

PACKED MEETING, NEW MEMBERS

Twenty three attended, including Elyse Ferrario, age 4, and several guests. New member, Fred Terzian, made the long trek up from San Jose and brought along guest Bill Vanderbeek. Erik Heikell, was guest of his brother, Ed Heikell and Rocco Ferrario. Other guests were Bill Sharpe and Brad Meade, introduced by Sky Greenawalt, who just turned 16. All our guests joined SAM 27, swelling our membership to 52. Welcome — we hope to see lots more of you all.

Because there were many new members and guests, Prez Brian suggested we stand and introduce ourselves, giving some of our modeling background and interests. This was quite interesting and even some of the old timers learned a thing or two about some of our longer standing members.

The upcoming 1/2 A Postal Meet was discussed and six member committed to fly. The Lakeville Road flying site is in need of mowing again due to a growth of thistles. It is time to retrieve the club lawn mower and put it to work. Gene Mathieu has volunteered to maintain and store the mower along with his rather considerable garage full of mowers. Thanks, Gene.

Prez Brian read a letter from long time member, Park Abbott, who has not been able to attend meetings due to his wife's serious illness. Brian then brought up an offer from the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) for a superb 1993 calendar, loaded with pictures and memorabilia of new and old aircraft.

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE!

Our September meeting will be the 1st Wednesday, September 2nd at the Novato Fire House. Please mark your calendars. Bring a Show & Tell project. Rado Cizek will be visiting for his first American SAM meeting!

CHASE BIKE OFFERED

Nick Sanford offered a fine Honda 90 trail bike to the membership to chase free flight and rubber models. Nick has not ridden it for over ten years, but it is nearly new (1,100 miles on speedometer). It has been sitting in his garage all this time. It needs a new battery and muffler, and it should be tuned up and lubed. Discussion ensued relative to transport, storage, and insurance. Can SAM 27 own the bike and insure it? Bekins will check the matter out and report at the next meeting. Former motorcycle policeman, Ron Keil, advised against the club owning the bike and letting members use it due to liability problems.

NORTHWEST REGION INDOOR CHAMPS

Earl Hoffman reported on his recent attendance with Nick Sanford at a big championship indoor meet in Moscow, Idaho. The meet was held in the Kibbie Dome which is 500 X 300 feet with a 147 foot ceiling, one of the best indoor sites in the country. The meet lasted four days and Earl took a 1st in Peanut Scale with a Piper Vagabond, 2nd in EZB and a 3rd with his Pennyplane (an indoor model that has the flying weight of a copper penny). Earl also announced a local indoor meet at the San Francisco Cow Palace scheduled for August 23rd, sponsored by the Oakland Cloud Dusters.

POLO SHIRTS

Ed Hamler suggested consideration of again purchasing polo shirts with the embroidered SAM 27 logo on them. Guest Bill Vanderbeek knew of a source with excellent quality and a good price. We still have a number of our SAM 27 embroidered shirts in inventory from our last go-around. Consideration of a new order will be made at the next meeting.

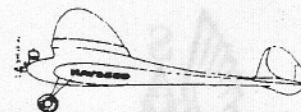
1/2 A POSTAL MEET

Around 13 people showed up for the 1/2 A Postal fun fly. Gene Mathieu and Don Bekins mowed the weeds that have sprung up early on while the wind was still blowing at about 12 mph. More people arrived and the wind began to drop. Ed Hamler put up the winning time with his Quaker, followed by Jerry Rocha and his "Rambler". New member Brad Meade,



Dave Dann photo

Ed Hamler launches his Quaker on its winning flight for the 1/2 A Postal meet.

