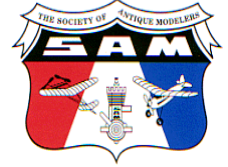




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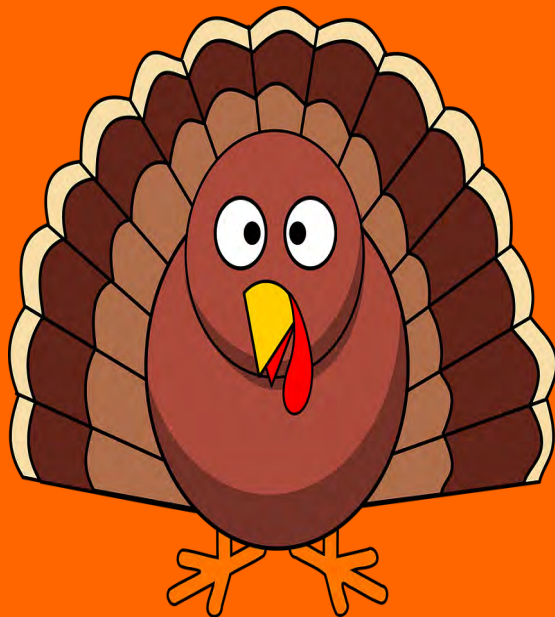
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Chapter 21

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**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday November 19, 7:00 pm**

**Saratoga Fire House**

The January Meeting Schedule and Announcements are:

See Page 10 for more information: ( )

See Page 10 for Annual Goodie Schedule

**Meeting Cancelled**



## Results - John Pond Commemorative OT/RC Contest XLIV

EVENT	SHIP	SIZE	ENGINE	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
<b>AIGNITION</b>								Or flyoff*
1. Phil B. & Dale t.	Stardust Spl.	425	ED Diesel	7:00	7:00			14:00
2. Dave Warner	Airborn	490	Shilen 19	LOF	0			0
<b>B GLOW</b>								
1. Dave Warner	Bomber	658	S. Tigre 29	8:00	8:00			6:35 *
2. Phillip Stephens	Stardust Spl.	465	Nova Rossi	2:14	8:00	8:00		? *
<b>CIGNITION</b>								
1. Phillip Stephens	Bomber	1207	McCoy 60	09:00	9:00			18:00
2. Rick Holman	Bomber	1230	McCoy 60	5:53	4:33	0:40		10:26
3. Phil B. & Dale T.	Bomber	1186	Edco 65	Att.	8:50	O'run		8:50
4. Dave Warner	VTail Swallow	794	Hunter 0.60	LOF				0
<b>TEXACO</b>								
1. Dave Warner	Airborn	900	Saito 45 FS	24:23				24:23
2. Steve Roselle	Anderson Pyl.	1190	O&R 60 SP	8:03				8:03
<b>E TEXACO</b>								
1. Dave Warner	Sailplane	906	Cobra 2418	1:04:16				1:04:16
2. Steve Roselle	Anderson Pyl.	1525	Neu	42:02				42:02
3. Brian Chan	Lanzo RC-1	1010	Neu 1506	33:58				33:58
4. Phil B. & Dale T.	Stardust Spl.	1450	Neu	Att.	0:45			0:45
5. Jim Wiseman	Bomber	630	-	LOF				0
6. Bob Galler	Dallaire Sport	1500	AXI	LOF				0
<b>O&amp;R SIDEPORT</b>								
1. Phillip Stephens	Benny Boxcar	680	O&R 60		0:16			0:16
<b>O.T. GLIDER</b>								
1. Larry Jolly			Winch	10:00	10:00	10:00		30:00
1. Jim Wiseman	Wind Drifter	916	"	10:00	10:00	10:00		30:00
1. Brian Chan	Oly II	928	"	10:00	10:00	10:00		30:00
4. Dan Nolan	Gentle Lady		"	10:00	10:00	9:57		29:57
5. Steve Roselle	Spirit	6'	"	10:00	1:51			11:51
6. Bob Galler	Windfreak	1400	"	3:50	-			3:50
7. Bob Galler	Fillon Champ.	1100	"	2:14	0:24			2:38
<b>SPEED 400</b>								
1. Rick Holman				2:38	10:00	10:00		20:00
2. Larry Jolly				4:53	10:00	10:00		20:00
3. Jim Wiseman	Fubar	410	S-400	7:09	8:34			15:43
4. Dave Warner				6:70	5:33	5:00	7:33	13:33
5. Jay Higgs	Simplex	300		2:50	4:30	5:10	5:16	10:26
6. Phillip Stephens				2:52				2:52
7. Phil B. & Dale T.				0:15				0:15

