

Servo Chatter

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, July 20th @ 5:30pm.

Location: Club Field

Future dates: TBA

Program: Club BB Q at the field! Raffle prizes will include the usual - a radio, an engine, a kit, glues, and lots of other neat stuff! Bring your latest creation for show and tell and receive a free raffle ticket.

Cover Photo: Boy Scouts Quinn Smith and Ryan Snell, of Troup 604 of Scotts Valley, CA, got a little training at the club field during May. (photo by Steve Snell)

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From the Editor

by Chris Luvara



After an extra large newsletter last month, it looks like this issue is going to be a little slim. Jim Patrick was sick at the time we needed to print it and couldn't write an article, Babe had a problem with his computer, and couldn't compile a treasurer's report.

By the time you read this the airshow will be over and probably be one of the best yet, so I hope you didn't miss it this year! One thing you should be sure and read in this issue is the updated field rules. Aerobatic pilots should especially pay attention. There also is a warbird race entry form in this issue along with flyer for the August race. Be sure to build a warbird and come out and have some fun!

Until next time, Fly fast!

Chris



George Black helps train boyscouts along with Rich Luvara, Jim Infantino, Jim Thompson, and James Christian. These boyscouts are from the same troupe that help with parking control during our annual airshow. (photo by Rich Luvara)

Flyin Fast..The VP's News

by Michael Luvara



By the time you receive this, Airshow 2002 will be over and the biggest event of the year in the history books. This is definitely an event that you don't want to miss!

To start off this month, I'd like to talk about our training manual and membership brochure. Both were recently updated and received from the printers. The SCCMAS member brochure was edited to reflect current information and is now available at the field. Along with editing the SCCMAS member brochure came a revision of the SCCMAS rules. A copy of the current rules which are printed in the brochure are located in this newsletter. Please read them carefully.

All new members receive a copy of the SCCMAS training manual as part of their welcome package. It can be used to help guide them in the right direction for flight lessons while it also provides a log so that instructors can see where a student has left off. The introduction of the new training manual and the revised brochure brings a new term to the SCCMAS's training program - "Check Pilot". What this means is that a check pilot listed by the SCCMAS is one of the individuals whom can sign off pilots to fly solo. Anyone who is soloed can train others, but for a student to be soloed, they need to be checked off by a check-pilot. Becoming an SCCMAS check pilot is simple if you want to be one. Contact Jim Patrick at (408) 356-0817, or email him at training@sccmas.org if interested. A list of current check pilots is available at the field and here: Brian Nelson Jack Sunzeri, Chris Luvara, Steve Snell, Mike Luvara, Dick Gardner, Richard Luvara, Dennis Pettigrew, Babe Caltabiano, Fred Celsi, Jim Patrick, George Mateer, Reggie Dell-Aquila, Bahman Dara, & Jim Christian. Jim will have details in the next newsletter on this program as he was unable to submit an article this month due to a cold.

A lot has happened at the field since the last newsletter. A fantastic work party was had on May 11th, the Jet event was unbelievable, the electric fly buzzing with the quiet whiz of technology, and a great giant scale fly-in put on by Lynsel Miller in mid June.

The May 11th work party was well attended and a lot was accomplished. The tables, shack, and deck were re-painted. Member Ken Levy brought out his airless compressor and dig a magnificent job painting the building. Several members helped out inside and gave the kitchen a fresh look too. Damon Parker and Tony Wilson worked hard to dig and frame in the taxiway to pit area bypasses. Don Lijana, our master concrete guy, put the finishing touches on the concrete paths and we ended with a lot accomplished. Mike Downs and crew installed mesh on top of the sun shades which has proved to make it quite cooler underneath them. Many thanks goes to: Fred Celsi, Tom & Gregg Uhlendorf, Lynsel Miller, Don Lijana,

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Remember, if you've got any submissions, send them to:



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From the Secretary's Building Board

March meeting notes:

- 48 members present
- New solos reported:
 - Tom Uhlendorf
 - Richard Groen
- New members present:
 - Carl May
 - Russ Hansen

by Rich Luvara



This month, we have to thank *Slot Cars Unlimited* for their help with our raffle. Without contributions from sources like this, our raffle would in no way be possible. Please support all of our local hobby shops that are listed on the back cover of the newsletter. **Remember, the local shops are the ones that donate to our club. The mailorder ones do not.**

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Ron Caeton, Ken Levy, John Ribble, Jacob Raquet, Bob Rubiales, Bob Ortman, Gordon McConnell, Tony Wilson, Damon Parker, Ted Pierson, Richard Groen, Scott Teschner, Albert Lam, Reg Dell Aquila, Ehab Aljandali, Mike Downs, Michael Luvara, Chris Luvara, Rich Luvara, Pat Luvara, Jim Thompson, Mike Conrardy & Jerry Kregger. Please let me know if anyone was left out as these names go into our yearly drawing at the end of the year.

