



Antique Flyer



AMA Chapter #108

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Chapter Meetings

By Loren Kramer

Park Abbott presided over the May meeting. Membership renewals total 108 as of this meeting. John Trumble was welcomed as a guest. For the June gathering of eagles, Rocco Ferrario brought 4 guests from the aerospace academy: Sean Andres, Jack Engelskirger, Jack Warren, Alex Meyers, and also Rocco's friend Gino and son David. Milton Mitchell from SAM 21 visited the July meeting.

John Dammuler donated 2 books to the library, 1950 and a 1935 Aviation Handbook to go in the library box. In July, it was announced that the perpetual trophy for .020 Replica is missing. If you won it or know who won it last year contact Jerry Rocha so it can be presented to this years contest winner.

TOFF REPORTS. The May report included details on how Bud Romak had a fly away. The engine shut-off and DT didn't function and it went OOS with the engine still running. It was recovered that night. Bud was called that evening and told that it had landed in Novato off of Olive Rd. Lucky, huh? Park Abbott flew his Mercury for the first time. It was a wild first flight, there was no down thrust. 4 deg. down thrust has since been added (pictures in A-F #222). Flying for June was reported to have been great & hot with good lift. The July report was that we had some occasional but serious lift on TOFF session June 21. Bob May & Jerry Rocha managed to find and record the first two maxes for the project. Bob's Alan Orthof Class B was last seen circling and rising as it went OOS. Jerry's Vartanian grabbed a thermal rose straight up and disappeared, about ten minutes later a few of us were talking when L.J. Silverman spotted it against the trees gliding down just fine. Park Abbott brought up some points pertaining to flying safely. 1. Whoever is flying RC, to remember to pick-up the frequency pin BEFORE turning on your radio. 2. When John isn't there be sure to walk the flight line to see if anyone else is on your frequency before turning on your radio. 3. Is safety on the flight line. Watch for people getting ready to launch before crossing. Stop if someone is getting ready to launch and then proceed after the launch.

SHOW AND TELL

May: A new adhesive for use on SAM SPAN was shown. It is called Brush Glue by Pentel. It goes on real smooth and takes about a half-hour to dry. It comes in a 50ml bottle with a brush as an integral part of the cap. There is a web site www.pentel.com. You can get it at a stationary or art store.

Bud Womak had a 1/2 A Texaco model. A Lanzo RC-1 built from a Klarich short kit, covered with SAM SPAN. Colored with Higgins Ink and aniline die mixed to make a custom color. Rod Persons brought a Hand Launch Glider colored with Higgins Ink. It has one coat of dope/Higgins Ink brushed on. It came out very bright. Fred Terzian brought a Hank Cole designed Old Time Hand Launch Glider that was not in the packet. It is available from Bob Larsh it has a 24" wing span. Jerry Rocha showed a Dyna-Jet powered speed job for sport jet. Its called a Iron Sides 2 designed by Jerry Toms, the wheels are on the plane so it doesn't need a dolly. Made entirely out of 2024 aluminum. Jerry plans to fly it in Oregon in a couple of weeks.



Dick Irwin and Andrew Tickle at a June Lakeville TOFF.

In June: Ed Hamler — Showed a Lithium battery (camera batteries) charger designed by Floyd Carter. These batteries are used on ignition engines and are lightweight. The circuit controls both voltage and amperage. Let Ed know if you would like a copy of the circuit. Ed has charged 6 so far with no problems so far. Bud Romak — Showed his new Mulvihill he built for the A.M.A. Nationals. It weights about 95 grams, 28 strands of rubber, 41 in. long it's a 1 to 1 model. Covered with Polyspan and Tissue. Will due about 6 minutes in dead air. Bud lost one in Taft, Memorial Day weekend, it was a 56 strand model. The last time they saw it was at 36 minutes at 8:30 in the morning. Bud test glided it in the parking lot after the meeting. It just floated nice and slow.

