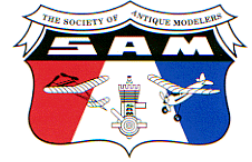




( Official  
newsletter of  
the  
"BlackJack"  
Club)

November 2012 # 023 cwc



# SAM 21 CLIPPER

Society of Antique Modelers

Chapter 21

AMA Charter Club No.1470



**Above:** The usual suspects attending the '21 Speed 400/1/2A contest at Dwarfs on 10-20-2012. Left to right they are: Henry Smith, Dr. Joe Poco, Dave Saso, Ted Kafer, Dave Lewis, your Ed, and Gary Leopold. Dave Brodsky was there to take this pic and

**Above:** 'How fast do you think it was going to make a hole like that?' See page 5 for more details ...

## ... in this issue:

- P.2 - ... 2012 SAM WESTERN REGION EVENT CALENDAR
- P.3 - ... OCTOBER MINUTES AND NOVEMBER AGENDA
- P.4 - ... FROM THE RIGHT SEAT - FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
- P.5 - ... 2012 SAM 21 SPEED 400/1/2A TEXACO CONTEST RESULTS
- P.6 - ... 2012 SAM 21 SPEED 400/1/2A TEXACO EVENT IN PICTURES
- P.7 - ... ANNOUNCING THE 2012 PIRATES WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT
- P.8 - ... SHADES OF THE 1940'S
- P.9 - ... SHADES OF THE 1940'S CONT'D
- P10 - ... OFFICER ELECTION BALLOT
- P11 - ... OFFICER ELECTION BALLOT
- P.12 - ...OFFICER ROSTER AND 2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 15, 7:00 pm

## SARATOGA FIRE HOUSE

Corner Saratoga Ave and Saratoga Hwy

*Park in rear and enter through front door*

**For the Goodie Schedule - see page 2**

Thanks to **Dave Saso** for the October "goodies"



# 2012 WEST COAST EVENT SCHEDULE

Revised 8/1/12 cwc (Italics are PRELIMINARY Dates - Subject to Change!)

Month	Sat	Sun	Event
JAN		1	
JAN	14	15	1/14-15 SOUTHWEST REGIONALS, Eloy Az
JAN	21	22	...
JAN	28	29	1/28 SAM 21 BANQUET— HOLDER's Country Inn, Cupertino
FEB	4	5	
FEB	11	12	
FEB	18	29	
FEB	25	26	
MAR	3	4	Sunday Only - SGMA Spring Contest FF/RC Waegell Field
MAR	10	11	
MAR	16	17	
MAR	24	25	SAM 26 SPRING ANNUAL RC Taft, Ca 805-739-0329
APR	7	8	(Easter Sunday )Sat Only NCFCC Sierra Champs - FF/RC Waegell
APR	14	15	
APR	21	22	
APR	28	29	Saturday Only 4/28 - SAM 21 Speed 400/1/2A TEXACO contest -
MAY	5	6	
MAY	12	13	(Sunday Mother's Day)
MAY	19	20	SAT 5/19 WINGS Of History OPEN HOUSE
MAY	26	27	FRIDAY 5/25 only - SAM 51 Fun Fly - (New) Woodland/Davis Field
JUNE	2	3	Saturday Only - Western States Champs - FF/RC Waegell Field
JUNE	9	10	SAM 21 RANCH ROMP - SCHMIDT RANCH - see flyer pg 9
JUNE	16	17	Monday 6/18 Father's Day
JUNE	23	24	FRIDAY 6/22 Only SAM 51 Fun Fly - Schmidt Ranch
JULY	4		Wednesday 7/4 Independence Day
JULY	7	1	
JULY	14	15	
JULY	21	22	
JULY	28	29	Saturday only - SAM 30 Fun Fly - Schmidt Ranch - see flyer pg 9
AUG	4	5	
AUG	11	12	
AUG	18	19	
AUG	25	26	
SEPT	1	2	Monday 9/3 Labor Day
SEPT	8	9	9th - 14th - SAM Champs, Muncie Indiana
SEPT	15	16	Sunday Only- SGMA Combo - O.T RC Assist, Waegell field
SEPT	22	23	21- 23 SAM 27 37th CRASH & BASH - Schmidt Ranch
SEPT		30	
OCT	6	7	
OCT	13	14	
OCT	20	21	Saturday 20 - SAM 21 S- 400 & 1/2A TEXACO contest—DWARFs
OCT	27	28	Oct 27 - 28 SAM 26 - JOHN POND COMMEM,(37th) Taft, CA
			Sunday Only- SGMA Fall Contest- O.T RC Assist, Waegell field
NOV	3	4	
NOV	10	11	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH - SAM 21 MECA COLLECTO
NOV	17	18	TAKE THE REST OF THE YEAR OFF ...
NOV	24	25	Thursday 11/22 Thanksgiving Day
DEC	3	4	
DEC	10	11	
DEC	17	18	
DEC	24	25	Tuesday 12-25 Christmas Day
JAN		1	NEW YEARS DAY 2013