## Sunday Events - Pond Commemorative Contest

EVENT	SHIP	SIZE	ENGINE	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
<b>A GLOW LER</b>								
Unflown								
<b>BIGNITION</b>								
1. Phil B. & Dale T.				7:53	8:00	8:00		16:00
<b>C GLOW</b>								
Unflown								
<b>ANTIQU</b>								
Unflown								
<b>½A TEXACO</b>								
1. Phil B. & Dale T.				8:42				8:42
<b>½A SCALE</b>								
Unflown								
<b>Elect. LMR</b>								
1. Brian Chan				10:00	10:00			20:00
2. Steve Roselle				7:32	9:35	8:48		18:23
3. Bob Galler				7:02	10:00	LOF		17:02
<b>BROWN LER</b>								
Unflown								
<b>SPEED 400 (B)</b>	<b>2 Min Run</b>							
1. Steve Roselle				9:14	8:02			17:16
2. Brian Chan				6:04	5:48			

O'run = engine over run (0 score). LOF= Landed Out of the Field limits. (0 score).

## 2020 Meeting Dates

7:00 p.m.

@ SARATOGA FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

Corner of Saratoga Ave &  
Sunnyvale-Saratoga Hwy

January 23

February 27

March 26

April 23

May 28

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 19

(For Thanksgiving)

December 17

(For Christmas)

## 2020 "GOODIE" Schedule

Here are the assignments for 2020, 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 or the 'Standby' and offer to take their place.

JANUARY — Eberhardt

FEBRUARY — Martinez

MARCH — Shekell

APRIL — Dowling

MAY — Leopold

JUNE — Lewis

JULY — Eberhardt

AUGUST — Gurney

SEPTEMBER — Peco

OCTOBER — Chan

NOVEMBER — Sargent

DECEMBER — Dowling



# Important Club Announcement..

It was suggested that SAM21 will reduce the 2021 membership fee to **\$10.00** ( both Full and Associate Memberships) as long as we do not have a general meeting. The major expenses are the monthly meeting room rental fee and supplies for the meetings. Some of the funding also goes towards the contests and Annual banquet. The officers will revisit the dues situation in October 2021.

Please use the renewal form on the last page of the Clipper to renew your SAM21 membership. Both AMA and SAM memberships can be renewed on-line.

### SAM:

<http://www.mysamstore.com/> click on the upper left "Join/Renew Membership"

It will redirect you to a renewal form. Fill in the form and click on the "submit form" button. The next page will be to select the online/print option. After that it will direct you to Paypal page to pay the dues.

### AMA:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll> click on the left "Renew A Membership" blue box and follow the instruction.

Since the December meeting/ White elephant party seems unlikely as of today. Also the Award Banquet does not look too promising, No restaurant is open for a big party like that. Only one contest was held in 2020 and only two members participated in that one contest. **Therefore the Award Banquet will not be held in January 2021.**

## Member wellness

SAM21 ex-President **Ken Martinez** had a bypass surgery couple weeks ago and he is recovering well, but is house-arrested in SF for 4 more weeks.



## SAM News:

**SAM CHAMPS 2021** is planned for Muncie. The dates of **13-17 September** have been requested, but have not been confirmed by AMA. Other than that, 2021 may turn out to be a very unpredictable year for almost anything.

**THE WESTERN SAM CHAMPS** will not be happening until 2022. Meanwhile, SAM President Bob Galler is looking into an alternate location from the Boulder City dry lake, which is shrinking due to "progress". He's spotted a location centered around the City of Ridgway in the South East corner of Colorado. He feels they have good facilities and space to accommodate us. It's about a day farther drive from the West coast but closer for the Easterners.

**BUT IN EARLY 2021**, the SAM RC portion of the annual Southwest regionals is in danger of being dropped for lack of potential participation. Walt Angus distributed a request to any and all potential attendees to send him a signal, if you'd plan to attend if it happens. So if you'd like to see it continued on **16-18 January**, please let Walt know @ [SAM26Walt@gmail.com](mailto:SAM26Walt@gmail.com), or 480-200-8832, or P.O. Box73215, Phoenix AZ 85050.

## Safety Reminder...



**Keep those hands clean  
And  
faces masked!**



# 2020 John Pond Commemorative Contest Report.

Bob Angel

Borrowed from the Coastal Flyer, Newsletter of SAM 26. Editor: Bob Angel. Thank you, Bob.

## **JOHN POND NARRATIVE: Contest Directors report.**

Having had little actual flying adventures this year, we'll use up a little more white space this time to report the contest. Several people pointed out that this was probably the only 2 day SAM old timer RC contest of the year for California and many other areas. I'll describe some of the different things we did because of the Covid 19 impact and how it worked out. Maybe some of the changes will have to be carried over into next year, depending on such diverse factors, as the direction of the epidemic, government expansion into our lives (FAA) and maybe even election results.

