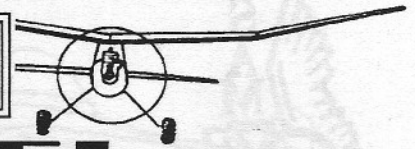




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## October Chapter Meeting

by John Carlson

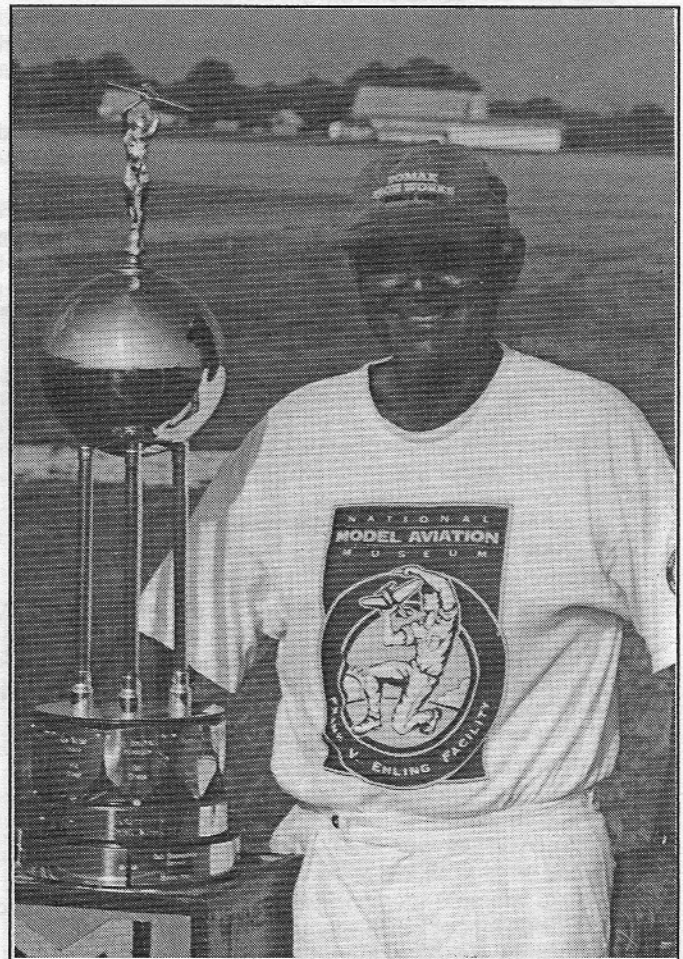
A pleasant Indian Summer evening brought out seventeen stalwarts to this October meeting. We were all happy to see Fred Terzian and Bill Vanderbeek who made the long trek up from the South Bay. Fred and Bill, as usual, contributed to the later Show & Tell and to the Raffle. Fred brought a video, mostly of indoor flying at the Moffett Field Dirigible hangar and had it playing while waiting for the meeting to start. Thanks Guys, always a pleasure to see you and wish you could make it more often.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SAMSPAN is available. Contact Steve Remington or John Carlson.
- The PolySpan video is again available. Contact Ed Hamler if you wish to borrow it.
- Mystery Photos and Scrap Box Items are still wanted for inclusion in the A-F. Send them to Editor Steve Remington.
- Joe Meere delegated Rod Persons to collect for the 1999 EAA Calendar. Joe will place the order soon and the calendars may be available by the November meeting.
- Prez JohnH gave us a reminder of the dates for upcoming events.
- Prez JohnH reminded us again of the Field trip to the **Hiller Museum** on Sat. November 21. The plan is to assemble at 10 AM at the Museum. General admission to the Museum is \$7, Seniors \$5. We will get a \$1 discount on each if we have 15 or greater in the group. They require two weeks notice, so advise JohnH NLT 11/7 of your intent. After the tour all who care to, will reassemble at Steve Remington's CollectAir Museum and Gallery at Reid Hillview in San Jose. For those who haven't been there, Steve's facility is well worth the visit.
- The **Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 6, again at Papas' Taverna. (More later herein)
- Prez JohnH reported that he has been receiving a good number of member profiles and is turning them over to SteveR. Karl Gies, our Montana member, sent in his profile and a video made in the late 30's or 40's about Dick Korda and a kid.. John plans to show it at the November meeting. Even our European members, Rado Cizek and Nick Bruschi have responded. SteveR advised that all photos will be returned unless the member specifically advises that it need not.
- Bob Munn's e-mail address as given in the October A-F was incorrect. It should have been: whozis@jps.net
- Prez JohnH reported that he had loaned his Tissue Covering video to some member but couldn't remember who.

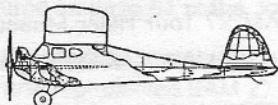
Whoever (whomever?) has it please let John know.