VISIT SAM 21 Website:  
WWW.SAM-21.ORG

## 2012 Meeting Dates

7:00 p.m.

@ SARATOGA FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
Corner Saratoga Ave &  
Sunnyvale-Saratoga Hwy

January 26

February 23

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

**November 15**

(due to Thanksgiving Con-  
flict)

December 13

(due to Christmas Conflict)

## 2012 "GOODIE" Schedule

Here are the choices for the year, by "accident" excusing those who normally do not attend meetings on a regular basis.

If you cannot accommodate this schedule, then **it will be your responsibility to "volunteer"/coerce another member to take your place.** Don't say you weren't warned.

And, If you feel 'The Call' (and aren't on this list), please call one of the unfortunate souls on the list and offer to take their place. Note: there is a standby on call ...

JANUARY	Gurney
FEB	Roselle
MARCH	Sargent
APRIL	Alan Peterson
MAY	Leopold
JUNE	Lewis
JULY	Marshall
AUGUST	Chichilitti
SEPT	Henry Smith
OCT	Saso
NOV	Vanderbeek
DEC	Dowling
<b>Standby: Noel Eberhardt</b>	

## OCTOBER 25, 2012 MINUTES



Meeting called to order by President Brian **Sargent** at 7:00 PM. There were 12 members present plus two guests. They were introduced: Elvert **Crowell** and Ates **Gurcan**. Ates had his Thermic 50 with him. Minutes of the September meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved by voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Lescher **Dowling** reported we are still solvent and our membership remains the same at 47. Competition Report: Dave **Lewis** advised that the SAM 26's John Pond Commemorative Contest is scheduled for this coming weekend at Taft; Its always a well run event. Dave also reported on the SAM 21 Speed 400 and 1/2A contest at the Dwarfs Field; the results will be printed in the next issue of the club newsletter. He read off the results.

**Unfinished Business:** Bill **Copeland** spoke on the advertising for our Collecto coming up on November 10. Some discussion followed of various methods used in the past. Joki Estate: Dave **Lewis** passed around a proposal to pick up the models and other items from the Joki house with directions to Vander-Bend warehouse which is the site of our Collecto. The pickup of model stuff will be on November 8, a couple days before the Collecto. Several members agreed to be at the Joki house at 10AM on 11-8-12. Dave will arrange to have the warehouse unlocked and ready for the Joki models and stuff. Lunch may be furnished for the workers.

**New Business:** The question of whether dues should be increased was discussed at length and also the cost of mailing our "hard copies" of the newsletter. Lescher **Dowling** made a motion that we DO NOT increase the dues for next year. The motion was seconded and approved.

The subject of the nomination of officers for next year was brought up and for a while no one could be found to run for president. Many names were brought up with no agreement until finally Dave **Lewis** suggested that Gary **Leopold** and he could run for the office; the loser of the vote count would be vice-president. Both agreed to do this. Lescher **Dowling** said that he would agree to continue as Treasurer if he could give the coffee duties to someone else. This was agreed to and Brian **Sargent** volunteered for coffee duty. Dr Joe **Poco** agreed to run for Secretary. The ballot will be in the November issue of the newsletter.

