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# *Antique Flyer*



## President's Comments

By Chip Buss

It's here; my final column for the newsletter is here! The hardest part of this position for me is writing this column. Our editor Jimmy Walker has learned over the past three years that he needs to start reminding me a month in advance because I procrastinate so badly. What a relief.

because the club is only as successful as the people in it. Finally, my thanks go out to all members who have helped to make our club the "home away from home" that it is for many of us. We don't always get along but isn't that true for most families?

This will be short and sweet. I look back over the past few years and I feel that with the help of the Mike, Jay, and the many volunteers, we've made many improvements. The field is in good shape when dry. The field safety rules are intact as are the bylaws. The quarterly pizza meetings and auctions are a big hit although it's hard to conduct business in the beer environment at times.

Hope you all have/had a great holiday and I wish you the best in 2013. cb

Sometimes we don't realize what we gain from being a club member. We have good friendships and great camaraderie. (I needed spell-check for that) We also learn from each other. The talents and expertise in this group are amazing. I can't begin to tell you what I've learned and have yet to learn from members of SAM 27.

I took this position three years ago partially as a pay back for all the club has given me. It's part of serving the club which is what we all need to do in one way or another. Everyone needs to step up and volunteer



## A Few Words from the Editor

By Jimmy Walker



I'd like to thank all those that have sent me pictures and articles to put in the newsletter and for the information that I've received over the years. It's been a big help.

It's been a lot of fun doing the newsletter for the last few years. I've not only been involved in the club more and got to know more about the club and its members, but I also have been able to polish my skills at assembling a bunch of words and photographs on the pages. A few weeks ago I upgraded my publishing program to a newer version and found that it was another day or two of relearning the program. It seems like whenever a company updates their program it is much harder to learn. Is that evolution? You would think it would go the other way.

I'm passing the job on now to another person and will still be involved somewhat to help and to add some pages of my own. I've always liked the 'mystery plane page and since we are a club of flying things it is a good fit in the newsletter.

I'm hoping that we will continue to include a lot of old timer stuff and more free flight stuff. I only ask that anyone reading this newsletter takes it upon themselves to add as much as they can.

I haven't been able to attend a lot of the meetings and events in the last year; business has been good (that's nice to say in this economy) and it takes me away from the area a lot. I'm hoping that next year I can schedule things a little better.

Here's hoping we all had a good year and we look forward to a prosperous and healthy new year.

Jimmy



## Monthly Meeting — October 2012

Was it because the Giants were playing in the NLCS or what?

Our meeting on Oct 17 had a whopping 14 members in attendance, the lowest count since Feb. 2006. Don't ask how Beasley knows this! The silver lining of this situation was that it was a short meeting and we got to go home and watch the end of the game (assuming we had recorded it).

The usual reports were met with the usual enthusiasm. Then we discussed more interesting things:

Crash & Bash was a great success with fine flying weather and good attendance. The Schmidts have made some nice exterior improvements to their outside areas which made the venue even nicer for Crash & Bash.

The only downside was two medical emergencies. One participant suffered probably from dehydration but recovered nicely and drove himself home. Ed Solenberger was not so lucky and needed the insertion of 5 stents in the operating room to keep him with us. Ed is recovering nicely. Tom Moore's wife was a great help with Ed when he went down at Schmidt Ranch. Mike Clancy rode to the hospital with Ed and monitored his situation for several hours.

Ed's situation pointed out the need for quick access to emergency contacts for our members in case of medical crises. Jay Beasley will send an email to our members asking for contact numbers. He also mentioned entering ICE as a contact in your cell phone, with an appropriate phone number. This indicates "In Case of Emergency" and apparently is looked for by first responders in the absence of any other information.

Here's a schedule of upcoming events:

Oct 18 - 1/2A Texaco contest at Lakeville

Oct 27-28 SAM 26 event at Taft

Nov 14 - Monthly meeting at the fire station

Dec 15 - Annual Christmas Party at Papa's

Sep 27-29, 2013 Crash & Bash

Oct 6-11, 2013 SAM Champs

Andrew Tickle presented a whopping large trophy for winning the season's ALES competition to Aric Wilmunder. Andrew said that Aric cheated because he practiced a lot.

