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PILOT BRIEFING

Welcome Pilots to your briefing for July.

During the month of August our club will be holding only one event. This event will be our fourth glider contest on the 3rd of August. If you are interested in participating, please make contact with Bob. On the 24th of August, we will be holding our rudder gate for the month of August.

On the weed control front, I am still waiting for the Dune Company to be able to send a man to the field and spray the weeds. This is a very busy time for the Dune Company, thus they are working us into their schedule when they can. Please watch your e-mail for the notice when these two jobs will be done.

Well that's all I have for this briefing. Thanks again, and Happy Landings -- Augie

To the right are three airplanes, two belonging to the Prez. Starting from the left is Augie's Aircobra, center is Robert's Pylon Racing P51, and on the right is Augie's F4F Wildcat. I understand one of those two belonging to the Prez went into the lettuce field recently. What happened Augie, did that electric motor quit, run out of electrons, or was it pilot error???



Left is Robert Shaver's Windfree glider. Hasn't been flown yet, so take a good look. It will never look that nice again! Just kidding, Robert. Just make sure you land bottom side down and no-one will ever see the skid marks.

Chris Thomsen

I travelled to Reno on June 8 to visit friend and club member Chris Thomsen. Chris is only allowed two hours for visits and an appointment must be made in advance. We took advantage of the full time catching up and chatting. Chris has a full time job working for a landscaping company that takes care of the grounds for many of the casinos.

Chris hopes to have home confinement next year. His father lives in Reno so such a situation would work out well if he is granted that option. He says if that happens at least he can work on some airplanes.

Chris wanted me to tell everyone hello and relate how much he misses the group and the flying. He's looking forward to being back with us in 2021. If any of you would like to write him a letter here's the address:

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Bob McGregor

Howard's "old" P-51 with a new paint job. Does it fly better with new paint, Howard?



Club members listening attentively to Jim St John naming off our deceased members. Thanks for doing the Memorial, Jim.



WELCOME TO “CRASHES CORNER” ONCE AGAIN!!

We have now made history with completing our 18th Annual Memorial Fun-Fly. We started this event on July 27 & 28th 1991. The first several years it was a weekend event and we did have outside clubs participate. After the floods happened in 1994, we went to doing a one day event and mostly just the SAM club members attending. We do this event to honor and remember those that we have lost over the years. We have fun by flying together, sharing stories, enjoying eating together while I read the name list. We had a FANTASTIC turn out, and I want to thank Alice Nolan for helping prep the eating area and prepping the food, to Ed Glynn for his help manning the bar-b-que, to Augie Caresani for getting the food for us to enjoy, and to others whom helped with the event, INCLUDING my wonderful wife Linda!



The members that I want to highlight to you this issue will be Benjamin Young (left) and Joe Quirk. Both left us in 1997. Ben Young was a Pattern flyer that had 2 speeds; idle and wide open! He



could fly patterns that would make ANY champion flyer envious. He would even come in for landing approaches at full speed, then cut power and flare for a perfect landing (usually). He was a dentist, and in his spare time built fantastic pattern planes. He met an untimely end at a younger age.

Joe Quirk (right lower) is the other member this month. Joe was fascinated by WWII multi-engine planes. He had 2 or 3 B17 bombers, a B24 bomber, B25 bomber, a P38 Lightning fighter, and other planes that were scale event quality finishes . He didn't fly a lot, but he enjoyed building and watching others fly his creations. He enjoyed bring-

ing his latest creations out to the field for those of us to drool over. Chuck Bosso knew him very well, and they spent a lot of time together working on planes and flying them.

As with all the passed members that have left us for the “Flying Strip in the Sky”, these guys left memories for those of us that knew them. And by sharing memories of them with you all, this makes our fellowship as club members that much more like a family.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, HAVE MANY HAPPY LANDINGS!!! Jim
“CRASH” St.John



CENTRAL COAST GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

A few of the club members made the journey to Santa Maria the weekend of July 26 - 28 to attend the Tri-Valley RC Club sponsored giant scale fly-in. Joe and Chantel Francis spent the weekend along with Dan Nolan and Alice, and Rick Maida. Bob and Randy McGregor spent Friday and Saturday at the event and Randy Bonetti made the journey for the day on Saturday. Mike and Kathy McCauley showed up Saturday. Think they went our for a drive and got lost or made a wrong turn. But we were glad to see them none the less. Chantel's sister and her two daughters came up from San Diego Saturday and camped out that night. It was fun meeting and getting to know them.

Dan Nolan's P-51.

Richard Ciampa

Came up from
Bakersfield.



The Tri-Valley group puts on a good event and the attendance is a very workable size with 43 pilots signed up.

The weather was very nice. They get the sea breeze just as we do, but it is steadier and usually not quite as strong. They also get turbulence over the east approach of their runway just we do at SAM. Many similarities. There was a pilot's raffle as well as a special raffle for a DA-70 engine. On Saturday evening they put on an excellent Tri-tip bar-b-que.



It was a great event and I think all that attended are looking forward to going back next year. It is traditionally held the last weekend of July.

Nice Grumman F7F Tiger Cat



Left is Gary Pozzi, a former SAM member now living in Templeton, with his old timer. Unfortunately I didn't get the full identification.



Randy McGregor

Bob McGregor

Joe Francis

Randy Bonetti

Dan Nolan



2019 Tri-Valley RC Modelers Giant Scale Fly-In July 25 - 28 Santa Maria, CA

Randy Bonetti's 1/3 scale Cub. Yep, it's a 12' wing-span. He didn't bend the prop (below), the engine was still running and the camera couldn't keep up.



Ed Sager and John Lammers with their ducted fan electric jets. Ed's is an A-10 Warthog and John's F-14 Tomcat with the wings in the swept position.





Chuck Bosso's Islander. It has been electrified. Yep, Augie's been at it again!!

Augie drooling over Stu's electric stable. Nice looking air-planes, Stu.



Left is the MX6 that belongs to Wayne Sweet
Below is don Meeks' Storch (I think - don't shoot me if I'm wrong).



Calendar of Events

July 2019

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

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August 2019

- 3 Glider Contest 4
- 21 Board Meeting
- 24 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

September 2019

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

October 2019

- 4-6 SAM Float Fly San Antonio Lake
- 23 Board Meeting
- 26 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

November 2019

- 9 Work Day
- 28 Thanksgiving

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Looks like a real interested group of guys. Or are they simply lethargic from having full stomachs? Looks like Joe was getting a sun tan while everybody else were trying to stay cool.

Thanks to Alice and Robert for pictures.





This is Robert's painted car featuring Fourth of July colors. He calls it frosted flaked candy apple backed with a flake silver and white. This is a Lexan body and it is painted from the inside.

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