The July Show and Tell: SAM 27 Expatriate Steve Remington (aka editor) showed his new Shereshaw Mercury built for the 2001 SAM Champs. Powered by a Fleetwind. Built from a Bob Holman kit. The weight is a little over 3 1/2 pounds. The first flight was the week before last at the SAM 26 flying site near Buellton. It took off with about 3/4 throttle (it didn't have any down thrust) the nose came up and some



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(Continued from Page 1) down stick was applied. He didn't put any down trim, just held the stick down. After it climbed out at about 150 -200 feet, it was headed in area he didn't want. Started to turn it toward him and let up on the stick because of "poor situational awareness" and it stalled out and went straight down, shut off the power and it spun in. It spun behind some trees on the other side of the riverbed. It landed in a tree about 15 feet up the river bank with brush and poison oak all around it. He drove home to get his 26 foot extension ladder and propped it on the tree and pushed the poison oak away with a push broom to get to the model. There was only one ding on the wing. Steve was heard mumbling, "dumb, dumb, dumb." Jerry Rocha just got back from Muncie. Jerry came back with three trophies two 1st and one 3rd. Jerry flew the first flight of the day and had to wait all day to see if it would stand. The second place blew up a n expensive engine. Jerry has won this event for seven years straight.

COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 7-9 SAM 27 CRASH&BASH - RC Elk Grove Ed Hamler (707) 255-3547
- Sept 16 SGMA Fall Annual - FF&RC - Weagell Field
- Sept 30 - Oct 6 SAM CHAMPS - Las Vegas - Mike Myers
- Oct 18-21 Sierra Cup - FF Weagell Field
- Oct 27 AMPS - OT FF Henderson, Nevada
- Oct 27-28 SAM 26 John Pond Commemorative - RC Taft, CA Bob Angel (805) 937-5145

HIG CLUB PROJECT RESULTS

Year 2001 Club Project — John Hlebcar. Trophies were handed out for May. Trophies donated by Don Bekins.

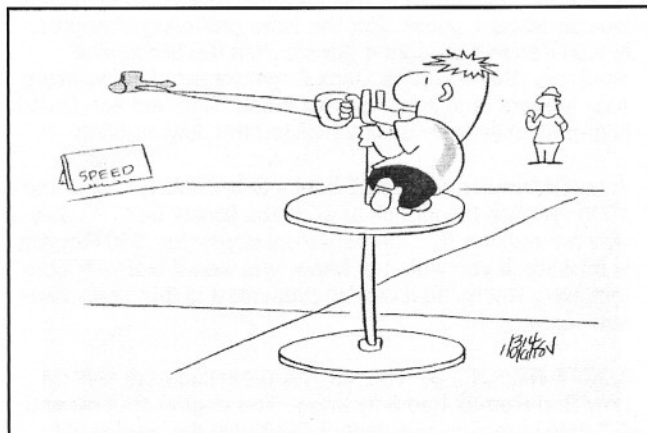
1st	Jerry Rocha	Hervat	174 sec.
2nd	Fred Terzian	Hank Cole design	151 sec.
3rd	Dick Irwin	Jiffy Built	118 sec.
5th	Ray McGowan	Vartanian	112 sec.
6th	John Hlebcar	Modelcraft Class B	93 sec.
7th	Ed Hamler	Hervat	63 sec.
8th	Loren Kramer	Birkett Class B	59 sec.

June Results:

1st	Bob May	Alan Orthof Cl B	219 sec.
2nd	Jerry Rocha	Vartanian	215 sec.
3rd	Dick Irwin	Jiffy Built	191 sec.
4th	John Hlebcar	Cleveland Dart	179 sec.
5th	Don Bekins	Hervat	156 sec.
6th	Colin Irwin	Jiffy Built	95 sec.
7th	Ed Hamler	Cueball	84 sec.
8th	John Dammuler	Obraski 1937	83 sec.

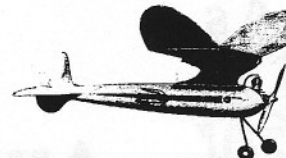
NEW BUSINESS: Crash and Bash — Ed Hamler
 Changes for this years Crash and Bash (September 7-9) Qualifying for all LER events will be increased on Friday till 8:00 p.m., it will take the load off Saturday morning. Reduce LER runtime to 30, 25, 20, 15 seconds. Reduce fuel allotment for TEXACO events depending on type of engine.