- Don Bekins is looking for the member to whom he gave a Red Ripper Kit, probably at the April or May meeting. The kit had been given to Bruce Augustus by the kit maker and Bruce asked Don to find someone to build it and report. If you have it or know who does please advise Don.
- John Carlson reported that his lost 1/2 A Atomizer, after spending two months in the vineyard and eluding the searches of several members, was reported found by one of the workers. Engine and radio seem OK. Fuse and wing damage are repairable. It will be back in the air one of these days.

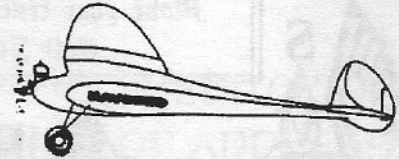


### WINNERS CIRCLE

*Bud Romak, winner of the Moffett Trophy at the 1998 NATS at Muncie, Indiana.*







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## TOFFF GUY REPORT

TOFFF attendance has been very good with as many as 14 cars counted. At a recent session Bob Wakerly bought Ron Yeoman of the Napa Valley R/C Club who flew his Zlin model in an amazing display of aerobatic piloting. The model's roll rate is about 3 per second and Ron did vertical rolls, horizontal rolls, snap rolls, flat spins, a knife edge circle and many others. The engine never missed a beat no matter what the attitude. Don Bekins said he had never seen anything like Ron's display. Bob can bring Ron out any time. At the TOFFF session on Oct 22 Ex-Prez Brian Ramsey brought the Vivell 35 powered, Parmenter built, Cleveland Viking model he had won at the Year-end Raffle two years ago. Brian had not previously had the opportunity to fly the model. With Don Bekins help, Brian made the necessary flight to qualify him for TOFFF membership and he was duly dubbed **Sir Brian of TOFFF** by Don. TOFFF gets better all the time, so all you procrastinators, get off your duff and come on out.

## OLD BUSINESS

❑ **Crash & Bash** CD Ed Hamler reported that the 23rd Annual Crash & Bash was a great success. Attendance was good with 33 contestants making 127 official entries and posting 244 flights. There were 151 partaking of lunches and dinners. Saturday's wind was strong at times but Sunday's conditions were perfect with the only winds being those blowing into a thermal. Don Bekins did 1:46:06 to win the Texaco event and was also the winner of the Bill Hooks sweepstakes Perpetual Trophy as well as the Spirit of SAM event. Steve Remington won the Raffle Grand Prize, choosing an Anderson Pylon, Veco19 Terry Weldon model. Profits were made on the meals and the Raffle but we were in the red for Contest Events, resulting in an overall profit of about \$160. The 1999 C&B is tentatively scheduled for September 10-12.

❑ **SAM 27 Officers for 1999** Prez JohnH advised that in true SAM 27 fashion, he and a couple of other members sneaked up on John Dammuller during the recent Sierra Cup Meet to inform him that he had been selected as SAM 27's President for 1999. The other officers nominated are VP Park Abbott. Secty. John Hlebcar and Treas. Rod Persons. The members present unanimously verified the above selections. Congratulations all.

❑ **Fokker DR1 T-shirts** There were not enough other orders for the T-shirts to make a run so our check was returned. Bert Flack, who won the sample, has the only one in the club.

❑ **Terry Weldon Models** Last month it was reported that we had purchased two of Terry Weldon's R/C models, a *Gasbird* and an *Anderson Pylon*. We already had on hand the *Ensign* model which was to be the Grand Prize in the C&B Raffle. The *Ensign* had a slight, but repairable, mishap while being demo flown at the C&B. Steve Remington, the raffle winner was given the choice of the three models and he chose the *Anderson Pylon*. The remaining two models will be used for future Raffle prizes.

❑ **1999 Club Project** Suggestions were again solicited. Prez JohnH suggested consideration of an O20 FF Scale event and, having purchased a kit at a recent model flea market, an 049 *Dakota* FF model. The Dumas *Dakota* is an all balsa biplane which flies well but is not likely to thermal which seemed attractive to some of our barely ambulatory members. We are still open for other suggestions.

