

Servo Chatter

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 14th @ 7:30pm.

Location: Hayes Elementary School, located off of Poston Dr in San Jose. See page 3 for a meeting map.

Program: 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. Coffee and Donuts as usual.

Cover Photo: A glider is launched during the SBSS demonstration at Airshow 2003. (Photo by Jim Caparelli)

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From the Editor

by Chris Luvara



It's been quite awhile since the last issue was published and alot has gone on since then. Time to catch up.

This is the 100th issue of Servo Chatter. I have been responsible for almost the last 40 of these, seems kind of crazy that I've been doing it that long. Hopefully the next 100 will be just as good, if not better.

In this last year, I have been relying on Jim Caparelli to provide me with his awesome pictures, but I am happy to say that I just got a Nikon D-100 with all the fixings. Jim's work is awesome and I will continue to use it, but hopefully I'll have some cool stuff to show you. As always, thanks to Jim for his contributions, especially for the Airshow pictures in this issue. A big thanks to everyone else that helped out too.

Speaking of photos, I just got back from the Reno Air Races where I shot 2500 pics over six days. I wrote a couple articles for magazines on it, and I will keep you posted when they are published.

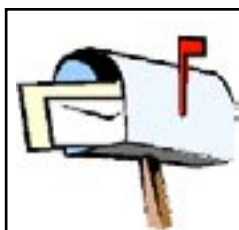
This is a rather large issue with lots of info, so I'll keep my mouth shut so you can enjoy it all! Until next time, y safe!

Chris

PS. I appologize, but I lost the name of the gentleman who submitted airshow photos. Please let me know who it was so I can give you credit in the next issue..



Babe Caltabiano's Me-109 on final (Photo by Chris Luvara)



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Flyin Fast

The VP's News

by Michael Luvara



My, what weather the summer has brought us. Cold, hot, hot, cold, hot, and now it's like the heater switch was turned off and fall is here. Nevertheless, many have been out enjoying the sunny skies at the field with a variety of planes and it's always neat to see what other members have come up with. From the Fokker biplane to the sport turbine screaming across the sky, one can see it all at the field on almost any given day. However, we saw it all at the SCCMAS's annual airshow in July. Six hours of constant ight and entertainment gave the 1800+ spectators something to look at over the two day event. The event was a success due to the volunteer efforts of SCCMAS members and guests.

After the Airshow was our annual club BBQ/meeting. Boy, you sure missed out if you didn't attend. Since only 47 people showed up, the wonderful food brought by club members and the snack shack crew (Pat Luvara & Bob Rich) everyone was able to get seconds and more. I don't think there was an empty stomach that night!

What, another event cancelled? Yes. The pattern event scheduled for Nov 1 & 2 has been cancelled due to lack of participant interest. Event CD Bob Whitacre reported only 12 entrants committed to the event and discussed with the SCCMAS the justification of closing the field for two days with little interest from competitors. Trends have shown that some years will be lighter than others on contest participation.

Richard Groen is doing a fantastic job taking on the SCCMAS event coordination. In the next issue of Servo Chatter, you will find an event survey that we would appreciate you taking the time to complete and return. This survey is the rudder for our event lineup each year and each one is read to see what the members would like to see. Any contest ideas or comments should go through Richard. He's always looking for help at events.

Club member Don Koelfgen has been the main driver behind the club mower on weekdays, keeping the grass in tow. He's decided to hang up his mowing hat after many years of donated time on the green. Don, thanks for the hard work. The SCCMAS appreciates it.

On Tuesday, November 18th, we will again be hosting the students from Union Middle School in Los Gatos. I believe that they have now had 4 field trips out to the SCCMAS and have enjoyed every one of them, with the students getting some stick time during their outing. If you can help out on the 18th of November, please contact me as we'll need several volunteers to make their day an enjoyable one.

If you haven't stopped by the SCCMAS website lately, you are missing out on the latest amazing snapshots from club member Jim Caparelli. Week after week, Jim captures the happenings at the SCCMAS and shares his fabulous photography and computer photoshop work with the world. Take a look and share your knowledge with other members on the forums. The site has had some issues and they are being addressed. We thank you for the patience.

I'm going to cut things short this month as I've been buried deep with work and building a personal business. What a learning experience!

- Michael

From the Secretary's Building Board

by Rich Luvara

Members Present: 47

New Members: none

New Solo: none



Show and Tell

None... but you did miss a low level fly by at sunset by a full scale AT-6. Actually it wasn't just one pass, it was two.



Dumb Thumb

And the winner is.....