ONGOING: Ray McGowan has other club newsletters and videos. SAMSPAN is available from Ned Nevels - call him before the meeting if you want an order brought. Rod Persons has T-shirts and club decals. Steve Remington needs your input - send articles for A-F for Scrap Box, Shop, Mystery Model or Modeler, photos. Typewritten.



Know when Jerry Rocha started UC speed? This scene was captured when Jerry was about 4-years-old and he invented this swift platform.





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JUNE TOFFF



Park Abbott with his "Record Hound" and below, Ed Solenberger with transparent "Miss Stick".



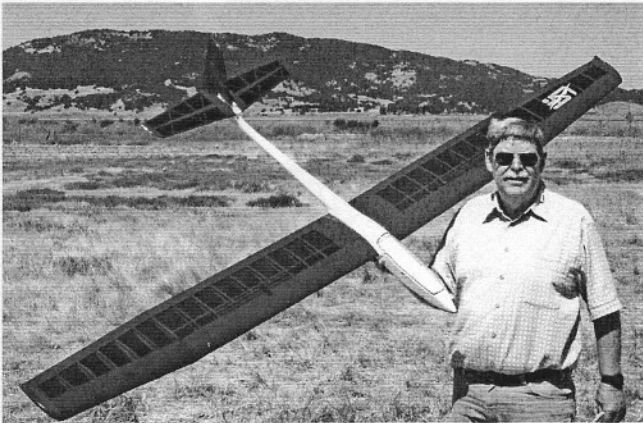
Charles Arthur's Foote "Westerner" Photos are by club cameraman, Larry "Flash" Kramer.



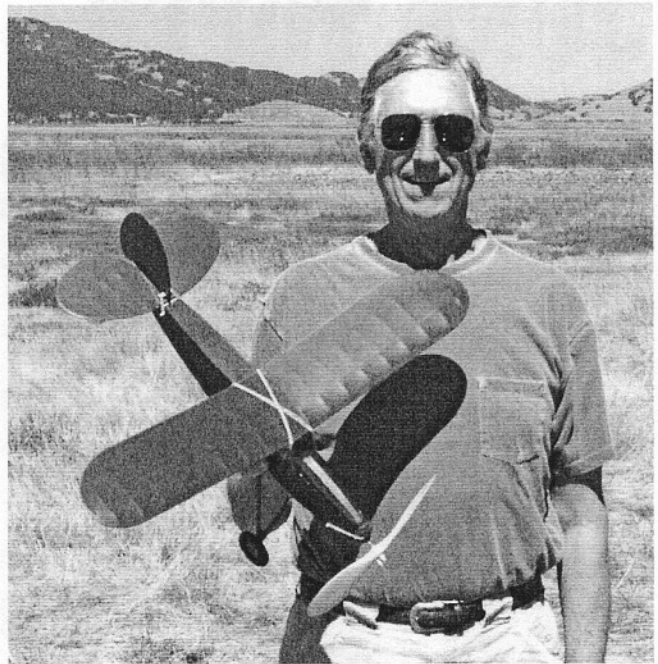
Ed Solenberger with his nifty "Little Rascal", and below, Bud Romak shows his "Jabberwacky".



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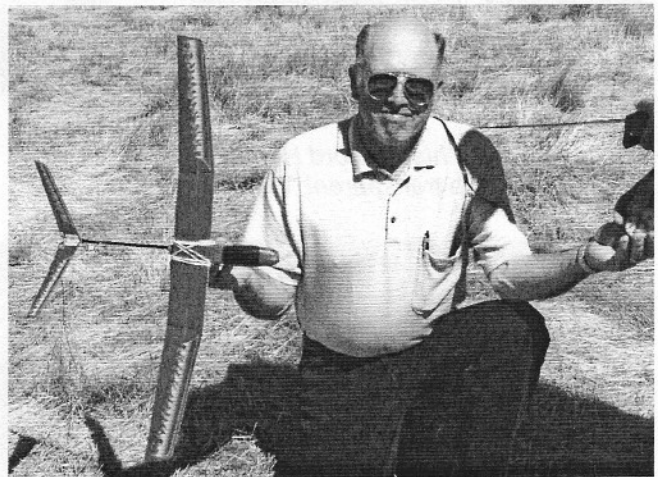
Mike Clancey with his soaring "Akeela".