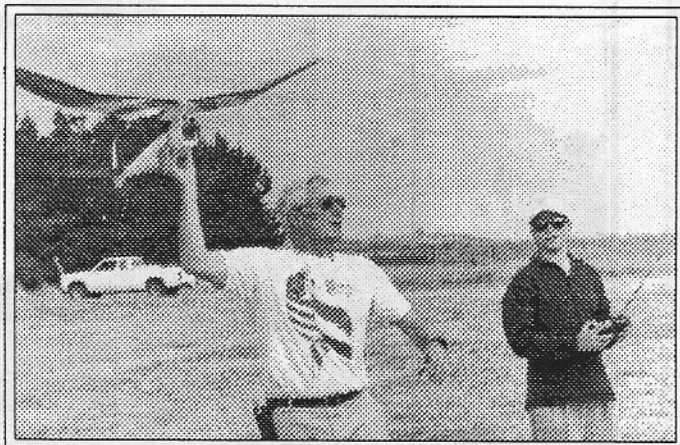


who is new to R/C old timers, showed up with an electric Piper Cub which had not been flown. Bekins helped get in his first flights and Brad got in a fair amount of stick time. And the model went home in one piece. He also brought along a framed up "Lake Amphibian", a nicely done scale seaplane for a 25 glow engine.



Dave Dann photo

Jerry Rocha, cranking up his "Rambler" for his second flight -- builder and flyer slowing converting to R/C.



Dave Dann photo

Don Bekins launching Sky Greenawalt's "Playboy Sr. to a 4th place finish. Sky is taking this model back to school in the East and show them how to fly.

Our chief mower brought out a new electric powered V-tail sailplane that had its first flight as well. The model was a great flyer and thermaler. Gene ended up with over 30 minutes of stick time with the help of Don Bekins and Ed Hamler.

Our other old time rubber modeler, Earl Hoffman, flew Ed Hamler's Class B Bomber to practice his R/C technique. Earl did over 9 minutes, catching thermals and landing successfully. Come on out members, there will almost always be someone there to help out if you are not too sure about your flying ability.

SCHMIDT RANCH TO HOST FRIDAY BARBECUE

Loren Schmidt has offered to have an informal picnic the evening before our annual "Crash & Bash" (Friday, September 25th) at his place for all who come early. He will provide all the food — you bring your own drinks. Just leave a small voluntary contribution to help cover Loren's expenses.

PACIFIC ACE CONTEST

Prez Brian noted that we will have a Pacific Ace rubber event at the "Crash & Bash". He hopes to see a bunch of them out and flying both days.

RAFFLE FOR AIRTRONICS R/C SET

John Carlson announced that raffle tickets for the Micro FM R/C set are available (12 for \$10, or \$1 each). Park Abbott purchased a dozen by mail. Subsequently another six dozen have been sold. You do not have to be at the meet to win the big raffle prize. However, there will be other prizes at the meet which can only be won by those present.

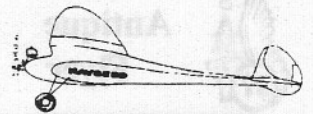
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CRASH & BASH

Ed Hamler requested that participants plan on helping out at the desk for an hour or so during our annual contest, so others may find time to fly and time.

US FREE FLIGHT CHAMPS, LOST HILLS

Fred Terzian announced that the free flight champs will be held at Lost Hills over the Labor Day Weekend and will include the 3rd annual NFFS Nostalgia Nationals. Don Bekins will be attending along with Radoslav Cizek of Czechoslovakia and will have three Gollywocks available for any SAM 27 members who wish to enter the OT Small Rubber Stick event.

SHOW & TELL



Dave Dann photo

SAM 27's Lakeville Road flying site in action for the 1/2 Texaco Postal Meet. Sixteen members showed up for this fun fly event. The field was mowed by Gene Mathieu and now needs raking. Any volunteers?

Fred Terzian brought several items: a Powersonic 12 volt, 20 AH, sealed battery for field use. He donated one for our raffle at the meeting. The new batteries are available for \$20 each. He had free copies of Rad Cizek's HLG, "Jay", in different sizes for those who might like to build one for the free flight champs on Labor Day or for fun at our flying field. In addition, Fred passed around one of those incredible hi-tech VE Shuriken .50 racing schneurle glow engines that turn over 30,000 rpm. Then he displayed his collection of beautifully made East European tow hooks and timers. Thanks Fred for your interesting offerings.

