



SAM 26—John Pond Commemorative—Taft Dick Griswold's pretty Ehling Contest Winner groundloops during aborted takeoff.



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Society of Antique Modelers Chapter 21 AMA 1470

next meeting: **Thursday**

NOVEMBER 20th 7:30 pm

at **SARATOGA FIREHOUSE**

Corner Saratoga Ave & Hwy 9

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Thanks to **ROSE&DAVE SASO** for **OCT Goodies!**

& Thanks to **Lescher** for the **Coffee!**

& Thanks to **Walt** for the **Facilities!**

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First class (You Betcha!)

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2008 SAM WEST COAST Event Schedule

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"Revised 28 Dec, 2007"

Month	Saturday	Sunday	Event Date	Event
JAN	5	6		
JAN	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	1/11-13	AMA Trade Show—Ontario, Ca
JAN	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	1/19-21	SOUTHWEST REGIONALS, Eloy Az
JAN	26	27		
FEB	2	3		
FEB	9	10		
FEB	16	17		
FEB	23	24		
MAR	1	2		
MAR	8	<u>9</u>	3/9	NCFFC Spring Bash (Walt Ghio CD)
MAR	<u>15</u>	16	3/15	SABBATINI COLLECT(flyer Dec 2007)
MAR	22	23	Sunday 3/23	Easter
MAR	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	3/29-30	SAM 26 SPRING ANNUAL Taft, Ca
APR	<u>5</u>	6	4/5	NCFFC Sierra Champs (Chris Borland CD)
APR	12	13		
APR	19	20		
APR	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>		NCFFC; Nor Cal (Bill Vanderbeek CD)
MAY	3	4		
MAY	10	11	Sunday 5/11	(Mother's Day)
MAY	17	18		
MAY	24	25	Monday 5/26	Memorial Day weekend
MAY/JUN	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>		SAM 21 RANCH ROMP Schmidt Ranch
JUNE	<u>7</u>	8	6/7	NCFFC Western States Champs (Mike McKeever CD)
JUNE	14	15	Sunday 6/15	(Father's Day)
JUNE	21	22		
JUNE	28	29		
JULY	5	6	Friday 7/4	Independence Day
JULY	12	13		
JULY	19	20		
JULY	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	7/26-27	SAM 30 Annual - Schmidt Ranch tentative
AUG	2	3		
AUG	9	10		
AUG	16	17		
AUG	23	24		
AUG	30	31	Monday 9/1	Labor Day
SEPT	6	7	8-12th	SAM CHAMPS at MUNCIE, Indiana
SEPT	13	<u>14</u>	9/14	NCFFC SGMA Combo Annual (Bill/Mike Davis CD)
SEPT	20	21		
SEPT	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	26-28	SAM 27 CRASH & BASH Schmidt Ranch
OCT	4	5		
OCT	11	12		
<u>OCT</u>	<u>15</u>			ELECTRIC TEXACO POSTAL-SAM 21 team-DWARFs fld
OCT	18	19		
OCT	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>		SAM 26 JOHN POND COMMEMORATIVE Taft, Ca
NOV	1	<u>2</u>	11/2	NCFFC SGMA Sweeper (Dick Myers CD)
NOV	<u>8</u>	9		COLLECTO, SAM 21, LOS GATOS, Ca (Henry Smith)
NOV	15	16		
NOV	22	23		
NOV	29	30	Thursday 11/27	Thanksgiving Day
DEC	6	7		
DEC	13	14		
DEC	20	21		
DEC	27	28	Thursday 12/25	Christmas Day

SAM 21's Website:
www.SAM-21.ORG

Sam 21 Meeting Dates

7:30 p.m.

@ SARATOGA FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Corner Saratoga ave &
Sunnyvale-Saratoga Hwy

2008

January 24

February 28

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 20

(due to Thanksgiving Conflict)

December 18

(due to Christmas Conflict)

2008 GOODIE Schedule

Here are the choices for the year. I went by alphabetical order on the roster (but Started with me) excusing those who normally do not come to meetings on a regular basis.

