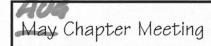


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AMA Chapter #108

Issue 205



by John Hlebcar

On this, the eve of National Aviation Day, 20 stalwart SAM 27 troopers and one visitor showed up to kick some toy airplane stuff around and plan for things future. Our welcome visitors were former member Scott Seronello and Larry Kramer's son Loren. Larry must be working on Loren for membership as he has been a frequent visitor to our TOFFF sessions. Some of the stalwarts can't make every meeting, so it was good to say hello to Rocco Ferrario, Jake Engelskirger and Ned Nevels again. New members Bob Andrews of Walnut Creek and Ding Zarate of Martinez were welcomed in abstentia. Rather than providing their addresses here, a new roster with many additions and corrections is provided as part of this newsletter. We are up to 90 strong and this may be my last chance to squeeze the roster on one piece of paper.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SAMSPAN is available. Contact John Carlson.
- The PolySpan video is available. Contact Ed Hamler if you wish to borrow it.
- Videos and other club's newsletters are available for review. Contact Ray McGowan.
- A generous donation of current Aviation Magazines was provided for free distribution to all members present by Steve Remington . Thanks Steve!
- Scrap Box items, Mystery Models, Engines, Modelers and Member's Shop photos are still needed. Last month's Mystery engine was identified by Ray McGowan as a Pierce Industries '29'. Reading the definitions in my "Anderson's Blue Book", I would make it out to be the 1947 'R' or rear rotary model with head fins; adapted from the previous sideport versions. This engine was a look-alike to the Forster '29" with the Pierce name stamped on front. The Mystery Modeler was identified as Bill Vanderbeek. Due to a long silence, the "Mystery Editor" was not identified until later in the meeting - keep reading. Prez Bert thanked Larry Kramer for the photos of his shop in this issue.
- Ed Hamler said the event list as published last month is correct. SAM 21's MECA Collecto in Campbell is added and the list is as follows:

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10-12 September SAM 27 Annual Crash and Bash -Schmidt Ranch
Rauside R/C Club Flea Market, Fremont, CA

12 September

11 September

NCFFC #4 (No RC) - Waegell Field

NW Old Timer Championship - Albany, 11-12 September

15 September SAM 27 Meeting, 7:30 PM, Novato Fire Deptartment Training Room

Bayside R/C Club Flea Market -25 September

Fremont, CA 25-26 September Fresno Annual Free Flight - Lost Hills,

SAM CHAMPS - Muskogee, OK 3-8 October Any day in October (TBD) - SAM 93 Class A Texaco Postal

20 October SAM 27 Meeting, 7:30 PM, Novato Fire Department Training Room

John Pond Commemorative XXIII -23-24 October Taft, CA

NCFFC #5 - Waegell Field 31 October 13-14 November Fall Free Flight Festival - Lost Hills, CA

SAM 49 Fall Annual - Taft, CA 13-14 November 17 November SAM 27 Meeting, 7:30 PM, Novato Fire Department Training Room

20 November MECA Region 2 Collecto - Campbell, CA

Mail Call! John Carlson received a letter from the Novato Fire Protection District with our lease for signature and payment. Myself and Rod will see to it immediately, if not sooner (done). We also received some flyers from the Beside R/C Club for a Flea Market on 11 Seep (bad date for us) and an R/C Auction on 25 Seep.

■ If you have any items for the SAM 27 Web Page contact Ned Nevels at his e-mail address: < nedn@napanet.net >.

#### JR O/T REPORT

Rocco Ferrario was present and said that he had a great time representing the AMA at Oshkosh and wished to thank everyone who paid their dues! One of the highlights was Burt Rutan flying 1/2A control line Skyrays at the circles that SIG had set up - apparently control line was how Burt got started in aviation. On the way back, Rocco sat next to one of Burt's engineers, Dan Craig, and got an invitation to Rutan's private workshop. Dan Craig has a new ultralight model called the IFO which he demonstrated for Rocco and his family as it flew in and around the latest projects. As far as juniors, beside Jake Engelskirger, ex-members Sean Crowley and Scott Seronello were supposed to drop by. They have been working on a 1/2A Wasp. Rocco had a deal with them that if they had it completed and brought it by the meeting ready to fly they weren't going to owe him any money for it. As mentioned earlier, Scott came by, without the Wasp, so it looks like they have to cut a new deal with Rocco. Rocco also said he just sent in an article for publication in Model Aviation about our SAM 27 Junior Oldtimer program. Included is the letter that Trevor Shiraishi's mom wrote about us and several photos of our



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junior members in action. Watch for it in the coming few months.