Brian Ramsey gave another report on his highly detailed, but slow moving 1/2 A Scale project, the Stearman C3-B. It now has a complete radial engine with exhaust ring and pipes.

John Hlebcar recently visited Cleveland and dropped by the venerable Cleveland Model Company. He exhibited a set of plans for the Baby Fleetster GP-20. John also had photos of the museum at Castle AFB, which among other things in-

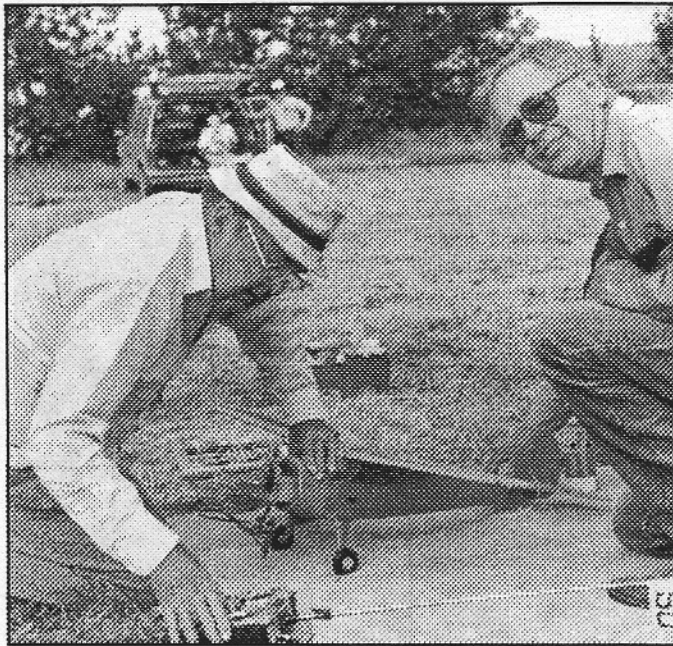
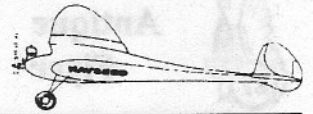
clude a B-36 in pieces.

Ray McGowan brought in a framed "So-Long" for the Ohlsson 23 event and Class B which promises to be a good flyer.

Ed Heikell showed his completed "Pacific Ace" featured in our last newsletter. It has had three flights, but Ed says more adjustments are needed.

New member, Bill Vanderbeek displayed his beautiful new red & white 1/2A "Blitzkrieg", a 1938 twin-rudder, single wheel landing gear design. All controls are internal and the wing and tail are secured by nylon screws. Covering is white Micafilm and the cowl, rudders and wing tips are red Black Baron film. Bill says this exceptional model weighs only 12 ounces with radio installed! He will have to add 5 ounces to bring it an 8 oz. wing loading per rules for a 300 sq.in. wing area model. Try building that light, guys. This is a major accomplishment!

Ron Keil showed a several year old convertible "Pacific Ace" — convertible in that he added a bottom wing with symmetrical airfoil to make it a biplane. Ron just likes biplanes. The model flies just as well with or without the bottom wing. He



Dave Dann photo

Ray McGowan starting his "Cessna Airmaster" 1/2 A scale model, while new/old member, Gunnar Anderson holds. Gunnar brought a couple of old timers to fly as well. One was a hybrid "Buzzard Bombshell" with a Bomber-type wing.

also had with him a peanut plan blown up to just under 300 sq.in. for a Huntington H-12, shoulder wing, 2 cylinder engine, homebuilt of the 1920's. Ron thinks it will make a good candidate for 1/2 A Scale.

Don Bekins brought in a new torque meter by Colorado Bootstraps, Box 440104, Aurora, CO. In addition, he had a home-made torque meter crafted with a carbon fiber arrow stick and wire, calibrated for turns and torque in inch ounces.