If you cannot accommodate this schedule, then it will be your responsibility to Shang-Hi (uhh) persuade another member to take your place.

And If you feel 'The Call' (and aren't on this list), please call some unfortunate soul on the list and offer to take their place.

JANUARY	Gurney
FEB	Roselle
MARCH	open
APRIL	Joki
MAY	Leopold
JUNE	Lewis
JULY	Marshall
AUGUST	Mette
SEPT	Smith
OCT	Saso
<u>NOV</u>	<u>Vanderbeek</u>
DEC	Dowling



Minutes of the SAM 21 Meeting of October 23, 2008

Meeting called to order by President **Smith** at 7:25 p.m. at the Saratoga Fire House.

Introduction of Guests: Ellsworth Crowell, Members present - 16

Minutes of the September Meeting: Motion passed to accept the minutes as printed in the September Clipper – as prepared by Dave Lewis. Good Job! Thanks Dave.

Treasurer's report: For the period 9/24/08 to 10/23/08 – reported a beginning balance of \$3,858.69 and an ending balance of \$3,686.05. Additionally, the Secty reported that the membership stands at – 32 regular, 14 associate, 2 life, a total of 48

Contest Reports: **Lewis** reported on the Crash and Bash. He noted that the “open” format allowed by CD Ed Hamler worked well for SAM 21 members (allowing for attendance at Bill Hofstetter's funeral) but questioned the viability of the concept at future meets.

Scheduled Events: **Lewis** reported that the SAM 26 John Pond Commemorative meet will be held this coming weekend.

Other Reports: **Smith** reported that the Collecto is on schedule for 11/08/08. He noted that some early help will be needed to set up the Hofstetter silent auction. **Roselle** noted that Ken Kullman is suffering from serious macular degeneration and will no longer be actively flying. **Vanderbeek** will coordinate next year's SAM 21 contest date(s) at the Schmidt Ranch with the NCFE contest schedule committee. **Von Kinsky** submitted a draft of the proposed 100 plus Texaco rules.

Old Business: **Gurney** noted that he was set the schedule and pay for the room for the next year.

New Business: **Clipper** Editor **Roselle** led a discussion of “unauthorized” electronic distribution of the Clipper. Consensus was that it is OK to have the Clipper put up on the SAM website. If we experience a reduction in Associates sometime we will reconsider.

Break:— our thanks to **Dave Saso** for the goodies and of course **Lescher** for the coffee

Show and Tell: **Roselle** presented an electric re-powered Foote Westerner noted it is now a strong performer; **Smith** presented an electrified Gas Bag 350 he has prepared for electric Texaco; **Chichilitti** showed an E-Flight foamie which he had lighted with GloWire(.com) for night flying (but didn't fly it?); **Vanderbeek** noted that Chinmay had done well as a member of the Junior World FF champs team in Europe and **Chinmay** displayed his “Astro Star” FF pow-



ered by a Cyclon .06; **Vanderbeek** also described his trailer troubles on his way home from the Nats – a REALLY flat tire! Lescher noted his trip to the Hiller Aviation Museum.

Nomination of SAM 21 officers for 2009: Nominated were: President – Copeland; Vice President – Lewis, Gurney; Secty Treas – Vanderbeek/Jaju? Election to be completed at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 20th, at the Fire House in Saratoga, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Copeland





