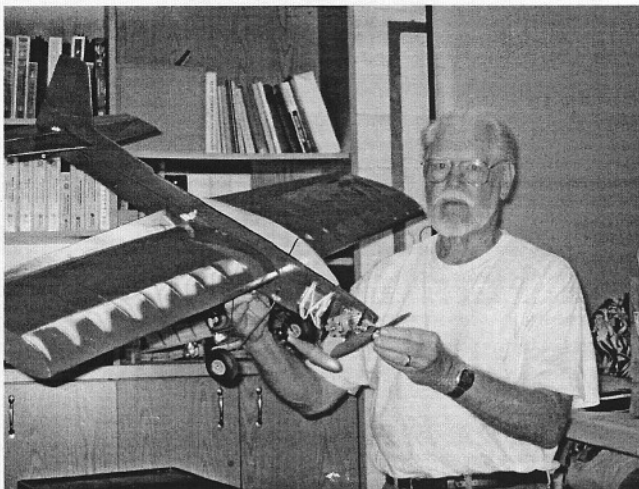


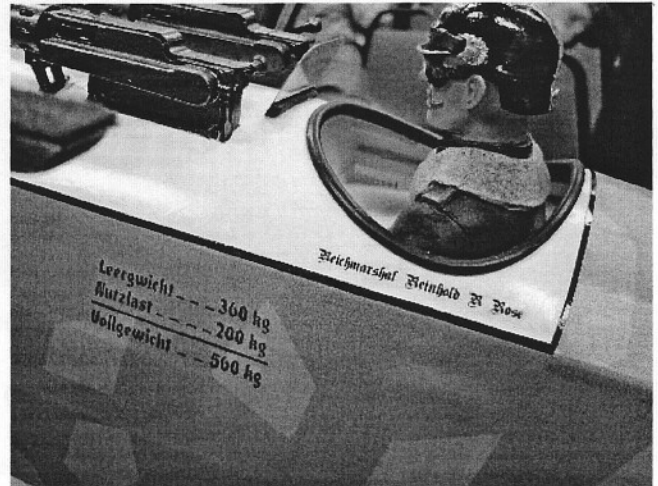
AT THE MEETINGS

Nineteen members and two guests showed up for the **June 21** meeting. A short business meeting preceded the more entertaining portion of the meeting. The condition of the flying field is good, although it could stand a little weed cutting. **Larry Jobbins** did a nice job on much of the area many weeks ago, and we'll have a work party in the near future to finish the job when the weather cools. **Mike Clancy** announced that former member **Arthur L. Croker** passed away recently. **John Hlebar** is currently in the Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa fighting his ongoing health problems. We wish John our best. **Bob Marchant** is our newest member. Bob knows how to speak the Queen's English, so **Andrew Tickle** is happy to have someone to talk to. We also have another new member, **Joel Plank**, whom you may run into on Saturdays at the field flying one of those rotor things.

Nick Kelez talked a little about our upcoming scale R/C (or kind of scale) contest on July 1st. It will be judged by peers and promises to be a low key and fun event. **Ed Solenberger** gave an interesting presentation on carving balsa props, including knife selection and sharpening tech-



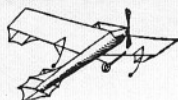
Ed Solenberger shows a nice control line Twister. Ed was given the partially built ship and did a nice job of finishing it.



niques, balsa selection and the various stages of actually carving a prop. **Andrew Tickle** gave a nice power point slide show presentation featuring shots from several years at Lakeview, as well as last year's contests at Lakeville and Schmidt Ranch. Show and tell featured a Sig Twister CL model that **Ed Solenberger** brought, **Nick Kelez's** Cessna L-19 Bird Dog, and **Bob Rose's** beautiful Fokker D-VIII fuselage (see photo above and below). Everybody was fascinated with Bob's detailing with included a steerable tail skid, a pilot's head that turns with the tail skid, machine gun sound, hand holds, steps, and beautiful tiny decals in various locations. Next meeting is July 19. Hope to see you there. **Jay Beasley** sec/treas



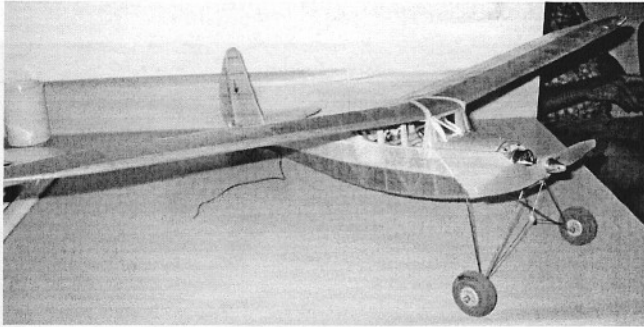
Bob Rose demonstrates the fancy functions of his Fokker D-8. Due to all the gadgeteering on the fuselage, the wing has yet to be built.