Incidentally, speaking of the FAA, I suggest everyone read the AMA district ten report on page 111 of November's Model aviation. It describes a scary situation for the future of our hobby, and outlines some defense strategies, which in this case were successful.

THE TURNOUT was better than we originally expected. Apparently there was pent up interest in getting out and flying, as we had what has become a modest but average turnout of 15 registered fliers. Steve Roselle and Brian Chan were first time attendees at this venue. And we were happy to welcome back Phillip Stephens after he'd wandered off for a few years to pursue model railroading while starting a family.



Here's the flight line setup. The table in the foreground has each events scoresheets on clipboards. Timers walked over and verbally reported each score to the CD who recorded it on the master score sheet. This eliminated the need for time cards

and multiple paperwork handling. The camera lens makes spacing look tighter than it actually was.

**COVID ACCOMODATIONS:** First of all the field itself is ideally located and setup for air flow. The airstrip and long row of sheltered work benches is angled just a few degrees off the prevailing wind direction, so that people are seldom downwind of others exhaust systems. We had to cancel both the free lunch, and the Saturday evening banquet. The free lunch was reduced to a box of individually wrapped protein bars to sustain energy until dinner time.

A variety of sanitizers was provided, including commercial hand sprays. I sampled several brands after returning a big gallon jug of one product that dried nicely on your hands, but reeked heavily of perfume afterward. Watch out for "fragrance" on labels. Most contain aloe vera and other skin softeners which prevents too much skin drying. But personally I prefer plain old rubbing alcohol, or in this case pure ethanol, with added water. Another spritzer of pure methanol was provided for use on equipment, as it leaves no residue and dries faster than water, so it doesn't leave goop on your equipment. Big red X's were marked on that spritzer, as methanol is poisonous on skin. Also wet hand sanitizers and Hydrogen Peroxide were available at the contest branch headquarters over under the main canopy. Oddly, most people seemed secure enough that little of these products got used. I'd brought extra face masks, "Just in case", but everyone brought masks and wore them most of the time.

**COMMUNICATIONS** helped a lot. The event was originally scheduled for March, but we were one of the first AMA sanctioned contests to have to cancel due to the Covid outbreak.

The original contest flyer had been printed in other newsletters. I issued a revised flyer showing changes for the new schedule asking people to check in with me if they planned on coming. Everyone was on Email and it so happened that all who declared were able to show up. We had just one added guy who joined us from the Greenfield club. I'd made up a group Email address list and sent out several updates as the contest approached. There was some back and forth with a suggestion and/or question or two.



**REDUCED PAPER HANDLING:** With no time cards, we still needed airplane details in order to complete the competition report on pages 2 and three above. So I made up an Entry Sheet and attached it to one of the Email updates to all participants, asking that it be filled out and emailed back if possible before the contest. A few came back and were downloaded at home. A few more were handed in already filled out at the field and a few more were made out by the contestants at the field. I'd filled in the AMA form 10 report at home with names, addresses, etc., so that all each contestant had to do was apply their signature. We jacked up the event fees from 8 bucks to ten, with a \$40 max, asking guys to bring \$10 bills to minimize money handling. It worked, and I had to make no change. One entrant had even mailed a check to my house.

**THE DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE:** We'd announced that four SAM competition kits donated by Charlie Applebaum would be given as door prizes. Each entrant received one free ticket and none were sold. One kit was missing plans, so I added a fifth. Someone else (Steve Hulse, I believe) donated an unopened gallon of glow fuel.

Since all entrants were present Saturday and some would be gone Sunday we started drawing for prizes Saturday. It wasn't particularly safe and probably impossible to gather all together for the drawing, so we just began drawing tickets quietly, chasing down the winner and letting him come pick a prize and draw the next name. Each winners ticket was then retired, to allow a better chance for the others.

Meanwhile Brian Chan had brought out a big bunch of engines, coils, and assorted other items for sale which SAM 21 had taken over to help the late Gary Leopold's wife (Mary Lou, I believe) recirculate via sale and re-distribution to other SAM members. Several items were sold and a couple of nice competition type engines were later donated to the raffle. So it happened that the early raffle winners were not necessarily the luckiest, since those later items went to those who hadn't yet won. But that's the nature of gambling. With the added door prizes, just over half the entrants had won something. Bob Galler donated a metal Texaco sign for E Tex.

**BUZZARDS:** - I think they prefer the more refined term Turkey Vultures. I arrived at the field Friday afternoon, to see large flocks (50 or more per group) of vultures circling in abundant thermals. The scene was repeated many times Saturday and Sunday. I believe this was part of their annual migration south, as all groups eventually moved off to the south. They apparently just enjoy the leisure of circling in one

place for a while, striking up new friendships and getting acquainted as they go. They seemed comfortable with our models joining and flying with them. Later a few red tailed hawks joined in and stirred up a little trouble by making some aggressive passes and fake attacks.

