

PACKED MEETING VIEWS GeeBee FLYING VIDEO

Twenty signed the attendance sheet, but some did not. Our group is definitely getting younger. VP **Rocco Ferrario** (30+) had his son, Anthony (6 mo.+), substituting for daughter Elise (2+), while new member, **Mike Lester** (14) attended his first meeting. **Sky Greenawalt** (16) was not present, however — not yet back from school in the east. Who says we Old Timers aren't getting younger? Baby Anthony showed quite an interest looking and listening to the Old Geezers, but finally and sensibly went to sleep.

The highlight of the meeting was a video (brought by **Fred Terzian**) of a full size GeeBee R-2 Sportster reproduction, flying for the first time and doing aerobatics. Subject of an extensive article in the current Model Builder, sight of the tail-wagging GeeBee takeoff was really something to behold. Included were spectacular scenes of that chubby aircraft doing knife-edge flight. Like the bumble-bee that flits from flower to flower not knowing that aerodynamically it cannot fly, the GeeBee defies the law of gravity and does



Full size GeeBee R-2 reproduction by Steve Wolf & Delmar Benjamin. Picture scanned from Model Builder

aerobatics to boot!

Under business, new and old, **Remo Galeazzi** said he a gallon of bute dope left from his purchase of fine, but inexpensive aircraft dope. It was promptly sold. Thanks, Remo, for helping out our group with wholesale prices on really good aircraft finishes.

Also, new and old, **Don Bekins** displayed the new flyers for our 15th Annual Crash & Bash to be sent out

to other chapters in the west. There will be two mailings, a short version for chapter newsletters and long version providing details of events to be sent out on an invitational basis to past attendees and others who have expressed an interest. Can you believe it? SAM 27 has been hosting this fun gathering for 15 years!

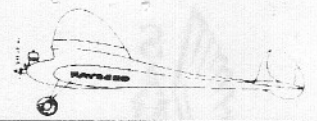
Prez Brian Ramsey announced that our next meeting will be to:

**Visit the West Aero Museum
Oakland Airport
July 15, 1992**

See "Prez Sez" column for driving instructions to get there.

The **1/2 A Scale Postal Meet** is coming up July 18th. It was agreed to hold the meet starting early on Saturday, the 18th, with possible carryover to Sunday. A field preparation and practice flying session was set for Saturday, July 11th. **Gene Mathieu** volunteered to bring his riding mower to help lower the cropped grass to close to ground level. Eight members volunteered to help on field work and to fly their scale models in the Postal competition. For those who are not too confident in their ability to fly their masterpieces, there will be experienced pilots there to help on both the 11th and 17th. It is quite calm in the early morning at the field and the surrounding hay grass is tall enough to cushion most hard landings. Our field is good for rubber and small free flight, so bring whatever you have and enjoy!

Radoslav Cizek, our member from Czechoslovakia, is coming to the U.S. as a guest of the AMA to be a judge at in the World Scale Championships at Muncie, Indiana, during late August. Following the world meet, he will be coming to California as the guest of Don Bekins and Roy Webber (also a scale judge) of Rio Vista. Rado, as he is known, will join us at an **early SAM 27 meeting, Wed., Sept. 2nd.**



Please mark your calendars for this change in meeting time and plan to meet Rado. On the following Labor Day Weekend, Don and Rado will be attending the National Free Flight Champs at Lost Hills near Bakersfield. Rado will be competing with his own HLG design "Jay", (subject of a Flying Models article August '91) and "Gollywocks" supplied by Remo Galeazzi and SAM 27 member, **Aussie Bruce Abell**.



Bekins photo

Czech SAM 27 member, Rado Cizek, to visit Calif. and attend early Sept. meeting, 9/2/92.

The following weekend (Sept. 12th & 13th) Rado will be flying Don's R/C models at the annual SAM 51 Bill Barton Memorial Contest to be held in Woodland.

NEW MEMBERS

Ed Hamler introduced **Bob Lockwood**. Bob joined last December but this is his first chance to attend a meeting. He was one of the founders of the very successful Napa R/C Club where he was Secretary/Treasurer for several years. We hope Bob becomes a regular attendee at our meetings and flying sessions.

Rocco Ferrario introduced **Mike Lester**, one of his modeler students. Mike joined SAM 27 at this meeting and had a Show & Tell 1/2 A Playboy Sr. to display.

Fred Terzian from the South Bay officially became a member for two years (prepaid!). Fred always has plenty of interesting input, especially regarding free flight. (see Show & Tell later). Welcome, Bob, Mike and Fred!