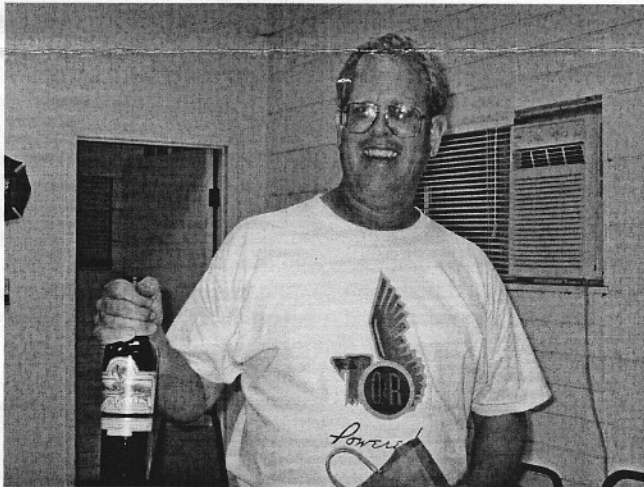
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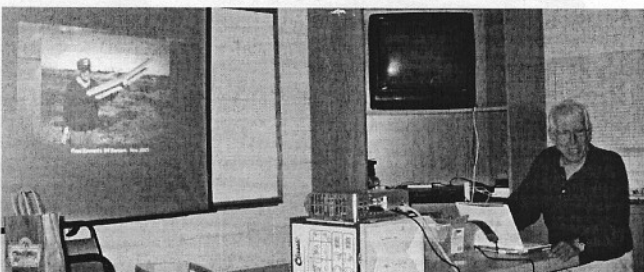
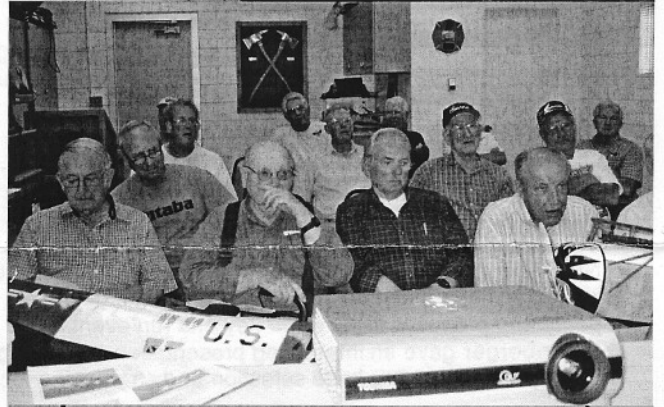
AT THE MEETINGS



Rich Mennek show a nice little electric powered Quaker Flash. Rich has returned to modeling after a long absence. Rich also produces a very high quality wine—Terra Bella. His wine donations to our raffle are the first prizes picked. See Loren below.

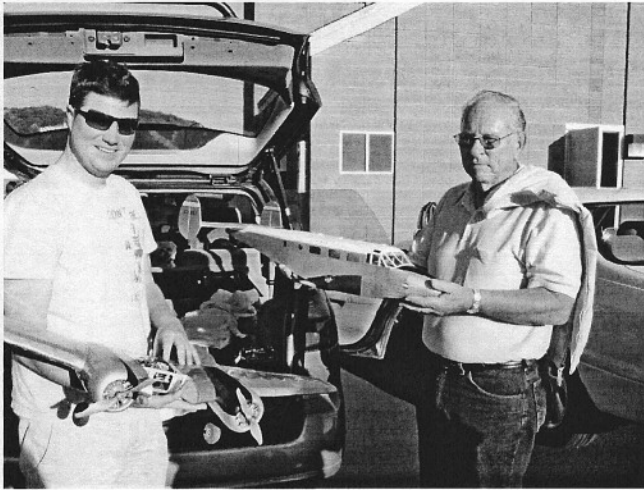


Loren Kramer with his "Terra Bella" raffle prize. He sure looks happy and has not even opened the bottle.



The **Andrew Tickle** showtime.

