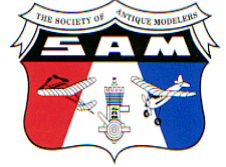




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Society of Antique Modelers

Chapter 21

AMA Charter Club 1470



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Next Meeting:
January 5, 2023
New Meeting Place @
Dr. Alan Peterson's
1115 Seena Avenue, Los Altos Ca 94024
7:00 p.m.



SAM21 Current Affairs

Latest dope.....

Minute from the last meeting, December 4th, 2022

SAM21 has **new officers** for 2023.

- Meeting was called to order by Prez Sarg at 11:34 am December 4th, 2022. 10 members + 1 guest were present at the meeting.
- Last meeting minute was approved.
- Loren Schmidt Contest nets \$279.00, while the Collecto is \$100 in the **red**, Costed \$300.00 and income was \$200.00. Alan Peterson donated the donuts and coffee.
- Alan Peterson will be the President
- Bill Vanderbeek will be the Vice President
- Cliff Shekell will remain as the Treasurer
- Brian Chan will remain as the Editor and will take notes during the meeting.
- Steve Roselle has volunteered to be the backup Editor when Brian is recovering from his back surgery.
- Brian Sargent will be the Contest Director for SAM21's Loren Schmidt Memorial contest. Since SAM21 has 4 qualified contest directors, they will take turns to relief Sarg as C.D. so Sarg can fly in the contests. I guess Sarg is still the contest coordinator.
- Cliff Shekell reported SAM21 treasury is in good health.
- **New meeting location:** SAM21 meetings will be held at Doc Peterson's home in Los Altos. Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month starting in January 2023 until further notice. The address is 1115 Seena Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94024. SAM21 will pay for all refreshment expenses.
- The SAM21 dues will remain at \$10.00 for 2023. There will be only one membership category. Please send in your 2023 membership with the form in Page 11 of this Clipper.
- There will be a 100th birthday party for Lescher on Dec 28, 2022. Lela Dowling will send out more information.
- SAM27 will have their Christmas Party on Dec 10th.
- Master Builder Henry Smith is not flying anymore, he gave away all his planes. So is Dr. Joe Poco, he donated all his planes to SAM21.



2023 Meeting Dates

1st Thursday 7:00
p.m.

Dr Peterson's House.
1115 Seena Avenue, Los
Altos.

January 5

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5

November 2

December 7

Don't forget to
renew your

SAM 21

membership,
the dues is

\$10.00

for 2023



Photos SAM21 Christmas Party, Dec 4th, 2022



Mike Hofacere (SAM27 Prez) and Bill Vanderbeek (SAM21 VP 2023).



The dessert counter! The Petersons know how to do thing correctly!



V.P. Tom Faith & Prez Brian "Sarg" Sargent.



The rest of the food! (Dessert came first!)



Sam, Sarg, Fred and Steve. Eat up, boys!



A great amount of food is being consumed here!