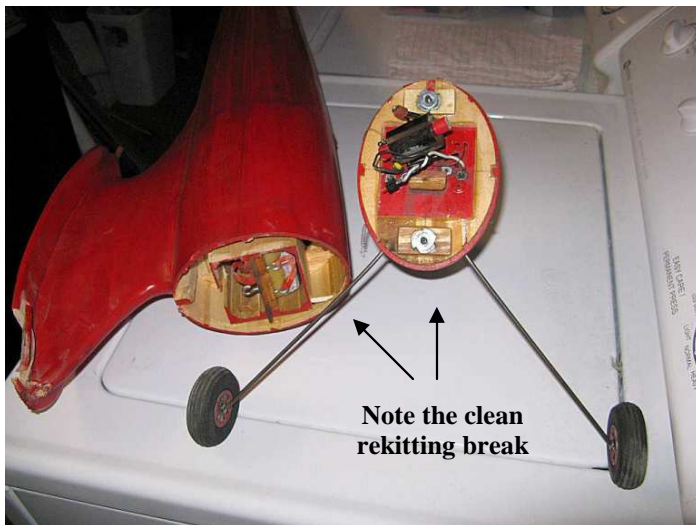
Rosy's Outlook

NOVEMBER 2008

Winter rains had decended upon the SF bay area several weeks ago—and needed they were for we are facing drought conditions if this year is not very wet. However a severe occurrence of Indian Summer has bathed the land in dry warmth for the last fortnight. Would you believe 87 degree temps in the middle of November?

33rd JOHN POND Commemorative SAM 26 TAFT OCT 25/26

Weather calm and not to cold not to hot. Turnout— not many bothered to attend. Maybe 12 flyers. I shagged a ride with Dave Lewis when it became obvious that his 5 large models plus my complement were not going to fit my new trailer in its present configuration. Gas has become amazingly cheap so it was not big thing. Highlight at the banquet was the raffling off of many engines—I think from the Don Barrick collection. Three flyers turned out for Electric Texaco on Saturday but one forgot his batteries. That left two. My newly rebuilt and remotored Foot Westerner performed admirably in its 2nd maiden voyage. I was not so fortunate in C LER Ignition when my Sailplane went out of control on launch due to failure to engage brain before release. Flying mode 2 on a mode 1 transmitter is a quick



recipe for disaster. The damage was actually quite

minimal because the aged glue joints holding the firewall releases for a very clean break. Dave had equipment problems and only got one of three models airborne. Sunday will be better, right? Wrong. During an aborted engine run due to timer error (yes here—see my raised hand?) as I was requesting a reflight from the on site CD Bob Angel, I heard a thump in the direction of Dave Bomber. Seems his tail-feathers mount let go and down she went. Landing a the edge of the cleared area in heavy dust/dirt, again damage was minimal but a showstopper for the day. Grand finalli on my part was to wipe out the Westerner by launching the LMR model with Computer radio set for the S400 model. Elevator was reversed resulting a big wipe-out. Witht e two I broke in September at the Champs I have only two competition models left. Time to rebuild the fleet over the winter.

Lessons learned—the hard way:

- 1—Anderson Pylon Texaco—Rx battery failure at altitude (at SAM Champs)
USE a load meter on all flight batteries—Tx & Rx—
EVERY TIME!
- 2—Playboy Cabin Electric—Wing failure during glide—Wing was stressed in a landing cartwheel the previous flying session & fuselage repaired.
CAREFULLY examine the wing spar structure before further flights.
- 3—Sailplane on Mode 1—pilot on Mode 2—
Standardize all models. As much as I prefer it,
Looks like I'll have to abandon Mode 1 flying..
Most Transmitters are delivered as Mode 2—flight controls on right stick & Throttle on Left stick. It's a buggar to change over the transmitter internally so I've been getting lazy and just flying whatever mode is offered. UUUUUNT!

- 4—Foote Westerner - Elevator reversed—
Double check computer radio configurations for proper model—
then perform a full controls check prior to flight.

Yes, I know. There is no excuse for this one.
Eternal Vigilance!!! snr

**OFFICER ELECTIONS this month
Be at the Nov meeting—or be Railroaded!**



SAM 21 MECA COLLECTO 08 Nov

Turnout was a full house and a good time was had by all.



The club placed over 60 of the late Bill Hofstetter's engines and a dozen models on Silent auction, plus other support stuff on normal sale. 45 of the engines were sold outright netting a tidy sum for Bill's wife Jane and the club. Details next issue.

