

July—A Very Eventful Month



July has indeed been a busy and eventful month for SAM! Every weekend has had a major event, and as I write this editorial there are still two weekends to go—a glider contest on the 22nd and our 30th Club Anniversary on the 30th. This issue of *SAM Says* includes photos and comments on several of these significant happenings.

Kudos to SAM members for helping Dave Stoik with the IMAC contest. Thanks to Dave for all the effort to make this contest a great success. As an IMAC contestant in the past I realize that judging is always a very subjective endeavor. I also know that pilots always think they are doing better than they actually are. This was brought home to me a few years ago when a friend of mine video taped one of my flights. Boy could I see the mistakes then! So, thanks, Dave for putting up with disgruntled pilots.

Another observation of the IMAC contestants may be worth some thought by all of us. IMAC is one of the few AMA sponsored sub-groups that has young pilots in evidence. Why is this? My personal opinion is that it is an activity that challenges pilots to be better flyers and young people seem to like this challenge.

The photo above displays the pictures of many of the SAM members who have left us through death. I want to express appreciation to Jim St. John for his devotion in collecting and taking stewardship over these photos. I have never belonged to a club that honors its fallen members like SAM! It is a comfort to realize that through this tradition all of us will someday be remembered!

By your Editor

President Says



HEY YA'LL, IT'S "CRASH" LANDING AGAIN!

Well, another month down in the history books for the Salinas Area Modelers. We pulled off another SUCCESSFUL IMAC event with Dave Stoik leading A LOT of the club members. There were over 30 pilots, they flew until the sun went down, they cleaned up after themselves, and they ATE! It was a HIGHLY successful event, THANKS AGAIN DAVE, and many thanks to all who helped!

We also have experienced our club's Annual Memorial Fun Fly, in honor of those that have left us for the *landing strip in the sky*. We were honored to have Roe Schoening come and help us in remembering some of the earlier members. We had over 25 people for the Memorial part, and to eat.

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We also had a raffle with most of the items coming from Jim Foster in memory of Scroggie Wiley and Joe Altmeyer. Both of these fellows were members of the club and very dear friends to mine. We will have more items from these fellow flyers for the raffle on 7/30 for our 30th Birthday Bash.

Speaking of which, July 30th we have selected for our 30th Salinas Area Modelers' Birthday Celebration. Some of the first club members will be on hand, we'll be fed, we'll have flying, a raffle, some videos, and a lot of Fun! Most clubs are lucky to last 10 years, with VERY few lasting 30 years as we have. This club has stuck together through a lot of trying times and some hardships. We are together forever!!! LET'S PARTY!

I want to thank Bob McGregor for getting our new container on site, with thanks to Malcolm Bruce and Malcolm Beety for helping prep the site and get the container set. For those of you who were also a part of this, I thank you too!

Last thing I want to cover is the list of photos I still need to honor the members of the past. I still need of: Ken Wade, Charlie Rosen, Marrison "Sarge" Gleason, Ray Lang, Ben Young, Charles "Chuck" Perry, and Jim Gillot. With MANY thanks to several members that have spent time for me in searching their photos, we have found many of them. Please take some time and check through what pictures you have and see if any of these folks are there. If you have some pics that you don't know who they are, please bring them to the 30th Birthday Bash and let us look at them, PLEASE!

*HAPPYLANDINGS TO ALL , and to all a Good Night.
Jim "CRASH" St. John.*



MINUTES OF THE JULY CLUB MEETING

These minutes are a combination of both the Board and Club Meetings.

The June Board/Club meetings were called to order by President Jim St. John at 6:30 and 7:30 PM, respectfully. There were nine present for the Board meeting and eleven for the club meeting. Bob McGregor

gave a financial report and reported that the club membership stands at 69.

Old Business

Container: Bob McGregor reported the good news that the new container was delivered the past Monday. There was a discussion of an additional security bar over the doors and the design suggested by Dave Stoik seemed to be the best idea. McGregor was also to see about getting a gift certificate for the member who has been storing the tractor at his place.

New Generator: McGregor will use his generator for the IMAC contest the following weekend. After discussion of options, it was moved, seconded and passed that McGregor buy a new generator at Home Depot.

IMAC Contest: Dave Stoik, CD for this event, reported that he expects 30-35 pilots. He will need help in the scoring and scribing tasks. Dale Oxford reported that a new PA system is installed at the field.

Sheriff's Beat: The Sheriff's deputy that patrols the area of our field told Bob McGregor that if he had the combination to our gate he would make periodic checks for us.

Scrapper for Tractor: McGregor brought up the need for a scrapper for the tractor. After discussion Dale Oxford moved and Dave Stoik seconded that Bob arrange to buy the agreed upon scrapper for \$750.

