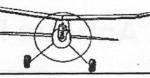


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### **March Chapter Meeting**

#### **SAM 27**

#### **MEETING NOTES 3/20/96**

About a dozen visitors plus members resulted in a good turnout, totaling 30, to this March meeting at Rocco Ferrario's Napa Redwood Middle School classroom. It is always a treat to attend a meeting here as the ceiling and walls are literally covered with hand launched gliders, rubber powered models of all descriptions. 1/2 A Texaco O/T'ers and many other interesting and sometimes unusual models, some built by Rocco, but most by his students. Many of the visitors were Rocco's students. several being participants in his Free Flight Team program. Other visitors included Grace Ranoa, Bill Crowley. Alvin Pensler and John Gomez. John and Alvin took SAM 27 member applications and we hope they join. John Gomez III is a well known local (San Ramon), free flight builder and competitor who later gave us a great presentation based on his years of modeling. Following the meeting most attendees went to the large school gymnasium for the 1st. Annual (?) Paper Glider Contest and "freestyle" indoor flying. A great time was had by all and it was after 11 PM before the last ones left the gym.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• As of 3/20/96 we had a total of 59 paid up members. This is down by about 15 from our peak in 1995. This is usual. A large proportion of the non renewals was from the Juniors who frequently find other activities, but sometimes resume their interest. As the year progresses we

expect new Juniors as well as other new members.

- The paperwork for AMA
   Charter renewal has been completed and the Charter and insurance certificates are expected shortly.
- SAM 27 "fame" was spread again. The latest issue of the AMA Model Aviation had an article on the 1995 SAM CHAMPS and featured photos of members Ed Hamler, Bud Romak and Bill Vanderbeek.

#### JR O/T REPORT

Rocco Ferrario reported that he had participated in the January Long Beach Hobby Expo where he met with AMA Officials for discussions relative to youth programs. Rocco has about a dozen participants in his Junior Free Flight Team, each of whom has committed to compete in at least one event at two of the Waegell Field Meets. One of the team is a young lady, Cassie Caulfield, who later had a Show & Tell item. Rocco also reported that arrangements are underway to again conduct his Junior Space Program this summer at the Napa Valley College.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

O&R Decals John Carlson reported that an order has been placed for another 500 of the popular O&R decals. The order should be received shortly. Last month it had been suggested that we advertise these decals for sale in SAM SPEAKS but nobody present seemed eager to take on this task. It was subsequently suggested that minimum time and effort would be involved if we asked that a stamped, self addressed

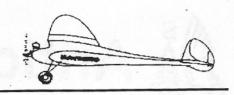
envelope be sent with each order. It was agreed that this should work and Don Bekins offered to make up the illustration and copy for an advertisement. We have a good supply of the 4" x 3" SAM 27 decal overlay of the SAM logo. We have no more of the small 2" x 1 1/2" SAM logo decals. These may be obtained by writing Larry Clark (address in SAM Speaks).

Dope and Thinner Prez Rod has the names of those expressing interest and will be arranging to get the material through Loren Schmidt.

Contact Rod for specifics regarding pickup, delivery, containers, etc.

Jimmie Allen Contest Jerry Rocha has obtained four cassettes of the original Jimmie Allen radio broadcasts. Each contains four programs. These will be awarded as prizes at each of the several meets. Jerry has also assembled a large trophy for the overall winner. Also Joe Meere may purchase a Skelly Oil Company porcelain enameled, metal sign as an additional prize. Jerry reports that at least six members have started models for this FUN event.

Hobby Expo Prez Rod reported on progress relative to SAM 27's booth at this May 18 -19 event at the Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds. The presently assigned booth location has a 40' ceiling, making hanging of models unfeasible. Another, less desirable location was available but it was agreed to stick with what we have. The possibility of constructing a support frame, possibly from PVC pipe, for hanging models was discussed. The 10' x 10' booth will be provided with an 8' table. Additional fixtures and equipment is up to the exhibitor. Rod will be contacting



individuals for help with this project. Volunteers for setting up and manning the booth will be welcome. Rod said that the Expo management will be having a separate table for displaying O/T models which will be judged for some sort of award.