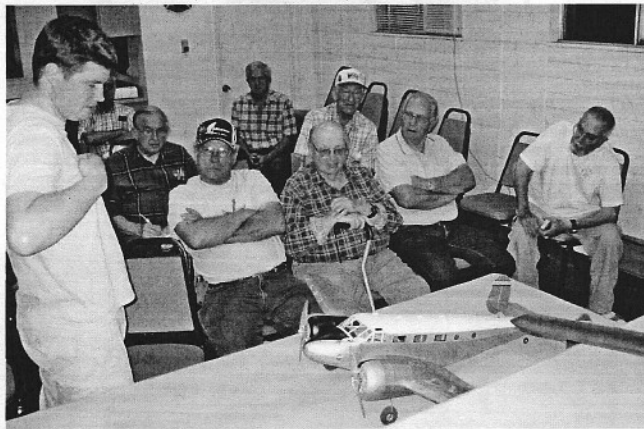




At the May meeting of SAM 27. **Sky Greenwalt**, left and **Terry Ketten**, right, above, showing Sky's newest scale project. A twin engine, electric powered Beech 18. Plane is very light, sports 1/2A retractable landing gear and will probably be a good flyer as all Sky's planes are.

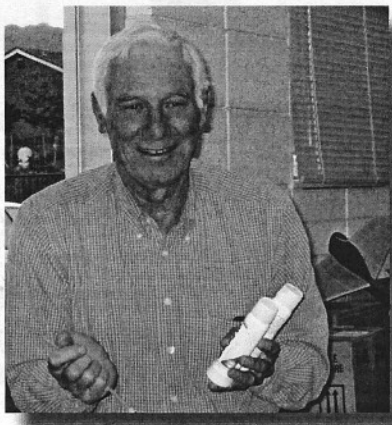


Bill Vanderbeek at Show and Tell with his latest old timer 1/2A RC Texaco ship. It is a Pixey, .049 power, 300 sq. in. A 1938 Schumacher design.



Mike Clancy with Terra Bella Merlot donated by Rich Mennek. Rich is the wine maker and the wine is a "fine wine," selling in the \$100 range. Raffle choice #1.

Bill Vanderbeek, below, hangs out with speedy builder **Bud Romak** and speedy building has rubbed off. Here is Bill's latest creation. The plane is our first free flight version of the Earl Stahl Fokker D-8. Power is an O&R .29 ignition engine. Color scheme is a Dutch version of the plane, samspan covering and dope finish.



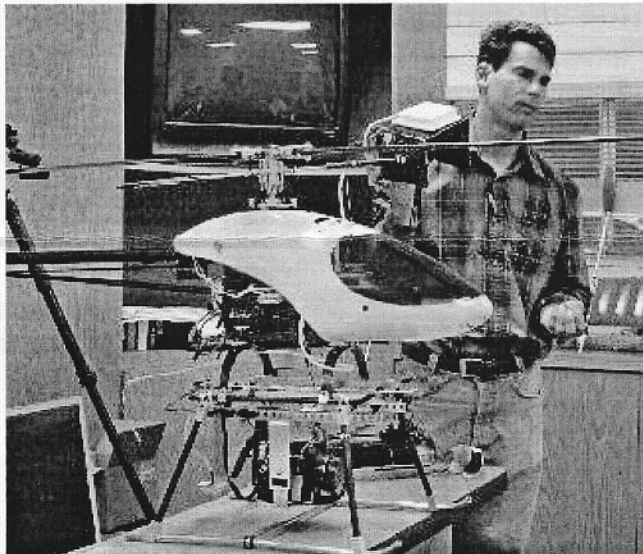
Don Bekins makes a sales pitch for Preval.



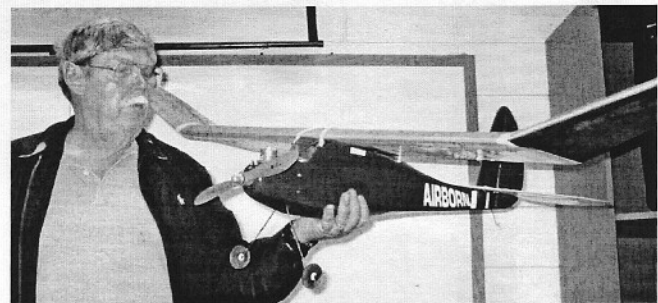
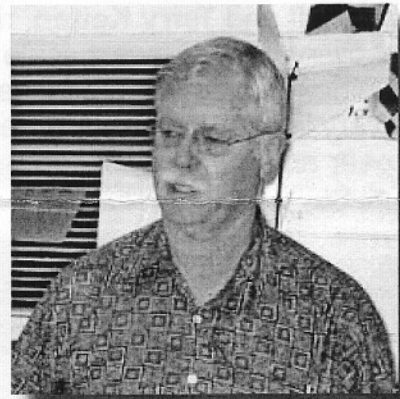
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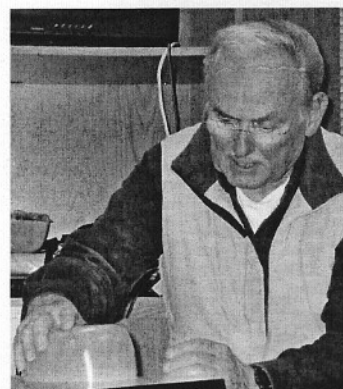
Bill Vanderbeek's 1941 Ascender FF with Torpedo 29 and torsional landing gear.



