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NEXT RUDDERGATE: OCT 29TH

The Last Float Fly of 2011 & Annual Electric Fun Fly This Month



See What You Are Missing!

OCTOBER EVENTS

OCTOBER FLOAT FLY (7-9)

The last float fly of 2011 will be the second weekend in October. The water is great this year and a wonderful place to fly off the water. If you don't have a float plane, come down and enjoy the action, the weather, and Lake San Antonio.

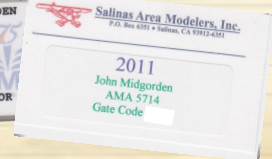
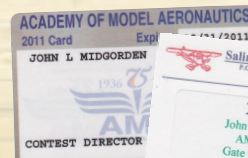
ANNUAL ELECTRIC FUN FLY (15TH)

Jack Tossman has been hard at work preparing for this annual fun event. He has a number of sponsors lined up and some great prizes. He has also contacted some of the guys who have been here in the past with their large multi-engine electrics. There will be a Dawn Patrol take off at 8:30 A.M. on the day of the event. So, come early and bring your electric models. See Page 4 for all the details.



The September Glider Contest Gang

The October
Club Meeting at the
Landing Zone
October 5th





Pres Says . . .

Hello fellow Samsters. Can you believe it is almost October all ready? October means that we only have 5 events remaining; October 7th through the 9th will be the last float fly of the season. This is one of my personal favorite events. With miles of runway, it is VERY difficult to miss the runway on approach. October 15th is the SAM Electric Fun Fly put on by our friend and member from Burbank, Jack Tossman. It will be another definitely electrifying event that is always great fun. The 29th brings our last ruddergate of the season. Moving the ruddergates to Saturday seems to have been a good move that I hope will continue next year.

Our two remaining events of the year fall in December on the 3rd. During the day is our annual Toys for Tots fun fly. For this event there is a fee of two new unwrapped toys, preferably one for a boy and one for a girl. These toys are then taken to the Chualar fire station to be donated to needy children, definitely a worthy cause! That evening is our annual dinner at the Landing Zone restaurant, where we hold the yearly elections, member of the year and the white elephant gift exchange. I hope to see many of you at these remaining events.

I also want to take the time to thank my Father who wrote a very good article last month. Thank you dad.

In the mean time...

Remember, whenever possible please support your local shops. Remember to lock and twist 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!!! watching the planes fly—it is letting my spirit soar.

*Chris Meharg
President*

SEPTEMBER 5TH BOARD MEETING

SAM Board meeting (including dinner) for September will return to the English Ales Bar and Cafe in Marina. It is located at 223 Riendollar Ave. Time — 6 P.M.

FLYING GIANTS HUCKFEST

OCTOBER 13–16, 2011

The best 3D pilots on the west coast will be throwing down a show that is simply awesome to watch. What is 3D? What is a Huckfest, you ask? Well, 3D is flying an RC airplane in a very high alpha attitude. But it's much more than just hovering and inverted Harriers, it's a high energy freestyle type of flying that shows incredible depth of RC piloting skills. Hucking is doing 3D down low, and a Huckfest is just a bunch of great pilots from all over doing what they do best - and it is a blast to watch.

A few of us traveled to the Huckfest last year and were so impressed, we're going again this year. We thought we'd share the information with the club to see if anyone might be interested in checking it out.

But it's not just a bunch of planes hovering right over the runway - sure they do that - it's a combination of precision, smooth aerobatics, incredible piloting ability, but with a more freestyle approach. So rather than IMAC where they do the same pattern a long ways away, this is high energy, close, down low and big. 40% airplanes are the norm, with a few REALLY large planes thrown in too like the 46% YAK54 with a 148" wingspan flown by Dave Sullivan.

They also fly into the night - with big gas airplanes all lit up and smoke on - and THAT was the coolest thing I have seen.

So come check it out! If you are interested in carpooling, contact Rob Ellis rob.s.ellis@comcast.net.

Details:

Lodi HuckFest
Kingdon Airpark, Lodi, California
Check GoogleMaps (near to the 5 FWY and HWY 12 just West of Lodi)
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SEE HUCKFEST PHOTO ON PAGE 8



**US SCALE
MASTERS CONTEST**

U.S. Scale Masters Championship in Fresno, California, Thursday, October 06, 2011 until Sunday, October 09, 2011

SEEN AT LAKE SAN ANTONIO



McGregor Getting Duck Ready



Robin and Saratoga

**WATCH YOUR
SPEED**

Try not to drive more than 15 MPH on the entrance road to the field. It creates unnecessary dust and adds to the washboarding of the road.



Stanley and Seamaster Type



Howard Power and Seaplane

ETIQUETTE

Please remove your aircraft and equipment from the flight station after you have completed each flight. Its a SAM rule—check your Bylaws booklet, Page 13.



