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GREETINGS!

I start this letter on the wings of the famous ballad by Johnny Paycheck, "TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE IT". It seems to me with 20 members in a club that we might spread a little of this workload around a bit. For one person to have all the responsibility and all the authority under the same hat is a bit ludicrous. We have members in the club that have never served as an officer, and it's about time you fellows got off the old gluteus maximus. I'll continue to put out a newsletter to members and other SAM editors (at no cost to the club). This is one job I really enjoy doing and will let it be known to the members that I'm running for the office.

There are three people in this club that I would like to give a special thanks to for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

DON BEKINS, thank you for your contribution of \$100.00 for next year's rent on the field.

RON KEIL for working his lower servo off to get our field in shape for the contest. That not being the half of it; Ron had to take the AMA (bulls---) examination which pertained to things like pylon racing, AMA Scale, pattern flying, etc. in order for him to be sanctioned as an Old Timer CD.

My third big thank you goes out to one of our newest members, ANDY ANDREWS. What a Guy! After working all day for the United States Navy, Andy has gone down to the field, set posts, strung cable, broken up large dirt clods; and, thanks to him, we have a contest site we can be proud to fly off and crash on.

At the meeting this Thursday night we'll talk about what we can use on the field to hold down the dust problem. I believe that Tom Brennan may have some ideas on the matter.

All members who participated in the 1/2-A Postal Fly had a ball, and out of 7 club entries we placed 5th. Not too bad--at least we weren't last. I'm enclosing the results. We had a spaghetti feed here at the old hangar after the fly and enjoyed the VHS tape that was filmed by Ned Nevells. If anyone wants a copy please contact Ned Nevells, 1045 Foster Road, Napa, California 94558, phone (707) 255-7047.

We have a lock on our field and, if you folks want to fly, I'm sure you'd like the combination. It is 5-35-25. Scratch it on your AMA card.

We have a new member in SAM 27 (and the first lady), i.e., my wife Dee Tatum, AMA 171602. It's all I can do to keep her hands off my cotton pickin' transmitters. Welcome aboard, Lady.

I'm sure all those fellows into free flight would like to know about the "TBA" on the early entry form.

F/F Saturday: Pac Ace, Black Bullet, C02 Replica.

F/F Sunday: Twin Pusher, .020 Replica.

Knock the dust off those old birds and enter Free Flight!

After we had our field mowed this year, we discovered that some sub-human creatures with their four-wheel-drives made a mess of things while it was still under water. The condition was so bad that, in some areas, you could step down into a rut up to your knees, and it would have been impossible to hold a contest.

With Don Bekins' help I was able to contact Clementino Construction Company and get a dozer in there for \$300.00. I had two other estimates at twice the cost, so I gave the job to Clementino. We spent \$307.00 for prize Balsa, another \$30.00 for the place ribbons to go on the balsa; and, of course, there was the mowing earlier this year for \$155.00.

Now, you're asking where all this money is coming from. The members, of course! Ron Keil and Andy Andrews, along with their labor, each came up with \$50.00, and I came up with \$150.00. I've called all members about the meeting, and this is the reason I asked you to come up with twenty bucks each to help with this cost. To the other members who sent in your \$20 I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you very much! With the work done on the field, and by keeping the 4-WDs out, next year all we should need is a squadron of lawn mowers.



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