Scanner Discovered: After the notice in the newsletter about the club's missing scanner, Joe Francis discovered the scanner in his dad's stuff.

New Business

Quail Lodge Demonstration: Walt Newman explained that the Quail Lodge wants to stop at our field on August 15 for a demonstration. Those involved will have to be ready to fly by 9:45 AM. Walt expects the Lodge to give us around \$400, which will pay for our new PA system.

July Memorial Fun Fly: Jim St. John announced that there will be a raffle of some of Jim Foster's stuff at the memorial event. Lunch will also be provided.

July 30th Anniversary Celebration: The food vendor has been contracted with and there will be ribs and chicken served for a cost to the club of \$14/head.

Show and Tell

Jim St. John showed his P-51 that Jim Foster insisted that he have for taking care of all the model stuff from Scroggie Wiley and Joe Altmeyer

There being no program for this month the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully, John Midgorden, Secretary

SAM 2006 Calendar

August

2	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
5	Glider Contest	SAM Field
15	Quail Lodge Demonstration	SAM Field
27	RudderGate	SAM Field

September

6	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
15-17	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
23	Field Work Day	SAM Field
24	RudderGate	SAM Field

October

4	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
6-8	Float Fly	Lake San Antonio
21	Electric Fun Fly	SAM Field
29	RudderGate	SAM Field

November

1	Board/Club Meeting	Salinas Airport
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December

2-3	Toys for Tots Fun Fly	SAM Field
2	Annual Dinner	Landing Zone Restaurant

OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW



Thanks to Bob McGregor for all his work in finding someone to remove the old container and getting a new one installed. And thanks to Dale Oxford for building the new security bar. Hopefully it will discourage robbers from returning to the scene.

Newsletter Deadline

August 15, 2006

Send your contributions to:

<http://www.jomidg@earthlink.net>

Monthly Meeting Place

The monthly SAM Board and Club meets at the Landing Zone Restaurant located at the Salinas Airport Terminal Building.

A number of us meet at 5:30 PM for dinner at the restaurant—Come join the fun!

Board meets at 6:30 PM and the club meets at 7:30 PM. All are welcome for both meetings!



In Memory

Those Who Have Left Us

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|-------------------------|------|
| Ken Wade | 1983 |
| Bill Shaw | 1985 |
| Alex Arellano | 1986 |
| Mike Sanders | 1989 |
| Jerry Reed | 1989 |
| Walter Parker | 1990 |
| Bob Morse | 1991 |
| Darwin "Tommie" Thomas | 1992 |
| Frank Schoening | 1992 |
| Charlie Rosen | 1993 |
| Richard Davis | 1994 |
| William Rudd | 1994 |
| Rudy Kershing | 1996 |
| Marrion "Sarge" Gleason | 1996 |
| Ray Lang | 1997 |
| Benjamin Young | 1997 |
| Joe Quirk | 1997 |
| Al Lang | 1997 |
| Bob Wieland | 1998 |
| Dan Potts | 1998 |
| Les Johnson | 1999 |
| Chuck Fuller | 1999 |
| Les St. John | 2001 |
| Gordon "Scroggie" Wiley | 2002 |
| Charles "Chuck" Perry | 2002 |
| William (Bill) Hurtt | 2002 |
| Jim Gillott | 2003 |
| Dick Miller | 2004 |
| Dick (Woody) Woodcock | 2004 |
| Bob Francis | 2004 |
| Herschel Kopp | 2004 |
| Joe Altmeyer | 2005 |

A Hole in the Sky

There is a hole in the sky
I heard the news
you've gone.

When I met you,
and your planes,
I knew
here is a man
with a heart that
fills the sky.

Tomorrow,
when the sun
has come up,
there will be
a big hole in the sky
where you belong.

Jack Tossman
6/11/94 Big Sur



New Planes—New & Old Faces



Fred Baker and Somethin' Extra

Jonathan & Doug Raarup Back in Training



Malcolm Beety and Yak-45

Kyle Matthew and Electric Beaver



Randy McGregor and Bum Knee



New Member Bill Range



Jim Green Learning to Fly His Tiger II



Alan Brown Telling Fred and Malcolm How Airplanes Work

REFLECTIONS ON THE IMAC EVENT

The weekend of July 8 & 9, 2006, the Salinas Area Modelers hosted an IMAC (International Miniature Aerobatic Club) contest. For those of you that might not know, this is an aerobatic competition that involving five levels or expertise — Basic, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced and Unlimited. Each class flies a sequence of maneuvers that is changed every year. The maneuvers are flown within a space box 1,800 feet wide, 400 feet high and 400 feet deep.

