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NEXT RUDDERGATE: AUG 27TH

**GLIDER
 CONTEST
 AUGUST 6TH**

Glider Contest, Scale Fun Fly & RudderGate This Month!

AUGUST EVENTS

GLIDER CONTEST (6TH)

The July Glider Contest was won by Terry Gansberger. Who will be the endurance champ at the August event? The first Saturday in August will be the scene of a repeat attempt at winning the Tour de SAM for all you glider enthusiasts.

SCALE FUN FLY (20-21)

The third weekend this month is the time for our annual scale event. This use to be an IMAA type fun fly, but in recent years it has been open to any scale model, gas, glow or electric, regardless of size. We are hopeful that others from outside our club will come and join us in the sport. Rick Maida will be running this event.

RUDDERGATES ON SATURDAY THE 27TH

Don't forget to bring your contribution to the meal for the August RudderGate. We also need someone to volunteer to cook the meat. Let Chris Meharg know if you are willing to cook for the August RudderGate. The change to Saturdays this year for RudderGates has been very successful. Thanks to all who have been bringing food to round out the lunches.



July Glider Gang Ready to Go (there were others who came too late for the photo)

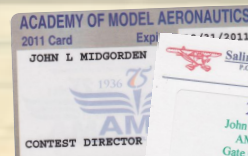


Safety Officer Being Safe (?)



Ed Glynn on the Wing

The August Meeting at the Landing Zone August 3rd





Pres Says . . .

Wow what a crazy couple of months, hot, cold, rain, and fog. In spite of the weather we still had some good times with our SAM friends flying RC.

I want to thank every one who took part in our Birdog raffle to help fund the new runway. The raffle will end at the August Club Meeting and we will be drawing the winning ticket then. Tickets will remain on sale during the meeting until the drawing takes place. So good luck and thank you.

You can anticipate more fundraisers in the future. The Board is always looking for new ways to raise money for the runway such as 50/50 raffles, general raffles, donations, endowments, etc. So if you have a good idea for raising funds please let one of your board member know.

I have also noticed an improvement at the field as far as keeping it clean. As SAM does not have a garbage service to pick up trash, please remember to pick up after yourselves. If you find a trash can full and are lucky enough to have access to a trash dumpster it would be greatly appreciated if you would take the bag of trash home with you and dispose of it.

In the mean time...

Remember, whenever possible please support your local shops. Remember to lock and twist the dial of the lock when you go in or out of the field. If you bring it, take it back with you (don't leave trash at the field), try not to fly alone and most importantly Have FUN and be safe!!!

*Chris Meharg
President*

NEXT RUDDERGATE: AUGUST 30TH

AUGUST 1ST BOARD MEETING

SAM Board meeting (including dinner) for August will be held at the English Ales in Marina. It is located at 223 Riendollar Ave. Time — 6 P.M.

SCALE FUN FLY — AUGUST 20-21

If you have a scale model, regardless of size, come to the two-day Scale Fun Fly at SAM Field. This used to be an IMAA event, but in order to broaden the interest any scale model will qualify. Rick Maida will be CDing this event. There will be lunches served on Saturday and Sunday. For those of you who don't choose to participate in the flying, there is the need for help to put on the lunches!

The field will be open on Friday(19th) also for those coming from out-of-town with campers.



**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR
FREQUENCY PIN IF YOU ARE
STILL FLYING 72 MHZ RADIOS**

CHECK OUT THIS WEATHER SITE

The following link is for weather at the Marina Airport: <http://awos.cirpas.org/>

This site might be helpful for those of you wondering what the weather may be like at SAM Field.

Thanks to Don Meeks for this heads up!



2011 CALENDAR (REMAINING)

August

- 1 Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 3 Club Meeting Salinas Airport
- 6 Glider Contest SAM Field
- 19-21 Scale Fun Fly SAM Field
- 27 RudderGate SAM Field

September

- 5 Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 5 Labor Day Fly In SAM Field
- 7 Club Meeting Salinas Airport
- 16-18 Float Fly Lake San Antonio
- 24 Field Work Day SAM Field
- 24 RudderGate SAM Field

October

- 3 Board Mtg. Location to be announced
- 5 Club Meeting Salinas Airport
- 7-9 Float Fly Lake San Antonio
- 15 Electric Fun Fly SAM Field
- 29 RudderGate SAM Field
- 31 Board Mtg. Location to be announced

November

- 2 Board/Club Meeting Salinas Airport

December

- 3 Toys for Tots Fun Fly SAM Field
- 3 Annual Banquet Landing Zone

SEEN AT THE FLYING FIELD



Ben Gacayan and YAK



Chris Thomsen and Jet



Glynn Dennis and his Habu



Gary Pozzi and Big Cub



Good to See Jack Flying Again!



Mike Parley and Shoestring



Randy Bonetti and Four Star



Romie Ventura and You-Can-Do-3D

NEWS FLASH!

The new Cook Storage Container is now in place. This will be used to store the grill and all other equipment and supplies related to our BBQ activity at events and RudderGates!

