come out and help.





Left is an electric Stinson built by Richard Taklind and the maiden flight was flown by Jerry Arana. Below is Wayne Sweet with his Corsair.



Below—Ed Glynn was the Saturday chef for the IMAC event.



Below is the infield at the IMAC. Below left is one of the competition air-planes.



Calendar of Events

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

May 2019

- 4 Glider Contest I
- 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 and Membership Meeting

June 2019

- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 Work Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 22 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

July 2019

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

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More float fly



Picture credits this month go to James Collins, Alice Nolan, Jim St John and Randy McGregor.



Everybody gets out of the way of the Duck!!



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