Guest presenter **Travis Pynn** is in business as an aerial photographer for real estate brokers and anyone else that needs low level aerial photos. The helicopter is electric powered. It is big, very stable, has less vibration than a gas powered plane and has no exhaust to deal with in the photos. The helicopter and camera equipment shown is worth about \$30,000. See April minutes.



Mike Clancy, above, contemplates his Airborn, blue and yellow PPG.



At left, **Bob Rose** is either demonstrating a salad bowl or a cowling for a Fokker D-8.

AT THE MEETINGS

The May SAM 27 meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President **Mike Clancy**. There were sixteen members present, and no visitors. Mike gave a short talk on our friend **Larry Kramer** who passed away a few weeks ago. Mike met Larry in 1972 and together, for many years they flew rc sailplanes, rc power planes, and antique and old time model airplanes. Mike also reported that **Andy Tickle** is recovering from a detached retina and was not able to attend and cannot make it to the field for a couple of weeks.

The secretary was absent so the minutes of the last meeting were accepted without comment. The treasurer was absent so there was no treasurer's report. **Mike Sidwell** and **Larry Jobbins** are working on the grass cutting and grading project. Thanks to **Jim Temple** our field fire extinguisher has been checked and recharged at no cost to the club. **Richard Beck** arrived a bit late to report that he has a new daughter "Lauren" She was born weighing 7 lbs, 15 oz. - and Mom did 28 hours of labor.

CD **Bill Vanderbeek** gave a contest report on the free flight meet held on April 29 and 30. The weather was good with a bit of wind on Sunday. 60 contestants showed up. The field is shrinking due to new construction so engine runs and maxes were shortened. **Paul Stober** had 18 maxes with his Strong Arm design. The max was 90 seconds but the engine run was only 3 seconds. Interesting. P-30 rubber, catapult glider, and 1/2A gas were the most popular events. SAM 27 members **Paul Stober**, **Bill Vanderbeek**, and **Jerry Rocha** among others won and placed in several events. Trophies were given as registration prizes, then certificates and cash awards on high event placings.

Don Bekins gave a report on the SAM 31 contest held May 6 and 7 at Schmidt Ranch. They had 2 perfect days of very light wind and good thermals. 21 contestants enjoyed a low-key and very enjoyable contest. Don lost his Folley to a problem with his Polk Seeker radio system. Radio went south at about 2,000 feet. Erratic control caused over speed which resulted in a broken wing. The plane hit soft ground and is repairable. A neighbor found the broken wing section about a half mile away and returned it. Don reported that his Ethy and its Brown Jr. were both totally destroyed in a similar incident and will be contacting Polk after doing some range experiments. **Mike Clancy** will ask **George Steiner** if he has any info on the Seeker systems.

Jerry has acquired the trophies for the small rubber contest. He will not be able to attend but we will have several experienced CD's to handle the contest for him. Jerry asked, and your president agrees that there should be no non-contest flying on the field until after the contest. Jerry said that last year that sport flying was a little distracting to the contestants.

Our **Crash and Bash** meet is in good hands and preparations are underway. There will be an Italian contingent and

some out-of-staters attending.