Robert Film won the gift certificate to Jake's Performance Hobbies in the raffle.

Andrew showed a "new" flying boat design he is working on. It features a Dallaire wing and tail and a stepped hull fuselage with a pylon mounted motor. He has test flown it without covering on the fuselage and is happy with it's performance. Water testing will follow.

And that's all, folks.



Andrew Tickle presents a large trophy to Aric Wilmunder for winning the Old Timer ALES contest.

# Monthly Meeting — November 2012

Thirty members and one guest, Steve Roselle, showed up for the November meeting. Special thanks to those who drove long distances to attend.

Chip Buss started the meeting by welcoming back Ed Solenberger who is recovering nicely from some serious health problems that appeared at Crash & Bash--and no, it was not the cooking by the C & B staff.

Chip talked briefly about CPR and passed out some cards with instructions on how to administer CPR. Current recommendations place emphasis on high quality chest compressions at least 5 cm deep and at a rate of at least 100 per minute. Artificial respiration is not recommended for untrained rescuers. Ken Walters suggested that we should ask the fire department to give us a demonstration.

Jay Beasley passed around an emergency phone contact form that many members filled out. We will keep a copy of this form at the field.

### Old Business

After the usual reports we continued the discussion of our new version of the chapter bylaws. It looks like we are all in agreement and Mike Sidwell will finish this project up for publication.

Menu choices for the Christmas party that will be held on Dec. 8 are still being worked out. As of this meeting we have about 55 people signed up.

### New Business

Chip has said he is resigning the office of President as of the end of the year. Jim Temple has agree to take on the duties of Secretary. So



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that leaves President, Vice-President and Treasurer up for grabs. Not that apathy rules in this club, but it's time for somebody new to take on some duties for awhile. What have YOU done for the club lately?

Fred Terzian, SAM 27 member and President of the Northern California Free Flight Club and the Oakland Cloud Dusters, talked about contests at Waegel Field. Fred will make contest schedules known to SAM 27 for dissemination.



Monthly Meeting — November 2012

Ed Hamler brought back boxes full of model plans from the SAM 26 hosted contest at Taft last month. These are up for grabs.

Mike Clancy showed a Bill Curry built Hayseed cowl using the two balloon method. Mike also showed a very

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Ed Hamler is looking for CDs for the next SAM Champs. We discussed "big" SAM and how many members of various SAM chapters are members of SAM. There is no requirement by "big" SAM for individual chapter members to be members of the parent organization. Chip suggested that perhaps SAM should give a first year's membership to new chapter members. John Trumbull suggested that maybe SAM 27 should pay for Officer's memberships in SAM. The members agreed and voted in favor of that in a subsequent motion.

Bill Vanderbeek mentioned that the old British magazine Aero Modeller is being resurrected. It's primary interest will be building and flying F/F and C/L models. You can find out more on their web site aeromodeller.com.

Bill Vanderbeek, of F/F and metal fabrication fame, showed an interesting metal object shaped like a ball made by a tubing laser cutter. It was actually six identical



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pieces that were laser etched and somehow inserted together.

probably around 1:00 pm.  
Jan. 16 at the fire station, 7:00 pm.  
Feb. 20 at the fires station, 7:00 pm.

Our upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

Dec. 19 Pizza meeting in the daytime. Time to be announced, but

The end.

## Monthly Meeting — December 2012

Our December, 2012 meeting was held at the pizza restaurant in the afternoon. We thought we would try something a little different and see if more people might show up. The answer was we had a good turnout with 29 members and one guest. Jay Beasley said he would conduct an email poll of those present and others who frequently attend to see what their time of day preferences are. A daytime meeting in December makes sense, but it may not during the rest of the year.