Hiller Museum Car Pool arrangements were suggested for the March 30, SAM 27 visit to this facility. Report next meeting.

New Zealand 1/2 A Texaco Postal
Meet CD Ed Hamler reminded us of
the Saturday, April 13 date scheduled
for this event. The SAM 27 team will
fly at the Lakeville site. An early start
is recommended, especially if wind is
forecast. Remember this event is to be
flown with the small tank.

Internet Web Site Don Bekins reported that he has been working with Ned Nevels and was told that as of 3/20 SAM is on a Website and that SAM 27 was about to be. Just then Ned walked in and advised the websites are all set up. There was some problem with Rocco's classroom computer so Ned hooked up his laptop and proceeded to demonstrate. The SAM site gives general information regarding SAM (including a colored picture of Jr. O/T'er Sean Crowley holding his 1/2A model) and lists all of the worldwide chapters and the addresses of the appropriate contact. The SAM 27 site gives information on specific Chapter activities and Ned plans to incorporate portions of the newsletter. The address for those who have access (and the necessary smarts) is, according to Ned: http://www.napanet.net/~nedn. If that doesn't work call Ned

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rules Discussion Don Bekins advised that he will be attending the SAM 26

Spring Fling to be held at Taft on March 23 - 24. The Electric Events Rules will be a topic of discussion by the SAM Rules Committee. Don asked that anyone with input should contact him before the weekend. We hope Don will be able to report on the Committee's actions at our next meeting.

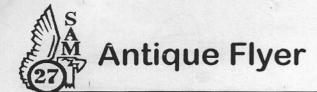
# TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

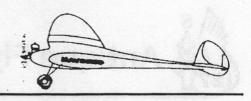
Perhaps Technical Presentation is the wrong term for this special presentation by John Gomez III which was a wide ranging discussion based on 57 years of modeling and competition. Jerry Rocha introduced John whose dual careers (aside from modeling) included many years as a USAF test pilot and, until January of this year, teaching in high school. With retirement John expects to increase his building and competition activities. John is a long time resident of San Ramon and used to be able to fly models from his back yard but the proliferation of new housing, shopping centers and business parks has all but eliminated model flying in the immediate area, although John reports he has obtained permission for limited flying of rubber powered models in some city parks. John's three car garage contains no cars but is filled with models and shop equipment. His modeling career started at age 9 and continued without interruption to his present age 66. John's paper route earnings allowed him to afford the purchase of the 10 cent kits then available. He was a member of the San Francisco Vultures and a long time friend of John Pond. During his teaching career, mostly in industrial arts and computers, John promoted model building among his students. Once he and Rocco became aware of each other's efforts they collaborated on their respective programs.

John specializes in free flight and brought several models and photos demonstrating some of his efforts. One photo was of the winding of a 7' rubber model. The motor weighed about 1# and it took three to wind, Jerry Rocha being one. Jerry reported he was much relieved when the winding was over and was happy to step back out of the way. This model was too large for John's car but he brought the prop. a huge folder. Other models displayed included a beautiful, 3' span Howard DGA-11 with which John was a winner in the 1984 Nationals Scale

in the 1984 Nationals Scale competition. Another model was a venerable Wittman Albatross, a winner in many contests. John also showed a 12' span Michael Roll design, The Roll, which featured a balsa sheet covered, oval cross-section fuselage and silk covered wings and tail. The wing was in two parts, joined in the middle. Power was a Super Cyclone, a truly impressive model.

John says he usually builds two of the same model at one time, taking advantage of the setup time savings afforded. Most models are covered with Japanese tissue. John has a good supply of the prewar product which he says is about 1/3 lighter than the present day tissue. Aircraft grade nitrate dope is used to secure the covering to the structure and to dope the shrunk tissue after covering is complete. John uses 2 coats of the full strength nitrate on the structure. sanded between coats. He places the tissue on the structure and brushes acetone thru the tissue to adhere to the dope below. Acetone is used because it is less expensive than thinner and works as well. Almost all dope application is done by brushing. To aid in visibility, John brushes on a top coat of thinned, clear, glossy K&B SuperPoxy over the single thinned coat of nitrate dope. John makes all his





own propellers and can do the carving and sanding on most in about an hour.

John is an excellent and entertaining speaker with a real enthusiasm for his subject. We thank him for coming and thank Jerry Rocha for making arrangements. If John becomes a SAM 27 member maybe we will see more of him and his models.

#### SHOW & TELL

<u>Don Bekins</u> showed copies of two British modeling magazines he had received, the Aero Modeler and Radio Models, also a few copies of the Aero Modeler Annual from the 1950's containing plans, photos and articles.

Cassie Caulfield, visitor and one of Rocco's FF Team showed her first effort, a very nice Cloud Chaser built in a week and with two flights logged to date. Good work Cassie!

Jose Lopez and Ramon Cuevas, also Rocco's visitors showed a couple of hand launched gliders built from scratch that very afternoon and test flown for 13 and 10 seconds. Nice work guys! With a little more practice and trimming adjustments your times will improve greatly.

Armen Moughamian, another of the Rocco contingent, showed his Tennyson Flyer, a rubber stick design by John Gomez and used in his program at Tennyson High School in San Ramon. Armen did a nice job on this model and got several good flights later in the gym.

Ron Keil showed his latest !/2 A Scale effort, a nearly completed Luton Buzzard II, a British ultralight from the 1935-36 era. The model is a pusher with a low wing and boom mounted tail. Complete plans were not available so

Ron had to create them himself from sketchy three views and some brief specifications. We are looking forward to the test hop stage.

Ed Hamler brought his latest, a Class A pylon Playboy with interchangeable engines, an Elfin diesel for ignition and an ST-15(?) for glow. Wing span is 54" for an area of 358 sq. in. The model was covered with yellow Micafilm and showed Ed's usual meticulous workmanship. Three very successful test flights were made the previous Saturday at the Lakeville site.

John Hlebcar had read the article on Thai silk written by Charlie Reich in the Jan.-Feb. issue of SAM SPEAKS. John had ordered samples and was quite impressed with the quality and relatively low price. You silk guys check it out!

Rick Madden brought an AMA Delta Dart for flying later in the gym. Rick buys these by the dozen for about \$1 each and makes them for the grandkids. Building one only takes about 15 minutes. Rick recommends them highly for some quick, inexpensive fun.

# FIRST ANNUAL PAPER GLIDER MEET

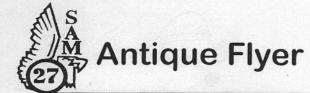
Following the meeting most attendees moved to the gym for the paper glider contest CD'd by Buzz Passarino. Each contestant was given an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, a paper clip and a piece of Scotch tape if desired. Any design using these materials was permissible. There were two events: duration and distance. Different gliders could be built for each event. The air in the gym was soon filled with gliders of all shapes and designs. Rocco's gang really entered into the spirit of things and one of them, a 13 (?) year old Lachlan Scotland (love that name) won

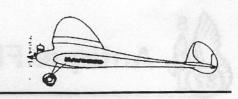
both events. Lachlan was the first to hit the wall from about 80' out and his two official flights totaled 13.40 seconds, beating out second place winner Scott Seronello by 0.26 seconds. Lachlan took home both of the handsome plaques that Buzz had made. Maybe Lachlan will attend the next meeting and reveal the secret of his success.

Besides the gliders, several attendees put up rubber models of many descriptions. Rick Madden did well with his Delta Dart after resolving some trim problems. Armen Moughamian's Tennyson Flyer flew consistently well. Ron Keil flew his R/C Hangar Rat but hit one of the gym's climbing ropes, damaging the wing mount. Field repairs failed to correct the problem so Ron had to put it away. Ron did much better with his several flights in the darkness of the Firehouse parking lot a couple of months ago. Maybe Ron was blinded by the gym's bright lights. Brian Ramsey had a box full of Phantom Flashes and Hanger Rats and seemed to be having a good time. Earl Hoffman flew his Easy B several times on partial winds. There was a dark painted area in the basketball court center circle which apparently created a mini thermal causing the Easy B to bump slightly each time it passed over. Pete Samuelsen has been recently getting into indoor modeling and flew his Penny Plane several times.



BUT, I JUST CHECKED THE BATTERIES A WEEK AGO."





#### RAFFLE

Prize	Donor	Winner
Aeronca Kit	Joe Meeere	Armen Moughamian
Fuel Bulb	SAM 27	Jerry Rocha
Mini Tach	SAM 27	?? ??
Spackling	SAM 27	Jerry Rocha
Needle File Set	SAM 27	Jerry Rocha
Airtronics Decals	SAM 27	Jose Lupez
Wine & Icer	Ed Hammler	Pete Samuelsen
Trim Tape (2)	Ed Hammler	Jerry Rocha
Trim Tape (2)	Ed Hammler	Lochlan Scotland
Stop Watch	John Hlebcar	Ron Keil
Stearman Kit	Scott Sernello	Stan Severi ·
Balsa	Rocco Ferrario	Jose Lopez
Balsa	Rocco Ferrario	?? ??

Lift

Lift is not generated, it's been there all the time. As we all know, the higher we go the thinner the air gets and the less atmospheric pressure. Try running wind sprints in Death Valley (below sea level) and repeating them on Mt. Whitney (above 14,000 ft) and you will see what I mean.

It is the drop in air pressure that makes an altimeter work. It is the same drop in air pressure that makes our models fly. It is the reason that a thick airfoil can lift more than a thin one. And the reason that birds and the better flying models have undercamberd wings.

- The high point on an airfoil is higher, therefore in air of less pressure than the bottom of the wing.
- Therefore air under the wing is denser and of higher pressure, pushing the wing up.
- We can only go so high for any given area/weight ratio because as we get higher the deferential in pressure becomes lower unless we use a still thicker airfoil.
- Birds and undercamberd wings tend to trap more of the high pressure air under there wings and can extend the glide to a much greater distance.

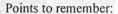
Total collected

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If your model is in neutral air it will climb due to the pressure differential as described above.

If your model is in a thermal it will climb even faster.

If your model is coming down, then it must be in air with a reverse pressure gradient - a downer.

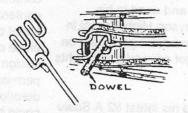


- Use a thick airfoil to keep the upper surface up in the thin less dense air.
- 2. Try to keep your model out of the downers.
- 3. April Fool

#### Left:

Prez Rod showed his beautifully framed 1/12 size RV-6. Rod has a home-built vacuum box from which he is going to make the canopy. How about showing the rest of us how its done?

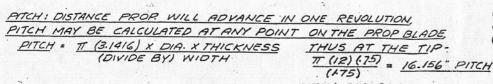
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Rubber Stuffer: Courtisy SAM 39 Newsletter, Bucky Walter Editor.

Make from a paper clip and solder to a coat hanger wire handle.

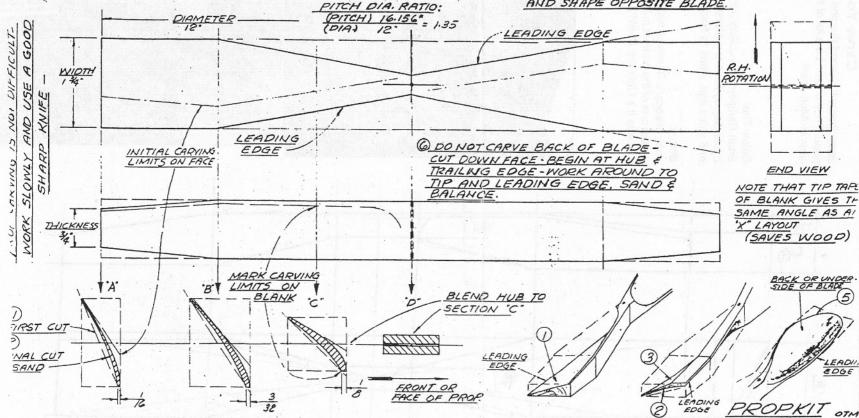




() CARVE BACK OF BLADES-FLAT-BUT TO HELIX OF BLANK (C) CARVE (SMALL SHAVINGS!) CONCAVE (SEE SECTIONS); S. (S) CARVE FACE TO LINES - FLAT-BUT TO HELIX.

CARVE TOP CURVE & ROUGH SAND.

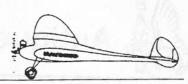
SLAYOUT BLADE OUTLINE INCLUDING HUB CUT-IN;
CARVE BLADE SHAPE-MAKE PAPER PATTERN
AND SHAPE OPPOSITE BLADE.





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Carve Your Own Prop

<u>Jerry Rocha</u> furnished the pop patterns on this and the preceding page. They should be a lot of help when carving props for the Jimmie Allen event.

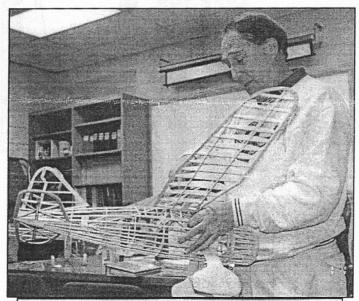
#### Below Top:

Brian Ramsey's beautifully framed, gull-winged Westland Lysander made from a Modelcraft (Canada) kit. Brian started it 5 or 6 years ago, plans to finish it some day.

#### Bottom:

John Hlebcar's Bluebird, his Jimmie Allen project. John also donated one of the contest prizes, a Jimmie Allen Big Little Book ( or was it a Little Big Book?). Thanks John.

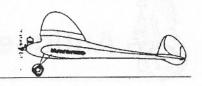
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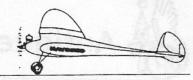
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O'Brien	Dick	16954 Schiller Court	Sonoma, CA	95476	707-938-5210
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Passarino	Buzz	318 Piper St.	Healdsburg, CA	95448	707-433-3709
Pensler	Alvin	62 So. Newport Dr.	Napa, Ca	94559	707-224-9089
Persons	Rod	115 Kerry Lane	Cloverdale, CA	95425	707-894-5788
Persson, Jr.	Jim	3749 Gettysburg CT. N.	Pleasanton, CA	94588	510-846-3999
Peterson	John	1121 Rue Toulouse	Slidell, LA	70458	
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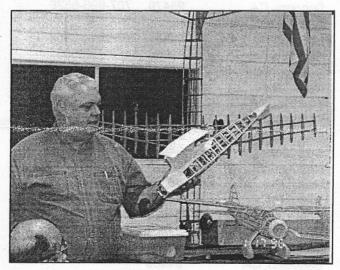


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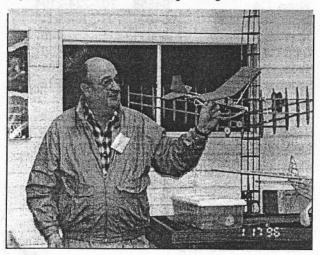


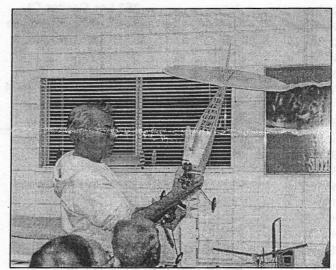
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Vanderbeek	Bill	13300 Simon Lane	Los Altos Hills, CA	94022	415-949-3366
Wakerly	Bob	2333 Redwood	Napa, CA	94558	707-226-5863
Wardenburg	Fred	29 Coast Oak Way	San Rafael, CA	94903	415-479-4530
Wernholm	Tom	32 Primrose Way	San Ramon, CA	94583	510-536-7713



Top: Ned Nevels attic produced a framed Leisure electric Bomber, started in 1990. A few weeknds work should get it in the air.

Bottom: Ron Keil with ROG "Hangar Rat". R/C rudder only, uses an Albin Rx. unit weighs 11 grams.

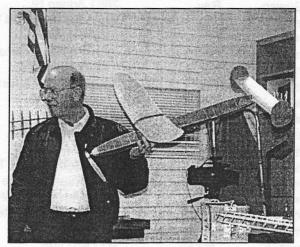


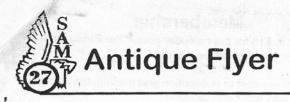


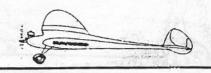
Top: Dick O'Brien & Playboy Sr. Started in 1988, features interchangeable engines, a Super Cyke ignition and a glow.

Bottom: Pete Samuelsen with his 1940 Reid-Hull Mulvihill winner.

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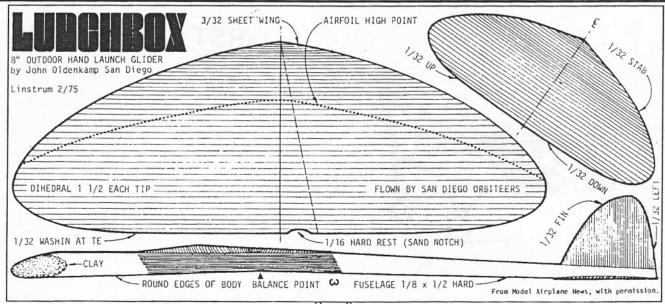




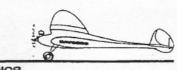


#### 1996 CONTEST SCHEDULE

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	New Zealand 1/2 A Texaco	
	NCFFC #2	
	SAM 49 Annual	
May 4 - 5	OCD Champs	Weagell Field
May 4 - 5	SAM 30 Annual	Schmidt Ranch
June 2	NCFFC #3	Weagell Field
June 8 - 9	SAM 21 Howard Osegueda Memorial	SACRC'S Field, Newark, CA
July 6 - 7	SAM 26	Lompoc, CA
July 13 - 14	1/2 A Scale Duration	International Postal Contest
July 20 - 21	SAM 101	Camarillo,CA
August 2 - 4	1/2 A Texaco Challenge	Club Field
August 11	NCFFC #4	Weagell Field
August 17 - 18	N.W. Free Flight Champs	Tangent, OR
August 17 - 18	SAM 34 & 51 High Sierra Annual	Carson City, NV
7/31 - 9/2	U.S.F.F.C.	Lost Hills
September 7 - 8	SAM 27 Annual Crash & Bash	Schmidt Ranch
September 15	NCFFC #5	Weagell Field
September 21 - 2	2Stockton AMPS	Lost Hills
September 28 - 2	9SAM 30 Fall Annual	Schmidt Ranch
October 9 - 14	SAM Champs	Pensacola, FL
October 19 - 20	S.C.I.F. Annual & San Valeers NOS Annual	Lost Hills
October 19 - 20	Sierra Cup	
November 3	NCFFC #6	
November 2 - 3	John Pond Commemorative	Taft
November 9 - 11	SCAMPS & SCIF	Lost Hills
	SAM 49 Fall Annual	







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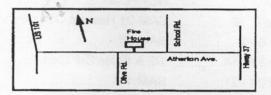
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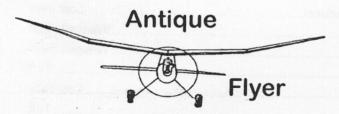
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