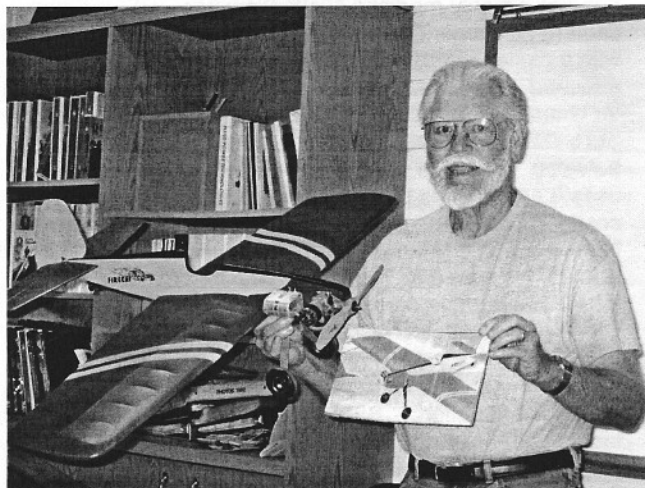
Ed Solenberger reported on an article he read regarding eye problems resulting from leaning backwards and looking upward for extended periods of time. Hmmm? **Don Bekins** showed up with a box of 100 Preval propellant canisters which the club had agreed to purchase. He sold a number of them for \$2 each.

Bob Rose has agreed to be our new field safety officer. He wants to review the old rules with those that originally developed them. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Show and Tell: **Ed Solenberger** showed a Jim Walker Firecat powered by a McCoy 35. Ed bought it on eBay. He brought it to a TOFF session and the motor started and ran and the plane flew—until a gust of wind caught it. Only minor damage. **Bill Vanderbeek** brought a nice little 1/2A free flight ship. It is a Pixey, 300 sq. in., .049 power, designed in 1938 by Schumacher (sp.?). Bill also showed his free flight version of the Fokker D-8. His features a color scheme from Holland. O&R .29 on ignition for power. It is covered with samsan and painted with floral spray. The plane features a removable landing gear. wing and a crutch mount for the ignition system.

Sky Greenwalt, our other super scale builder brought a very nice model of a Beech 18. It is powered by two Himax 2212 electric motors and Robart, 1/2A size retracts. Stick construction and film covering

Raffle prizes were donated by **Richard Beck**—Sonoma RC Hobbies. A very nice bottle of wine was donated by **Rich Mennek**. It is a fine wine he produces, I think the name is Tara Bella. Interestingly enough it was the first prize to be selected. We sold \$60.00 worth of raffle tickets.



Ed Solenberger with his Jim Walker Firecat purchased on eBay. Uses McCoy 35.

AT THE MEETINGS

Mike Clancy opened the April SAM 27 chapter meeting shortly after 7:00 pm, with 21 members and two guests in attendance. The guests were **Bob Marchant**, a friend of **Andrew Tickle's**, whose primary modeling interests have been in scale boats; and Travis Pynn who has an aerial photography business using R/C airplanes and helicopters. More about that later. **Jay Beasley** reported that SAM 27 has 95 members, including 10 associate members, and 6 honorary or complimentary members. All but 3 members have paid dues for 2006. The balance of the club's bank account as of the date of the meeting was \$3326.

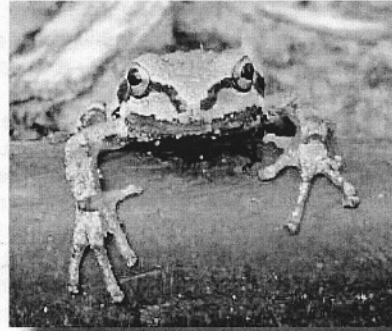
Andrew Tickle, CD for the Electric Texaco event, talked about model legalities, **Steve Roselle's** battery/power calculator, and the proposed rules concerning the contest. A unanimous vote approved Revision C of Andrew's rules.

Ed Hamler brought a nifty machine/jig/apparatus? for accurate sanding of wing dihedral joints that **Kirby Hinson** donated to SAM 27. This will be loaned to anyone who wants to use it. **Ned Nevels** distributed SAM 27 logo decals for use on our Fokker D-VIII's. Ned has a large supply of Samspar, should anyone need some. Our guest **Travis Pynn** gave a very interesting and informative presentation on his aerial photography business using R/C airplanes and helicopters.