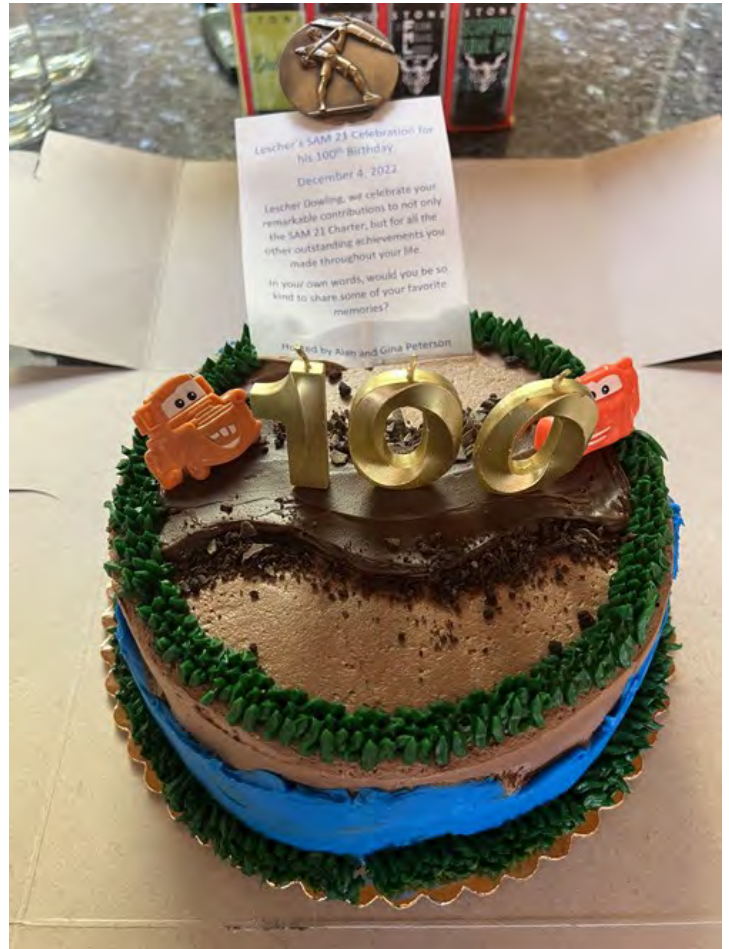




All the White elephant waiting patiently under the Christmas tree!



Lescher inspects the construction of his birthday cake! The cake is barely big enough to have a three digits number on it!



Lescher's SAM 21 Celebration for his 100th Birthday

December 4, 2022

Lescher Dowling, we celebrate your remarkable contributions to not only the SAM 21 Charter, but for all the other outstanding achievements you made throughout your life.

In your own words, would you be so kind to share some of your favorite memories?

Hosted by Alan and Gina Peterson





Bill (inspecting the engine) and Fred.



Bill and his gift, a SlowStik.



Sarg presiding over his last meeting, for now!



Lela, Mike, Gina and Steve, with a box of engine parts.



A 1941 Mamiya 60 ignition engine that Brian Chan bought at the Pioneer Auction.



V.P. Tom picked a Klarich short kit.



Mike picked a Simplex 45.



Fred and Bill, I took the picture before the gift was reviewed!

History of SAM21 & Society of Antique Modelers.

After I pleaded for more information on history of SAM21 in the last Clipper, I received a nice email from Mike Myers.

And now something for you on the birth of SAM (at least as told from a SCIF (Southern California Ignition Flyer) viewpoint). According to us SAM was born in the backseat of a Chrysler sedan traveling from a Stockton Gas Model Club contest back to San Francisco circa 1961 or 1962. The story goes this way. Lee Freeman (SAM HOF member) and John Pond were good friends. Lee lived in Los Angeles (and by the late 50s e Pond had moved from San Diego where he was a draftsman for the Navy) to San Jose. Lee and John liked to go to model airplane contests together, but Mrs. Freeman was not having any part of traveling to small towns or dusty venues to attend a model airplane contest. So Lee and John worked out this deal. Lee and his wife would fly to San Francisco and take a hotel on Union Square mid day on Friday. John would drive u to San Francisco early on Saturday, pick Lee up and off they'd go to a model airplane contest. Mrs. Freeman amused herself in San Francisco for the weekend. John and Lee would drive back to San Francisco late Sunday afternoon. Along the way back from a Stockton Gas Model Club Contest Lee and John got to talking about "wouldn't it be nice" if there were contests for the kinds of airplanes that they'd flown as kids in the 1930s and 1940s., They decided to set up a group to do it—I've forgotten whether Lee or John was the one that agreed to be President and promoter of the new group, but both of them proved to be too busy with other things to carry through. That said John did arrange for Old Timer events as part of one or two of the AMA Nationals in the early 60s. The burden of organization was passed on to Tim Dannels—who was already putting out a newsletter for an early MECA group.