CAN YOU NAME THESE PLANES AT THE NAVAL AIR MUSEUM AT PENSACOLA?

<http://www.cdsg.org/forums/viewtopic.php?t=337>



JULY GLIDER CONTEST





MORE GLIDER SHENANIGANS





MINUTES OF THE JULY SAM MEMBER MEETING

The July SAM member meeting was called to order by President Chris Meharg at 7:00 P.M. at the Landing Zone Restaurant located in the Salinas Municipal Airport Terminal Building.

Board members present: Chris Meharg, John Midgorden, Bob McGregor, Walt McCommons, Dennis Stanley, and Randy Bonetti.

Members present: Malcolm Bruce, Jay Beck, Gary Mallett, Chuck Bosso, Chris Thomsen, Robert Meharg, Ed Glynn, Ben Gacayan, and Jim St. John.

Bob McGregor reported the club's funds in both its checking and savings accounts. He also shared that the club's 2011 membership total is now 85.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **June Workday:** It was agreed that the workday went well and some of the guys were at the field quite late in the day. The repair of the cracks in the runway was not as successful as hoped. Different materials would have worked better. New fencing was installed on the ends of the flight stations and Dennis Stanley did a great job of building racks in the small container to store the club trainers. At this month's Board meeting it was decided that a board member will be in charge of each project at future workdays.
2. **Club Trainers:** Two of the trainers and their transmitters are now in the small container. The charging situation was discussed and the consensus is to have a quick charger available in the container. Bob McGregor volunteered to donate a charger. The board also has agreed to change the lock so that only instructor pilots have access to the container. There is also the need to put a couple of gallons of fuel in the container.
3. **Cessna Birddog:** The board has decided to hold the raffle of the Cessna Birddog at the August meeting.
4. **July Glider Contest:** The July Glider Contest was a big success. Terry Gansberger was the endurance winner and Dick Moeller came in second.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fuel:** Bob McGregor reported that the Club fuel program has worked out well. Everyone has been good about paying and there have been no losses. He has ordered another shipment, and although the price has increased, the Club will still be able to make a small profit at \$20 a gallon. So, there will be no price increase to members.
2. **Frequency Control Problem:** There was an instance recently of two guys on the same 72 MHZ

frequency where the first guy to take off had not secured the frequency pin. Fortunately, neither aircraft was lost. But this incident points out a potential problem, especially for those pilots flying both 72 and 2.4 radios.

3. **Memorial Fun Fly:** July 16th is the date for this year's Memorial Fun Fly where those SAM members who have died are remembered. Jim St. John described how the Memorial will be run. The Club will be providing a BBQ lunch. John Midgorden agreed to send Jim the list of deceased members so he can make copies for the event.

SHOW AND TELL

Gary Mallett brought his newly completed electric powered PT Trainer. It has already been flown successfully. The following photos shows the good job Gary did in building this from a kit (something we see less and less of days).



Gary and his Electric PT Trainer

PROGRAM

John Midgorden hooked up his Mac to the restaurant HD TV and showed a presentation of WW II aviation art that Jim St. John had emailed to him recently.

*Respectfully submitted
John Midgorden, Secretary*

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VISION AND MISSION

AMA Vision

We, the members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, are the pathway to the future of aeromodelling and are committed to making modeling the foremost sport/hobby in the world.

This vision is accomplished through:

- Affiliation with its valued associates, the modeling industry and governments.
- A process of continuous improvement.
- A commitment to leadership, quality, education and scientific/technical development.
- A safe, secure, enjoyable modeling environment.

AMA Mission

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is a world-class association of modelers organized for the purpose of promotion, development, education, advancement, and safeguarding of modeling activities.

The Academy provides leadership, organization, competition, communication, protection, representation, recognition, education and scientific/technical development to modelers.

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AMA 75TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER CONTEST

The AMA is offering a newsletter contest during this there 75th anniversary. I'm fishing for possible content for a submission of our newsletter before the deadline of December 19th.

Here is what I'm looking for:

1. Do we have any SAM members who have been members of AMA since 1936 (say a Jack Jellá?) that I could interview?
2. SAM is now 35 years young. Do any of you long-time SAM members have interesting stories about the growth of SAM, particularly in the context of AMA's growth?
3. Do any of you have interesting stories about your relationship with AMA over the years (positive stories of course).

If any of you have ideas or stories related to the above, please let me know.

John Midgorden, Editor



2011 Members

85

GLIDER CONTEST

The July Glider Contest was a big success. Those intrepid SAM glider enthusiasts will try again this month. August's fun event will be held on the first Saturday of the month —

AUGUST 6TH

Meeks and Twin Otter



Don Meek's has a new toy. A beautiful Dehawiland Twin Otter!

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MAIL TO:

Coming SAM Events

August

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August 3rd Club Mtg.

Come Early for Dinner at the
 Landing Zone Restaurant
 6:00 P.M.
 Club Meeting
 7:00 P.M.

