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#### VISITORS, VISITORS!

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From far and wide, visitors descended on our well attended November meeting. Seven visitor/guests from as far as Mexico and as near as Sebastopol. Monty Lewis, a Brit via Canada, now residing and San Miguel de Allende, and an aeronautical engineer/model designer, was visiting Don Bekins and joined us to find out about old timer modeling. Remo Galeazzi brought in 3 young full size pilot guests: Chris Price, still a teenager, who this last summer flew a Piper J-3 with a friend on a transcontiental flight from Sonoma around the Statue of Liberty and return via the annual EAA Oshkosh fly-in. Also, Eric Preston, aero photographer extraordinaire, and Walt Bowe, Luscomb pilot.

Other visitors included Tim Younggren of Sebastopos (formerly Cloverdale) who joined SAM 27 that evening. Also visiting were free flighters Rod Persons of the Oakland Cloud Dusters from Cloverdale and Bob Leonard. Welcome, Gentlemen!

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Don Bekins just returned from the annual SAM 49 old timer contest, the last of the flying year, at Taft. When the wind is almost non-existent and the temperature around 75 degrees both days, flying is literally perfect. The last two fall meets at Taft have been that way. That is why the powers that be have chosen Taft for the site of the 1993 SAM Champs next October. There was a good turnout of around 38 contestants with some new engines and ideas surfacing. SAM 26 member, Mike McLaughlin, installed an Irvine 40 diesel in his 10 foot scaled up Westerner (9 lbs) and carded a 1 hour 38 minute flight in Texaco - the engine ran over 14 minutes. The first hot Nelson schnuerle engine was seen there as well. Dick Fischer of Lancaster had a beautiful Orwick powered

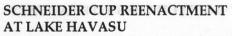
Goldberg Sailplane with retractable gear that worked perfectly, allowing the model to look and fly just as it did in the "olden days". The OT glider event was popular with 7 or 8 entries. There were a number of new names on the winner's roster, with the prizes very evenly dispersed. For those who have not been to Taft, you should try it. It's a fabulous place to fly and abounds with thermals.

#### YEAR END RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

Prez Brian asked for suggestions for the BIG raffle prize. Don Bekins had just received a nearly new Ohlsson 60 along with a Brown Jr. he had lusted after. He offered the teardrop-exhaust 60 and all agreed this would be suitable. This and other prizes will be raffled at the December 16th meeting. Remember, all those who have brought in Show & Tell projects over the year have raffle tickets already in the hat. However, more tickets may be purchased at the meeting for all those who would like to participate at our yearend raffle.

# CHRISTMAS FUN FLY & GREEK LUNCHEON Weather Permitting

The proposed December 6th fun fly and luncheon following at Papa's Taverna (on Lakeville Road, 3 miles north of flying site) had a conflict with the final NCFFC free flight/OT meet at Waegell Field, Sacramento. It was decided to postpone the fun fly to Sunday, December 13th, same venue. Announcements were mailed to club members and some guests. All inclusive luncheon price: \$12. Please call John Carlson for reservations the minute you receive this newsletter. There is room for 40 or more, so bring wives, friends, girlfriends.

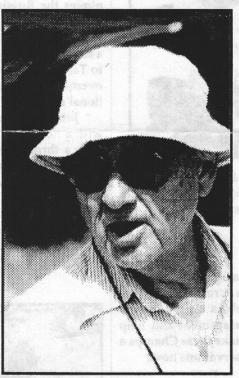


Brian Ramsey travelled to Arizona to view this unique event. Fabulous large models that looked and flew like the real aircraft of old. Not many models, but lots of spectators!

## RED ZEPHYR-FOR-HERB GREENBERG PROJECT

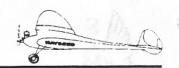
Ed Hamler reported on progress on a scaled down Red Zephyr 05 electric model he and several club members are recreating to present to original designer and SAM 27

member, Herb Greenberg. The model is to be presented to Herb at the '93 SAM Champs. Herb is in his mid 70's, still works full time as an engineer and is an instrument rated pilot for both power and gliders, competing regularly in CAFE contests. Tom Brennan donated a motor and gear box. Volunteer builders include Rocco Ferrario, Gene Mathieu, New

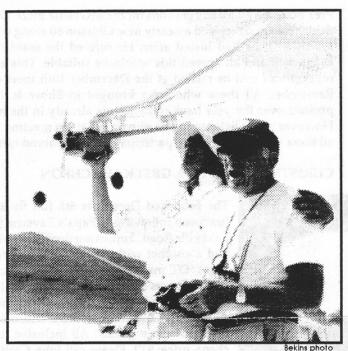


"Now listen up, Gang!" Our soft spoken secy/treasurer, John Carlson, commands respect from all members. He not only takes the minutes of every meeting, but he controls SAM 27's purse strings. John says:

"Dues for '93 are Due!