One of the things that John was busy with was collecting plans for old timer models—or having plans drawn up from memory or photos (after all John was a draftsman by training). At one time I had a letter from John Pond to Kenny Sykora (an early member of SCIFs) dated 1965 or so. Both Kenny and John were gathering old timer plans at the time. John was excited in the letter—he'd collected (or had drawn) plans for three old time models just that month! Jim Adams, Sal Taibi, Gene Wallock, Bob Oslan, Abe Gallas and others were active in the SCAMPS (Southern California Antique Model Plane Society—SAM Chapter 13) in the late 60s. I've seen contest reports from contests in 68 or 69. SAM guys hadn't shaken out all the old spark ignition engines tucked away in attics or Grandpa's garage; and folks like Bruce Chandler and Otto Bernhardt (over in the original SCIFs) hadn't started to make spark ignition conversions of glow engines. The replica engine manufacturers—for Super Cykes, Brown Jrs, Torpedos etc hadn't gotten off the ground either. So the SCAMPS were flying glow engines on old time models. I remember Abe Gallas had a Cox .09 on a 51" Stratostreak in those reports from SCAMPS contests. And the SCAMPS created the 020 Replica FF old timer event.

Pond kept pushing old timer style events at the AMA Nats as "demonstrations". There's some dispute as to when the first national SAM Championship was held—most place it at Denver in 1966 or 67.

*Back on the East Coast Woody Woodman and Joe Beshar were among the leaders of people putting radios in the sorts of models they'd flown in their youth (i.e. "old timers") They'd advertise their contests at the Westchester Model Show in New York. SAM HOF member Richard Tanis claims that he was the first guy on the East Coast to come up with a set of rules for the events that Woodman and Beshar and their friends were flying and—according to Tanis—"my idea saved SAM". Well maybe---the piece in the November 2022 SAM 21 newsletter indicated that there was a split between fliers in Northern and Southern California about the rules for their events—and that Don Bishop (It is actually **Don Bekins**, bc.) may have been the one to come up with a unified set of*



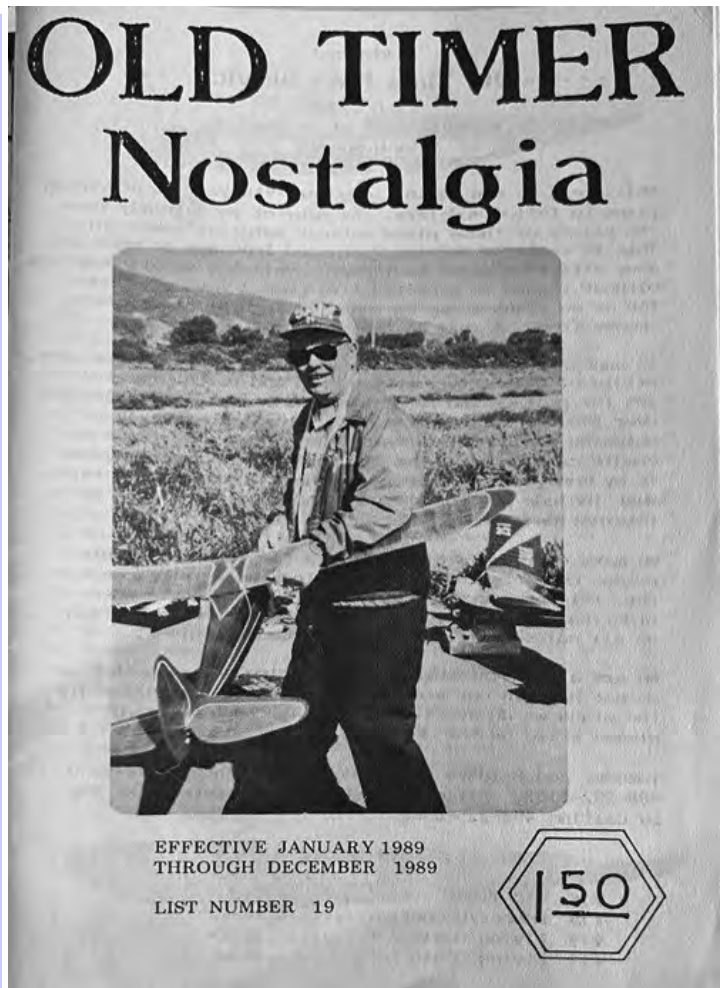
rules. Down south in the SCIF club (SAM Chapter 3) there was a bitter schism between FF purists and guys who wanted to fly RC old timer models. The RC guys led by Otto Bernhardt split off and formed SAM Chapter 49.