CRASH & BASH RAFFLE — September 27th
Airtronics FM VG4r 4 Ch. Radio with two micro #501 Micro servos, light weight Micro Rx, 250 Mah nicad. You need not be present to win!
Tickets \$1 each. 12 tickets for \$10. On sale at contest or by mail from John Carlson, Secretary.

MEETING RAFFLE

(\$54 was collected for great raffle prizes)

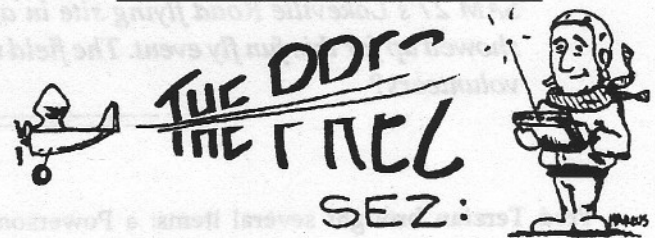
Prize	Donor	Winner
Airtronics servos (\$60 value)	Ed Hamler	Fred Terzian
Micafilm roll	John Carlson	Dave Dann
Balsa	Ray McGowan	Eric Heikell, Nick Sanford
1 lb. 3/16 rubber	Rocco Ferrario	Rick Madden

**1992 SAM 1/2A POSTAL CONTEST AUGUST 15 & 16
Results: SAM CHAPTER 27 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Area	Model	Pilot	#1	#2	Total
296	Quaker Flash	Ed Hamler	900	+ 849	= 1749
288	Rambler	Jerry Rocha	900	+ 720	= 1620
289	Lanzo Bomber	Don Bekins	900	+ 705	= 1605
284	Playboy Sr.	Sky Greenawalt	536	+ 519	= 1055
315	Cessna Airmaster	Ray McGowan	484	+ 416	= 900
					SAM 27 Team Total = 6929

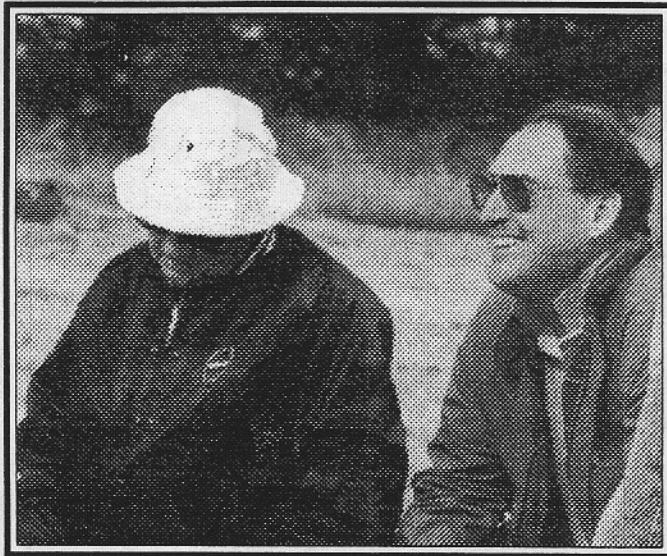
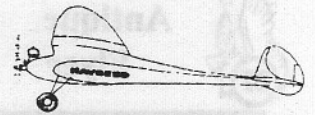
Additional Notes: Nick Sanford, flying his Drobshoff Little Diamond for a score of 850 seconds, was our only additional entry. We flew Saturday morning at our Lakeville Road Field in good conditions, light warm breezes, with spotty thermal activity. All flights were hand launched. The Cessna Airmaster is Ray's 1/2A Scale model. We were glad he joined in the fun as many of our 1/2A postal team regulars were missing, like Rocco Ferrario, Gino Ferrario, Ned Nevels (in Germany), Rick Madden, Karl Righetti, and Ron Keil (flying for SAM 74).

Other SAM 27 members at the field Saturday morning were Pres Brian Ramsey, Sec/Treas John Carlson, Gene Matthieu, Joe Meere, Gunnar Anderson, Earl Hoffman, photographer Dave Dann, new SAM 27 member Brad Meade.