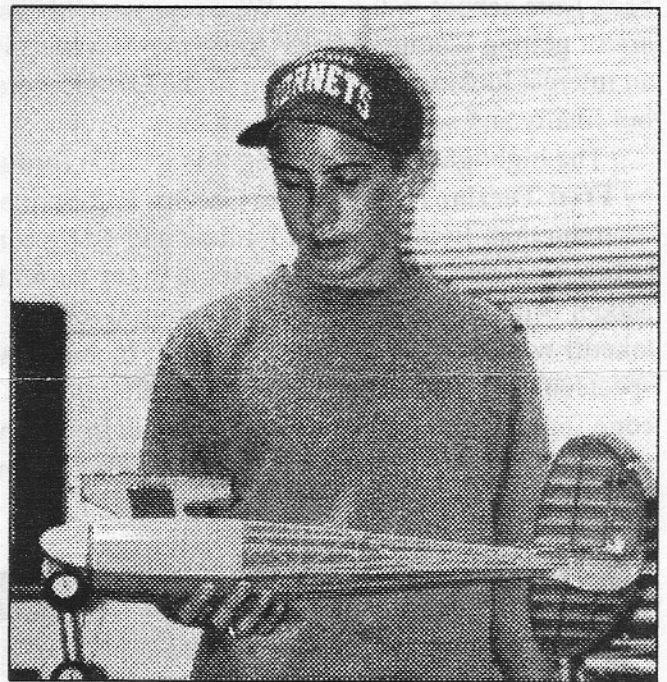
SAM 27 PACIFIC ACE RUBBER PROJECT

Prez Brian advised that all paid up members will soon receive a mailing tube containing plans for the

"Pacific Ace" (SAM 27 '92 project model), stick ROG "Phantom Flash" plans decals and possibly other goodies. This is a joint **Brian R. — Bill Gargan — Jerry Rocha** project.

SHOW & TELL

Mike Lester showed his completed (that day) 1/2 A scaled down "Playboy, Sr." It was a handsome yellow with red trim. He hope to make the first flight July 11th at the Lakeville flying site.

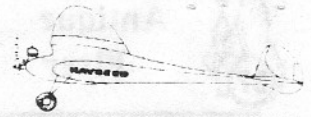


John Hlebcar photo

Our newest and youngest member, Mike Lester, with his just completed "Playboy Sr."

Ron Keil brought a "Playboy, Jr." that was formerly Andy Andrews. It was powered by a Solenberger/Bekins McCoy 29 repro. Ron had just sold the model to Brian R. for competition purposes. Ron also had a box of 15 - 20 engines of various makes and sizes which he is disposing of. Several were sold at the meeting. Anyone interested in some OT ignition engines get in touch with Ron.

John Hlebcar displayed his framed Airtronics "Eclipse" electric glider intended for use in his flight training process. The model is meticulously build and STRONG with large hardwood wing spars.



Nick Sanford brought in his huge (7 1/2 foot span) framed "SAC-TEX", his own original 1937 design which appeared on the cover of SAM Speaks with a Fairchild 22 in the background. It is to be powered by a repro OS K-6.

Nick does nice work.

Fred Terzian had several S & T items:

1. A book of the 1949 Dallas National Model Meet.
2. An O20 framed "T-Bird" intended for the 1/4 A Nostalgia event./
3. Two version of a "Big Z" HLG with pop-up wing DT. One has 20" sold wing and the other a 24" built up wing.
4. A Chinese ARF styrofoam, 18" rubber model reported to be an excellent flyer. Fred donated two of these for the raffle.
5. Then he brought a spectacular video of the GeeBee Sportster on its initial flight. (Fred, wish you could make all of the meetings).



John Hlebcar photo

Fred Terzian travelled up from San Jose (65 mi.) to provide us with great S&T items, here a "Big Z" HLG.

Remo Galeazzi displayed his framed "Super Buccaneer" fuselage, a long postponed project. It is powered by a McCoy 60 silver case conversion from glow to ignition is the standard McCoy points. The model also sported a beautiful laminated hand made prop. Remo also told of the Peanut Scale flying exhibition as a part of the annual Watsonville Antique Aircraft Flyin banquet. Participation by Peanut

officianados has been dropping in recent years and Remo recommends consideration of the fun event.