So there was a lot going on in different parts of the country during the early 60s through the mid 1970s—and much of it was going in different directions based on local membership and preference.

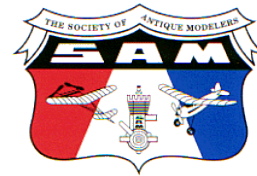
The Society of Antique Modelers was incorporated in New Jersey in 1976—and got its tax exempt status there for both the State of New Jersey and the Feds. The original articles of incorporation were signed by half a dozen guys—John Pond, Tim Dannels, Joe Beshar and Woody Woodman among them. So there was now a single national parent organization

But from my point of view the single most important thing in the growth of SAM was John Pond's column "Plug Sparks" which first appeared in Model Builder magazine ~1974. Bill Northrup was editor of the magazine—and there'd been a couple of early articles or columns about old timer models. But that writer was replaced by Pond. And now John Pond had a national forum to promote SAM—and boy did he ever. Each month John gave out news about SAM doings—and the magazine had an old timer model plan each month. Pond- or Daddy Warbucks as some called him-- was the absolute father of SAM as we knew it in its heyday. He traveled to Australia; he traveled to England and he travelled to SAM contests around the country promoting the movement.

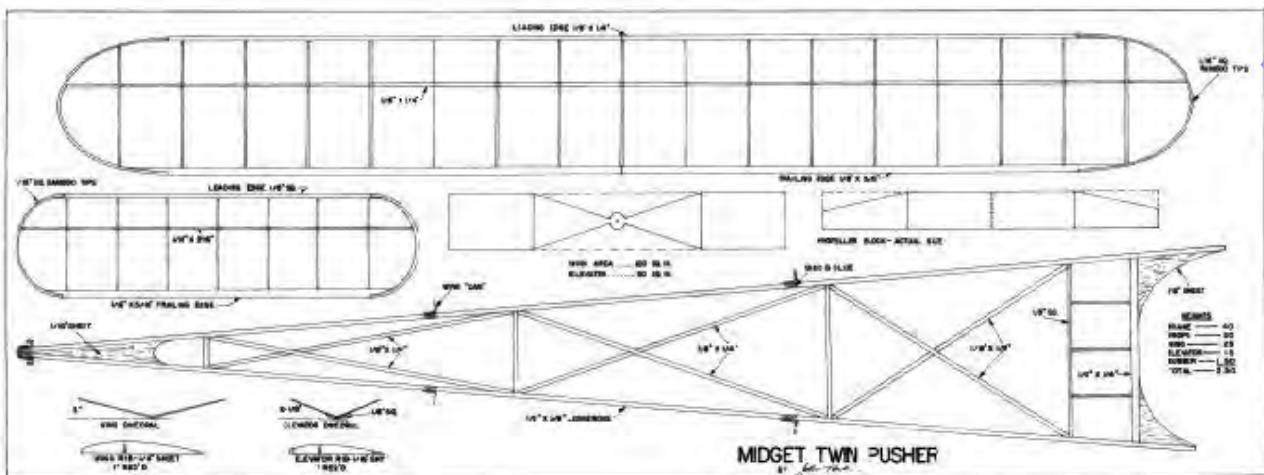
Mike Myers, Editor SCIF 1995-2018.