Nevels, John Carlson, and Ed. Historical note: Scientific Model Airplane Company paid him \$25 to borrow the model. They made plans and kitted the model. Many thousands of kits were sold in the '30s and 40's, and the kit is still being manufactured to at least two other companies.



Herb Greenberg with Ed Hamler at the '91 SAM Champs. Ed and other SAM 27 members are making an electric scaled Red Zephyr as a momento to Herb to be presented at the next Champs

#### '93 SAM CHAMPS TO BE AT TAFT

Don Bekins reported the 1993 SAM Champs will be at Taft, California, October 10th through the 15th. A recent survey has determined that there are enough motels in town and new convention facilities, along with encouragement and help from the Chamber of Commerce, will make these Champs a super flying event! Make your motel reservations now!

#### SAM 74, CLEAR LAKE, HAS NEW FIELD

Ron Keil, past president of SAM 27 and now VP of SAM 74, Clear Lake, announced that their club has obtained the access to a 2,000 acre site in rolling hills near Lake Port. The field is suitable for R/C, free flight and slope soaring. SAM 74 hopes to hold an old timer contest when their field is developed for flying.

#### SHOW & TELL

Visitor Chris Price brought in a fine five cylinder Morton M-5 he obtained on his cross country flight during a stop at the

EAA flyin at Oskosh. Ron Keil had some old literature on the engine which he offered to Chris.

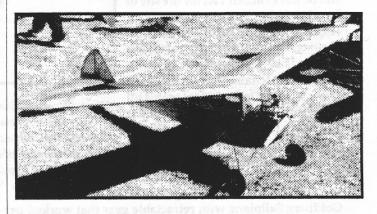
Tom Brennan displayed a beautiful Larry Jenno repro 1/3 size Brown Jr. in a plastic display case. He also shared his Peanut scale (13") Renard R-17, a late 20's aircraft built from Mooney plans. Tom's superb craftsmanship and attention to detail included a radial engine with cylinders fashioned from the corrugated portion of flex straws. Tom revealed secrets for making perfect micro windshields: prepare the frame, the cut patterns for each portion of the winshield. Obtain .004 clear plastic from a florist. Brush R-56 adhesive to frame and allow to set for 5 minutes or more until tacky, then place plastic in position. (Nothing to it; piece-of-cake!)

Ray McGowan shared his new Pacific Ace with us and demonstrated his own design "silly putty" DT, which works well.

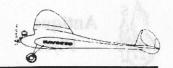
Fred Terzian showed the advanced construction techniques the Russians are using - a glider stab that utilized carbon fibre and other exotic materials that resulted in an extremely light and strong section. Fred related a story about a stranded Russian competitor who landed at SFO on his way to Taft. He got separated from his group, so Fred gave him overnight lodging and arranged for a ride to Taft — international cooperation at its best.

• John Hlebcar brought his now well tested Monocoupe with a new more powerful Cox Medallion front rotor .049 with a throttle. He also had a 5 cylinder radial engine - 4 dummy cylinders and one Cox Black Widow cylinder in a single assembly for the 1/2 A scale event.

Eric Preston, guest and aviation photographer, displayed an extensive collection of terrific photos of classic aircraft in flight he has taken over the years. He uses the pictures to illustrate books he writes on Antique and Classic Aircraft.



Double size Diamond Demon, built by Howard Osegueda. His great friend and SAM 27 member, Dale Bowers, took out the Forester 99, and installed a beautifully finished OS 4 cycle, converted to ignition. Dale won the Texaco event at our Crash & Bash with it.



#### RAFFLE

Prize	Donor	Winner
So-Long kit	Bill Vanderbeek	Earl Hoffman
Book-Rubber Models	Fred Terzian	Walt Bowe
T-shirt(I'd Rather Be Flying)	Fred Terzian	John Carson
T-shirt(Over the Hill Gang)	Fred Terzian	John Hlebcar
Plans: Thermal Queen	Fred Terzian	Rod Persons
* Fred Terzian reported that son	ne of the prizes came f	rom John Pond



John Hlebcar photo

Ed Hamler with his silk covered, 1/2 A, winning Quaker at our Lakeville flying site. Ed was responsible for obtaining the field though the generosity of the winery, Domaine Chandon. Ed is a superb build and a very competitive flyer, attending most of the west coast meets.



Don Bekins preparing his faithful fuscia Bomber for flight in the Ohlsson Sideport Event. Picture was taken at the SAM 51 contest, Woodland, by Rado Cizek during his visit to California

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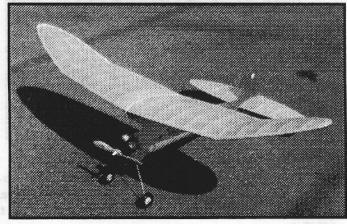
Danny Lutz, non-resident SAM 27 member and prolific builder, sent the picture below of his 1/2A Zipper.