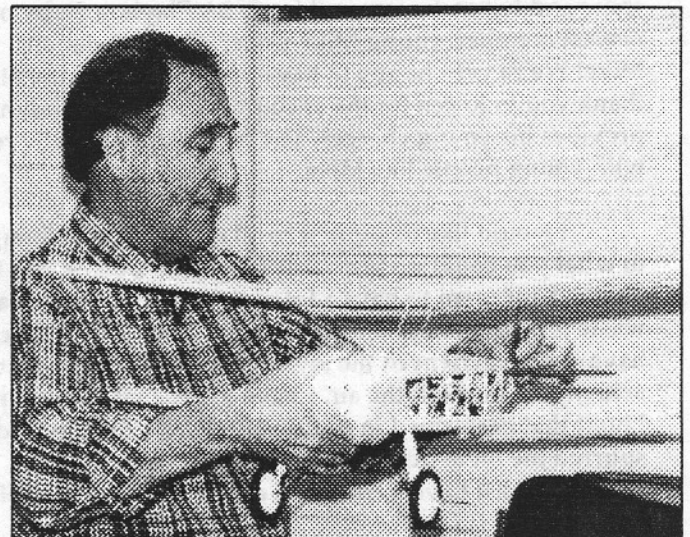
Glen Swarts brought in his finely crafted 1949 "Buzz Bug" rubber model, an Ed Lidguard design with an airfoil shaped lifting fuselage. Glen is using a silly putty DT with pop-up tail assembly. The model sports a huge 18 strand, 1/8" motor, driving an equally huge folding prop.

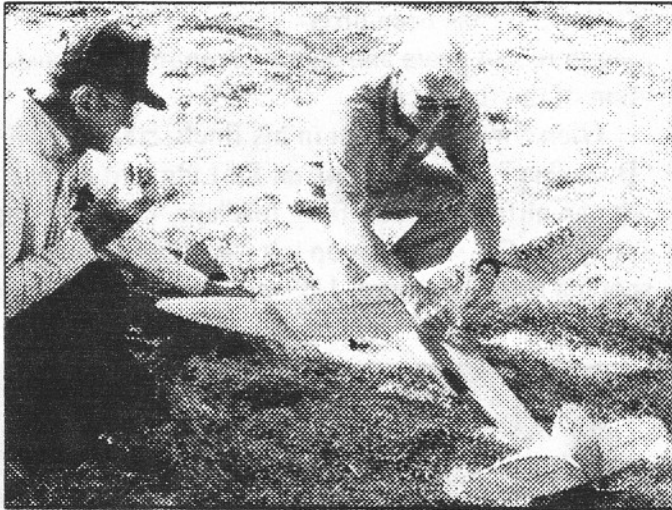


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Glen Swarts with his "Buzz Bug", Hall of Famer Ed Lidgard design.

Brian Ramsey again presented as a progress report his 1/2 A scale C3B Stearman. The troublesome cabane looks promising, the cockpit panel now has nice instruments. The cowling is next up. Brian vows to complete, but he doubts if that will be before the July postal meet.





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At the flying session prior to the meeting, Don Bekins prepares his O&R 23 powered "Clipper MkII" for flight at the Lakeville site, with Joe Meere helping.

Don Bekins showed for the first time in public full size plans for Chet Lanzo's 1938 R/C glider,

"Airborn". It had an 8' span and competed against power models in the 1939 Nats. Plan copies will become available from the SAM Library.

Buzz Passarino brought in a tow-hook assembly he has developed for a Nordic A-2 glider. It requires an 8 lb. pull to release. Buzz modified and improved the original design and has 10 in progress. Beautiful machine work by Buzz, who has fabricated all the parts, springs, plates, sliders — except screws.

RAFFLE

| <u>Prize</u> | <u>Donor</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Glass glider fuselage | Ray McGowan | Nick Sanford |
| 1 lb.1/8" rubber | Rocco Ferrario | Ray McGowan |
| 2 ARF rubber models | Fred Terzian | John Carlson Mike Lester |
| Sanding Bar | Rick Maddon | Dave Dänn |
| Package of dowels | Jerry Rocha | Fred Terzian Earl Hoffman |



A very interesting and well-attended meeting last month. Good turnout, too. Lots of fascinating goodies for show and tell and a fine looking 1/2A Playboy Sr. by our newest member, young Mike Lester. Congratulations, Mike! We're very happy to have you with us. And a big thank you to Rocco for the encouragement and guidance he provides his young charges. The future of our hobby rests with young people like Mike.

I would like to suggest to all of you to give thought to what you could do to encourage young people into the hobby. Kids seem to have a lot of time on their hands and waste it by pursuing non-creative activities. Few of them have ever experienced the joy of creating an object that can actually fly through the air. I have to say that the first plane I built that performed in a realistic way thrilled me and spurred me on to do even better on the next one. Kids should at least have a chance to experience this kind of

thrill. We can help by reaching out to them and offering them friendship and demonstrating what a pair of skilled and well-practiced hands can do.

