

The SANTA BARBARA RADIO CONTROL MODELERS INC. is incorporated in the State of California as Chapter 797 of the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA).

The purpose of this club is to promote the hobby of model aviation in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Santa Barbara Airport Visitor's Center, 45 Hartley Place (off of Hollister at David Love Place). Everyone is welcome at our meetings. Please phone or e-mail any officer for further information.

Next Club Meeting

**7:30 pm Thursday, February 5, 2015
Santa Barbara Airport Visitors Center
45 Hartley Place, Goleta, CA**

Help make the monthly meetings as interesting as possible. Contact Fred Wudl at wudl@chem.ucsb.edu if you can contribute with a "show and tell", a good story, a guest speaker, building tips or disasters, etc. It will be appreciated.

Visit us at: www.sbrcm.org

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NOTICE:

Because New Year's Day is on the first Thursday of January, there will be no January meeting. The first meeting for 2015 will be Thursday, February 5 at 7:30 PM.

Reminder:

2015 membership dues are now due. Unpaid members will be dropped from the club roster on March 1. Contact Lloyd Gibbs for payment.

President's Message



It is a privilege and a pleasure to be leading the SBRCM. I thank the membership for their confidence in me. Just a little bit of a biography. I was born in Bolivia to Austrian parents and got my start in aero modeling with the help of an American evangelist missionary from Minnesota who created a club called Sky Pilots. This was at a time when kits were made by Comet and Guillows, the latter were just coming on the scene. The rage at the time were the control line flyers and diesel powered planes. Radio control

consisted of turning the rudder with a tube-based radio roughly 3x3x4 inches in size, powered by several C-size dry cells. After a roughly 40 year hiatus, I re-started the sport about 5 years ago with the help of Dana Trout at the Ellwood bluffs with a Multiplex Easyglider and his buddy box. Though foamies are easy to put together and very easy to fix, they just don't have the looks nor the performance of built up models. The picture is one with a Hangar-9 P-51 Mustang and a Globe Swift from Maxford USA, both planes have retracts and operational flaps and are currently my favorite ARF built up models. The Mustang required a change in motor to 60 equivalent to improve its performance.

As you will see from Tom's notes, the next meeting will be held in February. We will schedule the usual events such as float fly, T-28 races and the July barbeque. Our continued concerns are decreasing the average age of the membership and possibly obtaining a new airstrip.

See you all on February 5. I wish all a prosperous and healthy 2015!

Fred Wudl
SBRCM President

SBRCM Club Meeting Minutes

There are no meeting minutes because there was no club meeting for the month of December.

SBRCM Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors for 2015 met at Cody's restaurant at 6:00 PM on December 16 to discuss club direction for 2015. The following directors were present: Fred Wudl (2015 President), Jim Kolanek (2015 VP), Lloyd Gibbs (2015 Treasurer), Dale Byers (2015 Safety Officer), Milt McIntosh (2015 Flight Training Officer), and Tom Wolf (2015 Secretary). Andy Binder, outgoing President, was not in attendance.

- Fred Wudl asked the Board for recommendations for two additional Board members from the membership at large. After a brief discussion, Ron Roth and Glenn Dorfman were recommended. Fred will be contacting them to see if they are willing to serve on the Board.
- Fred indicated that he wanted to focus on two areas for the upcoming year: Getting more youth

and younger members into the club, and to improve the flying facility at Elings Park so that it is utilized by more SBRCM members. Possible upgrades that will be discussed/pursued with Elings Park administration include:

- A storage structure so that we can keep field maintenance tools (i.e. lawn mower) at the site.
- Runway surface (matting or possibly decomposed granite)
- Clearing castor bean plants from the top of the ridge where RC gliders are flown
- Possible reduced rate for the park pass for youth (under 14 years?)
- Dale brought up the AMA requirement for all aircraft to have the owner's name, AMA number and contact information inside the airplane as a requirement for insurance coverage. He suggested that a reminder of this requirement be put in the newsletter. Tom Wolf will include such a notice in the next newsletter.
- Float Flies for 2015: It was decided that we should reserve the usual dates for the float flies at Lake Cachuma, even though they may again have to be cancelled due to low water levels. Tom Wolf will contact Scott Loepkey to have him schedule the dates for 2015 with the County Parks Dept.
- Events at San Lucas Ranch: The Board's general consensus was that we should strive to have an event every other month. The events could include fun flies and T-28 races. Dates and event type are TBD in the near future.
- Dale Byers volunteered to clean out the dust, leaves and other debris from the hanger. He will use his leaf blower, and Jim Kolanek volunteered his generator to provide power. Jim and Dale will coordinate a time to do this off-line from the meeting.
- Fred Wudl volunteered to take the airplane kits being stored in the hanger and take them to the AMA show to sell in the swap meet.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

*Submitted by:
Tom Wolf,
SBRCM Secretary*

Christmas Party!