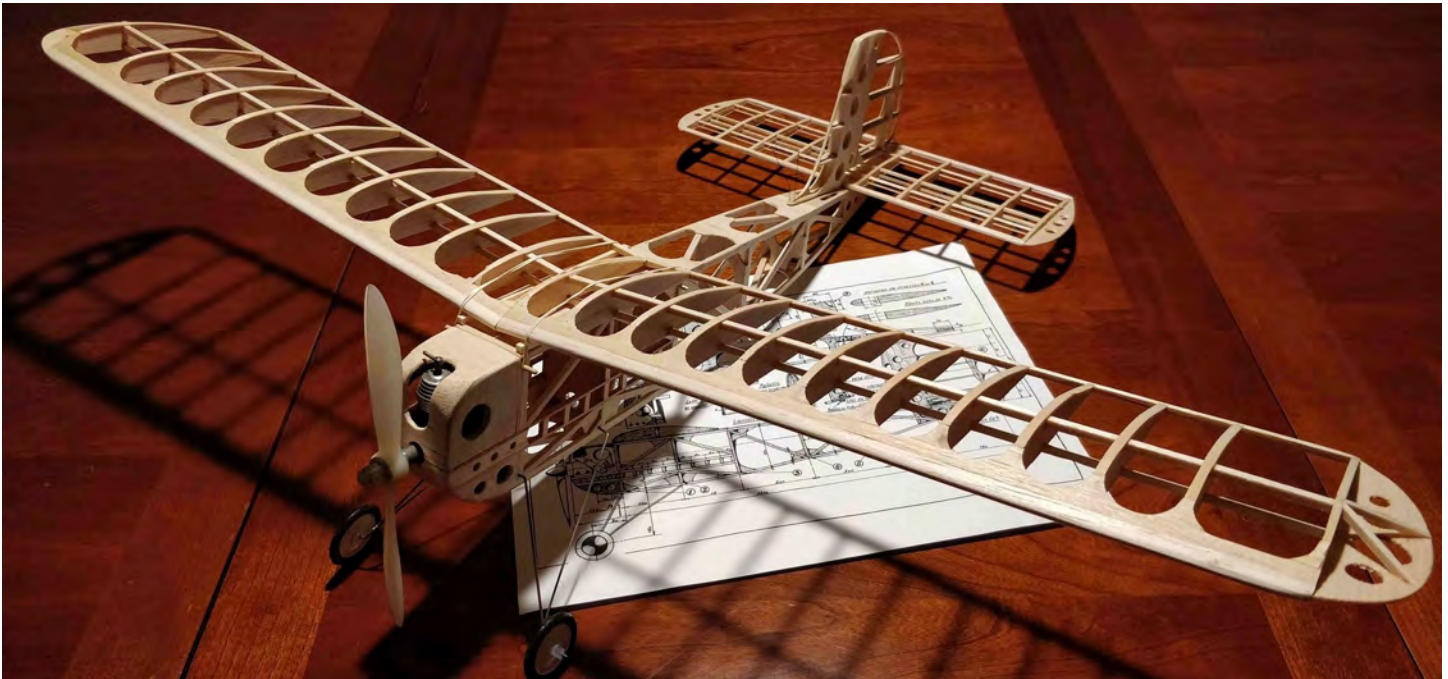


John Pond Old Time Plan Service Catalog with the man himself on the cover. John Pond is one of the founder of Society of Antique Modelers(SAM) and Chapter 21 (SAM21).



Midget Twin Pusher designed by John Pond.

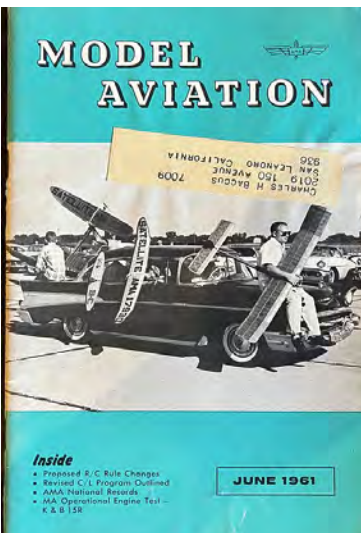
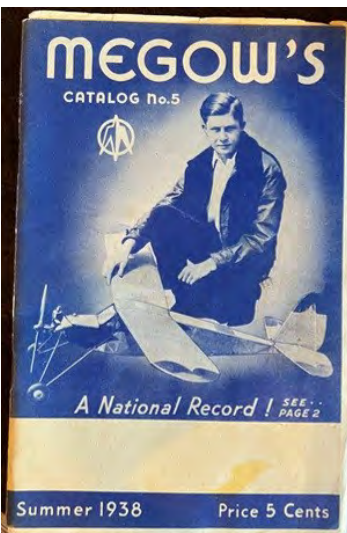




Ates Gurcan's plane designed by George Sablier, this one is 26" span, 107 sq. in. and projected finished weight is 80 gram. The engine is a 0.25cc Mills 75 replica by VA.