## NEW BUSINESS

❑ **X-mas Party Details** were discussed regarding the party to be held on Sunday, December 6 at Papas' Taverna. A separate notice appears elsewhere herein. We will again have the White Elephant Raffle which has proved to be

## FLASH!

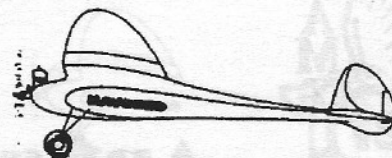
The September *Antique Flyer* carried the results of SAM 27's Jimmie Allen Postal Meet on August 29th. The team of **Jerry Rocha, Jerry Long, and Fred Emmert** put in a team total of **1007** seconds. This score was 21 seconds better than the next highest World Wide score! SAM 27 has **won** the 1998 Jimmie Allen World Wide Postal and will receive the perpetual trophy. The San Diego Orbiters came in second. Congratulations to all those who entered the postal.

popular in the past. Gifts, if purchased, should be in the \$5-\$10 range and it is asked that each be marked for gender suitability, e.g. B (boy), G (girl) or U (unisex). Those who do not know how the WE Raffle works should ask another member. We will also have a regular raffle of donated and purchased prizes; Jerry and Sue Rocha volunteered to pick up prizes. Reservations and meal selections must be made prior to the cutoff date in the notice. Prepayment is desired to reduce the business duties of the Treasurer during the party. Because we, in effect, are contracting with Papas' for a certain number of meals of each type it must be understood that prepaid no-shows may get none or only part of their payment refunded, and that no-shows not prepaid may be required to pay all or part of their order. Papas' has held the price at \$12 per person for several years despite rising costs, and for that reason beverages are not included and must be purchased separately.

## Calendar

Nov. 14-15 Fall Annual, SAM 49, Condor Field, Taft  
Nov. 21 SAM 27 Tour Hiller Museum, San Carlos  
Dec. 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY, Papas' Taverna





## TECHNICAL REPORT

(Ray Mc Gowan will be November's presenter)

**Jerry Rocha** chose **carving of balsa propellers** as his topic. Jerry passed around several props he had carved for *Jimmy Allen*, *P-30* and *Gollywock* models. He also passed out copies of a couple of articles on prop design and carving and one showing a simple pitch gauge. Wood selection is important. To provide adequate strength the use of light wood will result in thicker cross sections while heavier wood will permit more aerodynamically efficient thinner blades. Jerry feels that 6# wood is too light and prefers 10# balsa. Blade thickness, except nearer the hub, should be about 6% of the chord. Tissue doped to the blade can strengthen blades. An accurate blank is necessary to insure a prop balanced in both weight and pitch. Most plans for prop blanks have the diagonal at the end of the blank at an angle according to the desired pitch but Jerry thinks that this often results in a prop of lower pitch than that planned because the leading edge of each blade has to have some amount of thickness to provide strength. He recommends making the blank about 3/32" or 1/8" thicker in the fore and aft direction to compensate. Before carving Jerry recommends using a drill press to make an accurate hole for the shaft. He also likes to bush the hole with some aluminum tubing. The rear of the blade with its under camber should be carved first. A large #26 Xacto blade is suitable for carving to the approximate shape but the finish shape should be made by sanding. Under camber can be facilitated by wrapping the sandpaper around a block shaped to the proper curvature. At this point the use of a pitch gauge may be used to verify that carving has resulted in the desired pitch. Before carving the front of the blade, Jerry recommends carving and sanding the blades to their desired shape with the widest point about 60% out from the center and the tips suitably rounded. The use of a cardboard template will insure both blades are alike. Careful use of the knife and sanding with successively finer sandpaper will result in the desired thickness. During this process using the finger tips and holding blades up to a strong light should help. After completion of the carving, shaping and sanding, the balance should be close with final balance obtained by giving extra coats of dope to the lighter blade. Jerry likes multiple coats of dope, sanded lightly between coats to provide extra strength and moisture resistance. Thanks Jerry for an informative presentation.

## SHOW & TELL

**Bill Vanderbeek** showed a souvenir place mat from the Pioneers Banquet held during the Year of the Pioneer Celebration of Eagles II held in Muncie in September prior to the SAM Champs meet. Bill's place mat was autographed by a number of the famous old time modelers: Dick Korda, Sal Taibi and many others. Bill gave an (unautographed) place mat for a raffle prize. He also displayed his *FF Pacer C* with which he took **first place** in the SAM Champs Special Event honoring the designer Sal Taibi. Bill had started the

model some time ago but continued construction in a motor home he and Bud Romak drove to the AMA Nats in July. Building at 70 mph got a little tricky. He completed



construction at home but did the covering in the motor home on the way to the SAM Champs, again with Bud Romak. The smell of dope at times was so strong they wondered if the driver might be

DUI. Test flights were made first with a Vivell 35, later changed to a Madewell 49. After some adjustments the model flew very well but after a max or two it crashed due to a structural failure in the stab. After extensive repairs Bill went on to two more maxes to win the event. Bill's perseverance paid off!

**Fred Terzian** told of a CLG glider he had seen at the Sierra Cup Meet. It was designed by Chuck Markos, has an 8" WS and a flat airfoil. Fred was really impressed by its simplicity and great flying qualities and feels it would make a good one-design class for club meets. He will send the plan to us. Fred also told of an Internet Contest: The Nimbus Open sponsored by the Swedish Glider Association with entries from Sweden, British Columbia and California. Fred won **first place** with a 1938 *Joe Hervat design*, straight wing version. Fred also displayed and highly recommended the *NFFS Symposium for 1998* (\$25). Several members purchased copies.