Duck Coming in for Feet Dry



Moeller, Jellá and Mallett

**NOMINATIONS FOR
2012 OFFICERS**

Its that time of the year when we nominate those whom we wish to lead the club next year. All positions are open to nominations. See page 7 for the list of officers and board members



Bob Flying, Randy Hamming



Beety Recovers Bonetti's Stick



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AMA Required

ANNUAL "VOLTS FLY" ELECTRIC FLY IN Sat. Oct. 15, 2011

BRING YOUR JETS, CHOPPERS, BIPES, FOAMIES, SCALE PLANES
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DAWN PATROL AT 8:30 AM



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SEPTEMBER FLOAT FLY (PHOTOS BY RUSSELL STEFFEN)



Glynn Dennis' Beaver



Glynn Dennis' Beaver



Glynn Dennis' Beaver



Gary Mallett's Cub



Gary Mallett's Cub



Howard Power's Seamaster (type)



Randy McGregor's Stick



Randy McGregor's Stick



Randy Bonetti's Stick



Randy Bonetti's Canadair



Bob McGregor's Duck



Bob McGregor's Duck



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER SAM MEMBER MEETING

The September SAM member meeting was called to order by President Chris Meharg at 7:03 P.M. at the Landing Zone Restaurant in the Salinas Municipal Airport Terminal.

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

Members present: were Jack Jellá, Robert Meharg, Gary Sobak, Gary Mallett, Chuck Bosso, Malcolm Bruce, Dale Oxford, Pat O'Keefe, Rod White, Bill Hurst, Dick Jurgens, Bob Tjerrild, Ben Gacayan, and Ed Glynn.

Bob McGregor shared the financial situation of the club indicating the balances on the checking and savings accounts and also indicated the membership is now 87.

Old Business

1. New Container: In order to make the new container operational and secure the wind turbine needs to be installed, the interior painted white, and the security grate welded in place.
2. Scale Fun Fly: The scale fun fly was a success, thanks to Joe Francis. Since it wasn't widely publicized it was mostly SAM members who participated. Considering the lack of outside pilots, the event cleared \$251 thanks to the profitable lunch provided.
3. Speed limit: Last month there was a discussion to recommend a speed limit of 10 MPH on the entrance road. The board again discussed this and decided not to make a new rule, but rather to encourage voluntary compliance. The board further decided that 15 MPH would be a more realistic speed limit.

New Business

4. Parking Bumpers: The bumpers logs in the parking lot are in bad shape. The Board has discussed replacing them with either concrete or wood timber bumpers. The Board is looking into the costs.
5. September Glider Contest: There were 13 pilots who entered the "makeup" contest. Dick Moeller gave kudos to Bob McGregor for running a fun contest. John Midgorden won glider donated by Dave Lay. (The results of the contest are on Page 7).
6. September Float Fly: The Fall float fly season begins on the weekend of Sept 16-18. The club's lock will again be used on the entrance gate to the flying area. Bob McGregor has talked with Ranger at the lake to make sure all is in readiness for the event. Dale has sign to put up on the gate that was made and donated by Glynn Dennis. Dennis Stanley suggested we put something on the lock to identify the SAM lock in the event there is more than one combination lock on the entrance gate.

7. Ruddergate: Gary Mallett volunteered will cook at the September Ruddergate.
8. Request from Civil Air Patrol: Chris Meharg announced that he had received a request from a SF Bay Area Civil Air Patrol unit, who are using the Salinas Air Show as a fund raiser. They want to have indoor RC flying at the Boys and Girls Club near the Rodeo Grounds on the weekend of the airshow. The Board decided we don't have anyone who could do this.
9. Marina Air Fair: Bob McGregor discussed his conversation with Marina Air Fair personnel telling them SAM would not be able to have a static display this year (which is the same Saturday as SAM's electric fun fly). They promised to give us more notice next year. Bob was told that Marina normally has their air fair two weeks following Salinas Air Show.
10. Officers: President Meharg called attention to the fact that it is time to consider officers and board members for 2012. Everyone is encouraged to come prepared to nominate persons for club positions at the October club meeting.

Show and Tell

Bob McGregor brought the fuselage and one wing of his big Beaver that he hopes to have flying by this Fall. He hopes to have it on floats by next Spring. Here Bob is explaining many of the issues he has confronted in the construction so far.



Respectfully submitted
John Midgorden, Secretary



SEPTEMBER GLIDER CONTEST RESULTS

The September contest followed Bob McGregor rules used in the August contest. Flights were again limited to two minutes. Seconds over or under the two minute mark were deducted from a starting score of 200 points. In addition, during each launch the pilot had to do a loop. Failure to loop was a 20 point deduction from the 200. An added wrinkle this time was to provide three spot landing zones. Landing in the first zone was zero points. The second zone was a deduct of 10 points, the third zone a deduct of 20 points, and landing anywhere else was a 30 point deduct. John Midgorden, as the winner by a hair, was awarded the glider donated to the club by Dave Lay (see photo).

NAME	SCORE	PLACE
John Midgorden	538	1
Dan Nolan	536	2
Terry Gansberger	535	3
Bob Reikes	534	4
Dick Moeller	519	5
Malcolm Bruce	498	6
Bob McGregor	485	7
Gary Mallett	479	8
Ed Glynn	448	9
Jack Jellá	447	10
Romie Ventura	443	11
Alan Brown	63	12

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2011 Members

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Larry Lassley Score Keeper



McGregor Launches Moeller



Alan Brown with scale English Glider



Bruce Launches Bob Reikes



Midgorden Wins Lay's Glider

Huckfest 46% Yak 54



*You want to see large aerobatic models in 3D performance like this
148 inch Yak 54 flown by Dave Sullivan,
travel to Lodi, October 14-16 (see Page 2 for details)*

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MAIL TO:

Coming SAM Events

October

- 3: SAM Board Meeting
- 5: SAM Club Meeting
- 7-9: Float Fly @ San Antonio
- 15: Electric Fun Fly
- 29: Ruddergate

October 5th Club Mtg.

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