Walt Gurney (below) sets up the auction with



prepared auction sheets. The process went very well. **Brian Sergeant** (not pictured) assisted Walt in setting up and both efforts were greatly appreciated. The rest of the engines will be sold on EBAY this coming month so checkout my EBAY handle - '[rosy](#)' for the items as they come up.

Dave Lewis & I had picked up Bill Models & engines

a week before the Collecto, then I inventoried and sorted everything in preparation for the auction. After the Collecto I spent several days at Jane's cleaning up the machine shop for disposition and uncovered even more model related items. Those mostly will appear over the next few months at club meetings so that members can take home a bit of Bill's handiwork home with them—and in the process maybe contribute a nominal sum for the cause. Remaining shop tools will be disposed via Craig's list or local sale.

We owe Jane Hofstetter a big Thank You for her kindness in remembering SAM 21.

Letter from Bob Metzger 10-01-2008

Hi Janet,

It was nice seeing all of the California folks at Muncie this year, sure miss you all back here but I still would not move back. I hope you enjoyed your vacation and you all had safe trips back home. Judy & I are going to try our best to make at least one more trip to Vegas & the Ranch to fly again before gas & old age catches up to us.

Here is my \$15 for your monthly newsletter. It's still the best one I've read. Tell everyone Hi for us, and we will see you again either at Vegas or Muncie.

Take Care.

Bob & Judy Metzger
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Hi Bob & Judy, We're glad to see you again at Muncie. Glad you like the Clipper. The dues are \$15 per year for Associates, so welcome back! I'll send you an Email copy as well as the US Postal version. Let me know which one is better for you. Hope to meet up again out West next year! Steve



images from SAM 26 TAFT - and beyond!



< Lewis likes to infect us with Valley Fever Spores resident in the Condor Field dust

Lewis chats with Hardy > Robinson who's tweaking the Brown Jr. in his Trentor Terror.



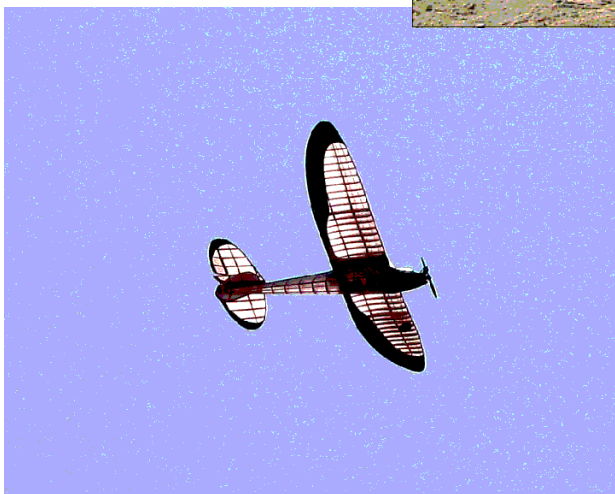
Hardy's R-40 sailplane > majestically swirls past.

< Lewis's Bomber had an 'Immaculate Arrival' after the tail mount broke off.



Kitty Litter plant in background.

DICK FISCHER preps his gorgeous JASCO Flamingo powered by Brown Jr. Pink silk is iridescent in the morning sunlight. Dick had several engine aborts before discovering that the stick he placed in the tank filler cap to allow vent air, had slipped out causing the engine to pull a vacuum in the tank until fuel flow would quit. He allowed as how he should drill a small bleed

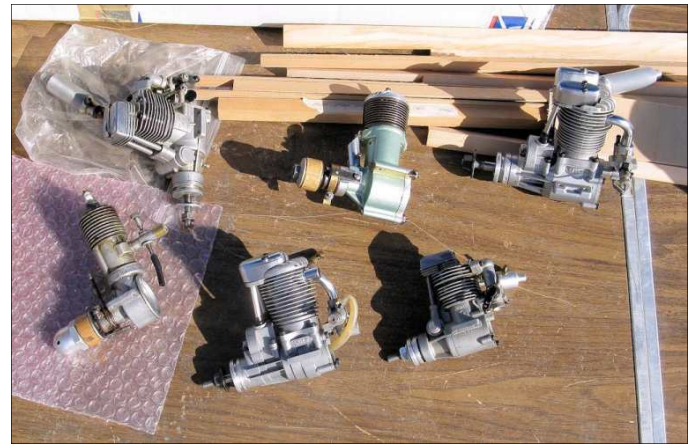


hole in the cap to do it right in the future.