**Jerry Rocha** showed a video he had made at the SAM 27 Jimmy Allen Postal Meet in August.

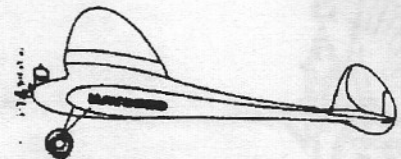
**Don Bekins** showed his venerable *Lanzo Bomber* which, by changing engines, he has entered in 5 or 6 different events. The model was originally covered with Micafilm which Don feels is lacking in providing the strength of silk or SAMSPAN. Don decided to remove the Micafilm and recover with SAMSPAN and in so doing discovered a cracked wing spar and a couple of cracked longerons. After repairing and covering with SAMSPAN Don says the model is "rock solid". For maximum visibility in different sky conditions, Don has standardized on coloring his models with the outer wing panels and stab undersides black and the inner wing panels white. This was the what he used on the *Bomber*.

**Dick Irwin** showed a beautifully framed R/C *New Ruler* which was built by his brother-in-law, Carl Morgan of SAM 1 in Denver. Dick and Carl were building models together while in high school and married sisters. Carl gave the model to Dick who will cover, install radio, servos and engine. The model is quite heavy and Dick feels his HP 49 may not be adequate. If not he will install a Webra 61.

**Trevor Shiraishi** showed a partially completed OOS Model which is a simplified *Ranger*. Power will be an Ohlsson 23. The wing is being covered with silk, Trevor's first experience with this material. Trevor also showed an Elfin powered, R/C *Swoose*. In addition to becoming an outstanding Jr. competitor, Trevor is becoming a very good builder. He gets a lot of pointers from the Master Ed Hamler.

**John Dammuller** showed a chunk of special alloy aluminum in which, with CNC, he had milled about a dozen connecting rods for the small diesels he reported on some time





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ago. The rods are milled side by side in the block leaving only a very thin amount of metal to hold each in place. The rods can be easily pushed out of the blank and any slight remaining flash filed off. We are looking forward to seeing a completed engine.

**Ed Hamler** showed a brand new, unflown *Pacer C* wing which he had in the van while on his way to the SAM Champs. While going over Donner Pass, Ed heard a lot of popping and after stopping to investigate found that with 11 coats of dope on silk the unrelieved differential pressure had literally torn apart ribs, cracked LE sheeting and broke cap strips. Moral of the story: Make some pinholes in strategic places so pressure can equalize.

**Buzz Passarino** showed some update photos of the 1939 Model A Roadster street rod he has been working on for the past few years. Engine is a flat head V-8 with three Stromberg carburetors. The car also features an automatic transmission and all metal body. Very impressive.

**Steve Remington** showed a carved balsa *Ranger* cowl which goes to his new, "replacement" ship, scheduled for a Fall completion.

**John Hlebcar** showed the *Dumas Dakota* kit mentioned earlier. A very nice, die-cut model.



## ??MYSTERY MODELER??



Holding what appears to be a Gollywock, our Mystery Modeler for November is also a horn rimmed Marlboro Man. Photo Credit Anon

## RAFFLE RESULTS

(Members are urged to donate any surplus material or items to the monthly Raffle Thanks especially to Larry Kramer for all of the goodies he contributed to this evenings Raffle)

### RAFFLE PRIZE/DONOR

Gollywock Kit/Bob Munn  
Monokote/Larry Kramer  
Covering Thermometer/Larry Kramer  
Glow Starter/Larry Kramer  
Engine Mounts/Larry Kramer  
Trim Tool/Larry Kramer  
Souvenir Place Ma/Bill Vanderbeek  
ACE Smart Charger/SAM 27  
ACE Micro Servo/SAM 27  
KSB Timer - 30 sec./Trevor Shiraishi

### WINNER

Trevor Shiraishi  
John Dammuller  
Ray Mc Gowan  
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Don Bekins  
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John Hlebcar  
Dick Irwin  
John Carlson  
Buzz Passarino

## SAM 27 1998 X-MAS PARTY

**When: Sunday December 6, from Noon to 4 PM**  
**Luncheon served at 1 PM**

**Where: Papas' Taverna, Lakeville Highway**  
**Downstairs Ballroom**

**Please park in Lower Parking Lot**

**Cost: \$12 per person\*\***

### MENU CHOICE

**MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN CHUNKS - With Fresh Mushrooms, Onions and Bell Peppers**

**MACEDONIAN QUICHE - VEGETARIAN - A Blend of Cheese, Corn and Peas baked in Filo Dough**

The above served with a tossed green salad with Feta dressing, spinach fettuccini and assorted dinner rolls. Note:\*\* Beverages to be purchased separately. Full bar for beer, wine or cocktails.