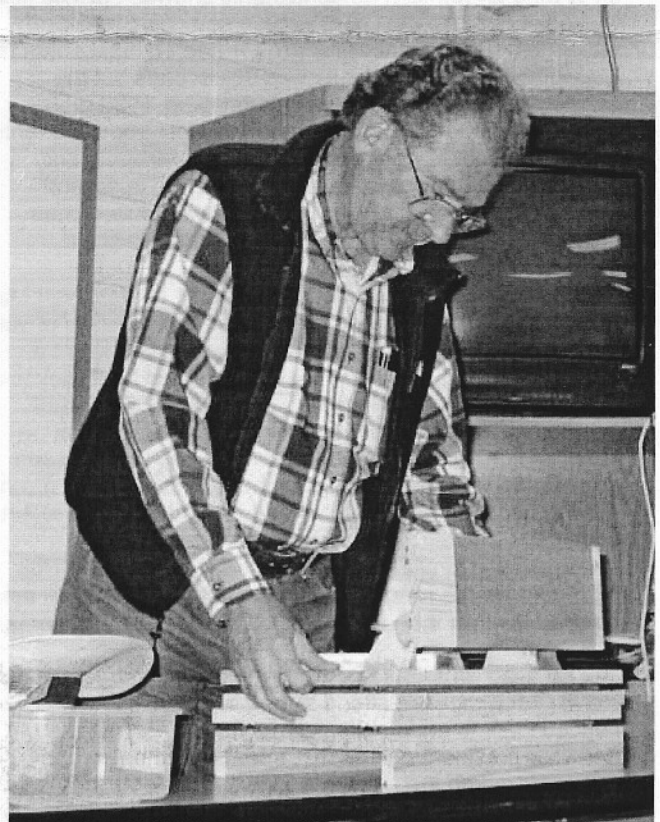
Don Bekins met Travis while flying at Hamilton one day. Don was quite impressed with Travis and his activities and sent **Mike Clancy** his information. Mike immediately recruited Travis to come to our meeting and do a presentation. Travis is employed by the Robotics Lab at UC Berkeley where he is involved in R&D of small UAVs. Some interesting info can be found at http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2004/12/15_bear.shtml Travis has a business called *Image Above*. Primarily, his business involves taking photos of real estate, or homes, from perspectives not achievable from the ground; and location scouting shots for advertisers. Travis brought a highly modified GWS Slow Stick with a digital camera mount, and a very large electric powered helicopter with a digital 35mm SLR and video guidance cameras attached. He uses a video link for guidance of the helicopter when he flies it over 1000' away and also to line up the SLR. This machine has a 6 1/2 foot rotor diameter, weighs between 12 and 14 pounds, can fly 15 to 17 minutes and uses 8 amp 43 volt LiPo batteries. Don't ask what those cost! Travis's enthusiastic audience asked a lot of questions after his presentation and invited him to fly at Lakeville with us this summer. He can be reached at info@imageabove.com.

Show and tell featured **Mike Clancy's** 490 sq. inch Airborn with an extremely glossy PPG finish. Mike didn't build it, so he didn't have to go through the elaborate safety precautions involved in using that type of coating. **Bill Vanderbeek** showed a couple of landing gear designs he has been working on. **Bob Rose** brought an example of the fiberglass nose cowl for the Fokker D-VIII that he is manufacturing for our projects. These are the shape of the **Earl Stahl** design and fit nicely on the formers per the plans. Contact Bob at gramparr@aol.com or 707 765-9102 for more info. It

looks like decent flying weather has arrived, with only minor interruptions in the forecast. I actually drove on the parking area at Lakeville today without leaving marks. You still need to avoid the deep ruts, though. Okay, remember to lube your rubber, blend your gas, and charge your batteries. Happy flying. Jay Beasley sec/treas Added bonus for reading this far. This has nothing to do with modeling, but I found this guy in my yard the other day. His body is about 3/4" in length.



Who's on my frequency?!



Ed Hamler demonstrates the slick device for accurately sanding wing dihedral joints - the machine is available to any member for their use.

IN MEMORIAM



Larry Kramer 1927 - 2006



TOFFF

Paul Stober launching o.t. rubber cabin ship. Below: Field shared with Novato F.D., Petaluma F.D., and Lakeville F.D. doing fireworks and arson training.



Mike Clancy's Kloud King

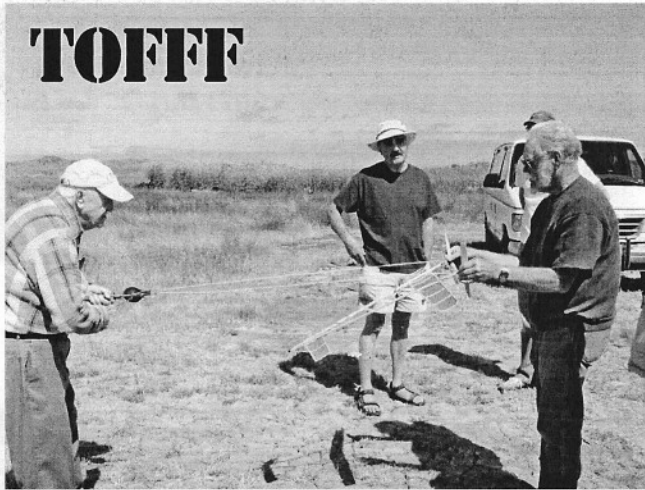


Paul Stober starting his .020 o.t. freeflight. Below: Now that is a scale model!