We had a very enjoyable meeting on the 12th and it was especially nice to see our new young members and to have a "visitation" by Fred Terzian and Bill Vanderbeek all the way from the South Bay. Welcome aboard, Bill!!

Much enthusiasm was whipped up over the 1/2 A Texaco Postal Meet which was to be held last Saturday. On that great and glorious day, a few hardy souls arrived early to the field to find a significant wind blowing away hopes for some calm-air trimming. Fortunately, the wind blew itself out and the day turned out to be perfect for flying. (Bekins even trimmed out his three (3) Gollywocks.) The times will appear elsewhere but the results showed the 1 to 5 standings to be: Hamler, Rocha, Bekins, Greenawalt and McGowan. Nick Sanford tried hard with his Little Diamond but got nudged out of 5th place by Ray McGowan's Cessna Skymaster Texaco Scale. (Ray, keeping working at it and soon you will have Hamler and Rocha



Prez Brian Ramsey with Secy/Treas John Carlson at the 1/2 A Texaco fun fly. He brought a "Playboy Jr. acquired from past prez Andy Andrews -- balky engine prevented a first flight.

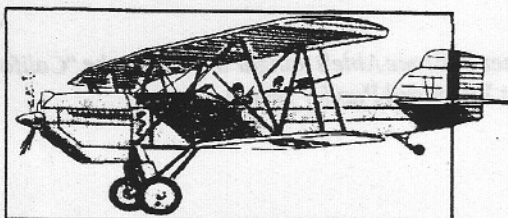
starting to sweat a little.)

Our Crash and Bash will soon be upon us and we need to ask for volunteers for the administrative stuff and to help with the preparation of food. In the past, we have had the generous assistance of such hard-working ladies as Mary Hamler, Robin Nevels, Hilde Keil, and others, but they may not be available this year. Therefore, we ask that you plan to put aside at least an hour each day to help out as needed. Please call me and let me know that you will offer your help as needed. My day number is (415) 474-5175. Thank you.

Our next meeting scheduled for September 2nd is early because of the visit from Czechoslovakia of Radislov Cizek, a designer/builder/scale judge of international repute. The meeting should be extremely interesting and we would like to have a rousing SAM 27 attendance of at least 25 or 30 to pay our respects to this fine gentleman. It will be a fine opportunity for us to demonstrate our skills in design and construction so I encourage you to bring in a plane or two for Show & Tell. Also, we have a great need for raffle goodies so please rummage around and see if you have a spare odd or end to donate to the cause. Thanks!!

See you on September 2nd.

Brian



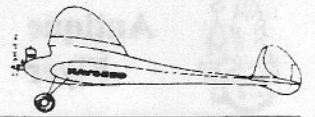
Bill Effinger's Curtiss Falcon 0-1B/AS (114")



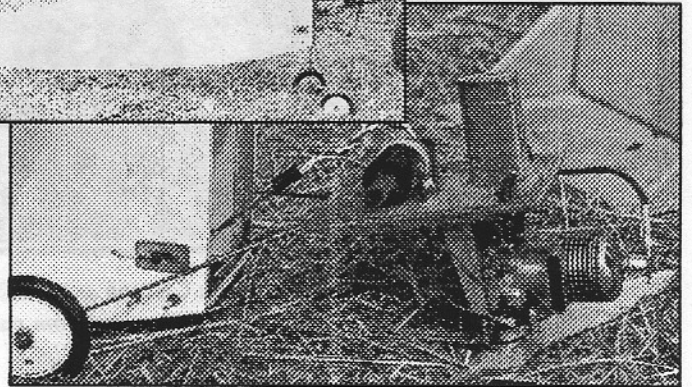
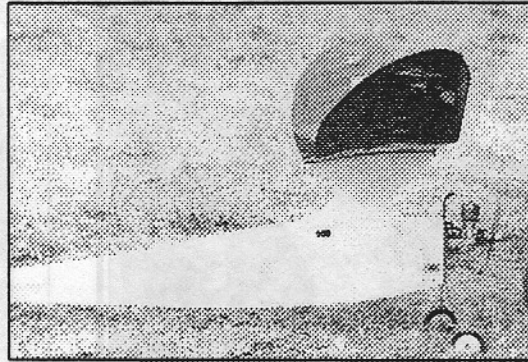
Don Bekins preparing his 1/2 A "Bomber" for battle.