**We will have the usual WHITE ELEPHANT RAFFLE (participation optional) and the regular Raffle of mostly non-modeling items. PLEASE call or contact JOHN CARLSON at (707) 996-8820 not later than Sunday, November 29th to make your reservation and menu choice. Please prepay.**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!**





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## SAM 27 Member Profile

The Antique Flyer will feature a Member Profile each month, space permitting. Experienced thermal chasers and Junior Old Timers will share the spotlight as their interesting tales of modeling activities unfold.

### DICK IRWIN

Dick Irwin is a frequent flyer at the Thursday TOFFF sessions and is a regular attendee at the monthly meetings. We all patiently waited for Dick to launch his neat looking *Spook 48* which he has now flown frequently. He has been modeling since 1940, lives in Napa and is a retired maintenance mechanic. The Joe Ott or Comet ten-centers were his first models and his first gassie was a *Playboy Jr.* with an Ohlsson 23 which is his *favorite model*. Dick writes, "I always was intrigued by flight. I was raised in southern Utah where there was a lot of hills and mesas. I climbed up on one right behind my house with a Sears & Roebuck catalog and stood on the cliff and made paper airplanes which I threw off the cliff. Great fun but I discovered that just plain paper sheets flew just as good sometimes!

"When WWII started we moved to Provo, Utah and in high school two buddies and I modeled. I remember staying away from school for a week before a contest in Salt Lake to build a plane we drew up. It was a six-foot span pylon plane with square wing tips and stab. We built it in the basement of my buddy's place. We placed 2nd or 3rd with it.

"My poor *Playboy Jr.* was quite something. I painted it black and white. The black paint bled into the white and I had to repaint it with more paint. It ended up weighing a 'ton'! On top of that, I wore the poor engine out running it on the test stand! The plane would just barely climb.

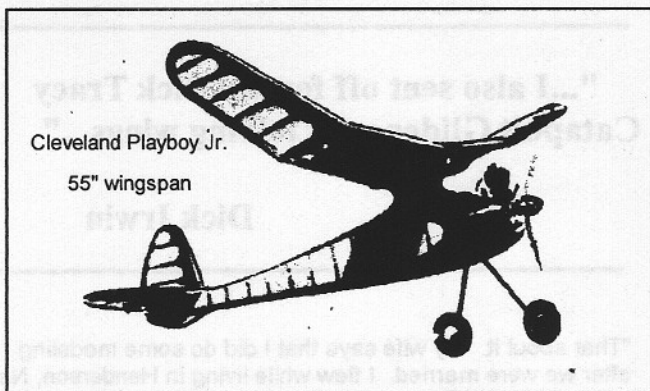
"When younger, I also bought hand launch gliders but I sent off for my Dick Tracy Catapult Glider with folding wings (remember the AJ catapult glider?). I had to send my Wheaties box top and seventy-five cents to get it.

"At this time I was also building small rubber planes and CO2 powered models. I also built U-control stunt models. At one contest I won stunt and they proclaimed me Utah State Champ.

"I then married. My buddy and I married sisters! I didn't do much modeling after our first child until about ten years later. I dusted off an old Imperial *Ringmaster* I had with a

Pacemaker 59 in it and flew it at Stewarts Dairy. I started to build free flights then also. About 1965 I had met Bob Wakerly and started to think about R/C. My first R/C unit was a *Controlaire Galloping Ghost* that I put in a *Falcon 56* with an Enya 15 for power.

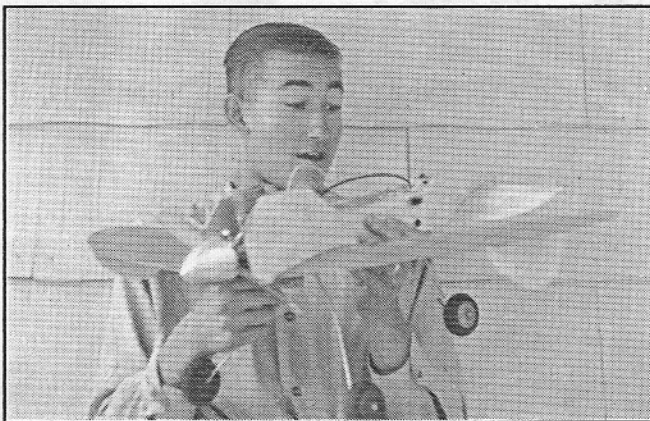
"I then got into gliders and free flight contests at Waegell Field in Sacramento; I still have some of these models



hanging on the wall in the spare room. This was in the early 1970s. I did fly H.L. gliders and towline, and rubber and power free flight in 'WAM' contests at this time also. I was the guy who got the blacktop and arranged to have it laid down for the circle in Kennedy park. I think Bob Wakerly and I were about the only people that were there to help put it down.