Bill **Copeland** then suggested we issue a package for new members consisting of: name tag, t-shirt and a copy of the By-laws, etc. He then talked about setting up a Junior Membership if we ever get a teenage member. Fred **Terzian** reported on several programs and projects for youths flying at Waegell Field. He also told about trying to get some of his 10 grandchildren involved in modeling. Membership in AMA is free for anyone under 18. Fred also talked about a flying field for FF near Stanford Univ. using a dry lake bed. Waegell Field has a combination lock so a member of "Friends of Waegell" (AMA member) can fly there whenever they want.

Show & Tell: Lescher **Dowling** needs a copy of the Feb/March 1963 issue of Flying Models. Dr. Joe **Poco** passed around several old ignition engines given to him by a friend. Brian **Sargent** passed around a Herkimer OK 60 engine he picked up recently.

Respectfully submitted, Dave **Lewis**

## NOVEMBER 15, 2012 AGENDA

Call to order: Brian **Sargent**

Members present:

Guests present:

Introduction of guests.

Approval of minutes of the meeting of: 10/25/12

Treasurer's report: Lescher **Dowling**

Membership report: Lescher **Dowling**

Competition report: Dave **Lewis**:

A)

Unfinished Business/reports:

A) *Collecto Report*: **Dowling**

B) *Joki Estate Report*: **Dowling**

New business:

A) *Election of Officers for 2013/14*: **Sargent**

B) *2012 Annual Banquet Plan*: **Gurney**

C) *Pirates White Elephant event*: **Sargent**



**BREAK!!!**

Show and Tell: All

Program: TBD.

October Refreshments - Thanks to: **Dave Saso**

Coffee - by: SAM 21, courtesy of Lescher **Dowling**

Adjournment:

Next meeting: 12/13/12 (due to Christmas) at:  
7:00 pm, Saratoga Fire Department





## ...Notes From The Right Seat

As you probably know, the November meeting has a special purpose - election of officers.

In the past several years the 'election' turned out to be a 'no contest' event as only single (who really are married) candidates stepped forward for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year things are different.

In an effort to resolve the problem of no one stepping forward for the President's office, a deal was struck between Dave **Lewis** and Gary **Leopold** who agreed to both run for President, with the one with the most votes to be President for the next two years, and the one with the least votes would serve as Vice President. I think that they also threw in that for 2014 they would switch places? We'll clear that issue up sometime before November of 2013 ...

So, exercise your right and vote either by 'absentee' ballot (see pages 10 and 11), or in person by attending the meeting - and witness this historic event first hand.



**An advance notice:** The Pirates White Elephant 'gift' exchange event will be held during the December 13th meeting. See the flyer on page 7 for details.

So, start digging out those treasures and be ready for an evening of fun and good natured "Pirating". To entice you further, there is an unconfirmed rumor that the December meeting may also be - Pizza night? Stay tuned for breaking news ...



**... and now for this month's "Brain Freeze" award:**

All you ignition flyers out there, don't try this at home.

I am embarrassed to 'cop' to this, but recently, while trying to test run an Ohlsson .29, front rotor, I decided to mix a small amount (80cc) of new fuel to be sure it would be fresh. I carefully measured the recommended 3:1 mixture and loaded into the model's tank. I thought it looked kinda strange, but dismissed it as I had so carefully measured the Methanol and Castor oil.

All set up to run, I tried to hand prop the engine after choking appropriately - not even a pop.

Ok then, if it is going to be stubborn, get out the starter ...

Using the starter, still no pop, but the exhaust looked like the engine was foaming at the mouth??? I removed the spark plug to find it full of oil? This was my first clue. Just to be sure something 'strange' had not occurred, I tried the starter once more with the same result.

Back to the workbench to review everything. I finally realized that I had mixed the fuel 3:1 all right but, wait for it, 3 parts Castor to 1 part methanol ..... No pop, no wonder.

I now have the best lubed OR.29 in existence.