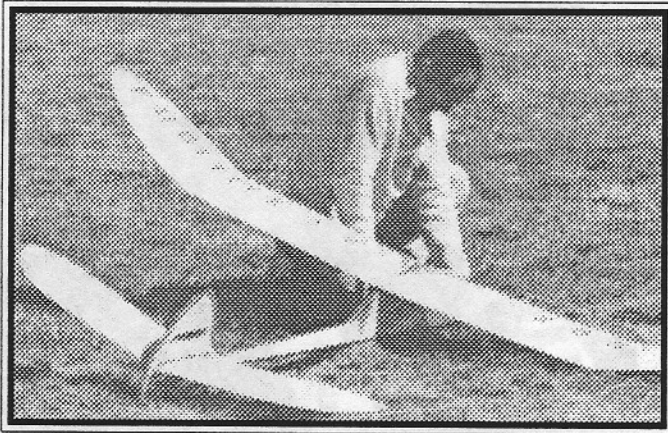
Rado Cizek, co-founder of SAM 78 Czechoslovakia, with his original design P-30 rubber model. Rado will attend our September 2nd meeting during his first visit to the US.



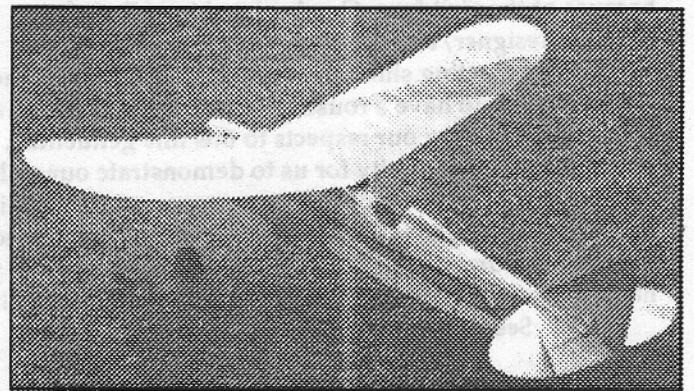
The new "Crash & Bash" crash trophy to be awarded at our annual contest. "Created" when Bekins ran over Rocha's flight box as he drove off to retrieve an errant Gollywock.



Brian Ramsey's new "Playboy Jr" with a Solenberger/Bekins McCoy 29 repro up front. Built by past prez Andy Andrews.

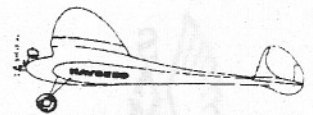


Aussie SAM 27 member, Bruce Able, with his original nostalgia glider design, "Fugitive" at a recent NACA Vintage glider contest in NSW. A frequent contributor to this newsletter, Bruce is a prolific builder and even better R/C flyer.



Able photo

Another in Bruce Able's hangar of models, the "California Champ" with a Vanguard Pup for power.