Show and Tell.....

Lynsel Miller - G.P. Tiger Moth, powered by a Saito .91, great flyer, just a few minor problems with hardware in the kit.

Bob Pairman - Morris the Knife, Rossi .45. Flies about 12 minutes on an 8 oz tank. Rossi runs great on 5% nitro with an 11-4 prop.

Mike Luvara - Brought in molds and plugs from his scratch built Tsunami and described a lay up process.

May 18th and 19th marked the second "San Jose Jets" event at the SCCMAS. It had been awhile since we held a jet meet at the SCCMAS, but in 2001 San Jose Jets was started. 2002 was unbelievable to say the least and estimates put it at 2/3 the size of our annual airshow attendance. I believe the snack shack brought in \$2000 over the two days. A big thanks goes to Tam Nguyen, Jimmy Mongiello, Chris Huhn, Gordon McConnell and Ejab Anjandali for their help in setting up the event. A special thanks goes to Reggie Del Aquila whom donated glue packages for all of the pilots. BVM, JetCat USA, TamJets, PIC, and Yellow aircraft were all major sponsors with Yellow Aircraft donating a kit to the pilot's raffle!

Dumb Thumb



Winner: Jack Sunzeri (AGAIN!)

If anyone is interested in being the SCCMAS contest coordinator, please contact a board member or myself. We're looking for someone to put their enthusiastic energy for R/C into the SCCMAS's events. It's a rewarding experience.

Next up for the SCCMAS is our annual meeting and BBQ at the field on Saturday, July 20th. Bring your spouse and enjoy a great meal on the SCCMAS. Food's served at 5:30. If you would like to contribute a dish to the dinner, please contact Pat Luvara at (408) 246-3857 or email pat@luvaraairracing.com

Raffle

- Radio- Sam Sunzeri - Don't forget the Dessert.
- Kit - Jacob Raquet
- Motor - Berven Britt
- Dremel - Jim Infantino
- Tach - Howard Sosbee
- Power Panel - Billy Dunning
- Fuel/Prop - Mike French
- Stand - Sky Clausen
- Receiver mounting box - Carl May
- Prop - Ray Frasier

Other upcoming events:

- August 10th - Warbird Race - CD John Gaines
- Aug 31st - Sept 1st - SCAT Aerobatics - CD Amir Neshati
- October 5 & 6 - T-34 finals - CD Kevin Norred
- November 9 & 10 - District 7 Pattern Championships - CD Bob Whitacre

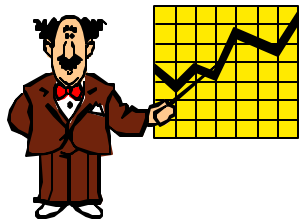
SCCMAS shirts and jackets! By popular demand we have ordered high quality polo shirts and jackets with the SCCMAS logo embroidered on them. Polo shirts are \$25 and jackets are \$35. They are available in the snack shack when it is open. Come pick one up at the next meeting on July 20th. See photos at the end of the article. Both are in a dark blue color.

Steve Snell has been working hard on the new SCCMAS website and things are starting to roll along. Recently introduced was a virtual

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Treasurer's Report

by Babe Caltabiano



Babe had a problem with his computer at the time of the printing, and was unable to submit a treasurers' report.

Safety/Training

by Jim Patrick



No article from Jim this month due to being sick, he will return next month!

Electric Fly Wrap Up and Thank You

The electric fly-in at SCCMAS Tomcat field in Morgan Hill on June 1st was a fun event despite the bad weather that lasted through to lunch time. 25 pilots registered to participate in the event while many more brought planes, watched and generally had a good time. Due to very poor weather the first event of the day, a park flyer competition was cancelled and the session was used for open flying. By 11:00 there were at least 70 pilots and spectators and over 100 aircraft at the field.