I am happy to report that subsequent tests with the proper fuel mixture were successful.

Support Our Advertisers ...

## From The October Meeting ...



Dr Joe: "... what do you mean I just volunteered to be Secretary?"



Left: Displayed by Brian Sargent, was this **Herkimer, OK .60**

Right: Dr. Joe displayed a rather rare '**Little Dynamite**', thought to be a 1939 model manufactured by Bob **Brown**. Note the 'updraft' carb. He also brought a **Bantam .19** and a **Torpedo .19**



Fine Products From

**Klarich**  
CUSTOM KITS

2301 Sonata Drive - Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**ANTIQUE - OLD TIMER - NOSTALGIA MODELS**

Send \$4.00 for price list of over 500 Short Kits

E-mail - [klarichkits@Gmail.com](mailto:klarichkits@gmail.com)  
Web Site - [Klarichkits.com](http://Klarichkits.com)  
916) 635-4588



# RESULTS - SAM 21 SPEED 400 AND 1/2A TEXACO CONTEST OCTOBER 20, 2012 - DWARFS FIELD

SPEED 400 EVENT							
	FLIER	MODEL	AREA	FLITE #1	FLITE #2	FLITE #3	TOTAL
#1	Henry Smith	Hedy	340	9:25	11:00	15:00	26:00
#2	Ted Kafer	Red Ripper	- -	8:59	15:00	10:05	25:10
#3	Joe Poco	Footie Westerner	320	9:26	8:39	7:47	18:05
#4	Dave Saso	Dallaire	320	3:54	4:05	4:33	8:38
#5	Dave Brodsky	Red Ripper	--	8:13	--	--	8:13
#6	Bill Copeland	Viking	--	DNF			
#7	Henry Smith	Alert	284	DNF			
1/2 A TEXACO EVENT							
#1	Dave Lewis	Anderson Pylon	310	5:51	10:39	--	16:30
#2	Dave Saso	Rambler	280	7:17	8:48	4:33	16:05
#3	Gary Leopold	Rambler	295	DNF			

(Results courtesy of Competition Coordinator, Dave Lewis)



**Left:** Turns out the most exciting thing at the contest was the discovery of a good sized tarantula - like no one had seen one before???



**Above:** Everyone reads the *Clipper* ... (our latest 'honorary' member)



**Right:** Is Henry Smith holding up the post, or is the post holding up Henry???



**See more Pictures on page 6**







Above: Right to left, Gary **Leopold**, Dave **Brodsky**, Dr. Joe POCO and your editor, Judging the 'swimsuit' competition?



Above: Dangerous Dave **Brodsky** - surgery?



Above: Right to left, Gary **Leopold**, Dr. Joe **Poco**, Dave **Lewis** - We've all heard of the 'three tenors'. Well, here's the three timers. That's Dave **Saso** (Mr. Erratic) 'flying', or should we say - with a transmitter in his hands ...



Above: Dave **Lewis** and Dave **Saso** looking over the competition



Above: Left to Right, Dave **Brodsky**, Ted Kafer, Henry Smith - time to re-program



**The '21 PIRATES WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE  
is scheduled to happen again at the DECEMBER 13th meeting**

**It is always a hoot!**

**Here are the details:**

**Bring a hobby related wrapped gift of at least \$20 value.**

**Used items are fine as well as new ones.**

Playing order is drawn from a hat and #1 selects a gift and unwraps it.

#2 has the option of grabbing a new gift or Pirating #1's selection.

Ditto for # 3 who either selects a new gift or robs a gift from #1 or #2.

This goes on until all gifts are opened.

Once a player has possession of a particular gift 3 times,

it belongs to them and is out of play (and so are they).

Bring a pen and mark your gift with your initials in case it is stolen from you.

The trick is to then select another gift which has a good chance of being pirated.

That way you can get your original gift back.

As you might imagine, the action gets WILD for certain items.

**Remember**, you can not take a stolen gift directly back,

It must first pass through a third party's hands.

Sound complex?