There are two judges for each flight and they award the pilot a score from 0 to 10 on each maneuver. However, each maneuver is also given a difficulty factor (called a K factor) which is multiplied by the judges 0–10 score. The judge's scores are entered into a computer program where the mathematics is automatically done to give a total point score for each flight. Pilots normally fly their given sequence twice during each flight. At the end of the contest the lowest score is thrown out and the winners in each class are determined by the total score of all flights.

All planes (with a couple of exceptions) were at least ¼ scale or larger of a full scale aerobatic aircraft. Since IMAC is the model counter part to IAC (International Aerobatic Club) models must be replicas of full scale airplanes that have competed in IAC contests. The only exception is in the BASIC beginner class where any model can be flown.

There were 31 pilots involved in the competition, two of them being our own Steve Saulovich (Intermediate) and Dave Stoik (Advanced). It was nice to see a couple of young competitors taking part. When I say young I mean somewhere around twelve years old—give or take a year. These kids were really enthusiastic. One of them put on an astounding demonstration with a foamy Sunday morning before the competition began. It was a very nice weekend getting a little windy mid afternoon, but that didn't seem to bother the competitors. They still flew with great precision and accuracy.

Hosting such an event exposes SAM members to another aspect of the hobby/sport. Besides that it gives us an opportunity to put a little money in our treasury. We did quite well in that respect putting an excess of \$1,000 in our bank account. It was well

worth the inconvenience imposed on all of us for not being able to fly during the weekend. Just keep in mind that if we did not host events like this our dues would be higher. Thanks to all the people that did come out to help. Dave Stoik said many of the contestants commented on how well our club supported him in this event. Apparently most clubs that host the IMAC competition don't support the event well at all. We sold coffee, donuts and lunches both days. We also worked as scribes for the judges or did anything else that needed to be done. Thanks to all that worked. It would be nice to get more people out to help with these events. It is a very effortless way to raise money for the club. We received many positive comments from the visiting contestants. We will be hosting the event again next year so plan to come out and help.

Thanks to Dave Stoik for being the contest director bringing this event to our field. The following people came out to help: Jay Beck, Malcolm Beety, Chuck Bosso, Alan Brown, Malcolm Bruce, David Downer, Joe Francis, Jack Jella, Chris Meharg, John Midgorden, Dick Moeller, Walt Newman, Dale Oxford, Bill Range, Jim St John, Jack Tossman (Jack also took video of the event), Randy McGregor and Bob McGregor. Please forgive me if I missed anybody. I'll take 10 lashes with a wet noodle for each omission. (See photos of the event on the next page)

By Bob McGregor

How it Works by Alan Brown

Q: I have a sailplane which gives me a lot of nose-down pitching when I put the top surface air brakes out. Hasn't happened on previous airplanes.

A: The majority of the lift on an airfoil is generated by the front 20% of the top surface. That will be particularly true for a well-designed airfoil. Depending on the position of the airbrakes on the top surface, the effect of deploying will both add drag and reduce lift. With a good airfoil, we'll lose a lot of the forward lift, which can result in a nosedown pitching moment, as the center of lift moves back. There can also be the complication of a change of flow pattern over the horizontal tail, depending on whether it's high or low.

What this space in future newsletters for Alan's aerodynamic tips.

IMAC Contest – July 8–9



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This Month's Events

August 2

Club Meeting Landing Zone Restaurant

August 5

Glider Contest SAM Field

August 15

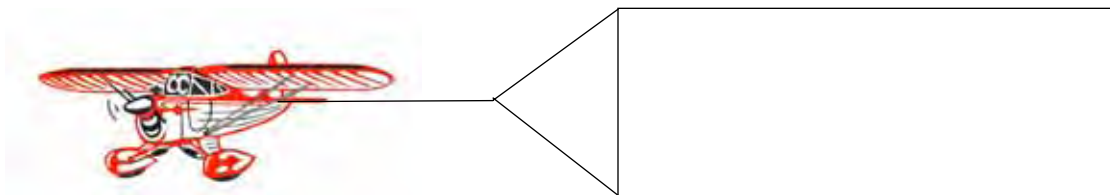
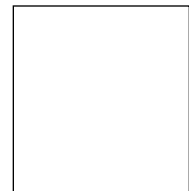
Quail Lodge Demo SAM Field

August 27

Rudder gate SAM Field

Special thanks to Jack Tossman for some of the photos of the IMAC Contest and to Jim and Linda St. John for the photos of the Memorial Fun Fly. The rest of the photos are by John Midgorden.

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