**DEHYDRATION:** Saturday, close to quitting time, Rick Holman had his legs sort of go to sleep and had to be helped to walk off the field. He'd driven up bringing son-in law Phillip Stephens who had to do the drive home. I talked to Rick Monday and he said he was back to normal and hadn't had to seek medical aid. Before we talked, Rick and I had separately concluded that the problem was most likely one of the odd symptoms of dehydration. It hadn't been particularly hot, but by being extra active and not getting around to drinking enough water it can happen. You don't necessarily feel thirsty for this to happen. But one signal to watch for, is you should have to make at least a couple of "pit stops" during the day, or you're probably short on water.

**PROBLEMS** with engines and batteries seemed to crop up more frequently than usual, possibly aided by lack of recent flying and maintenance. No hands in props or fatal crashes. Your CD was a little "loopy" from a recent bout with an infected tooth the week before the contest resulting in two dentists prescribing three antibiotic series, with two overlapping, plus some other pills. I questioned this, but they swore it was the right thing. I made several little errors over the weekend, but if you didn't notice, I'll not flag them for you.



**This Saturday turnout was reduced quite a bit on Sunday.**

**WEATHER** was near perfect, with light jackets needed in the mornings and peak temperature around the low 70's each day. Light breezes and lots of thermals, with many large groups of buzzards showing the size and shape of the thermals while sharing them with us as well.

I thank all attendees for your cooperative efforts which helped make this happen.

Bob Angel, C.D.



# Pond Contest Pictures



The pit area of the Greenfield Flyer RC Club.



CD Bob Angel on duty station.



Steve snapped a photo of Brian (me) flying the E-  
Tex event.



Bob Galler's Wind Freak glider.



Dave Warner with Airborne. Bob Galler and Larry Jolly in the background.



Steve Roselle retrieving his Anderson Pylon after the Texaco event.



SAM Prez Bob Galler with his 1946 Fillon Champion glider. The only old time glider at the meet.





**Bob Galler, Larry Jolly and Jim Wiseman.**



**Phil Bernhardt, Stardust Special and Dale Tower.**



**Larry Jolly's V-Tail Bird Of Time. A Thornburg/Jolly collaboration.**



**Team Warner and the V-Tail Swallow.**



**Philip Stephens, "The Bomber" and Rick Holman.**



**Smiling Dave Warner with the E-Tex trophy donated by Bob Galler. Dave won the Sweepstake by 1 point!**

## Inputs from Members

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**Don Bekins, Gianco Lusso and Steve Roselle.**

### Story of a Picture

In 2006, I entered the electric LMR competition at the European Championship with two models: the Playboy and the "Defo", old diesel gas model of Deffippis, a clubmate of the AGO group in Turin. The Playboy was better in climb and the Defo was better in glide.

I started with the Defo who during the climb entered one of the strongest thermal I had ever seen. After I shut off the motor, the model continued to climb very fast and soon I lost sight of the model which was found the following day 15 miles from the field!

The Playboy made easily all maxes and I was in the fly-off with an Englishman and a German.

My Playboy was climbing turning left, the English model was climbing turning right, therefore we took off practically the same moment. The German trying to be clever, at the moment of our take off, he complained that his battery was in bad shape and had to be changed. I think he made an excuse in order to see how we're flying the other two models, because he had a second battery ready. He changed the battery with a lot of calm and took off a good minute after us.

Don Bekins and Steve Roselle helped me. Don scouts the lifts and Steve keeps an eye on the other two models.

Don spotted a good thermal and I started to spiral sharply, the lift was good and I gained a lot of altitude. Steve indicated that the German after shutting off the motor, had spotted me in thermal and was coming in my direction but was a lot lower. Don told me to fly straight and after a few seconds start to spiral like in a good thermal. The German followed me but at a lower altitude. When Steve told me that the German was spiralling, Don told to me to fly straight trying to reach the old good area. I was not successful and tried to optimize the glide trimming a bit back and flying in very large circles. Steve told that the German was still continuing to fly in the no lift area, then realizing that the area was not good; started to follow me but was a lot lower. The Englishman landed followed by the German after a few seconds. I landed 20 seconds after the German and, thanks to the help of the Americans, I won the Championship.

Gianco Lusso - Geneva, Switzerland.

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## Engine File



**Forster 99 engine from Gary Leopold Collection.**





# Pictures from San Valeers October Contest at the Lost Hills.

Photo credit: Tom Faith



**Free flight events, few RC'ers will experience these unless their radio quits!**



# SAM MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION



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 FULL MEMBER \$10.00  ASSOCIATE MEMBER \$10.00 (Newsletter only)

SAM No. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Required for Full membership

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

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