**Naaa!.... *it's a bunch of fun!***

**December 13, 2012**





# Shades Of The 1940's - The Beginnings ...

On these two pages is featured photos from the late 1940's from the generously provided personal album of Dr. Jack **Volponi** who was a very active free flight competitor, mainly in Northern California. You will find pictures of such recognized names as Don **Foote**, Joe **Bilgri**, John **Drobshof** as well as Dr. **Volponi**, and our own Dr. Joe **Poco**. Since your editor was himself an active free flyer during this period, the chance to resurrect and publish these pictures brought back many happy memories of having the opportunity of flying with history - don't forget that these pictures are at least 65 years old !



**Above:** The great modeler, Don **Foote** with his signature Westerner, Note the stabilizer - not the one in plans currently published ...



**Above:** Don **Foote**, left, poses with Dr. **Volponi** and his Class B Westerner 'in the weeds'



**Left:** Dr. to be, Joe **Poco** with his 'mystery ship' - can't remember what the model was???



**Above:** Dr. **Volponi** and his Class B Westerner receiving an award at Mather AFB meet from an unidentified person



**Above:** free flight modeler John **Drobshof**



**Right:** Dr. to be, Joe **Poco** with his Comet Zipper







**Left: Dr Poco's 'mystery ship' detailing the tube driven receiver**



**Right and Right below:**  
Thought to be the first, or one of the first, radio controlled model in Livermore - note Xmtr and antenna with model, upper right, in the lower picture



**Above: Dr. Volponi tunes up his Class B Westerner using his 'state of the art' starter, featuring a full size, 6v automotive battery and a rather long extension shaft on the automotive starter motor**



**Above: Joe Liebee prepares to launch his Comet Sailplane**

**Right and all Below: A well known free flight and indoor modeler of the day, Joe Bilgri**



**Above: The widely known free flight modeler Joe Bilgri on the right in the fedora. On the far left, Dr. Volponi ??**



# Official Ballot

**SAM 21, 2012**

FOR THE  
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT  
VOTE FOR 1(ONE) ONLY

GARY LEOPOLD

DAVE LEWIS

(The Candidate receiving the least number of votes will be Vice President)

Secretary;  Dr. Joe Poco (unop) Treasurer:  Lescher Dowling (unop)

Ballots Must Be Postmarked By: **November 12th** to be counted

Or contact Brian Sargent with your vote:

Tele: 408-656-3662

E-Mail: [bhsargent@gmail.com](mailto:bhsargent@gmail.com)







# Official Election Ballot

Brian Sargent  
15575 Upper Ellen Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95033



45 cents





45 cents

**Here's Your Copy of the November, 2012 SAM 21 Clipper**  
(Read at your own risk!)

***First Class***

**PRESIDENT: Brian Sargent:** 15575 Upper Ellen Road Los Gatos, CA 95033 Tele: 408-353-1977 E-Mail: bhsargent@gmail.com  
**VICE PREZ: Jake Chichilitti:** 509 Cambridge Street Belmont, CA 94002 Tele: 650-595-8105 E-Mail: jake.chichilitti@yahoo.com  
**SECRETARY: Dave Lewis:** 2925 Miles Drive Santa Clara, CA95051 Tele: 408-246-2257 E-mail: lewis966@att.net  
**TREASURER: Lescher Dowling:** 1122 Merrimac Drive Sunnyvale, CA 94087 Tele:408-739-0652 E-mail: lescher2@aol.com  
**EDITOR: Bill Copeland:** 4863 Primrose Lane, Livermore, Ca 94551 Tele: 925-321-1552; **Toll free - 1- 866-672-2672;** E-mail:bnbent@pacbell.net  
**Competition Coordinator: Dave Lewis:** 2925 Miles Drive Santa Clara, CA95051 Tele: 408-246-2257 E-mail: lewis966@att.net

## **SAM 21 - 2013 Membership Application Form**



Check one:  NEW Member  RETURNING Member  
Check one:  FULL Member \$25  ASSOCIATE Member \$15 (newsletter only)

SAM No. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Req'd if full)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Treasurer:  
Lescher Dowling  
1122 Merrimac Drive  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