John Pratt with his rubber-powered "Skookie". Neat!



The venerable Earl Hoffman, dean of SAM27 flyers, shows his glider, the name of which your editor is unsure - but be assured that if Earl flies it, it will soar!



Ed Bell is knighted into the lofty realm of TOFFF.

Right: Rod Person's grandson Jeffries shows off his power launch as his HLG soars skyward for what must have been a record flight for Jeffries. If only SAM had more upcoming, enthusiastic members such as this!



JULY TOFF



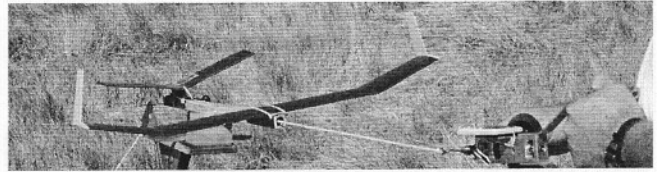
Between flights tech session: John Carlson, Mike Clancey, Larry Kramer, Rod Persons (with peanut scale family member), Park Abbott and Earl Hoffman.



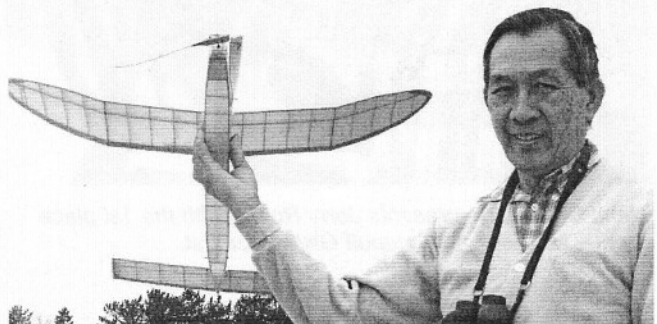
Earl Hoffman checks his transmitter as Dick Irwin prepares to launch - Oops! Was that an electric in Earl's pic on page 4? All photos by Larry "Flash" Kramer.



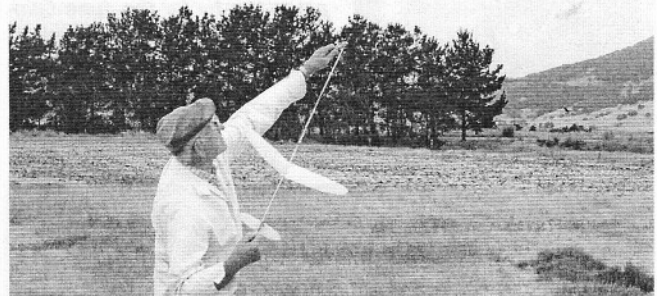
Ray McGowan's "Retracto"



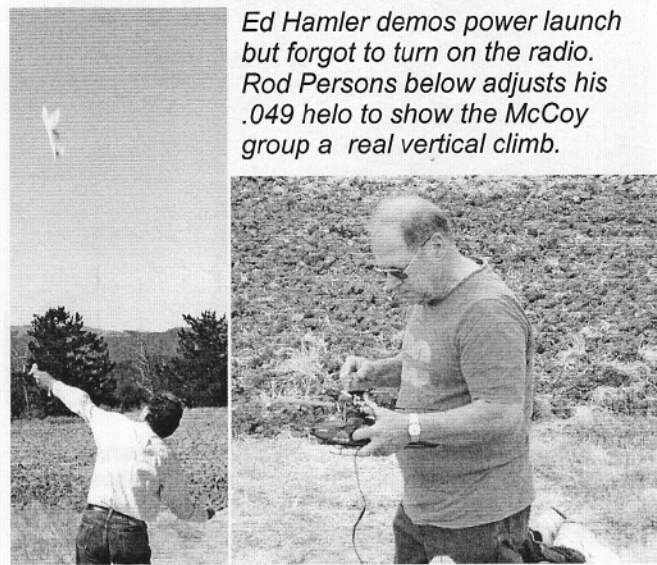
Loren Kramer's "Tailfirster P-30" gets the winds and is shown being launched below - which direction?