Ed Solenberger with small electric profile biplane.

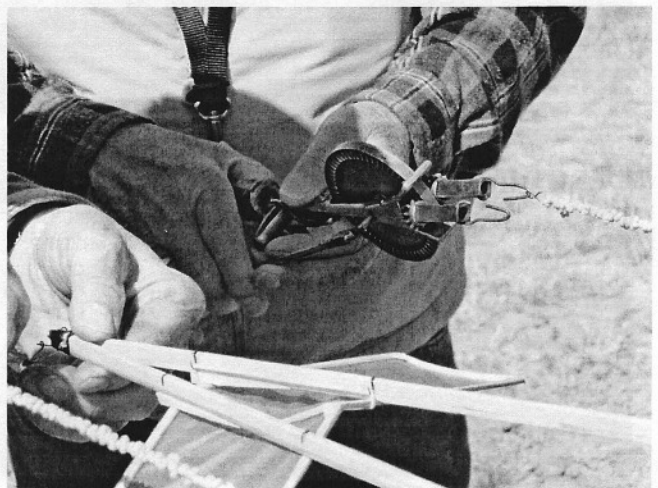
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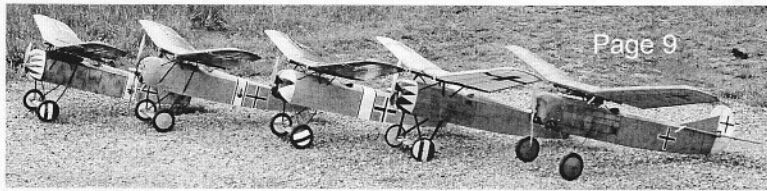


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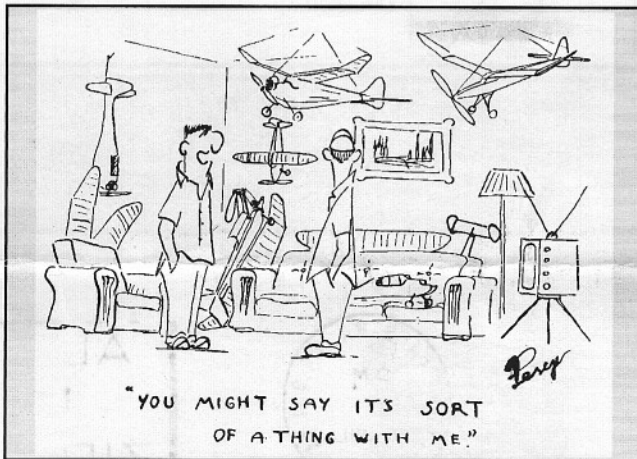
93-year-old **Earl Hoffman** launches a twin pusher that he recently built with the assistance of **Ed Solenberger**. Earl shows up at Lakeville regularly and loves to fly Mike Clancy's big Dallaire - slow and big.





An Airy Chat With the Editor

Kermit Walker emailed that he knew exactly what **Ed Solenberger's** "Mystery Object" was in issue 250: two of Ed's spinners mounted back-to-back. **Earl Clayton** also guessed correctly - did you? Also Kermit, being a fan of Jim Walker's American Junior stuff, knew that the object in issue 249 was the remaining latticework after Firebaby fins were punched out. Nobody actually figured out the "Mystery Engine" which was a one-off here in Santa Barbara, built by **Stan Hill**, using Anderson Spitfire cyclinders - Ed guessed the cylinders correctly. The engine received a write-up in *American Modeler* so isn't totally obscure.



Earl writes that the above cartoon depicts his San Francisco apartment as he has built about a dozen old timers in Kauai and stores them in his SF abode. Sort of looks like your editor's gallery. Earl also sent along some Ohlsson history.

Larry Davidson sent along info on his new lightweight coil - only 29 grams. \$20 plus \$5.50 shipping from Larry. Floyd Carter at Aero Ply will also be offering this coil with his transistor driver as the new TIM-5S unit - very light.

Announcement: **Nick Kelez** and **Andrew Tickle** have been elected as Director of Scale Modeling and Member at Large respectively.