Rocco is going to approach a Boy Scout group with a proposal to build and fly in their own Pacific Ace program. Possibly some of you in the Napa area could become involved in some way, too, by donating a few lessons in the art of stick and tissue construction, or maybe just showing the kids what the finished product can look like. Think about it.

Speaking of Pacific Aces, the plans we have promised to send should be in your hands by the time you read this. Thanks to Bill Gargan for his fine efforts in this regard. At our next meeting we will make some specific plans for a P/A fun fly.



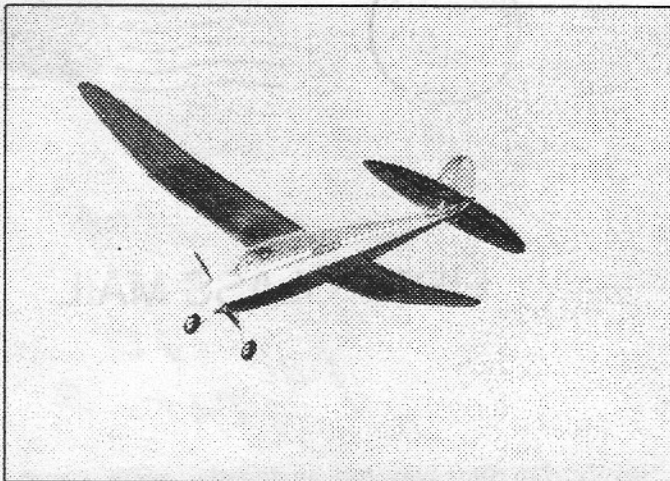
And speaking of our next meeting, another special treat is in store for us. The meeting will actually be a field trip and **WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE NOVATO FIRE STATION.** Mark your calendars for July 15th. That's when we meet at the Western Aerospace Museum which is at 8260 Boeing Road, Oakland, starting at 7:30 PM. We will have a full run of the place and can take as long as we want to snoop around their fine exhibits after our meeting. They are constantly adding to their fine static display and have such aircraft as a Shortt flying boat, which was in one of the Indiana Jones pictures, an A3, an N5N, a TBM, a Zlin, a BD5, a Buecher Youngmeister, and a number of other aircraft, plus assorted models and other goodies and memorabilia. I tried to get a brochure to include with the Flyer but they had given all the old ones away and the new ones won't be out until mid-July. Please make every effort to attend and car-pool if you can. Also, don't hesitate to bring stuff for show and tell. I mean, that's what this is all about, isn't it?

HOW TO GET THERE: Nimitz to Hegenberger then past Doolittle to Earhart Rd. Turn right and go to Cooke then right for a short bit then left on Boeing. Generally speaking, Earhart is the eastern boundary of the field and Boeing is one short block east of that. They both run north and south. See you there! *Brian*



Bekins photo

Don Bekins, his wife and friends attended a WWII-gathering of war birds at the old Eagle Army Air Field near Los Banos recently. It was quite a scene, with fly-bys of B-25's and other old aircraft and the opportunity for a close look at these flying antiques. That's Don's original Air Force uniform. -- tight, but it fit!



John Hlebcar photo

Clipper MkII" in a gentle glide at Lakeville site. Remember that we are having a practice flying session for 1/2 A Scale models and a field mowing and preparation day Saturday, July 11th. Come on out early, around 8 AM, before the windstarts blowing. Bring your rubber models too!

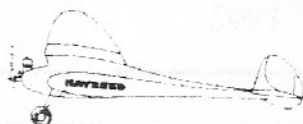


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Eagle Army Airfield is a possible site for the 1993 SAM Champs. Bekins flew over the field in a friend's visiting Stearman, which had been used in the early training of pilots prior to WWI. Pictures from the air were taken and passed on the site committee meeting now at the Champs in Indiana.



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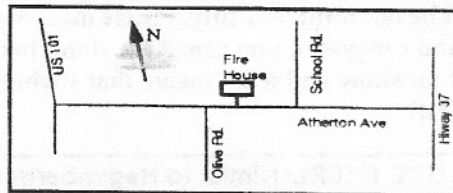
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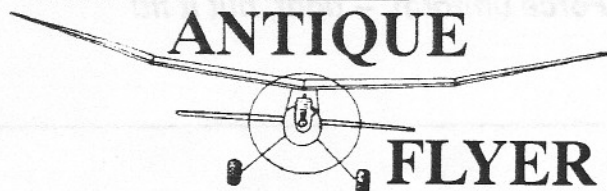
Membership meetings generally are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Novato Fire Department, Training Room, on Atherton Ave. at 7:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY JUNE 17TH. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF JUNE!



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Multitalented Prez, Brian Ramsey launches his "GollyWock" at Browns Valley Fun Fly



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