

Salinas Area Modelers

AMA Club Number 1554

Volume 44 Issue 9/10

SAM SAYS



Sept/Oct 2019

PILOT BRIEFING

Welcome Pilots to your briefing for October

During the month of October our club will be holding only one event, on the weekend of the 4th and 5th we will be having our second Float Fly at Lake San Antonio. On the 26th of this month we will be having our last RudderGate of the year. So far this Fall, the weather has been great, but if the weather looks like it will be bad on the 26th, I will put out an email cancelling the event. On November 9th the club will be holding a mini workday to clean up the Bamboo along the entrance. I do not believe we will close the field, and the work should only take 1 to 2 hours. Please see me for details.

A cautionary tale:

As some may know, I have been flying a new P-40, what I haven't shared is that when I plugged in my flight battery for the first time the ESC caught fire. As you are aware of, I do know my way around electric aircraft, and this incident was unusual to say the very least. I contacted Horizon Hobbies via e-mail, and it took them over a week to get back to me. When I didn't hear from them, I simply installed one of my Graupner ESC, and the plane has been flying great. When they finally got back to me, they wanted me to ship back the electronics for them to inspect. This is perfectly understandable, but when I asked for a shipping label, they informed me that the cost of returning the electronics would be my responsibility. I guess I have become used to Amazon. Thus, before you order from any company, first check out the return policy for defective equipment.

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

Right - Augie's electric powered Albatross which he had at the float fly at San Antonio Lake. It even backs up, but alas, no differential steering.



LAKE McSWAIN

The annual Lake McSwain Float Fly sponsored by the Turlock RC Club took place September 20 - 22. As usual the men and woman from the Turlock club put on a stellar event. Salinas Area Modelers were well represented, and I hope I don't leave anybody off the list. In attendance were Joe and Chantel Francis, Dan Nolan and Alice, Gary and Barb Sobak, Mike and Dolores Aliotti and son Mike, Mike and Cathy McCauley, Randy Bonetti, Ed Glynn (but he brought nothing to fly), Rick Maida and Randy and Bob McGregor. Former member Richard Ciampa also joined our group. The weather was great as it was in the high 70's on Friday, up into the mid 80's Saturday and getting into the low 90's On Sunday. It was reported that 73 pilots registered for the event. As usual



It's a great beach area to fly from



Bob and Randy's Cub, Duck and Drastik

Saturday was the busiest day and Sunday was the least busy day. Three of our group stuck around all day Sunday (headed for home Monday AM) and we were able to get in a lot of flying.

Two of our ladies that attended had a good time kayaking. Chantel Francis and Cathy McCauley took pleasure in paddling around in their kayaks while their pilot husbands flew.

Our Salinas contingent had their usual Friday evening potluck. Everybody brought something and, yes, we had PLENTY to eat along with a lot of good social time (translation - sitting around and telling lies). Saturday evening the Turlock club had their normal bar-b-que comprised of chicken and tri-tip. They also have a raffle at the dinner with lots of prizes for both men and woman.

(Continued on Page 3)



Gary Sobak's Clip-Wing Cub in the foreground. The two bright white topped canopies in the background is where we lounged.

LAKE McSWAIN (Continued from Page 2)

There were also some funny times and some tragic times as I'm sure most of you have heard about already. There was the case of the missing hearing aid that ended up hiding in a boot. Then there was the case of murdering four transmitters. You notice I didn't mention any names but I'm sure there are a few people who would be glad to divulge that information.

For those of you who would like to go next year the event will be held September 18 - 20, 2020. If you want to fly a lot Friday go up Thursday. If you need reservations for camping or one of their cabins, do it now because it fills up quickly. It's great to meet modelers from other parts of

Always a little maintenance required



the state and even from other states. There people in attendance from Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

That's a log plane in the foreground.



Above - The retrieval boat bringing in the Bingo. Seems a couple of the screws gave way and the front of the float dropped down. Minimal damage was sustained and it flew again later that day.

Upper right - On Sunday we often had the beach to ourselves. The log floated in Saturday night.

Right - retrieving the Clip-wing after another successful flight.

Welcome to “CRASHES CORNER” Once Again!!

Hey Fellow Flyers, had some stuff change in my life, but will not go into details here. I’m going to talk a little about Bob Wieland and Al Lang. I know both guys were active in the club, but I don’t remember much about them, but here goes what I know.

Al Lang left us for the “Big Airstrip in the Sky” in November 1997. He had only been in the club for a few years, he had a STRONG desire to learn to fly RC. Roy Slater took him under his wing to do whatever it took to help him learn. Al also took control of the club’s video collection. Al’s enthusiasm was highly contagious, with a lot of the club feeling a HUGE loss when he left us.

Bob Wieland was with us for a long time. He left us in February 1998 for that Big Landing Strip up in the heavens. He came from the Santa Cruz area, and flew whatever he could with wings. He flew Sports flyers, Float plans, Gliders, Giant Scale planes. He

was really involved with the club in activities. Bob was there for ALL THE EVENTS!!