Weather improved to a normal California day by early afternoon and boosted the number of flights considerably, allowing the events to take place. Six pilots participated in the open race and seven elected to participate in the scale competition. The results:

Scale

- Jim Collin 169
- Dick Oglesbee 145
- Jim Collin 127
- Brian Chan 118
- Ted Larson 115
- Kyle Mashima 109
- Dave Colbert 102

Race

- Arnel Realin 1st, Zagi 400x
- Ted Larson 2nd, Extra 300S
- Jacob Requet 3rd, Wedgie
- Jason Protman, Zagi 400x
- Walter Colby, Jeti Jet

Raffle Winners

- Steve Snell - Crazy 8
- Walter Colby - Mustang
- Ray Aitkenson - Astro Motor
- Jacob Raquet - Discount Voucher
- Brian Chan - Spitfire
- Wayne Wilson - MiniMax
- Chi Hsu - Glue
- Wayne Wilson - Glue
- Chuck Hill - Glue
- Chuck Hill - Duraplane



- Roger Grimm - Glue
- Chuck Hill - Glue
- Bob Ortman - Glue Acc Kit
- Walter Colby - Glue Acc Kit
- Dave C - Glue Acc Kit

The Tomcats would like to extend a special thank you for all those that supported this event:

- **Sheldon Hobbies**
- **Airborne Models**
- **eDogfight**
- **Pic Glue**
- **Aero-Model**

A very special thanks goes to all of those who worked hard and donated so much of their personal time to make this event a fun and successful one:

- Steve Snell
- Stefan Schaefer
- Mike Luvara
- Pat Luvara
- Rich Luvara
- Reggie Del Aquila
- John Ribble
- Kyle Mashima
- Jim Patrick

May Jet Fly Photos





SCCMAS Field Rules

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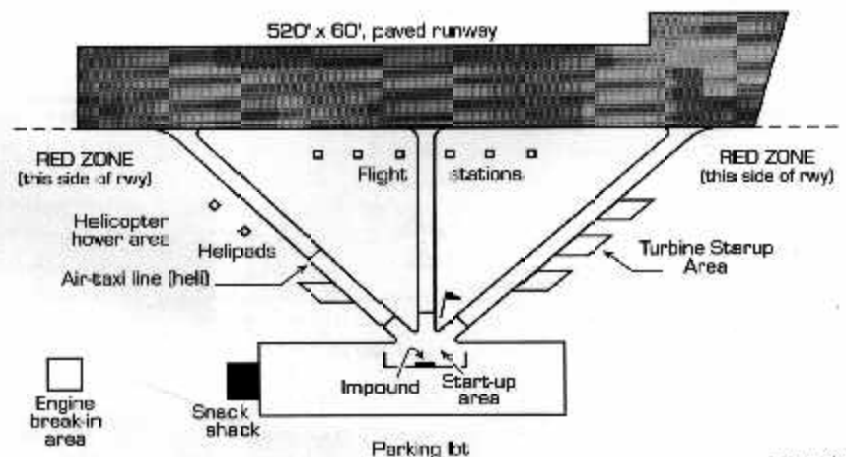
It is of the utmost importance that we observe the safety rules of our particular sport. Everyone of us is hurt when carelessness causes an accident, and it most certainly hinders or endangers model aviation's progress. The safety rules are designed to provide guidelines that, along with common sense and good judgement, will ensure safe operations at the Skypark. It is to your personal benefit to make certain that no action on your part will result in an accident.

The following rules apply to the SCCMAS Field:

1. All AMA published rules are in effect.
2. All Santa Clara County Park rules are in effect.
3. Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, consistent with being in a public place--this includes refraining from the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures.
4. You are responsible for your aircraft at all times.
5. AMA coverage and current SCCMAS membership required to fly.
6. Accompanied guests with AMA coverage may fly one day before SCCMAS membership is required. Guest pilots must have filled out and signed a guest pilot form in order to fly. In addition, a SCCMAS member must sponsor and oversee the guest pilot for the day.
7. Owner's name, AMA number, and phone number are required in all aircraft.
8. All transmitters and receivers, other than Ham Bands, must be narrow-band.
9. Transmitters must be in the impound and turned off unless the frequency pin is in possession of pilot. Return frequency pin and transmitter to impound after completion of a flight.
10. No engine start-ups before 8:30 a.m. or after dusk.
11. Closed-end type mufflers required (except racing aircraft).
12. No Formula One racing aircraft will be flown on weekdays or before 1 p.m. on weekends. This rule is to resolve noise complaints associated with competitive type Formula One engines.
13. No flying in the Red Zone area: behind the Flight Line. (except helicopters hovering beyond the air-taxi line).
14. No landings or take-offs from taxiways or within the Red Zone (except helicopters hovering beyond the air-taxi line)
15. Landings from the right must be from a right hand approach. Landings from the left must be from a left hand approach.
16. Engine start-up in the designated start-up area (or at your flight station). Retain positive control of your aircraft until you pass the first white line on the taxiway. No start-up on the runway.
17. When other fliers are present at the flight line, no unannounced high speed passes closer than the far side of the runway.
18. Helicopters may be started in the normal start-up area. Main rotor may not be released until past the air-taxi line on the diagonal taxiways. All hover work shall take place over the grass outside of the diagonal taxiways. Once in forward flight, Hel pilots shall stand at the appropriate flight stations, and fly the normal fixed-wing pattern in front of the Flight Line.
19. Do not leave your aircraft or starting equipment in the start-up area. Return your aircraft and equipment in the normal pit area between flights.
20. No alcoholic beverages allowed onsite. In addition, the AMA specifically states for its members "I will not consume alcoholic beverages prior to, nor during, participation in any model operations".
21. No hovering over the runway with fixed-wing aircraft while other pilots are present. All hovering to commence over the tall grass unless:
 - (a) there is only one other pilot flying at a station and you have their consent; (b) there are two other pilots aside from you practicing the same hovering maneuvers. In (a) and (b), hovering must be commenced from the runway centerline out end maximum separation of flying aircraft must occur. No individuals to be underneath a hovering aircraft.

It is the responsibility of every member to observe the guidelines set forth. Should it become apparent that an individual is not meeting these guidelines or that common sense and good judgement doesn't seem to be prevailing, the individual will receive a verbal and/or written warning from a Club official. If further infractions necessitate, the Governing Board may take immediate action to protect the interests of the SCCMAS, including, but not limited to, suspension of membership privileges or termination of membership. With such actions, the AMA may be notified of the infractions and intentions of the SCCMAS. New members joining the organization who have previously received letters of reprimand or have been dismissed from this or other clubs, will be considered for acceptance by the Governing Board. Their membership will be considered probational for 180 days, if accepted.

Please use common sense and enjoy a great day of flying.



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reality tour and the photo gallery. The SCCMAS photo gallery on the website is starting to appear – so send in your submissions to webmaster@sccmas.org. See the May issue for submission guidelines. We want to feature our members! In late June, the website was unavailable due to some changes in the isp it was hosted through. All should be settled now. Since the last newsletter, we have setup and tested the webcam that was discussed and purchased a high-end, professional camera with auto-iris, humidity and temperature control. In July, the camera will be permanently mounted up on the light pole at the field and introduced to provide an awesome view of the field which will be available for view on the website!

Another modeling related site which is very much worth visiting is a site called R/C Universe. www.rcuniverse.com- This site has grown in 8 months to more than 11,000 users including many name modelers. Stop by if you get the chance. There's a discussion forum for everyone.

At the June meeting, I mentioned the fact that it was time to redesign the impound structure to reflect the current trends in radio size, etc and accommodate everything out there. I'm sort of putting up a contest for the best design, but we need input from the members on what you would like to see. One thing that many have mentioned is a place to put radios which are in transmitter cases. How about shelves down below in a cabinet-like fashion? Let us know!

Lastly, a big thanks goes to the weekday crew who is keeping the field in such great shape. Don Koeflgen keeps the mower a mowing while Jim Thompson makes sure it fires on all cylinders. George Mateer keeps the water flowing to the sprinklers and Ray Fraser makes sure the safety fence netting is taken care of. Bob Rich has helped keep the snack shack open and provided much help on the weekends at events. I know I haven't named everyone, but your help is truly appreciated. The members are what make the SCCMAS such a wonderful place.

Well, enough for now – may all your landings be wheel's down...
Michael

**July 20th- CLUB
BBQ at the Field!**

New Club Jackets and Polos!