After the pizza feed, President Chip Buss opened the meeting around 1:30 pm.

Chip read his column that will be published in the next Antique Flyer. He said he really enjoyed the last three years as President but he thinks it is time to move on--to where we don't know. So now the ship is adrift with no captain. What **will** we do? Anyway, we thanked him for his superior service. Chip was the most energetic and gregarious officer we have had in recent memory. We will miss him leading the meetings, but he will be his usual good guy self at Lakeville.

By unanimous voice vote, Jim Temple was voted in as new secretary.

Reports: V.P. Mike Sidwell - "I got nothin' "

Sec/Treas Jay Beasley - Thank you Jim Temple for taking over the job of secretary next year!!

Beasley will stay on as treasurer for the time being, with help from Chip. The treasury is in fineshape. The Christmas party went well and everybody seemed pleased with the quality of the food. Papa's is apparently for sale again, so this may have been our last party there. Thanks to Chip, Mike Sidwell, Mike Clancy, Bob Film, Bob May, Steve Carlson and others for helping run the party.

We are still looking for a new president. We actually voted unanimously to elect Steve Carlson as president, but he weasled out by saying there would be no more cookies or doughnut holes at Lakeville if he had to be president; so we let him off.

There will be an indoor fly at the University of Sports in Petaluma on Dec. 29. This is for micro r/c and helicopters. Rubber models would be crushed in the melee.

Another short discussion of what SAM is about and what our particular club is about took place with a couple of good points being made. Jim Bearham's point was the club needs to be **fun**. And so far, it is. Ed Hamler's point was that the easiest models to

learn to fly r/c with are **Old Timers**. Ed also mentioned that the "builder of the model" rule no longer applies--meaning that you don't have to have built the model to fly it in a contest to be SAM legal.

Steve Carlson showed a vintage model steam engine that must have been in a boat. There are no identifying marks or numbers on it, so its origin is a mystery. He cleaned it up and it runs fine. It was suggested that somebody down at Spreckels Lake in San Francisco might be able to help identify it. It could also be a one of a kind original.

After the business meeting we had our quarterly auction of stuff donated by members present. Mike Clancy did his usual stellar job as auctioneer and we took in \$172 which covered the pizzas and tip. Thanks, Mike.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## Last Month's Mystery Plane The PAC P-750 STOL



This New Zealand made airplane is a utility aircraft of conventional all-metal construction with fixed tricycle undercarriage. All versions to date have been powered by a 750 HP Pratt and Whitney Canada PT6 turboprop.

For passenger and cargo operations the cabin can be out-fitted with up to nine passenger seats or with cargo holds. A cargo pod with 1000 pound capacity is available for attachment to the belly.

With a full load of skydivers it can go to 12,000 feet and return in less than 10 minutes.

- Cruise speed is 195 mph
- Length is 38 feet
- Wingspan is 42 feet
- Range is 670 miles
- Service ceiling is 20,000 feet





## L'Avion Mystere



Designed in 1934, this tandem cockpit biplane was flown as a trainer. The engine was a british Genet Major 5 cylinder radial provided by Armstrong Siddeley.

Have fun with this one...a rare plane with little information out there.

It would be nice to be able to find plans for this one. This is probably a good project for Remo.



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### Club Meetings

Monthly Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday at 7:00PM at the Novato Fire Department Training Room on Atherton Avenue between highway 101 and Highway 37. The dates may vary; a reminder is always sent out before each meeting. The training room is located behind the fire station. Ample parking is available. Occasionally a meeting is held at Round Table Pizza in Novato so please contact someone above if you have a question about the venue for that month.

### Membership

Membership dues are based on the class of membership. The **full membership** includes flying privileges at the Lakeville site and voting rights for only \$25 yearly. An **associate membership** includes the newsletter and meetings for only \$15 yearly. Associate members will not be allowed to fly at the Lakeville site. Dues are payable to the treasurer/secretary as shown above and require proof of current AMA membership if you fly at Lakeville.