Ding Zarati with his fine "Gollywock".

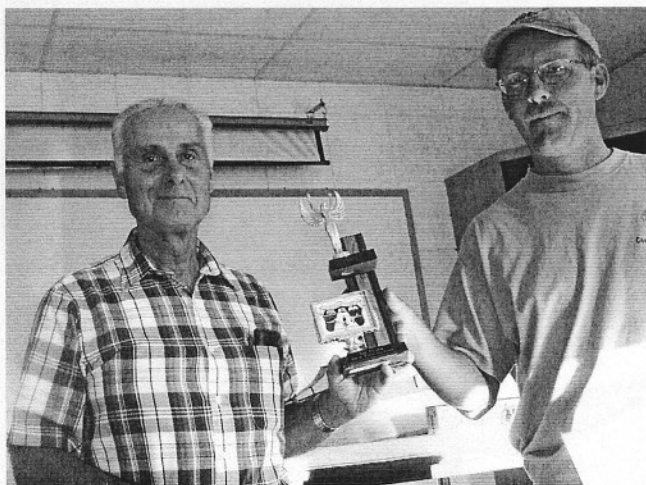


Dick Irwin readies his "clg" for a send off.



Ed Hamler demos power launch but forgot to turn on the radio. Rod Persons below adjusts his .049 helo to show the McCoy group a real vertical climb.

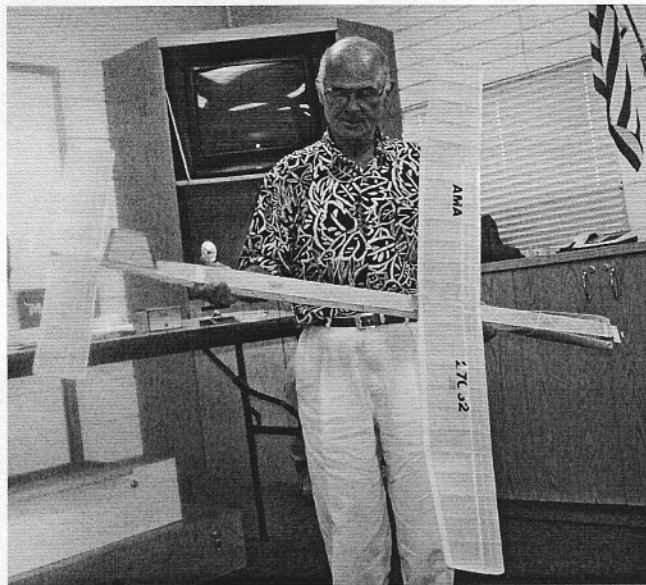
JUNE MEETING PHOTOS



John Dummuler presents Jerry Rocha with the 1st place trophy for the June Catapult Glider Contest.

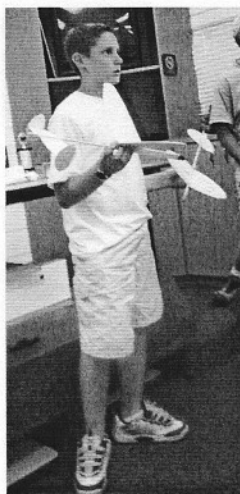


Dick Irwin receives a 2nd place trophy for the June Glider Contest.