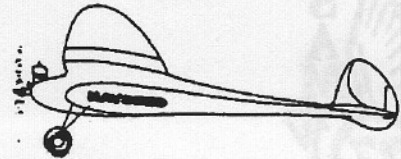
"I progressed to R/C sport planes and then lately I have built many electric models, sport stunt, electric gliders and *Playboy* electrics.

"When I was fifteen years old, I took flying lessons with



Dick Irwin in 1948 showing his canard U-control which was an original design. It was *Rocket 45* powered and had a wing made like a *AJ Fireball*. The model in this photo was not completed yet. How did it fly Dick? Looks great.





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Dick Irwin Profile (continued)

money I had earned during the summer. My instructor was Edger Allen Poe, really! I had enough hours (eight) to solo but I wasn't old enough even with my parent's consent. I ran out of money so that was the end of my flying. The airplanes were L-2 and L-3 Taylorcrafts, tandem planes that had been war observation planes. At the last I got to fly a brand new Aeronca Champion.

**"...I also sent off for my Dick Tracy Catapult Glider with folding wings..."**

**Dick Irwin**

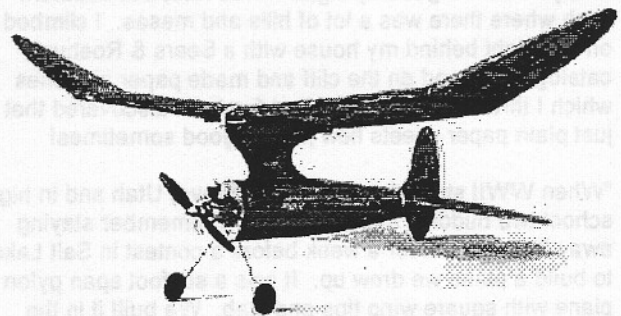
"That about it. My wife says that I did do some modeling after we were married. I flew while living in Henderson, Nevada about 1953."



Dick Irwin at a TOFFF session with his electric glider, a fine flyer for those days when thermals aren't around.

## SCRAP BOX

This tip was received from Charlie Reich and was addressed to John Hlebcar. "I read in the last A-F that you are now fine tuning your newest .020 replica *Zipper*. I recently purchased an .020 Zipper kit from BMJR Model Products, P.O. Box 1210, Sharpes, FL 32959, (407) 537-1159, [www.bmjrmmodels.com](http://www.bmjrmmodels.com); the price was \$33. If any of you guys in SAM 27 would like to build an .020 Zipper, I highly recommend the BMJR kit. It's a very complete, laser cut kit. Includes everything you need from all the balsa to the fittings and even includes the wheels, plus it comes with Polyspan covering and an excellent 'How to Build' pictorial, easy to follow instruction manual with lots of photographs. The next kit forthcoming from BMJR is an .020 replica *Weather's Mystery Man*. Both models are pictured on the website." (Editor: This site is full of info on the kits and also links to the Herr kit site.)

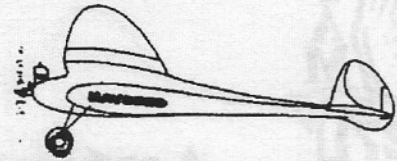


From the *Trickle Charge Gazette* by Frank Clements, Jr. regarding safety checks: "So now you're all fired up and ready to go! Just remember to take your time, especially around a running plane. Never reach over the prop. Always adjust from behind. Never fly alone! If you have any doubts about your equipment, don't fly until you are satisfied. For a successful season, just be safe, methodical, and don't rush. Injury and lost equipment is a high price to pay for a Sunday of fun. Happy flying!"

1/2A Texaco models in laser cut short kits are available from B&W 1/2A Models Ltd., 11206 Trentman Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46816, e-mail at [bjhart@home2.mysolution.com](mailto:bjhart@home2.mysolution.com) Quite a wide selection of plans and kits. Kits include the *Dallaire*, *Buzzard Bombshell*, *Red Ripper* (full size and 1/2A) *J-3 Cub*, and *RWD-8*. Plans include some *Jimmie Allen*, *West-ner*, *Miss America*, *M17*, *Brooklyn Dodger* etc.

A 1/2A Texaco model? Anybody ever build the 4-foot *Weathers Miss San Diego*? Designed for the original corn-cob Elf, the 252 sq. in. ship sports a parasol wing with an open cockpit - neat looking! Sure is tempting.