A beautiful Playboy Senior built by Adriano Sciro from Slovakia. I glad we don't fly on snow skis!



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FREE FLIGHT COUNCIL

2023 CONTESTS

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA (WAECELL FIELD)

1/2 MILE NORTH OF JACKSON ROAD ON SUNRISE BLVD.

Calendar for the 2023 Season

Saturday, January 7 - N.C.F.F.C Annual Banquet – Spaghetti Factory – Elk Grove

Saturday, February 25-26 - SGMA Spring Bash - Walt Ghio, C.D.

Saturday, March 25-26 - Sierra Championships - Jerry Fitch, C.D.

Friday April 28-29-30 - Nor-Cal Championships - Bill Vanderbeek, C.D.

Saturday, June 3-4 - Western States Championships - Jerry Fitch, C.D.

Saturday, September 9-10 - SGMA Combo Contest - Mike Davis, C.D.

Saturday, September 23 - N.C.F.F.C. Business Meeting (TBA 10 am)

Saturday, November 4-5 - SGMA Fall Contest - Larry Norval, C.D.

Date: Saturday is the main day for the contest. If we have bad weather on Saturday we will try and have the contest on Sunday.

PLEASE OBSERVE COVID - 19 PROTOCOLS

WEAR MASKS and USE SOCIAL DISTANCING Keep time cards in your possession and read times off to the head time keeper
Let's Stay Healthy!

Council Officers for the 2023 season;

President - Fred Terzian - fterzian@pacbell.net

Vice President - Doug Galbreath - F1Cdoug@aol.com

Secretary-Treasurer - Jerry Fitch - jerryfitch53@yahoo.com

Flight Rules: Cat III

Note: Nor-Cal FAI will be full maxes, unless weather conditions force shorter maxes which may occur at any round

For Weather conditions, call 916-646-2000

For general information, call Doug Galbreath 530-757-6058 evenings, after dark Chase bikes MUST be equipped with US Forest Service Approved Spark arrestor

Smoking permitted in designated areas only, during dry season



2nd SAL TAIBI FUN FLY

Taibi Field, Perris, CA
Sunday, January 8, 2023
(Rain date: January 15, 2023)



Bring your Sal Taibi-designed airplanes and memorabilia for a day of relaxed flying, remembering, and sharing.

DT fuzes will be permitted.



1st Sal Taibi Fun Fly

January 2013

Contact:	Joe Jones	714-968-1982	jjones22@socal.rr.com
	Kevin Sherman	951-893-0616	julykevin@aol.com
	Dan Heinrich	909-223-7643	AeronutD@CS.com



A Friendly Reminder....The Renewal Process

It is almost January, SAM21, AMA* and SAM membership are due at the end of the year. It is coming up faster than you think. So before you are swamped with all the holiday event distractions, send in your membership dues to all three organizations. (*newer AMA members might have a different renewal dates.)



Use the renewal form and send renewal fee to **Cliff Shekell, 2743 Briarwood Drive, San Jose, California 95125**. The SAM21 2023 membership is \$10.00.



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



<https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll>

click on the left box "Renew A Membership" blue box and follow the instruction. You might to registered first.

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SAM 21 - 2023 Membership Application Form

Check one: NEW Member RETURNING Member

Check one: FULL Member \$10.00

SAM No. _____ AMA No. _____
(Req'd if full)

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell _____

Mail Form & Dues to SAM21 Treasurer: Cliff Shekell 2473 Briarwood Drive, San Jose, Ca 95125