Carolyn and Andy Binder, and Perry Frohlich

The annual Christmas Party, held on December 6 at Harry's Plaza Café was a very successful event with approximately 40 club members, significant others and friends in attendance. As usual, the drinks were strong and the food was good. The no host bar was open at 6 PM and dinner was served shortly after 7 PM. All who attended had a great time. The raffle included 3 prizes for the guys and 3 for the women. Perry Frohlich walked away with the big prize, which was a Parkzone T-28. We expect to see Perry back on the pylon race circuit soon. Other prizes were gift certificates to California Hobbies and for the ladies there were gift certificates for Macy's. Some photos of the event are included here, but for a complete set, please visit the photo gallery on the club's web site (www.sbrcm.org).



Incoming President Fred Wudl and wife Linda



Andy Binder with incoming VP Jim Kolanek



Bob and Kathy Benedetto and John Fodor



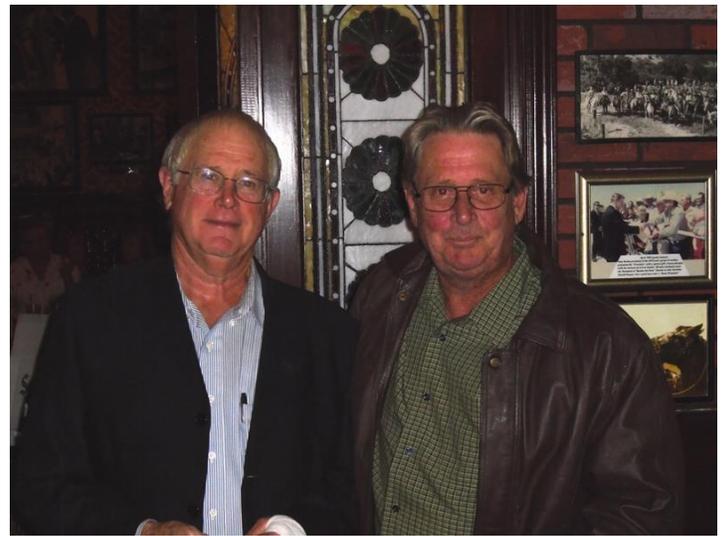
Jamie Vincent and TJ Moran



Lloyd Gibbs taking care of the money



Milt McIntosh



TJ Moran and Scott Loepkey



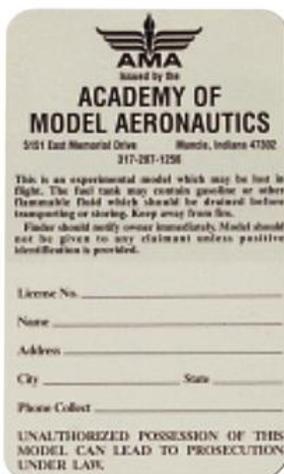
Jeanne Gibbs, Verna and Gordon Smith



Ethel and Dale Byers

Reminder: AMA Insurance Requires Identification Information in Your Airplane!

In order for you to be covered by the AMA liability insurance, you must have the following information on a label somewhere within your airplane: Name, AMA number, address, and phone number. Labels are available from the on-line AMA store under the patches, pins and decals section, item number 5085 (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/shopama/product.aspx?id=085231B9FD2F4B75972075D290D200CC&d=CA5F1232E8744C868FE386FE3BFDC73>). Cost is only \$2.89 each. Or, you may make up your own label. I have used business card stock for my labels. All members must comply with this requirement.



The image shows a rectangular identification label for the AMA Academy of Model Aeronautics. At the top is the AMA logo, a stylized eagle with wings spread, above the text "AMA" and "Academy of Model Aeronautics". Below this is the address: "3011 East Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana 47302" and the phone number "317-281-1226". A warning in small text reads: "This is an experimental model which may be lost in flight. The fuel tank may contain gasoline or other flammable fluid which should be drained before transporting or storing. Keep away from fire. Finder should notify owner immediately. Model should not be given to any claimant unless positive identification is provided." Below the warning are fields for "License No.", "Name", "Address", "City", "State", and "Phone Collect". At the bottom, it states: "UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF THIS MODEL CAN LEAD TO PROSECUTION UNDER LAW."

Member Spotlight

Starting next month, look to this space for a brief biography for one of our fellow club members. The editor will randomly select one member each month for inclusion in the newsletter. If you are contacted by the editor, please provide a short modeling biography not more than 600 words in length, along with supporting photographs (.jpg format)

New Projects Completed

Show off your new pride and joy! Send a photo or two of your recently completed project and it will be featured in the newsletter. Please send .jpg files along with a brief description of your airplane to the newsletter editor (Tom Wolf, e-mail tomdebwolf@cox.net)



Tom Wolf's newly completed 1/5 scale Ventus C, built from an old Graupner kit that James Wilburger gave him.



147 inch wing span, 8.1 pounds

Around and About

This section will feature photographs submitted by club members of general activities at the club's flying site, or other local flying locations frequented by club members





CLASSIFIED (free listings for club members; submit to the editor for publication)

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If you have any suggestions for topics, would like to submit pictures or other information, please e-mail them to the editor at tomdebwolf@cox.net or mail to Tom Wolf 566 Windsor Ave Goleta, CA 93117. If you have any photos of what you're working on or flying nowadays, please forward them to the editor and they will be included in the newsletter, and/or they will be put into the website's photo gallery.

Flying Field Schedule:

San Lucas: Wed, Sat, Sun and holidays: 9AM – 1PM
Elings: Daily, Sunrise – Sunset