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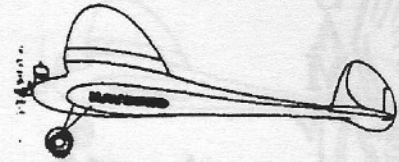
Muncie, Indiana



(Above) **Don Bekins** receives perpetual trophy.  
 (Right) **Don** and **Ed Hamler** with Ed's Lanzo Bomber.  
 (Below) **Ed Hamler** and **Don Bekins** (3rd and 4th from left) show their Pacer Cs for the R/C Sal Taibi Event.  
 Note Sal Taibi sitting. Don took 5th Place.







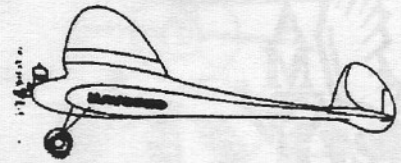
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## SAM 27ers From Hawaii to Muncie



*Clockwise from Upper Left: Don Bekins prepares his built-in-Hawaii, 1/2A Texaco Scale on an Oahu bluff; At a TOFFF session, Dick O'Brien shows off his nice 1/2A Coronet; Rod Persons and his TOFFF "airfield"; Don Bekins helps at SAM Champs as Germany's Hoelger Menrad (L) and Leo Busmeier get ready to fly; John Carlson readies his impressive Gloucester Auster for launch; Ron Kiel holds his rare Wall "Featherweight" engine made in the 1920s; (Center) Prez John Hlebcar with his nifty AVRO 504K P-nut; Don Bekins with an Hawaiian Dallaire launch.*





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## SCRAP BOX

**SAM 27** has been represented at many FF and SAM contests this past summer, with many coveted awards brought home by the inveterate contestants amongst us. However, the *Antique Flyer* has not been rewarded with any write-ups of the hot flying by 27's group of competitive participants. From Oregon to Taft, from Carson City to Muncie, the traveling flyers have got to have some terrific stories for the rest of us to savor. Your editor awaits.

Wow! Speak of contest publicity. Open up the December issue of *Model Aviation* to page 117 and there's a full page color photo of **Bill Vanderbeek** with his *1/2A Geef* at the FF NATS, complete with his Oakland Cloud Dusters hat. In the same issue, **Larry Davidson**, a NY SAM 27 member, is also featured in a color photo on page 13 with his Foote *Westerner* at the NATS. As you see on page 1 of this A-F, **Bud Romak** did well at the NATS also.

The Muncie SAM Champs results have been printed and SAM 27 members did just fine (best placing noted). Noted in the Champs results were flights by **Bill Vanderbeek** (took first in FF *Pacer*, 1st in FF A Nostalgia, 4th FF B Pylon), **Larry Davidson** (1st in FF Ignition Nostalgia, 1st in FF A Fuselage, 1st FF C Pylon, 6th FF *Pacer*, 2nd FF 30 Second Antique, 5th FF C Nostalgia, 2nd FF B Fuselage, 5th FF C Fuselage, 5th FF A Pylon, 6th FF B Pylon), **Bud Romak** (1st in FF A Pylon, 19th FF Ernie Linn, 4th FF SAM Old Ruler, 22nd FF 8oz Wakefield, 4th FF A Fuselage, 3rd FF B Fuselage, 14th FF C Pylon), **Charlie Bruce** (16th FF *Pacer*, 12th FF Ernie Linn, 9th FF SAM Old Ruler, 6th FF B Fuselage), **Ed Hamler** (1st R/C Pure Texaco, 2nd R/C Pure Antique, 10th R/C Antique, 4th R/C Texaco, 9th R/C A Glow LER, 8th R/C A Ignition LER, 6th R/C B Glow LER, 1st R/C C Glow LER, 11th R/C B Ignition LER, 8th R/C O&R 23), **Don Bekins** (1st R/C A Glow LER, 3rd R/C Pure Antique, 5th R/C *Pacer*, 2nd R/C Nostalgia, 10th R/C Texaco, 12th R/C A Ignition LER, 10th R/C Brown Jr. LER, 2nd R/C Pure Texaco, 8th R/C B Ignition LER, 11th R/C C Ignition LER, 9th R/C O&R 23), **Tandy Walker** (1st R/C C Ignition LER, 4th R/C Pure Antique, both with his *Bomber* as featured in several A-F this year, 15th R/C A Ignition LER), **Loren Schmidt** (8th in R/C *Pacer*, 8th R/C Nostalgia, 7th A Texaco, 10th R/C Pure Texaco, 13th R/C C Glow LER), **Nick Sanford** (did not place). Anyone missed?

Our best wishes to **Joe Wagner** for a speedy recovery. Address: 927 Pine Ave., Ozark, AL 36360.

**Brian Ramsey** should check out the superb rubber powered S-38 pictured on page 61 of the June FM.

**TAFT RESULTS:** Don Bekins, Ed Hamler, Trevor Shiraishi, and Wes Funk represented SAM 27 at the SAM 26

meet, October 24 and 25. Lots of trophies brought home.