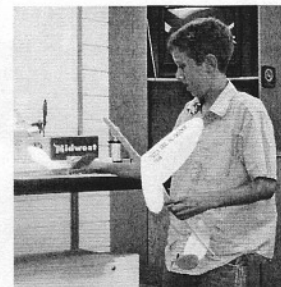


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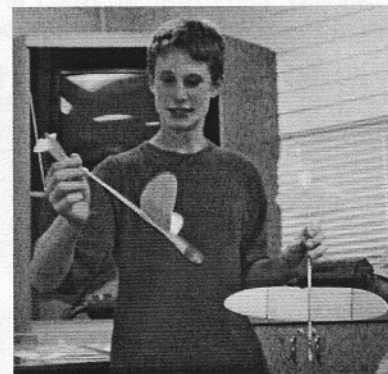
ROCCO'S YOUNG FLYERS



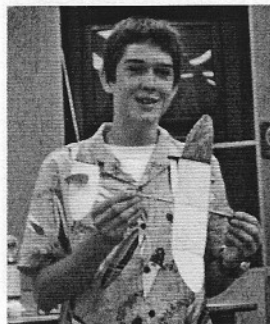
Sean Andrews



Jake Engels Kirger



Jack Warren, right



Alex Myers is shown at left.

Unfortunately, Rocco's son, David, was apparently in a blurred mode as Larry's camera caught him with fuzzy edges, so David's picture is not shown.

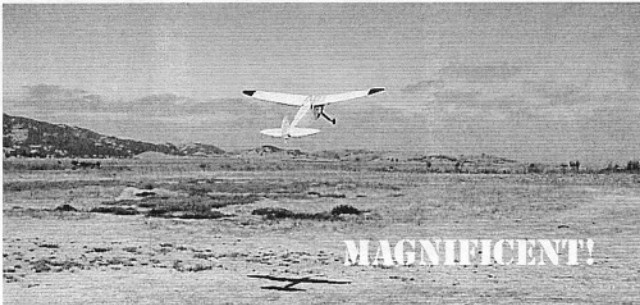
Congratulations to Rocco and these persistent flyers for their efforts with HLGs - good arms!

Stu Bennett at a TOFFF session with his own design 30" Mulvahill "Trophy".

Larry Kramer photo



Models



Gary Stanton's Mercury on takeoff on a gorgeous Northern California morning at Lakeville. Powered by an O.S. .32 and is planning an Ohlsson .60 upgrade in future. Photo by Ned Nevels. Below: Another photo by Ned showing four beautiful Mercurys lined up at Lakeville. L to R is the electric Mercury of Bill Curry. Covered in silk and powered by an Aveox 10-05-2Y brushless with a concentric gearbox. Next is Gary's followed by Don Bekins' "Alaska Airlines" and finally Park Abbott's Mercury featured in A-F #222.



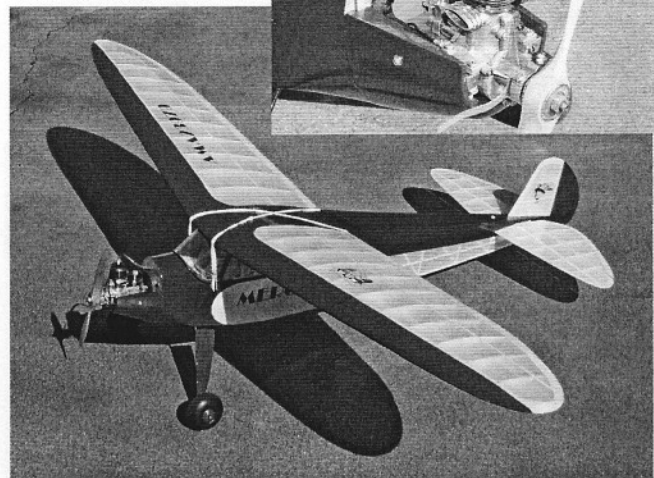
Below: Don Bekins adjusts his engine in preparation for launching his black and yellow Mercury. Note the launching stoooge. It's too bad that this page is not in color as all of these Mercurys are outstanding lookers. Photo by Larry Kramer. Right bottom: Steve Remington's Mercury from a Bob Holman kit. Powered by a Hoof Fleetwind 60. C.G. problems on first few flights which has been corrected. Steve though has yet to solve a balky engine situation. Samspan natural with royal blue trim. Photos by Steve.



