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NEXT RUDDERGATE: SEPT 24TH

Glider Contest, Labor Day Fun Fly, Float fly & RudderGate This Month!

**GLIDER
 CONTEST
 SEPTEMBER 3RD**

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

GLIDER CONTEST (3RD)

A September Glider Contest has been scheduled as a make-up for the June contest that was rained out. Don't miss this one—the winner of the September contest will be awarded the wonderful glider (ready to fly) donated to the club by Dave Lay.

LABOR DAY FUN FLY (5TH)

For the past several years the club has scheduled a Labor Day fun fly. Since this is a holiday for most folks we should shoot for a very big crowd of RC'rs that day. How about spending your holiday at SAM Field?

LAKE SAN ANTONIO FLOAT FLY (16-18)

The Fall float flies will begin in September, so all you "floaters" get your planes ready.

FIELD WORKDAY (24TH) CANCELLED

The scheduled workday for September 24th has been canceled. Please note this change and remember that this is the day for the September RudderGate. So, come and fly on that Saturday and enjoy the pot-luck lunch.



Most of the August Glider Contestants

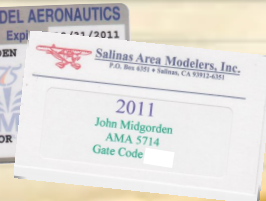
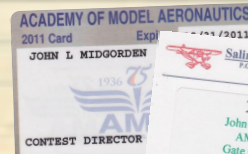


Augie Cooking Tri-tip for August RudderGate



Malcolm Bruce's Vista Launch

The September Club Meeting at the Landing Zone September 7th





Dad Meharg Says . . .

I have to admit I was a little reluctant the first time my son asked me to go to the SAM airfield. I was always a loner as a child but I felt like I owed this to my son. After all, it was only one day and a few hours of my time. What did I know?

It is now several years later and I am a club member. I had convinced myself that I go to the field to watch Chris fly and to help him with whatever needs to be done that day. I grumbled to myself when I was first asked to work in the snack shack and to help cook. Sometimes I had to drag myself to the field on field workdays. And then Chris asked me to go to a club meeting. Did I go? No way! I have been to several meetings now.

Why do I put myself through all this? I enjoy being with my son and am proud of his accomplishments. Several times he was ready to give up his new hobby because he crashed his planes or he couldn't seem to build his models correctly. He felt like a failure, but someone from SAM was always willing to help, and with this encouragement Chris developed more confidence and now takes pride in his accomplishments.

When Chris refers to his SAM family, I can understand what he means. I have discovered that SAM is more than a family to me. Most of the time being a family member is not an option, but I choose to be a member of SAM. I enjoy the camaraderie. I too take pride when I look out at some of the improvements we have made at the field. I especially enjoy the older historic airplanes and have learned a lot about various planes. Spending time with SAM is relaxing to me. It is more than watching the planes fly—it is letting my spirit soar.

Robert Meharg

SEPTEMBER FIELD WORKDAY CANCELLED

Come and enjoy the RudderGate instead!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Glider Contest (3rd)

A make-up contest for the rained out contest in June. One more chance for all you glider pilots to show your prowess in finding thermals. The winner of this contest will be rewarded the Dave Lay glider.



Labor Day Fun Fly (5th)

Come out and enjoy flying with your buddies on this National Holiday.



September Float Fly (16–18)

Lake San Antonio is the place where all good SAM Floaters gather for the beginning of the Fall fun at the lake. Get your seaplanes ready!



RudderGate (24th)

Don't forget to bring a food item to the party! The Saturday RudderGates have been well attended and there has been plenty of food. Thanks to everyone who comes and shares.

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.



2011 CALENDAR (REMAINING)

SEEN AT THE FLYING 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 (Cancelled) 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



RudderGate Cooking



Glynn Dennis' Canard



Ed Paré and Kadet



Larry Lopez and Cub

WATCH YOUR SPEED

Please don't drive too fast on the entrance road to the field. It creates unnecessary dust and adds to the washboarding of the road.

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.



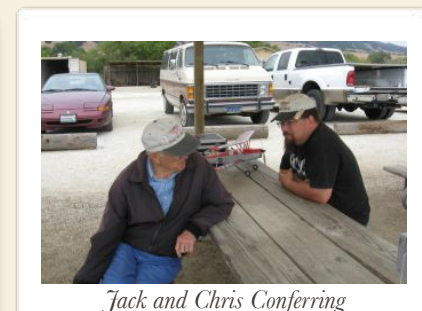
What, Midgorden and Electrics?



Greg Balesteri and Air Force



Glynn Dennis' T-28



Jack and Chris Conferring

CHECK OUT THIS JETMAN OVER THE GRAND CANYON

[YouTube - Jetman Flight at Grand Canyon West](#)



AUGUST GLIDER CONTEST





AUGUST SCALE FUN FLY



MINUTES OF THE AUGUST SAM MEMBER MEETING

The August SAM member meeting was called to order by President Chris Meharg at 7:02 P.M. at the Landing Zone Restaurant, located in the Salinas Municipal Airport Terminal.

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

Members present were Dick Moeller, Ben Gacayan, Chuck Bosso, Gary Sobak, Chris Thomsen, Gary Mallett, Jack Jellá, Malcolm Bruce, and Bob Tjerrild.