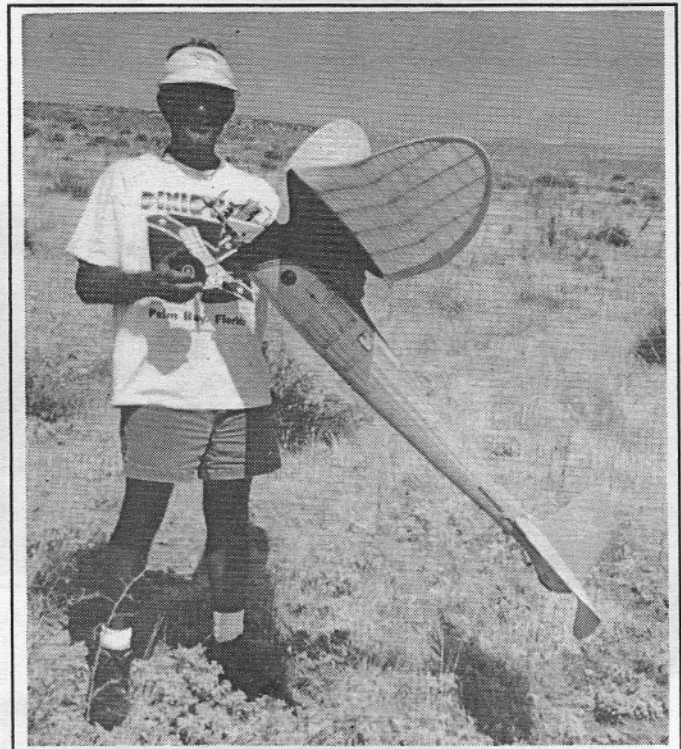
The *1/2 A Texaco Postal Challenge* was flown on August 6th at TOFFF. SAM 27 came in **third** with a team total of 6378. The winner was SAM 82, the *Vintagents*, in Clonfta Beach, Australia with a team total of 8850. Second place went to Houston, Texas.

News! **Ray McGowan** finally got his Ohlsson 19 FR to run and fly at the October 29th TOFFF. Previous bad ignition wiring and a bad plug were overcome with good results as the *So Long* demonstrated a strong climb.

**SAFETY:** Unfortunately, at least three SAM 27ers, all experienced flyers, have had propeller/finger interference in the past few months of TOFFF. Two of these were with APC props; screaming and grey, those props are hard to see. It is suggested that prop tips be lightly sprayed with white or yellow to help distinguish the arc. Reaching over or around the prop arc is not a good idea but old habits die hard. Also, the front rotor engines with needle valve adjustments close to the prop are the most critical.

**Articles on Technical issues** are requested for this column. Report on new transmitters? New servos?

**Rod Persons** made a list of 55 "Ways to say a Modeler is not all there." Expect them here in the future. No. 45: Battery pack has a bad cell. No. 19: AMA# IQ1.



Bruce Augustus at Taft with his beautiful Sailplane.





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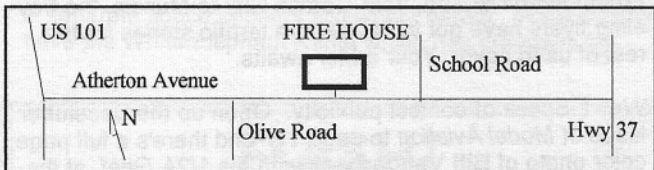
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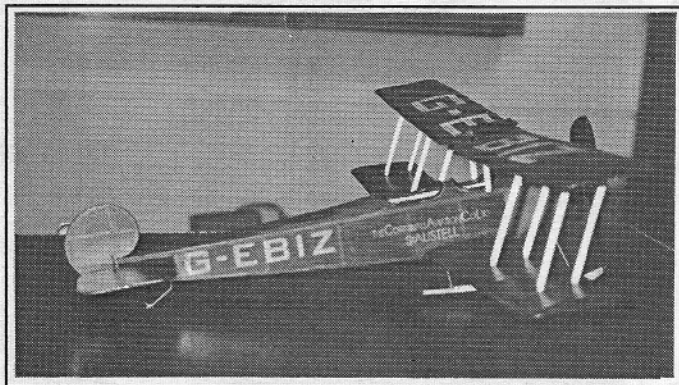
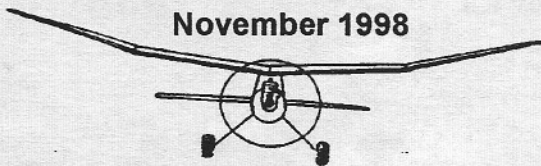


**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998  
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