

Antique Flyer



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AT THE MEETINGS

Minutes of the Meeting, 04-16-2008

Submitted by Acting Secretary **Mike Clancy**

Meeting called to order by President **Mike Clancy** at 7:09 p.m. Present were 29 members and two guests who joined the club this evening. They are **Wayne Forrest** and **Bob Forrest**. They are members of SAM 74 in Middle Town and fly controlline, rubber free flight, and collect antique model engines.

President's Remarks: Mike passed on rubber size information from **George Benson**. He also welcomed several of our free flight stalwarts; **Gale Wagner**, **Tom Whitworth**, and **George Benson**. **Ron Keil** and **Bob** and **Wayne Forrest**, and **John Damueller** were complimented on their dedication for traveling long distances.

Secretary's Report: Secretary is skiing—but had reported to President Clancy on several members who had not yet renewed their dues.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer is skiing—but said we had lots of money.

Committee reports: **Mike Sidwell** will cut the grass in a month when it has dried out. Some commercial truckers have been using our parking lot as a trailer drop and turn-around. No damage being done - if anything they have flattened some of the ruts.

Reports of officers: Most officers missing - no reports.

Old Business: **John Carlson** suggested that we frequently publish our contest dates via email since the newsletter is no longer monthly. Clancy and Beasley will take care of that.

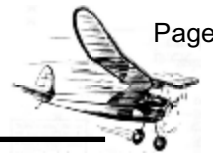
New Business: **John Trumbull** gave a report on the vagaries of getting a dead battery on a hybrid car while charging and flying models. He also thanked **Ding Zarate** for driving him home and back to the field. It was suggested that we publish via email and the newsletter directions to the closest hospital - it is **Sutter Medical Center** in Novato. We will do so. (Editor: **Don Bekins** will remember Sutter) It was suggested that we make up a set of flying and safety rules to be put on a sign at the flying site (also directions to the hospital). **Nick Kelez**, **Bob Rose** and **Mike Clancy** will work on that project. **George Benson** brought up an idea he has been proposing for some time now. That is to make up a list of model clubs, flying sites, and hobby shops in the bay area. This list could be posted in hobby shops and distributed to clubs for publication. Any volunteers that would like to start

that project would be welcome. Discussion: A discussion regarding unauthorized use of our field was held. It seems that there is one individual in particular that believes he can fly there without AMA insurance or club membership because "he has been doing it for years." Apparently he had flown while members were present. We should politely invite any such persons to join the club and firmly insist that they don't use the field unless they do. **Don Bekins** had a very large stock of graded balsa that he would like to sell. Contact him if you are interested. He has photos of the balsa. There is lots of it. The annual SAM 21 contest is coming up. Check the web.

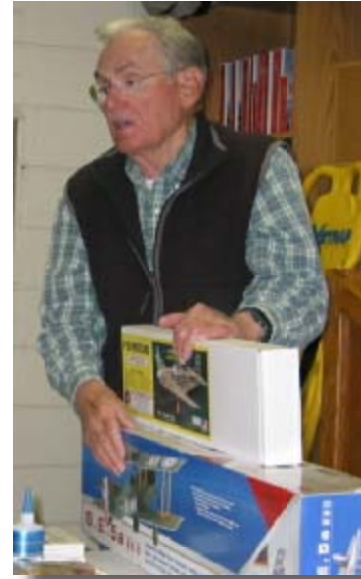


Show and Tell: **Tom Whitworth** gave a talk on making lozenge patterns and graphics with jap tissue and an ink jet printer. **John Dammuller** showed a cute free flight electric powered flying wing.





Ed Solenberger showed a nice adjustable thrust block drill guide. He also entered the twilight zone and showed some flying maple seeds and I don't know what the hell he had in a balsa box from a wine company! Here's the pic; what do you think it is?

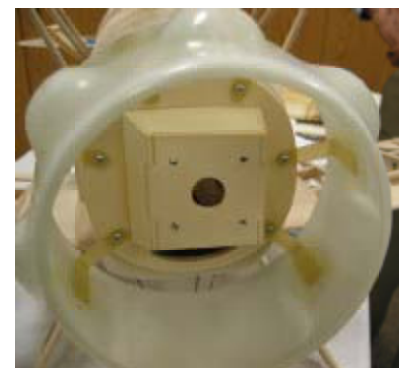


Raffle: Bob Rose did another great raffle. We spent about \$70 and took in \$103. The main prize was a donation by a member and I don't remember who. **Chip Buss** and **Ed Solenberger** were the big winners - note smiles.



Mike Clancy found an epoxy paste called PC-11 at the hardware store that has possible modeling applications.

Nick Kelez continued over-achieving with the bones of a Bucker Jungmeister biplane. Axi 2820-16, commercial cowl, litfab and monocote. Looks like it will be a beauty-as usual.