< The flamingo in flight.

Engine man Lewis starts the engine in Dick & Anne's pretty RC-1 >





Above: SAM 26 editor and C.D. Bob Angel prepares to fire up his hot glow Playboy

Top Rt: Don Barricks engines were raffled off to a small crowd at the Saturday evening banquet.

Rt Dale Tower displays his humongous Lanzo Bomber converted from a Texaco Gassie to electric power. When this monster takes to the air, the rest of us small airplane flyers are doomed!

True or not - It's a great story!

The Whale

A female humpback whale had become entangled in a spider web of crab trap sand lines.

She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farallon Islands (outside the Golden Gate in San Francisco) and radioed for help.

Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her; a very dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer.

They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her.

When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles.

She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, nudged them, and pushed gently, thanking them.

Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives.

The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.....

**May you, and all those you love, be so fortunate...
to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled
from the things that are binding you.
And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.**



One Hundred Plus TEXACO

by Bob VonKonsky >>

A Contest for Antique Model Airplanes with an original wingspan of 100 inches and over, and built prior to January 1943.

Criteria:

- 1) No scaling up or down.
Copies of original plans or SAM approved plans must be used.
- 2) Any size internal combustion engine can be used.
The cubic inch displacement is the contestant's choice; however, the engine must stay within AMA insurance rules.
- 3) Fuel: Contestant's choice.
- 4) Fuel allotment is 1/8 ounce of fuel for every pound of the plane's weight, rounded to the nearest pound.
- 5) No model weight limit; however, the weight must stay within AMA insurance rules.
- 6) Each contestant gets two flights. The best time of the two flights will be counted. The two flight times will not be added together.
- 7) Each contestant is allowed two attempted flights. An attempted flight is a flight aborted within one minute of take off.
- 8) This event is automatically voided and cancelled if any of the above criteria is ever changed.



Bob VonKonsky is one of the founding members of SAM 21 and has always favored large models. Many years ago he flew a full sized RC Boehle Giant at the Salt Lake City Champs. The present seven pound maximum fuel allotment handicaps planes over 7 pounds due to reduced fuel allowed. Bob's proposed rules are formulated to circumvent the artificial restriction.

My only comment that it might be better to use a 4cc/pound formula to align it with current RC practice in the standard Texaco event. However, it was pointed out the FF still uses the 1/8 oz per pound of model weight figure.

I have a 113" Fiske Hanley '37 Texaco Winner under (extended) restoration, so let's have some discussion of Bob's proposal!

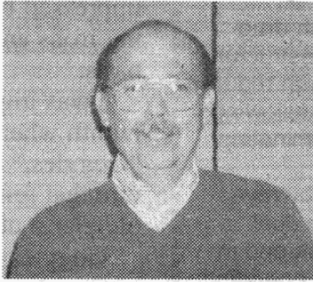
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Some qualifying plans for 100 plus Texaco Event