MERCURY FEVER



Electric Mercury by Bill Curry from a Bob Holman kit. Model weighs about 56 oz. Bill shuts down before 90 seconds because it gets too high! Photos by Larry Kramer. The Mercury is captured on takeoff below. Impressive e-power!



AMONG THE MODEL MAKERS

ANNUAL SMALL RUBBER FF CONTEST

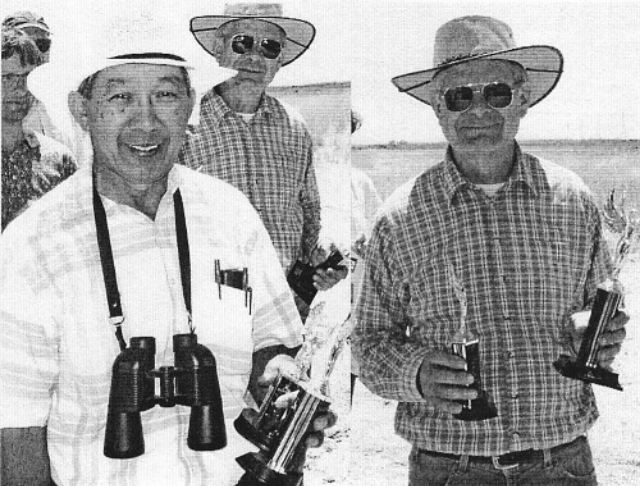
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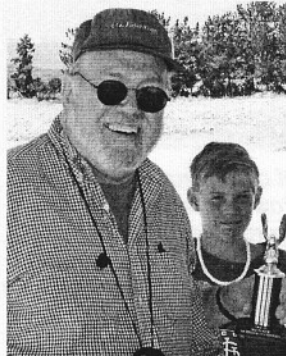
Jerry Rocha, CD, in center above, works on totalling results. Fred Terzian, below, receives 1st Place for HLG as Sterling Davis in center holds his 2nd Place HLG trophy.



Ding Zarati, in left photo below, won 3rd Place Small Rubber. Ernie Johnson, right, won 1st Place P-30 and 2nd Place Small Rubber. Stu Bennett, not pictured, won 3rd P-30. Bill Langenberg took 1st Place honors for .020 Replica.



Juniors receive their awards at the Small Rubber Meet.



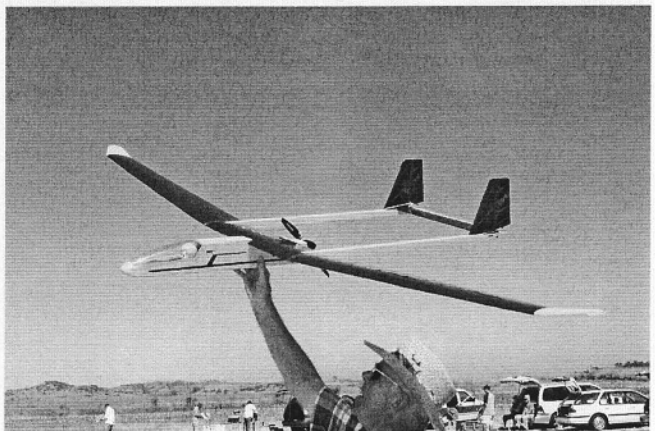
Rick Madden, at left, received 3rd Place for .020 Replica.

All photos by Larry Kramer.

Your editor did not receive official results so they are not posted in this A-F. However, judging by these snapshots, Jerry Rocha put on a super contest as usual. John Hlebcar took 2nd Place in .020 Replica.



Don Bekins, at a Lakeville TOFFF Session, shows his "Thermic" which is indicated as having the "Thermic 100" wings on a "Thermic 72" fuselage. A classic glider. Bob Andrews, below, with his "Sunriser" renamed "Boomer."