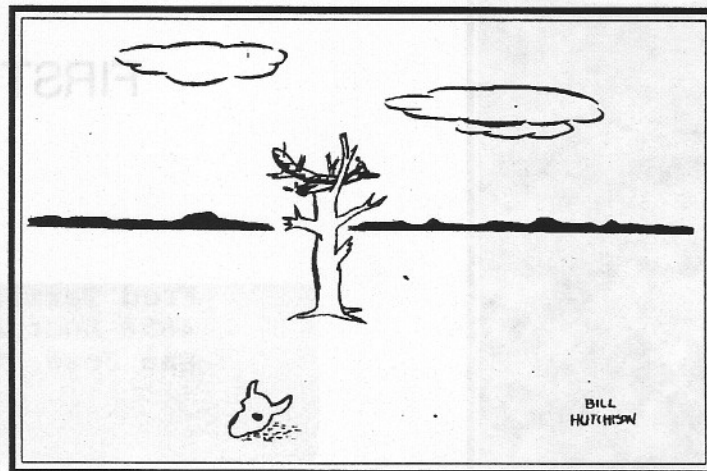


1992 WEST COAST SAM CONTEST SCHEDULE

5-6-7 SEPT 1992	NATIONAL FREE FLIGHT CHAMPS NFFS NOSTALGIA NATS	LOST HILLS, CA
12-13 SEPT 1992	SAM 51 BILL BARTON MEMORIAL OT R/C ASSIST	MAVIS HENSEN FIELD WOODLAND, CA
20 SEPT 1992	NCFFC # 3	WAE GELL FIELD
26-27 SEPT 1992	SAM 27 CRASH & BASH	LOREN SCHMIDT'S RANCH, ELK GROVE, CA.
4 OCT 1992	NCFFC#4	WAE GELL FIELD
10-11 OCT 1992	SAM 30 OT R/C ASSIST FALL ANNUAL	LOREN SCHMIDT'S RANCH, ELK GROVE, CA.
17-18 OCT 1992	BLYTHE AEROMODELERS OT R/C ASSIST, FUN FLY	BLYTHE, CA CONTACT MIKE HOOD (619)922-4685
31 OCT- 1 NOV 1992	JOHN POND COMMEMORATIVE XVII OT R/C ASSIST	TAFT, BOB ANGEL, CD
1 NOV 1992	NCFFC # 5	WAE GELL FIELD
14-15 NOV 1992	SAM 49 OT R/C ASSIST FALL ANNUAL	TAFT, CA.
6 DEC 1992	NCFFC # 6	WAE GELL FIELD

WAE GELL FIELD CONTESTS

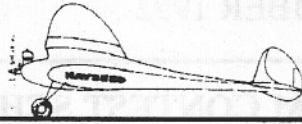
OLD TIMER R/C ASSIST WILL CONSIST OF 1/2 A TEXACO, TEXACO, ANTIQUE, A,B-C LER COMBINED, .05 ELECTRIC LER, ELECTRIC TEXACO, ALL OHLSSON IGN. EVENT, COMBINED LER 1943-57 NOSTALGIA (LOOP SCAV. ENGINES ONLY).



If there is a tree or ditch anywhere near the flying field, your model will find it!



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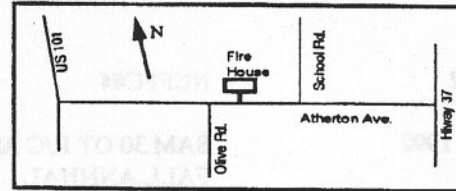
Membership is \$12 for the calendar year. After February, the dues for a new member are prorated.

Due to increasing cost of publication and mailing, the Associate Member category has been dropped.

Send dues to John Carlson, Treasurer. Make checks payable to SAM 27.

MEETINGS

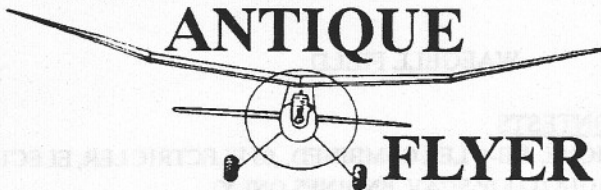
Membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Novato Fire Department, Training Room, on Atherton Ave. at 7:30 P.M.



PLEASE ADVISE EDITOR OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Next meeting: Wednesday September 2nd, 1992 at the Fire Department Training Room

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SEPTEMBER 1992



Ray McGowan, active glider and OT flyer, at the 1/2 A Postal event, Lakeville field.



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