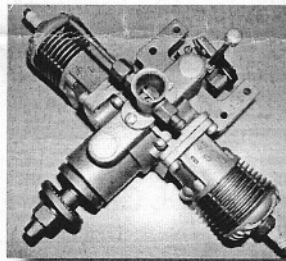
Postal Contests: The SAM 27 Electric Texaco Postal Contest, **Andrew Tickle** CD, schedule is: 8/19 informal team practice, 9/2 team practice, 9/9 Contest, 9/16 re-fly day if needed. The Frank Ehling Memorial Postal Competition 2006, sponsored by SAM 600 Australia, for 1/2A Texaco, must be flown on any day from October 1 to October 24 with all SAM 27 contestants flying on the same day.



Watch for complete coverage of the July 15 SAM 27 Special Rubber Meet in the next issue of the *Antique Flyer*.



George Benson submitted the above photo. George writes that, "**Gale Wagner**, SAM 27 member, builder and flyer of superb 4-foot span rubber-powered, semi-scale models, has volunteered to teach youngsters - perhaps future SAM 27 members - construction of Jimmie Allen Specials - the small 22" span Jimmie Allen. Photo is of students from the College Preparatory School in Oakland. Gale is in the middle, slightly raised, front row. Easi Built kits were used with some accessories from Peck - both were very supportive of Gale's work." Thanks George for the info.



MYSTERY ENGINE

This handsome twin is the mystery for this issue. Note the offset cylinders and interesting beam mounting.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY. SAM 27 guys have been getting lots of press in the past few months in *Model Aviation*, *SAM Speaks* and *Flying Models*. The winning Jimmie Allen team got a great color photo (and B&W) and **Peter Samuelson** had a nice color shot holding his Bomber. I recall seeing **Bill Vanderbeek** and **Bud Romak** along with others in the pages of our modeling magazines. Celebrity status. Our friends at SAM 21 have been doing pretty well in the publicity department also.



John Pratt's double size Jimmie Allen FF Skokie - has 16 strands of 1/8" rubber. The model flies fine and is easy to trim.



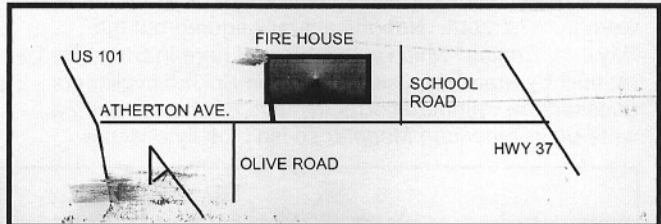
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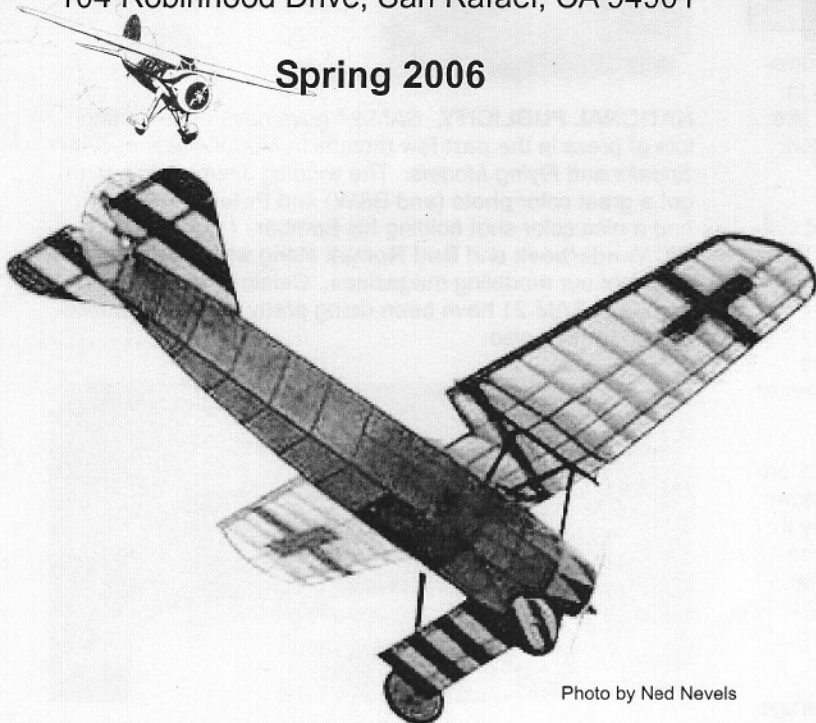


Photo by Ned Nevels

Ed Hamler's Fokker D-8 on final at Lakeville.



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