Old Timer Plans from John Pond catalogue

Catalog #	Name	Author	Date	Wing Span
70D2	Airborn	Chester Lanzo Plans	1939	114"
11C6	Aristocrat	Weiss (Model Airplane News)	2/1937	106"
32F7	Berryloid 1937	Winner Roll (Jasco 1938 yrbk)	1938	114"
32G7	Big Crate	Carlson (Aero Digest 1932)	1932	130"
1E5	Big Gull	Davis (MAN 7/1938)	1938	152"
7B2	Cavalier	Berkeley Model Supply	1936	108"
7B4	Cavalier Custom	Berkeley Model Supply	1937	108"
32G6	Cavalier Custom Twin	Berkeley Model Supply	1942	108"
5G6	Champion	Shereshaw (Flying Aces)	4/1937	108"
1G5	Dallaire Sportster	Dallaire Model Aircraft	1937	108"
11C7	Dolphin	Petrides (MAN)	7/1939	108"
8E2	Giant	Boehle (Jasco 1937 yrbk)	1937	176"
2G4	Herkey	Mel Yates	1938	108"
32F4	KG2	Kovel/Grant (MAN 4/1935)	4/1935	120"
64C1	MG	Michael Graneiri	1935	108"
504	Miss Model Craftsman II	Schaeedig (10/1936)	1936	108"
3C1	Nimbus	Shereshaw (MAN 6/1937)	1937	120"
11F3	Oriole	Avion Model Aircraft	1938	120"
81A4	PE-54	LeModele Reduiz D'Avion	?	100"
1E7	RC1	Ben Shereshaw	1940	120"
62F7	Racer	Chester Laanzo Plans	1936	144"
9G2	Radio Control Model	Desoto Air Trails	5/1939	162"
32E2	Super Doffin	Petrides (MAN 41)	1941	113"
9C5	Ten Foot Gas Model	Mel Yates	?	120"
4G1	Texaco	1937 Winner Hanley (Air Trails)	7/1938	113"
5B1	Valkyrie	Goldberg (Air Trails)	9/1938	120"
2F6	XP-3 Pusher	Shereshaw (ModelBuilder Handbook) ?		120"





CHARLES "CHRIS" CRITCH

Charles "Chris" Critch age, 77, passed away Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 in Paradise, CA where he lived for 21 years. He was born Oct. 18, 1931 in Medford, MA.

He was a former resident of Lafayette. He was in the Air Force during the Korean War and was a graduate of NC State University. Chris worked for the Dept. of Transportation for over 25 years. His passion in life was building and flying model airplanes.

Chris was preceded in death by his son, James Critch; brother, George Critch and sister, Yolonda Lamboy. He leaves behind his loving companion, Ann (Nan) Heisinger; son, Jeffery Critch and his wife Carol Critch; grandson, Michael Critch; two sisters, Hellen DeVries and Marie Levy.

At his request, no ser-

11-08-2008

FRANK WOMACK WRITES: Enclosed obit was in Monday paper. I didn't know him but he'd been in my sons office some months ago and gave him (for me) these pics [above—snr captions]. I talked to him on phone & he had some severe, disabling health problems. Looks like Pond's station wagon in Background. Frank

For those who don't remember Critch:

For many years he was an avid competitor around Northern California. A close friend of John Pond, the pair many time flew Texaco together in chairs while BSing about everything from modeling, to women, to beer, to the sorry state of the nation. Critch pretty much quit the SAM movement sometime prior to Ponds death in 2002 for reasons unknown. I saw him occasionally at Collectos. snr

C. Critch SAM 21 "Ehling Contest: won 1980 SAM Champs C LER



C. Critch SAM 21 Circa 1980 contest San Luis Obispo Playboy Sr Class B ler

Don Bekins writes Steve,

We'll miss Ole Charlie. He always had a laugh and loved to give John Pond a hard time, kidding 'Pondy' constantly. He was a great builder, and, until he moved to Paradise, attended most of our SAM contests.

The car in the background is Don Bekins' old Oldsmobile diesel, with my Playboy Cabin and Playboy Pylon nearby. Charlie's favorite model was that Ehling he is holding in the picture. He did consistently well in contests with that model. Don



Southwest Regionals Model Airplane Championships
Eloy, Arizona
17, 18, 19 JAN 2009

3 Big contests:
 ~AMA/NFFS/SAM/FAC Free Flight
 ~FAI Free Flight
 ~RC SAM Old Timers

Info and picture history at: www.aalmps.com/swrintronu.htm

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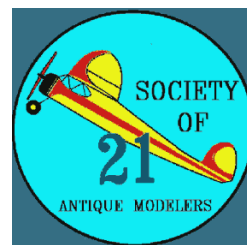
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Check one: NEW Member Returning member
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