#### TOFFF GUY REPORT

Aircraft lost since the last meeting included Dick O'Brien's 1/2A Coronet - Just one of those things when the aircraft decides to play hide and seek and you both come out looser. Dick has been busy since then retraining his 1/2A Anderson pylon. Steve Remington offered some comments about lack of pre-flighting. He had two pretty hairy aerobatic takeoffs with his Bombshell due to a bent tailskid attributed to some previous flying session. A good postflight also helps. Steve also buzzed John Carlson and I with a practice flight of his Dakota - flew right between us and our vans. Could not have been a slicker flight even had it been radio controlled.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Rod Persons said that John Dammuler had some really nice engraved plaques made up for the Dakota event coming up the Saturday after the meeting. Without describing them any further he said there were First thru Third places for the Two-Minute Event, one for the Concourse, and another unidentified prize for a yet to be defined event. By the time you read this it will all be history but we will wait for Rod to describe it at the September meeting.
- Jerry Rocha reported on the SAM 27 Rubber Contest held on 24 July. See last month's Antique Flyer for results.
- Jerry also reported all was ready for our crack at the Jimmie Allen Postal scheduled for 28 August. this too is over and will await his report at the next meeting.
- Ed Hamler reported invitations had been mailed to all past participants of the Crash And Bash, AMA Sanction is in hand, Plaques are ordered and a check is required for the food and was provided by Rod at the meeting. All we need is a good turnout and nice weather your steak is waiting for you!
- Club Banner I took a layout to SIGNMAX and got a reasonable estimate of around \$145. Ned Nevels said he would talk to them to determine the type of vector format files they required for our SAM bird. That was accomplished and the banner ordered and delivered the following week. It will be displayed at the next meeting and has already shown up at several TOFFF sessions.
- Ed Solenberger was not at the meeting but was at the Dakota Event the following Saturday and had the completed tee-shirts. Call him if you need one. There are a few available XXLs but all others are XL size.
- After a big fist-fight to see who was going to get the opportunity to produce the Antique Flyer while Steve is

relocating to Santa Barbara, I emerged bloody but unscathed and will try to squeeze a couple of issues through Bill Gates' 3.1 technology. See JACK'S BASEMENT somewhere below....

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- With regards to safety, Ed Hamler spoke about our field status with the two partners, Domaine Chandon and Sangiacomo Vineyards. They have now completed all of their drainage and soil tests and as luck would have it, our flying site is exclusively on Domain Chandon property. The Vineyard Manager and the Head of all the vineyards came out one Thursday and enjoyed a little "hands-on" fun-flying and appeared to enjoy themselves. Domain Chandon holds a copy of our AMA Insurance Agreement and has no other problem with our flying there. After some discussion, Rod and Jerry agreed to stake out a parking and a flying area with a 100' separation. All present agreed to maintain the distance without having to elect a field safety officer to police it. Rod suggested settling claims of this type with your automobile policy as it does not go on your driving record and does not affect your premiums in any way and does not enter the realm of an AMA investigation. John Carlson reminded us that the AMA sends out a big roll of all of the rules for field safety whenever we renew our charter. I will look for these and assemble them for use at our field.
- John Carlson saw a Powerhorn for sale at Radio Shack and thought it looked like a pretty good deal for use at our TOFFF sessions and other events and asked my opinion. So he took the "Bull" by the "Horn" and picked up the Bull-Horn for our use. All present agreed and John recovered his \$38 investment. We tested it at the Small Rubber Contest and it worked well to keep all of the rowdies in line. Mostly all would gather when John played one of the 94 pre-programmed songs it is capable of letting fly. Jerry Rocha has an old public address system that Don Bekins gave him for club use. This new horn is much simpler and Jerry suggested that if one of us is having a garage sale, we can sell this old system and recover some of the \$38. Good idea Jerry!
- Rod Persons gave a rundown on Tim Griffin, who called Rod and returned his P-30 model lost at the small rubber contest in July. See last month's A/F for details.

#### TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

(Bill Vanderbeek will be September's Presenter)

Don Bekins gave this presentation which more correctly should have been titled "What I did on my Summer Vacation". You pretty much had to be at the meeting to gain full advantage of Don's presentation as it was mostly a show and tell of photographs and a video tape of his activities at various contests and awards dinners as taken by his Italian hosts. I recorded it all but fall short of being able to translate anything from the video, especially names.

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What was obvious was that Don's Hosts treated him very well and also built some very beautiful airplanes.