He says: "I scaled up one of my favorite Goldberg designs, the Zipper. It has 277 sq.in. and weighs slightly over 16 onces. The fuselage had red silk on it. The wings and tail have light weight silkspan sprayed with Rit golden yellow dye. Butyrate dope finish. My finished model looks nice with the scaled down Clipper MkII hanging in my shop."

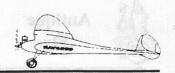
"I sure wish I could attend some of the SAM 27 events. You guys seem to have a lot of fun."

Dan Lutz 455 So. Stagecoach Lane Fallbrook, CA 92028

Danny will sometimes swap a model he has built for engines that might not be in his collection. If you want a superbly built old timer, and have an engine you don't want to keep, give Danny a ring.



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# GRAND RAFFLE MEETING DECEMBER 16TH

Each year end, SAM 27 has a grand raffle celebrating the modeling year and the many accomplishments of its members. The raffle tickets earned from Show & Tell or purchased during the year are kept in a hat. At our final 1992 meeting, we will raffle the grand prize and other donated prizes. This year we will have an Ohlsson 60 which is nearly new and needs to be broken in. Come and enjoy the fun! All those who have participated in our Show & Tell over the year are eligible.





Ray McGowan with his droop-tail Sparky. One of the most popular kits of all time, the Sparky came in different configurations. Ray built two of them. The next issue of SAM Speaks has an article describing the history of the model and Ed Lidgard, the designer.

## WINTER CONTESTS

Each year the old timer flying gets started with contests in the southern warm climates — sometimes not too warm, bring your coats. The Southwest Regionals in Eloy, AZ, has been running for over 25 years and brings hopefuls from as far away as Texas, California, Kansas, and sometimes further. Then, last year, the old timers in Florida started their own winter bash, drawing competitors from all over the east coast. Here are the details:

## Southwest Regionals

Bob Angus, CD (602) 229-9034 h (602) 621-4678 wk January 16 to 18, 1993 Eloy, Arizona

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	
A Ign	LER C Ign	LER Elec Texaco	
B Ign LER	Texaco	OT Glider	
Ohlsson Sideport	Elec LMR	C Glo LER	
Brown Jr.	AB Glo LER	Pure Antique	
Antique	O& R 23 Ign	1/2 A Texaco	

\*Banquet Saturday 8 PM at Holiday Inn after Collecto
\*\*Circling of Covered Wagons Sunday night at field

## SAM R/C WINTER FLY

Fred Mulholland, Contest Manager (813) 962-7020 January 8 to 10, 1993 New Port Richey, Florida

A.A.A.	Cara au	Dunday
A Glo LER	B Glo LER	C Glo LER
A Ign LER B Ign LER		C Ign LER
Antique/Pure Antique	Texaco	***1/2 A Texaco
*1/2 A Scale Texaco	**LER A,B,C, Cabin	Elec LER
****Pure "A" Ign	Electric Texaco	*Brown Jr Event

Saturday

Sunday

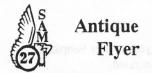
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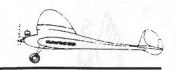
<sup>\*\*</sup>Special Event (awards to 5th pl.)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Basic SAM Event

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Special Event, orig.ign. engines, no diesels



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SUBJECT: 1993 WEST COAST AREA S.A.M. R/C ASSIST CONTEST SCHEDULE

TO:

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FROM:

S.A.M. West Coast R/C Assist Contest Coordinator

The following is the latest schedule for the 1993 contest season. Have a Merry Christmas and Thermals for the New Year.

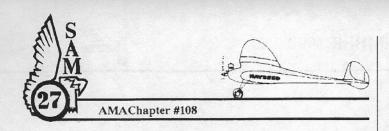
8-10	January 1993	IMS Sh	907) 258-3765 wc	Pasadena, CA
	January 1993		West Regionals Assist	Eloy, AZ Bob Angus (602) 229-9034 (H) (602) 621-4678 (WK)
15-16	May 1993		OT R/C Spring Annual	Loren Schmidt's Ranch Elk Grove, CA
11-12	September 1993		OT R/C Fall Contest	Mavis Henson Field Woodland-Davis Sacramento, CA
25-26	September 1993			Loren Schmidt's Ranch Elk Grove, CA
16-17	October 1993			Loren Schmidt's Ranch Elk Grove, CA

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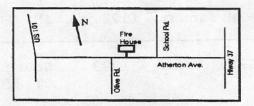
Membership is \$15 for the calendar year. After February, the dues for a new member will be prorated.

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.



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Next meeting: Wednesday, December 16th, at the Novato Fire Department Training Room



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