Warbird Race

Saturday, August 10th

SCCMAS field, Morgan Hill, CA



Race Classes

- Stock .46 Warbird
- Stock World Models Mustang
(Expert & Novice classes -OS 61FX)
- Unlimited Warbird
(520 sq/in - up to 1.8cu/in)

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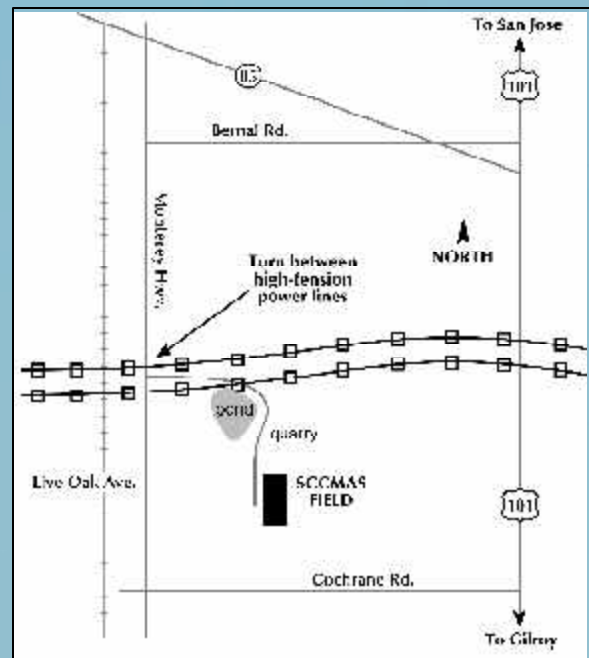
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Call or email for complete rules



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SCCMAS (MORGAN HILL) SPORT WARBIRD

2002 Registration Form

AUGUST 10, 2002

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

AMA Number _____

**** Please provide photo copy of AMA card or confirmation from AMA on a uncut 8-1/2 X 11 sheet of paper. Please no half sheets.

Club representing _____

Please fill in box for classes entering. All frequencies and race numbers are on a first come, first serve basis.

CLASS	FREQUENCY	RACE #	AIRCRAFT MAKE AND TYPE	ENGINE
STOCK .46 WARBIRD				
STOCK W.M. MUSTANG **NOVICE				
STOCK W.M. MUSTANG **EXPERT				
UNLIMITED WARBIRD				

See rules and guideline for all specifications pertaining to classes. Any deviation from rules and procedures will result in disqualification. Pilots entering Novice classes may not fly in any other advanced classes. Sport .46 class will have Novice and advanced pilots combined.

ENTRY FEE: \$ 15.00

Make checks payable to :

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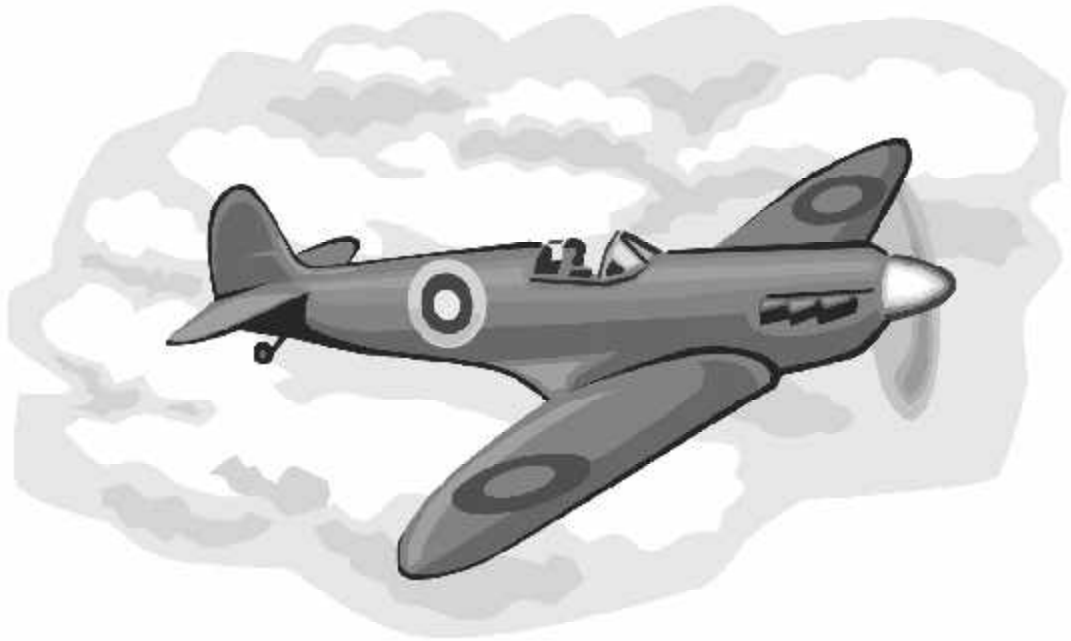
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AUGUST 17, 2002

Requirements – 80 inch wing span,
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Lunch and Raffle

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*A modified Mustang starts up at Pylon School in Reno Nevada, June 27th.
(Photo by Chris Luvara)*

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