I don’t look forward to whomever is the next to join this list, BUT as long as I am not on it, you can be sure we will remember all that join it until then. I’ve even had several folks ask me in the last few years, “do you have a good picture of me for the event?”.

One of the best resources for the pictures has been from the calendars that John Midgorden use to do for us. Some have come from folks in the club that have run across the pictures I’ve been looking for, and some have come from asking folks at events if they knew anyone with pictures of ____.

**UNTIL NEXT TIME, HAPPY
LANDINGS TO ALL, AND
TO ALL A GOOD
NIGHT!!!**

Jim “CRASH” St.John



SAN ANTONIO LAKE FLOAT FLY

Would you believe it, two float flies to report in one newsletter edition. Besides McSwain reported on a previous page we had a great float fly at San Antonio Lake. The weather was great and the flying was outstanding. It's hard to find a better place to fly off the water.

Weekend campers included Mike and Cathy McCauley, Gary and Barb Sobak, Dennis Stanley and Randy and Bob McGregor. James Collins and son Finnegan traveled down Thursday and spent the night. They had to depart Friday.

Terry Gansberger was a one day flyer on Friday. Saturday saw Howard Power, Randy Bonetti, Gary Pozzi and Chuck Barnes and spouse Debbie from the Tri-Valley



A spectacular sunset!



Modelers in Santa Maria. We all enjoyed the flying while Cathy McCauley enjoyed paddling around in her kayak.



Dennis Stanley enjoying a flight.



Nice reflection of the Bingo



Gary's Clip Wing Cub



Assembling the Duck

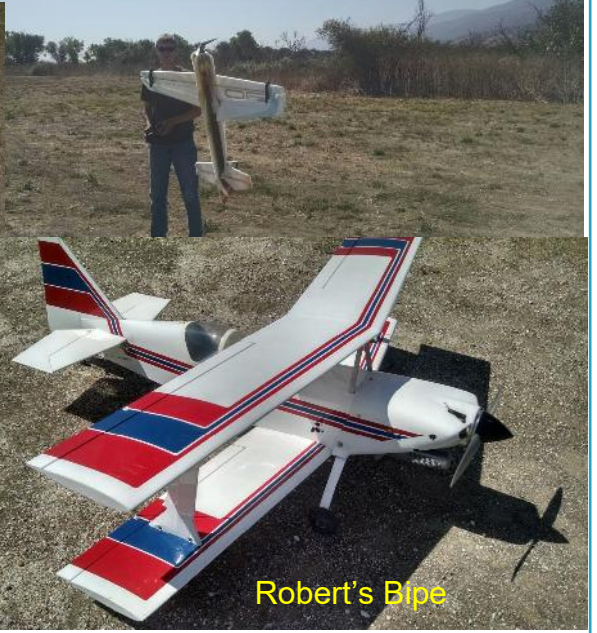




Below - Dan's Laser. He's won two firsts in a row at IMAC. Goping to be moving to Sportsman, Dan?



Tristan and his foamy.



Robert's Biqe

Calendar of Events

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

December 2019

- 7 Toys for Tots Flyin
- 8 Christmas Dinner and Annual Meeting

January 2020

- 15 Board Meeting
- 22 Membership Meeting at the Flying Artichoke

February

- 19 Board Meeting
- 26 Membership Meeting at the Flying Artichoke

March 2020

- 14 Slope Soaring - Seaside
- 18 Board Meeting
- 25 Membership Meeting at the Flying Artichoke

April 2020

- 3-5 Float Fly - San Antonio Lake
- 12 Easter
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18-19 IMAC I
- 25 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

Club Contact Information

2019 SAM Officers

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Augie Caresani,
(831) 424-7999 | President
augustcaresani@gmail.com |
| Ed Glynn
(831) 227-5035 | ,Vice President
ed_glynn_2001@yahoo.com |
| Gretta Williams,
(831) 484-8918 | Secretary
ganddwilliams@razzolink.com |
| Bob McGregor,
(831) 595-3681 | Treasurer, Membership
xpilotwon@gmail.com |

2016 SAM Board of Governors:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Chuck Bosso,
(831) 659-4303 | chbosso@gmail.com |
| Malcolm Beety
(831) 236-5306 | lowflyer8@yahoo.com |
| Tristan Williams
(831) 484-9818 | tristanwilliamsr@gmail.com |

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Safety Officer | Don Meeks |
| (831) 596-3056 | demeeks@pacbell.net |

To send any submissions to the newsletter editor:

xpilotwon@gmail.com

This includes pictures. The email above is checked regularly, so any submission will not go unnoticed.

Link for field weather station: <https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCACHUAL3>

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. The newsletter editor retains editorial rights to any submission solely for the purpose or cor-

Right and Below -
Chris Johnson's Extra.



Right - Mike McCauley had a lot of fun with his Cub at San Antonio Lake.



Left - Someone figured out what a hoe is for. Hope you didn't get any blisters on your hands, Dan.

From:
Salinas Area Modelers
P.O. Box 1225
Salinas, CA 93902-1225

To: