

July Chapter Meeting

By John Carlson

Sixteen attended this November meeting held in Rocco Ferrario's Napa, Redwood Middle School classroom. Some of the regulars had attended the SAM CHAMPS and, presumably, were enroute returning. Visitors included Juniors Robert Gordon, Lachlan Scotland and Cassie Caulfield, representing some of the young folks in Rocco's group. Prez Rod asked each present to briefly tell what current projects they had underway. Everybody had something, ranging from Ron Keil's acquiring and making parts for 2 or 3 autogyros, Pete Samuelsen replacing the indoor model lost in the ceiling of the Kibbe Dome, several P-30's underway with some Juniors, and numerous others involved with replacements, repairs and just plain noodling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We had only nine 1997 EAA Calendars ordered, with only 3 paid up. The minimum order to get the discounted \$7 price is 12. It was agreed we would not send in an order. Refunds will be made to those who had paid. Individual orders can be placed at a price of \$10 ea. Contact John Carlson for the address if you are interested.

- Prez Rod announced that Joe Meere was on the road to recovery but still not up to attending, so Buzz Passarino will continue to substitute as the Raffle Meister pending Joe's return. Get well soon Joe.

- The Polyspan Video

produced by Larry Davidson was checked out by Bert Flack and should again be available to borrowers at the next meeting.

JR O/T REPORT

The two Juniors sponsored by SAM 27 in Rocco's summer Space Academy Program were Lachlan Scotland and Juan Aguilar. Rocco will advise the Treasurer regarding reimbursement.

Rocco advised that he is again conducting a Junior Free Flight Team program similar to last years. Participants contract to build a model, or models, and fly them in several contests during the year. Materials and assistance are provided by Rocco. The parents are co-contractors and are responsible for transporting participants to the contests and to reimburse the costs for materials furnished to those who do not complete the program. A number of Lee Campbell Super P-30 kits were obtained for about 1/3 of the normal cost and will be used in the program.

OLD BUSINESS

O & R Decals and T-Shirts An occasional mail order still arrives. The latest was our first from overseas, an order for 4 decals from Jack Law in England. The absence of our advertisement in the last SAM Speaks no doubt affected new orders. The ad should appear in the next three issues.

Technical Reports Prez Rod is still seeking volunteers and/or suggestions for presentations at future meetings. Think about it Guys - there must be some things you can talk about or suggest.

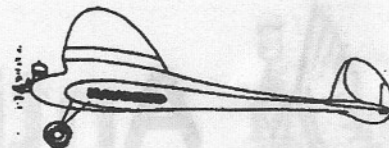
Gift to Novato FPD The Novato Fire Chief called John Carlson and said our offer was appreciated but regulations prohibited them from accepting gifts. He suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the District Board of Directors. This will be done, and to let the Board know a little of our activities, we will include a copy of the SAM 27 information sheet normally sent to new and prospective members.

Crash & Bash - Ladies Appreciation

In his letter to all contestants, Ed Hamler eloquently conveyed our deep appreciation to those who did so much to make the event a success. Possibly more discussion of this subject next meeting.

1997 Club Project Incoming Club Prez John Hlebar summarized a letter received from member George Benson speaking for the MAC group and suggesting a unique rubber scale event to be held during the O/T Rubber Meet and at other times to be scheduled. Eligible models would be any kitted or from plans published prior to 1951. Models may be of any size, but flight scores would be equalized by specifying maximum times in seconds to be four times the wing span e.g. (13" wing span X 4 = 52 sec. max.) Scoring would be based on the total time of 3 flights out of 6 attempts as a % of the maximum. Scale judging would be by the contestants ranking all models by position on numbered cards. Total score would be the sum of the flight and scale rankings. The objectives of this event according to George are:

- o To have an enjoyable "fun" event.
- o Allow various sizes of scale planes to compete on equal terms
- o Fly competitively with any scale plane, perhaps already built
- o Minimize long chases for those of us "weak in limb"
- o Tie in with SAM 27 Rubber Meet



day. Those present unanimously approved this proposal in principle. John Hlebcar will contact George to ask him to type up a set of rules to present at the next meeting. Thanks George for a complete, thoughtful and very workable proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party It was suggested and agreed that we should again hold a Christmas party this year. All favored Papas' Taverna again. John Carlson was to try to arrange this for Sunday, December 15. (John did this and 12/15 is confirmed). A notice appears elsewhere herein. The format will be similar to that of last year with a "White Elephant" raffle and the usual raffle of items purchased by the Club and contributed by members. Details will appear in the next issue of the A-F.

Hilda Keil Offer Ron Keil, anticipating the decision to again have an Xmas Party, brought several exceptionally beautiful Afghan throws knitted by Hilda. Hilda offered one as a raffle prize at the party and only asked that she be reimbursed \$40 for the cost of the wool. Hilda's kind offer was accepted and a selection made.

Old "F--ts" Flying Day Dick O'Brien said that flying at the Lakeville Site would be more enjoyable if more than just one lonesome individual was there. The additional safety aspect also would be a plus. Accordingly, Dick suggested we pick one preferred day in the week as a target. It was agreed that Thursday would be suitable and Dick (707-938-5210) would be the telephone contact for possible coordination aspects.

SHOW & TELL

Rocco Ferrario showed some of the

Lee Campbell Super P-30 kits he had purchased for the Junior Free Flight Team program. Amazingly, all parts including fuselage cross pieces, are cut to exact size. All that is needed is glue. Campbell makes many other kits including a Gollywock short kit for only \$12. Rocco had a number of extra Super P-30 plans and offered them to those present.

Lachlan Scotland and Cassie Caulfield presented a "Wannabe", 28" One Night P-30, a joint project of the two of them. The writer never did catch the "Wannabe" significance. Maybe it was the mixture of several colors of tissue and the fact that they ran out of dope to apply to the covering. At any rate they appeared to have had fun building it. Good work Cassie and Lachlan!

Ron Keil Had purchased a reduction gear unit for a Cox .049 or .051 engine from Silver Valley Innovations called the Novagear (\$35). Ron had mounted it to a Tee Dee .049. The engine is mounted backwards on the gear unit, a pinion is mounted on the engine shaft driving a larger gear to provide a 4.4:1 ratio to swing a 12-8 MAS (electric) wood prop. Ron is planning to use it with an .051 in Class A Texaco.

Rod Persons and one of his old time buddies developed some acronyms applicable to modelers, e.g.
 IGBT - I gotta build that
 IGHP - I gotta have plans
 SECB - Someone else can build
 APOG - A piece of garbage
 Thank you Rod for sharing with us!

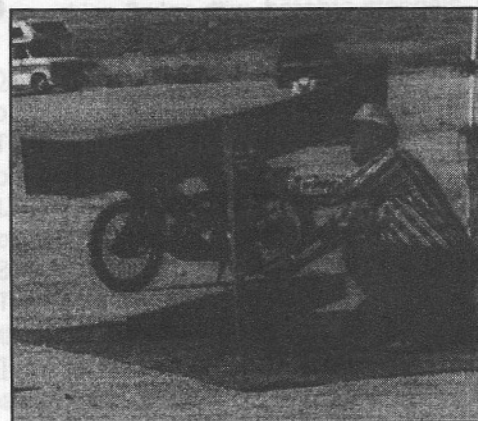
INDOOR FUN FLY

Most attendees retired to the Gym to participate in, or observe a little indoor flying. Earl Hoffman and Pete Samuelson flew their Penny Plane models with short motors and got flight durations of several minutes. John

Carlson, between flights of the "light weights", flew his Peanut Scale OH-7, a British light plane, circa 1930's. About half maximum turns was enough to avoid hitting ceiling obstructions and get durations of about 20 seconds. We missed the MAC guys who would have put on quite a show with their specialty. Maybe next time?

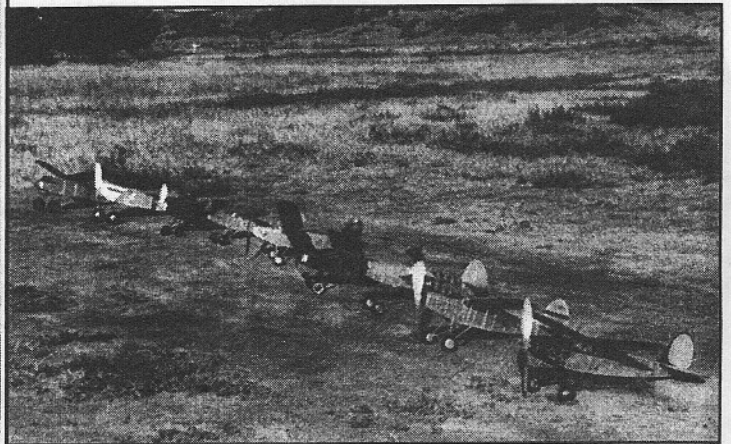
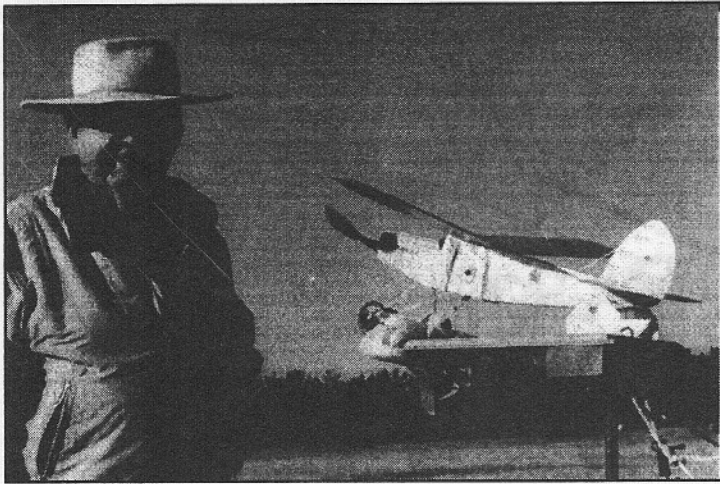
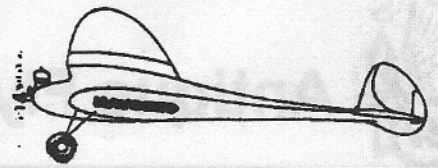
RAFFLE

PRIZE	DONOR	WINNER
Klarich 25% discount Cert.	J. Carlson	R. Gordon
Mickey Mouse Scarf	J. Hlebcar	C. Canfield
CA glue	SAM 27	D. O'Brien
Button Timer	SAM 27	J. Rocha
Reflective Tape	SAM 27	E. Hoffman
Elec. Model Book	Bob Aberle	B. Passarino
TOTAL		\$30.00



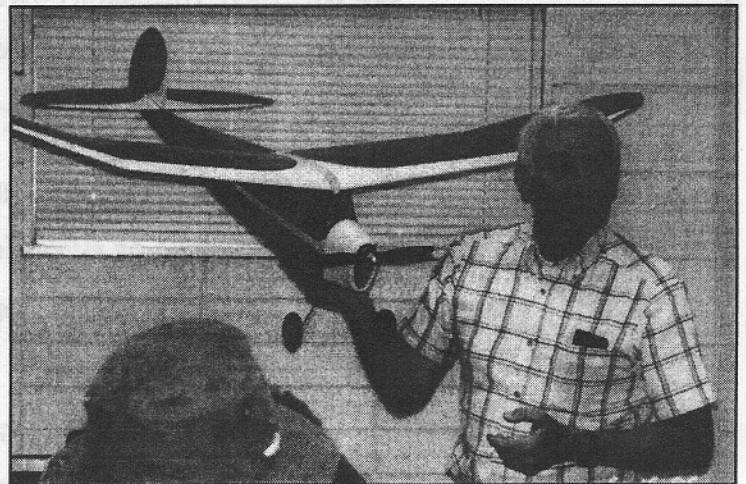
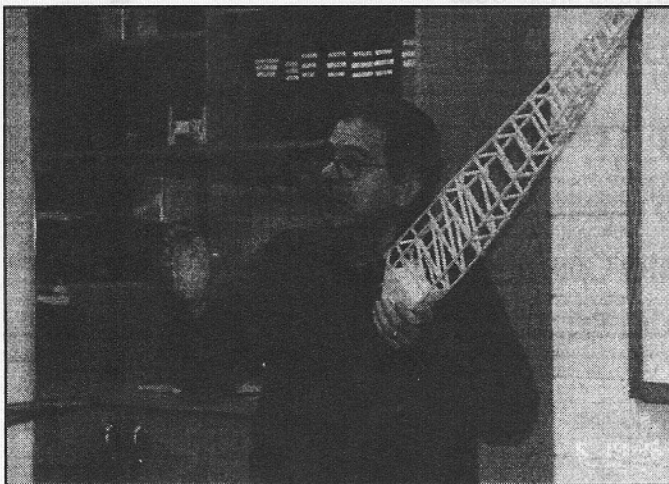
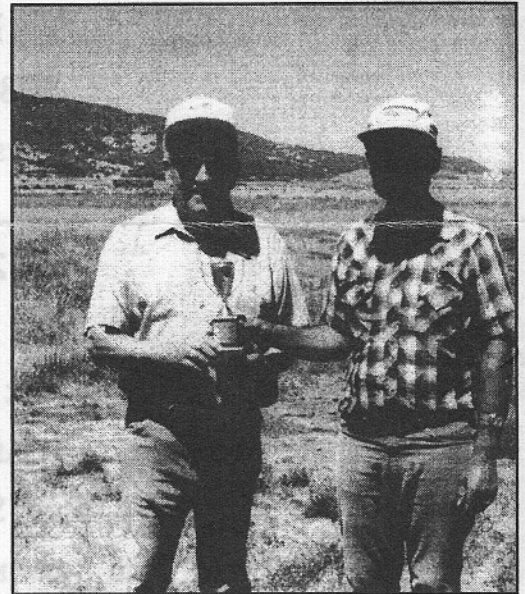
Wes Funk launching Ramrod 750, at the San Valeers Nostalgia meet, Oct. 19 & 20 Taft.

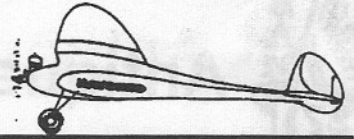
Bill Burt Photo



All Photos By John Hlebcar,

Various SAM 27 Meetings and events.





CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1996

12 NOON

PAPAS' TAVERNA

5688 LAKEVILLE HIGHWAY

2 MILES SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 116

LUNCHEON

\$12 INCLUDING TAX & TIP

MENU

CHOICE OF: ☺ PASTICIO (GREEK PASTA WITH BEEF), GREEN SALAD, FETA DRESSING AND
PITA BREAD, COFFEE OR GREEK ICED TEA

☺ PAPAS' CHICKEN SALAD. (A BED OF TOSSED GREENS TOPPED WITH CHUNKS
OF SEASONED CHICKEN), FETA DRESSING AND PITA BREAD, COFFEE OR GREEK ICED TEA

WE WILL HAVE THE LARGE DOWNSTAIRS BALLROOM

(PLEASE PARK IN THE LOWER EAST PARKING LOT)

LET'S HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

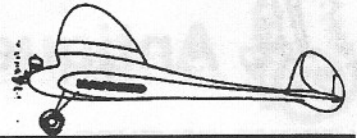
SIGN UP AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OR PHONE JOHN CARLSON AT 707-996-8820

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO FRI. DECEMBER 6

FUN FLY

LAKEVILLE FLYING SITE

8:00 A.M. TO NOON - WEATHER PERMITTING



A Little Mixed Up

*Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead,
Though I'm getting more forgetful,
And mixed up in my head.*

*I've got used to my arthritis,
To my dentures I'm resigned,
I can manage my bifocals,
But, God I miss my mind.*

*Sometimes I can't remember,
When I stand at the foot of the stair,
If I must go up for something, or
Have I just come down from there.*

*And before the frig, so often,
My poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out.*

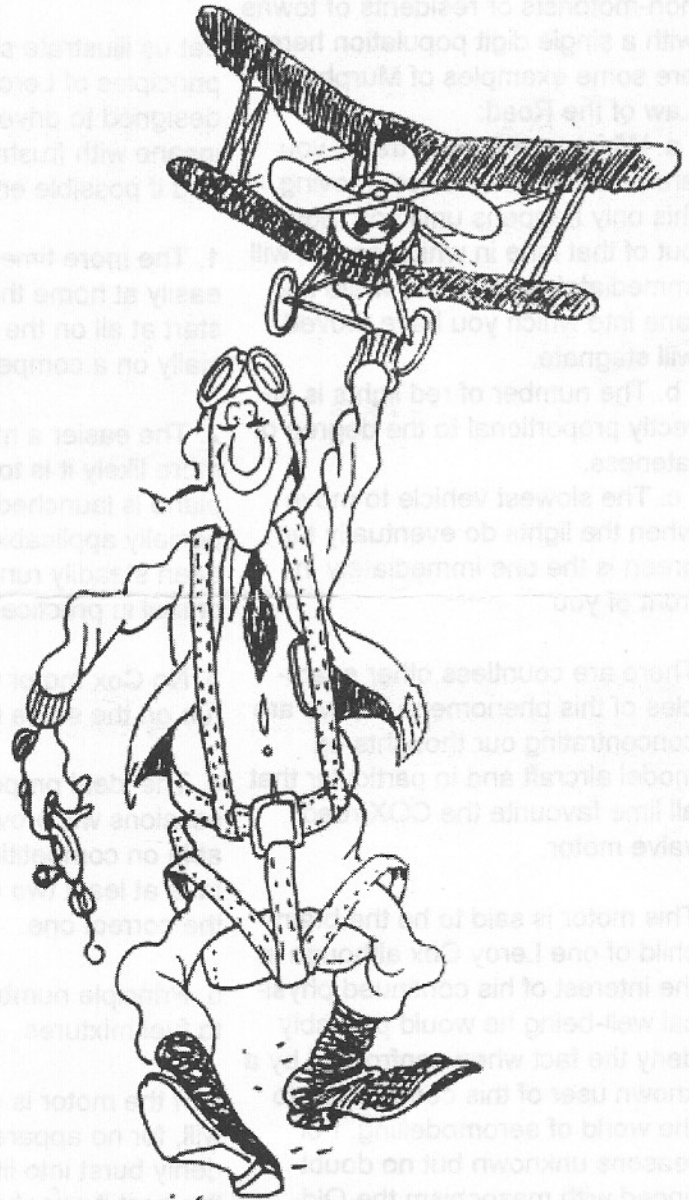
*And there's times when it is dark,
With my night cap on my head,
Don't know if I'm retiring, or
Just getting out of bed.*

*If it is my turn to write you,
There's no need getting sore,
I may think I have written,
And don't want to be a bore.*

*So, remember that I love you,
And wish that you were near,
But now it's nearly mail time,
So I must say, "Good-bye, Dear."*

*Here I stand beside the mail box,
With a face so very red,
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I opened it instead!*

Author Unknown

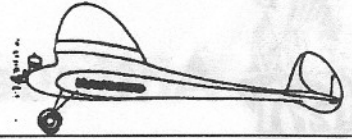


Cartoon by Jerry Barnette, Fredericksburg, VA



Antique Flyer

November 1996



LEROY'S REVENGE

From Paul Baartz.

Leroy's Revenge is to model flyers what Murphy's Law of the Road is to Motorists. For those non-motorists or residents of towns with a single digit population here are some examples of Murphy's Law of the Road:

a. Whichever lane of traffic you are in will be the slowest moving, this only happens until you move out of that lane in which case it will immediately accelerate while the lane into which you have moved will stagnate.

b. The number of red lights is directly proportional to the degree of lateness.

c. The slowest vehicle to move when the lights do eventually turn green is the one immediately in front of you.

There are countless other examples of this phenomena but we are concentrating our thoughts on model aircraft and in particular that all time favourite the COX reed valve motor.

This motor is said to be the brain-child of one Leroy Cox although in the interest of his continued physical well-being he would probably deny the fact when confronted by a known user of this contribution to the world of aeromodelling. For reasons unknown but no doubt tinged with masochism the Oldtimer Movement decided to adopt the Cox reed valve motor for the 1/2A Texaco event thus subjecting even the Oldtimer Movement to "Leroy's Revenge".

The basic principles of this phenomena are simple and revolve

around the aforementioned "Murphy's Law" which reduced to its elements states that if anything can go wrong, it will, and at the worst possible time.

Let us illustrate some of the laws or principles of Leroy's Revenge, all designed to drive the average flier insane with frustration, irritation and if possible embarrassment:

1. The more times a motor starts easily at home the less likely it is to start at all on the flying field, especially on a competition day.

2. The easier a motor starts the more likely it is to cut out before the plane is launched. This rule is especially applicable if the motor has been steadily running out full tanks of fuel in practice.

3. No Cox motor will ever start and run on the same needle setting.

4. The ideal propeller in practice sessions will prove entirely unsuitable on competition day and it will take at least two changes to find the correct one.

5. Principle number 4 also applies to fuel mixtures.

6. If the motor is difficult to start it will, for no apparent reason, suddenly burst into life and be running the best it ever has, but backwards.

7. After this burst of activity the motor will refuse to even splutter for at least five minutes or thirty flicks of the propeller, whichever is more trying.

8. No motor will never run better or

faster than the instant in which a finger, or any other appendage for that matter, is placed inside the propeller arc, although motors have been known to perform exceptionally well when the model is heading vertically, downwards, and/or in the event of the throttle servo failing.

9. Fully charged starting batteries can become completely discharged in a flight box during even the shortest trip from workshop to flying field and it only takes about twenty minutes to discover this when attempting to start a motor.

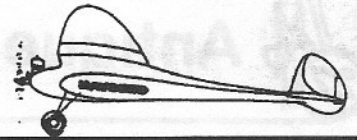
10. No motor will exhibit any problems or need to be dismantled unless it is solidly mounted in a model and more so if cowlings are permanently fixed and painted around it.

11. If you carry a hundred tools to the flying field the only one which will do the job properly will be at home safely on the bench. Likewise no spare part will need replacing unless it is unavailable from any source within 100 Kms.

12. If at any time the phrase "running perfectly yesterday" or any like message is used in the vicinity of a motor it will immediately become completely non-functional.

The main message in this whole story is to let you know that you are not a lone sufferer when your dose of Leroy's Revenge comes due. Me? I still love my Cox motors, warts and all.

The above taken from Duration Times S.A.M. of Australia (1788) Ian Avery editor



**Final Results of the 21st Annual SAM 27 Crash & Bash
Schmidt Ranch, Elk Grove, California
September 6, 7 & 8, 1996**

Combined Antique/Pure Antique

Contestant	SAM	Model	Engine	LER	1	2	3	Total
1 John McRae	51	Weathers Westerner	Torp 40 RR	24	three maxes + 22:39 =			52:39
2 Don Bekins	27	Lanzo Bomber	Edco Skydevil	48	three maxes + 17:24 =			47:24
3 Stan Lane	51	Anderson Pylon Model	OS 60	40	three maxes + 15:06 =			45:06
4 Dave Lewis	21	Lanzo Bomber	Edco Skydevil	48	three maxes + 8:55 =			38:55
5 John Collins	41	Lanzo Bomber	McCoy 60	48	three maxes + 0:00 =			30:00
6 Don Bishop	26	Lanzo Bomber	Edco Skydevil	40	three maxes + DNF =			30:00
7 Kenneth Low	26	Rambler	O&R 60 SP	32	10:00	7:25	10:00	27:25
8 Wayne Conner	00	Record Breaker	Spitfire	48	9:57	10:00	7:08	27:05
9 Peder Samuelsen	27	Folly II	OS 61 ABC	45	10:00	9:07		19:07
10 Eut Tileston	51	Weathers Westerner	Edco Skydevil		10:00			10:00
11 John Richmond	26	Lanzo Bomber	McCoy 60		9:33			9:33

SAM R/C Nostalgia

Contestant	SAM	Model	Engine	1	2	3	Total
1 Don Bekins	27	Ramrod	Johnson .35	5:00	5:00	5:00	15:00
2 Dave Lewis	21	Playboy	ST 35	5:00	4:37	5:00	14:37
3 Steve Roselle	21	Gool	K&B 61	4:21	3:44	5:00	13:05
4 Loren Schmidt	30	Playboy	K&B 35	4:45	4:10		8:55

Electric Texaco

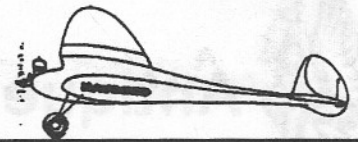
Contestant	SAM	Model	1	2	Best
1 Roscoe Low	26	Charger	46:35		46:35
2 Bob Walton	21	Leisure Bomber	45:52		45:52
3 George Joki	21	Viking	26:41		26:41
4 Kenneth Low	26	Leisure Playboy	26:25	15:50	26:25
5 Charles Applebaum	26	Leisure Bomber	23:36	25:30	25:30
6 John Collins	41	Leisure Bomber	13:34		13:34
7 Bob Schleimer	21	Leisure Bomber	8:40	10:36	10:36

Electric Limited Motor Run

Contestant	SAM	Model	Motor	1	2	flyoff	Total
1 Kenneth Low	26	Playboy	Trinity Sapphire	10:00	10:00		20:00
2 Charles Applebaum	26	Leisure Bomber	Trinity Sapphire	9:58	10:00		19:58
3 Bob Van Beek	30	Playboy	Kyosho	9:02	8:31		17:33
4 Roscoe Low	26	Charger	Trinity Sapphire	8:04	9:20		17:24
5 Bob Schleimer	21	Leisure Bomber	Trinity Sapphire	5:55	10:00		15:55
6 Warren Pickering	30	Smith Stick		5:06			5:06

Brown Jr. Flyoff LER 90

Contestant	SAM	Model	LER 90
1 Don Barrick	26	Long Cabin	12:08
2 Bob Facto	49	Long Cabin	12:06
3 Bob Angel	26	Kloud King	9:55
4 Bob Holman	26	Folly	7:35
5 Dave Lewis	21	Rambler	7:21
6 Don Bekins	27	Rambler	6:10
7 Terry Welden	30	Clipper	5:58
8 Emilio Finato	21	Scram	3:39
9 Loren Schmidt	30	Firebird	1:20
10 Dennis King	21	Quaker Flash	Crash



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Spirit of SAM Concours

	Contestant	SAM	Model	Designer
1	Wayne Conner	00	Zipper	Goldberg
2	Ed Hamler	27	RC-1	Lanzo
3	John McRae	51	Westerner	Weathers
4	Gary Leopold	21	Playboy	Elgin
5	Emilio Finato	21	Topper	Murray
6	Richard Beard	101	Powerhouse	Talbi
7	Bob Facto	26	Sportster	Dallaire
8	Eut Tileston	51	Westerner	Weathers

1/2 A Scale Concours d' élégance

	Contestant	SAM	Model	Designer
1	Roscoe Low	26	Scout Experimental-5	
2	Brian Ramsey	27	C-33	Stearman
3	Jerry Rocha	27	AVRO	A. V. Roe
4	Bob Angel	26	L-25D	Klémim
5	Warren Pickering	30	M17 Ello	Messerschmitt
6	Kenneth Low	26	Robin	Glenn Curtiss

Old Time Glider

	Contestant	SAM	Model	1	2	3	Score
1	Roscoe Low	26	Floater				coin toss
2	Kenneth Low	26	Floater				coin toss

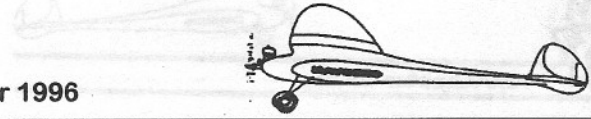
Gollywock HIHo Small Rubber Gaggie

	Contestant	SAM	Model	1	2	3	Score
1	Brian Ramsey	27	Pacific Ace	2:00	1:16	OOS	5:16

Thanks again for coming to the 1996 SAM 27 Crash & Bash.
Our twenty first year of fun and excitement in old time aeromodeling.
Mark your calendars September 5, 6, & 7, 1997 for next year's Crash & Bash.
Plan ahead. It's the weekend following Labor Day. Thermals.....

But enough statistics, we'd like to **recognize and congratulate:**

Don Bekins	Grand Champion & Bill Hooks Perpetual Trophy Winner
Steve Roselle	Ohlsson Sideport Perpetual Trophy Winner
Bob Angel	Ohlsson 23 Perpetual Trophy Winner
Wayne Conners	Spirit of SAM Perpetual Trophy Winner
Roscoe Low	Scale Concours d' élégance Perpetual Trophy Winner
Stan Lane	Crash & Bash Raffle Grand Prize Winner (Zipper)



1996 CONTEST SCHEDULE

November 3	NCFFC #6	Weagell Field
November 2 - 3	John Pond Commemorative	Taft
November 9 - 11	SCAMPS & SCIF	Lost Hills
November 16 - 17	SAM 49 Fall Annual	Taft



DECALS

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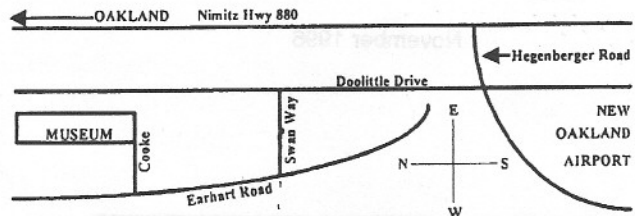
ENGINES--PLANES--BOATS--CARS
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Any hobby related items
OLD and NEW

Saturday, FEBRUARY 8, 1997
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At the Old Oakland Airport
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

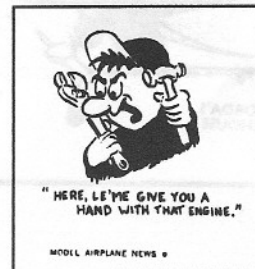
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8 foot tables



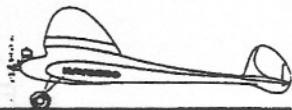
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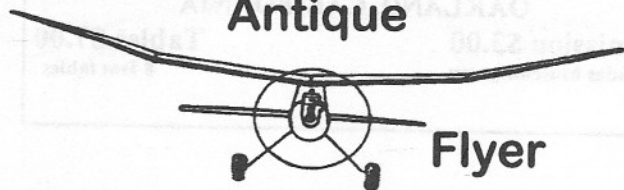
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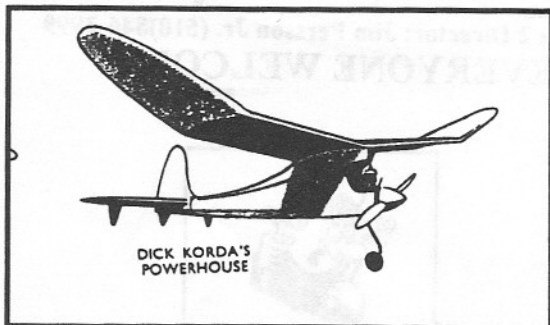
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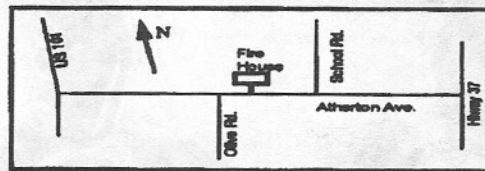
Membership

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

Full Membership requires that proof of current AMA Membership be presented at time of joining or renewal by means of photocopy or presentation to the Treasurer.

Associate Members will receive the Newsletter and may attend meetings, but may not fly at the Club's Lakeville Field or in Club contests.

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



**Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov 20, 1996
7:30 P.M. at the Novato Fire Department
Training Room**



FIRST CLASS MAIL

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