The first event he attended was held in a beautiful valley surrounded by mountains and had about 150 entrants who came mostly to "show and tell" their models and consume vast quantities of wine and cheese. They fly in rounds so you must be ready to go when your turn comes up or you don't fly. They also have professional timers who are paid for the task. As a consequence things moved very slowly but everyone enjoyed themselves nonetheless. They are a lot more into gliders and only one other person at this meet had an ignition engine beside Don.

The video went on to some of the other meets and I was struck by the amount of spectators there but Don allowed as how many of these were also contestants. Always they seemed to break for a long lunch with some casual flying afterwards followed by a big dinner. Always about mid way through the activities, Don would run across a few people who spoke English and they were able to have some entertaining conversation. At one dinner, a fellow who collected old tube type radios, was able to connect a recording of Mussolini - just like the old days and everybody got a kick out of that.

At one contest for 1/2A Texaco things were more serious in that all who entered flew, and flew well. At this point in the video a lot of engine demos were shown and my audio tape gets pretty noisy. I recommend anyone who wants to see this video make arrangements with Don. I believe he intends to write an article covering his trip for SAM Speaks, so watch for that. Thanks Don...

#### SHOW AND TELL

- Nick Sanford displayed a small collection of extrusions he has discovered over years of observation of common household items that he uses for hinges and other model building needs. He also demonstrated how he uses large hose clamps in series to hold wing tip and tail surface laminations while they are drying.
- Jerry Rocha got a call from an old friend in Oregon who wanted to know if he wanted his airplane back. When Jerry was up there recently, he recovered his 40 year old Dooling .29 powered speed model he built when he was about 18 years old. He flew it from about '59 to '61 and the fastest it ever went was about 140 mph and over the years Jerry won about 30 trophies with it. The dolly was included and was larger than today's because many times the takeoff was from a grass field.
- Steve Remington showed his ME-109 model built out of a stock Cleveland kit years ago. The wings were a little warped as it has been hanging by them in Steve's office for the last 25 years. Built in 1961, it was (and still is) covered with silkspan and painted with nitrate dope, which dispels some of the old wives tales about the b.s. of how this type

of covering and finish doesn't last. Steve was a good builder back then also.

- Yours truly brought his last minute completed Dakota in for a free raffle prize ticket. Trim was in an Al William's Gulfhawk sort of scheme using red tissue and included a Mickey Mouse pilot al la Dick O'Brien. My plan was to fly it at the next days TOFFF session and Saturdays contest and hang it up after that.
- Ron Keil showed a 2.1 gram, 4 ch miniature proportional rcvr (see pg 16 of the October Flying Models). He also displayed a 450 mah, 7 cell flat pack battery from NSC Surplus Electronics in Rhonert Park. The nice thing is if you split them on the lines provide in the case, you wind up with a 3 cell pack for your ignition and a 4 cell pack for the receiver. The square corners also lend themselves to mounting into a model. They also have a 110 mah pack with leads for \$2.95.
- ED Hamler displayed his completed 'A' Foote Westerner which had been flight proven at the previous week's TOFFF session. Supetigre '15' powered, Ed said it climbed like a homesick angel and then parked! Beautiful ship Ed! Ned Nevels also showed Ed's Herr Engineering Aqua-Star seaplane and warned all of the tendency for this kit to fall together even if you're not prepared when the box is opened.

#### RAFFLE RESULTS

(Members are urged to donate any surplus material or items to the monthly raffle).

#### RAFFLE PRIZE/DONOR

# Plans Pack/Meere Estate Cross & Cockade Journal/Meere Est. UHU Glue/Rod Persons UHU Glue/Rod Persons Air Jammer/SAM 27 L-19 Kit/Meere Estate XACTO Set/Ron Keil UHU Glue/SAM 27 1/2A Texaco Engine/SAM 27 ...and other items

SAM 27 costs \$44.00

#### WINNER

Loren Kramer
Buzz Passarino
Larry Kramer
Ron Keil
John Hlebcar
John Hlebcar
Ray McGowan
Steve Remington
Ray McGowan
Jake Engelskirger
Bob May
Larry Kramer
Buzz Passarino
...and other winners

Collected \$68.00

#### JACK'S BASEMENT

Running out of room - just a word of apology for the short issue. I promised no photos at the meeting, but flat ran out of time for anything else either. Suffice it to say this has been a weird month - see you all at the Crash and Bash...



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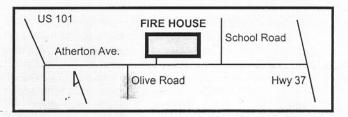
#### MEMBERSHIP

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 proof of current AMA membership to be presented at the 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 Rod Persons, Treasurer. Make checks payable to SAM 27.

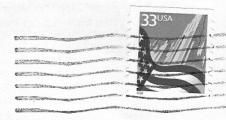


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