Treasurer Bob McGregor gave a report of the club's finances in both its checking and savings accounts. He also shared that the 2011 club membership is now 85.

Old Business

1. **New Container:** The new container, reserved for food service use, still needs to be painted inside, a wind turbine installed and the door secured. Dennis has steel grate from his old business that might work for securing the door. Walt has checked with Overhead Doors and they have two products that could be used to cover the gaps. After discussion it was decided to find a cheaper solution to the gap problem. Walt agreed to send Chris the gap dimensions so he can check for a cheaper solution.
2. **Trees Trimmed:** Walt and Bob trimmed the trees on entrance road, but there is still a bit more to trim.
3. **Basic Field Rules:** Safety Officer Dennis read a basic set of rules he has developed. He recommended that these rules, along with the helicopter rules, be put on a sign and posted near the center flight station. He also suggested they be included on the annual application form for next year. Dennis has a sign making source and volunteered to get a bid.
4. **Ahooga Horn:** Dennis suggests putting up a horn, now that we have DC power, for announcing helicopter sessions. Dennis has an ahooga horn.
5. **Glider Contest Saturday:** Bob volunteered to run the August glider contest. Dennis suggests using the scrapper blade on the tractor to cut down weeds off the northwest end of the runway in order to cut down on the weeds that hang up the tow line.

**New Business**

1. **Make Up Glider Contest:** Chris announced that the board had decided to have one more glider contest on September 3rd. This is a make-up contest for the June event that was rained out. He also mentioned that the winner of the September contest will be awarded the glider Dave Lay donated.
2. **Scale Fun Fly:** The annual Scale Fun Fly is scheduled for August 20–21. Joe Francis will run the event, since Rick Maida will be racing that weekend. Christ reminded everyone that he will need help with the food shack.
3. **Labor Day Fun Fly:** The annual Labor Day fun fly will be on September 5th. The question was raised as to whether the food shack should be open to provide lunch. **(It has been decided not have lunch provided)**
4. **Speeding into the Field:** Chris shared that the board has discussed the possible need for a speed limit sign on the entrance road into the field. The board is recommending a 10 MPH limit.
5. **Flight Station Etiquette:** Chris noted that pilots are tending to take “possession” of flight stations by leaving their aircraft and ground support equipment at the flight station. On Page 13 of the club's bylaws document it reads: *Remove aircraft and equipment from the flight pad area (after landing), return your transmitter to the impound area and place the frequency pin in proper spot on the control board.* With the advent of 2.4 GHz radios the frequency pin requirement is not as critical. However, the rule regarding moving the aircraft and equipment is valid.
6. **Birddog Raffle:** Dave Lay's beautiful Cessna Birddog raffle airplane was won by Dennis Stanley. The raffle provided \$267 dollars for the runway fund.

Show and Tell

Jack Jellá brought examples of silk span covered wings. He also brought his tinny Cox .01 RC stick model.

John Midgorden brought his new ParkZone P-47 with retracts and flaps added.



Respectfully submitted
John Midgorden, Secretary



JULY & AUGUST GLIDER CONTEST RESULTS

JULY SCORES

The July Glider Contest was for endurance and extra points for landing under the limbo line and within the spot landing square. The scores to the right are in minutes. Pilots who were able to land under the limbo and within the spot were awarded 10 additional seconds to their flight score.

| NAME | SCORE | PLACE |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Terry Gansberger | 825 | 1 |
| Dick Moeller | 758 | 2 |
| Howard Power | 680 | 3 |
| John Midgorden | 485 | 4 |
| Malcolm Bruce | 458 | 5 |
| Dennis Stanley | 451 | 6 |
| Ed Glynn | 423 | 7 |
| Bob McGregor | 413 | 8 |
| Jay Beck | 395 | 9 |
| Gary Mallett | 337 | 10 |
| Fred Baker | 282 | 11 |
| Dan Nolan | 208 | 12 |

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Bob McGregor helps Jack Jellá Launch

AUGUST SCORES

Bob McGregor came up with a new kind of contest in August. Flights were 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. A spot landing within the designated area was good for 10 points.

Four rounds were flown and the scores to the right reflect the total of the three best flights. Three perfect flights would have produced a score of 600. This kind of contest produces scores very close together.

| NAME | SCORE | PLACE |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Howard Power | 553 | 1 |
| Bob McGregor | 540 | 2 |
| Dan Nolan | 537 | 3 |
| Jack Jellá | 535 | 4 |
| Malcolm Bruce | 509 | 5 |
| Dick Moeller | 505 | 6 |
| Dennis Stanley | 495 | 7 |
| Gary Mallett | 493 | 8 |
| John Midgorden | 491 | 9 |
| Fred Baker | 255 | 10 |



McGregor Launches Bruce's Vista

Two Twin Otters



*At the Scale Fun Fly in August the crowd was thrilled with the formation (?)
flying of two Twin Otters by Don Meeks and Glynn Dennis
(hey, look at that wind sock)*

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MAIL TO:

Coming SAM Events

September

- 3: Glider Contest
- 5: Labor Day Fun fly
- 5: SAM Board Meeting
- 7: SAM Club Meeting
- 16-18: Float Fly @ San Antonio
- 24: Field Work Day
- 24: RudderGate

September 7th Club Mtg.

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