SCRAP BOX

DUMB THING I DID

by Larry Kramer

I've been reading stories on the FFML List about dumb things some of us have done. Very hilarious but I think I've done some things even dumber. One in particular I remember. For many years I flew model sailplanes with radio control. During this time I would fly in contests and most of the year you can fly contests every weekend if you wish. One weekend I traveled to Sacramento for a meet. I took my 12' "Challenger" that I built in 1975, (it's still flyable today). When I drove into the grounds I passed over a small ditch and the resulting bump put a crack in the wing. I had to repair the wing before I dared to launch with the winch. The wing was finally repaired and every one was waiting for me to fly. I put the model together and went to get the transmitter. Things got a lot worse and I was embarrassed. I couldn't believe it, I left my transmitter home. Nobody said anything they just shook their heads and walked away. Dumb, Dumb, Dumb.



He is saving the rest of the bottle for glow fuel.

HELP!!

Your editor needs some help with content. The club has elected to put out only six newsletters per year, but even with the reduced number, the club contributions to the A-F are minimal. Larry Kramer, John Hlebcar and a few others have submitted copious photos which make up the bulk of the flyer. If you want contest information, contest results, technical articles, biographies, mystery models etc. you've got to submit them. I edit the A-F, NOT write it. Putting it together, editing content and photos, printing, folding and mailing takes all the time I can allot to this project.

I recently received the last **SAM 86 "SAM 86 SPEAKS"** newsletter edited and written by Dan O'Grady. Dan has given up producing the fine paper; in his words, "I no longer have the stamina to produce the newsletter." I know that all Dan's readers will miss his input to the world of SAM. I know that I look forward to receiving his words each issue.

The MODEL Trader

This is the Club's Marketplace. Do you have something to sell, trade, barter, give-away? Is there something you'd like to advertise for? Unused kits, engines, tools? Just submit your FREE ad to the editor, along with photo(s) if necessary and it will be run providing space is available.

THIS IS AN UNPAID COMMERCIAL: Crank up your internet engine and dial in www.collectair.com to see what your editor is up to these days.

WEIGHT

Many builders keep records of weights during the building process. During my Mercury build, I recorded the following weight changes on the wing structure:

Bare bones weight before covering.	7.1 oz
After SAMSpan covering	8.0 oz
Following one coat of thinned butyrate dope applied with a sponge brush	8.5 oz
Second coat of thinned dope	9.1 oz
Third coat of thinned dope	9.9 oz
Fourth coat of thinned dope	10.3 oz
Fifth coat of thinned dope	10.7 oz
Thinned coat of Hobby Poxxy Clear applied thinned with a sponge brush	11.4 oz

The interesting thing in these numbers is how little the covering material affects the final weight. OK Mercury builders, let me know how much your wing weighs.

LAST MONTH'S CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST: No entries, no winner. Will run for another issue then.



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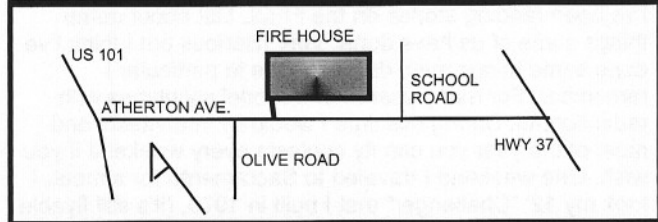
MEMBERSHIP

Membership is \$15 (\$18 Foreign) for the calendar year for both full and associate members. Dues are payable January 1st.

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.

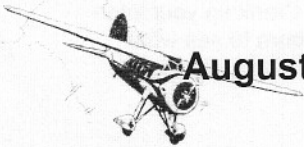
Send dues to Rod Persons, Treasurer. Make checks payable to SAM 27.



Meetings: The Third Wednesday,
Each Month, 7:30 p.m. at the Novato
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Mercury Fever! Check out the SAM 27 Mercurys on page seven. How many more SAM 27 Mercurys are lurking out there?

FIRST CLASS MAIL

TO:

COMING NEXT ISSUE: Coverage of Mike Fulmer's fabulous 1:10 scale, rubber powered flying fighters as displayed at the August SAM 27 meeting - Don't miss this exciting issue!