CORRESPONDENCE

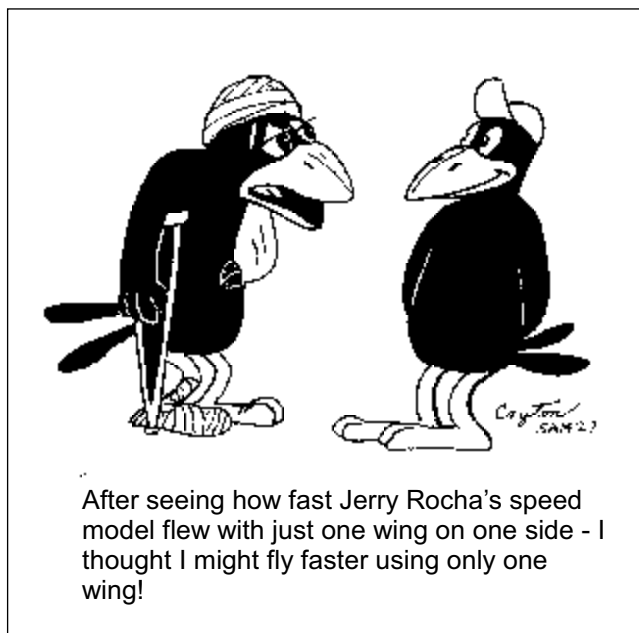
Correspondence from **Earl Cayton**:

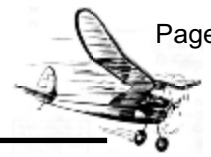
Jerry Rocha's speed model with long inside wing only reminds me of an incident in 1950. A friend, **Pat Tuttle**, and I drove down to Roseburg, Oregon for a control line contest. Pat had just finished building a new speed model for his McCoy .49 and was looking forward to seeing how fast it would go.

On his first flight, the needle valve setting was too lean and the engine quit shortly after lifting off the dolly, resulting in a hard landing. It broke the wooden spar that held the outside aluminum wing and it fell off. Being the competitor that Pat was, he decided to try to fly it again with just the inside aluminum wing. It not only flew, but it took first place in Class "C" Speed! Pat laughed and said that maybe he should build his next model with only an inside wing. Maybe he was clairvoyant! Sincerely, Earl.



Below: **Jerry Rocha's** beautifully constructed and national winning speed model.





RARELY SEEN ENGINE

Here is one of the nicest of all the larger twins that were offered during the ignition engine period to about 1950. This Ace Twin was made by Kramer & Grow Mfg. of San Diego in 1947. It has offset cylinders and dual shaft intake from the manifold on top of the crankcase which can be seen in the top view shown below. Only 100 engines were built; this one is serial number 145, so they must have started with serial number 100. This is in new condition. The displacement is .639 cu-in total. Note the beautiful crispness of the die cast. Also note the very unusual mount located on the rear of the case and wrapping around the timer assembly. A marvel to behold!



Unfortunately, this Ace Twin is too valuable to run or fly in this condition. The engine is going to be installed in a newly constructed Casalaire aluminum U-control model from the same era. The finished product, complete with a metal cowling, similar to a Luscombe, will be used as a handsome static display by the owner of this engine. If you would like to see details of the Casalaire kit and info on the history of that design, visit the Vintage Kits Annex Page 4 link on www.collectair.com. The Casalaire has a riveted, all metal fuselage and tail feathers; it was on the market for only a year or two, starting in 1946.





The generous size coffee cup at left was given to each contestant at the SAM 26 Spring Opener. The cup was created by **Bob Holman**. Bob, and his son Rick, are staunch supporters of the SAM 26 contests in the spring and fall.



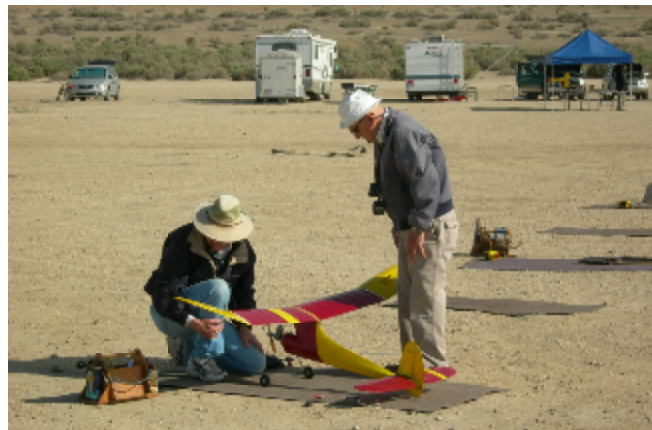
SAM 27's **Ed Hamler** teamed up with **Dan Carpenter** to sweep the SAM 26 Spring Opener Contest at Taft at the end of March. Here are a few pics from the contest.

Your editor's Playboy Senior with O&R 60 power rests on the seemingly endless expanse of Taft's flying field. I think I took 4th place in Class C Ignition.



Dan Carpenter times while **Ed Hamler** tries to keep the Westerner in sight.;

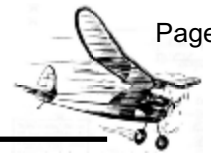
Bob Angel readies his Starduster with the aid of timer **Jose Tellez**.





Dave Lewis of SAM 21





GOLDBERG ZIPPER



Note received from **Don Bekins**: **Earl Cayton** sent this picture of the beautiful Goldberg Zipper and sent along the comment: "I built this Goldberg Zipper from a Klarich kit. Silk Covered. Torp .32 powered. Next time I'm on the mainland [he lives most of the time in Hawaii, but has an apartment in San Francisco] I'll see if it flies."



Mike Clancy shows his Playboy



Electric Texaco Trophy

FEBRUARY MEETING



Remo Galeazzi displays a photo of one of his champion restorations/builds - a master aircraft craftsman.



Ray wins the Raffle.



The usual gang of OT modeleers.