Mike French



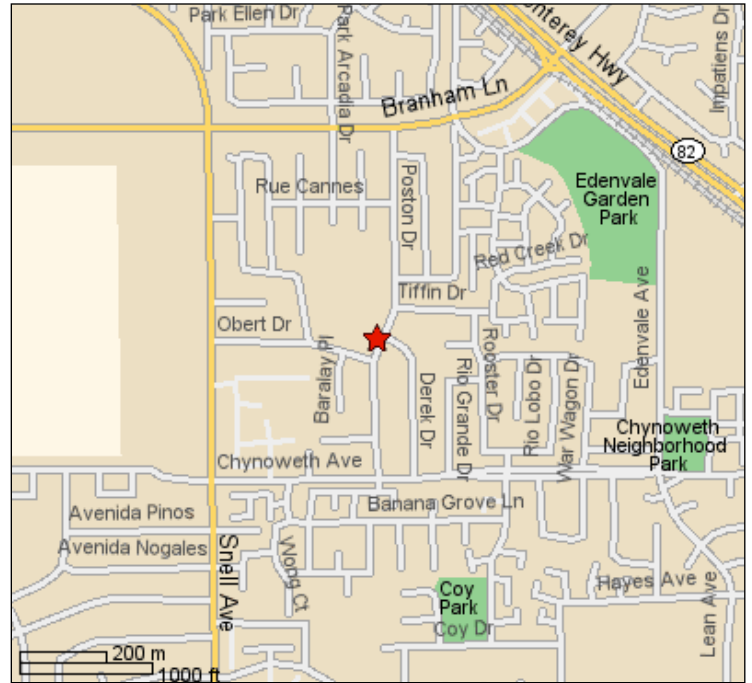
Raffle

Jack Patterson - Kit
Ray Frazier - Radio
Gary Payne - Power Panel
Bahman Dara - Fuel & Tshirt
Larry Arcadi - Engine
Bervin Britt - Video
Paul Steiner - Screws
Brian Patterson - Power Panel
Tom Uhlendorf - wing tubes & Video

Winner brings the donuts

This month, we have to thank Sheldon's 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.

Meeting Location Map



Thanks to the following people who brought food to the meeting:

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mercer - Chicken Wings
Jack and Angie Sunzeri - Potatoe Salad
Howard Sosbee - Apple Pie
Paul Steiner - Beans
Tim Jones - Beans
John McCollum - Chocolate Cherry Cake
Gregg Uhlendorf - Lemon Bundt Cake
Don Loughridge - Cheese Cake
Steve and Juanita Culp - Potatoe Salad
Bervin Britt - Sheet Cakes
Bahman Dara - Cake



Jim Mongiello's Eurofighter on final. (photo by Chris Luvara)

Treasurer's Report

by Babe Caltabiano



Cash Flow Report
7/09/03-10/01/03

INFLOWS

Apparel inc	\$392.00
Contest Entries	\$230.00
Dues	\$2,400.00
Flea Market	\$320.00
Food inc.	\$3,042.00
Other Inc.	\$25.00
Raf e Inc.	\$861.00
Vending	\$623.00

TOTAL INFLOWS \$7,893.00

OUTFLOWS

Acme Sanitation	\$486.51
Bay Alarm	\$135.00
Building Materials	\$63.37
Club Area maint.	\$13.99
Garbage	\$486.69
Misc.	\$1,725.76
Pest	\$100.00
Rental Vending	\$75.00
Repairs	\$179.01
Soda Purchase	\$694.64
Utilities, PGE	\$719.04
Utilities, Phone	\$436.70
Water	\$662.20

TOTAL OUTFLOWS \$5,777.91

OVERALL TOTAL \$2,115.09

Safety & Training

by Jim Patrick



Flight Training Vouchers are available. With these we are getting more interest in the training of our students. To make this program

work we need the instructors and students to participate. The instructors need to remember to get their voucher from the student. The students may purchase vouchers from Mike or myself. You may also send to the treasurer 25 dollars per voucher booklet, to be mailed to you. If you have any questions about this call me at 408.356.0817.

Saturdays are good days to train. The field is not crowded. We can use another instructor or two to participate on any Saturday.



The way we keep our field and are able to enjoy our hobby is by keeping it safe. Don't take it personally when someone reminds you of a safer way of operating. Everyone should be concerned about safety. As long as all of us practice safety, we will not have to adopt more rules. Rules happen when it is obvious that not everyone understands what is safe and what is not.

There have been a few incidents that make it obvious why it is necessary to secure your plane at all times while it is running in the startup area. Remember that your plane needs to be held at all times or should be tied down. Secure the plane ESPECIALLY when you go to grab the transmitter. Once your plane is untied, you must hold it until you are out of the startup area. There is absolutely no taxiing in the startup area. Walk your plane out to the taxiway.

All regular flying must be done from the runway out to our flight boundaries. This is our designated flying area. The ONLY exception is helicopters hovering low and slow in the designated grassy area. This is to protect people on the flight line. It means no flying high over the grass. Then, when transitioning your helicopter from hover to forward flight, you must move into the regular flying areas. Do not fly any planes over the grassy area, also known as the red zone.

The AMA is always making new rules. When you received your AMA card this year you may have noticed a few new rules listed. Always read them. The last one on my renewal stated; "Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a powered model in flight; nor should any part of the model other than the landing gear, intentionally touch the ground, except while landing". Just remember to be very careful around running engines or flying planes. The AMA will not accept liability if safety rules are violated. The AMA rules begin with; "I understand that my failure to comply with the Safety Code may endanger my insurance coverage".

Finally, be sure to put the AMA required I.D. on your plane; name, phone number and AMA number. It is a good idea to put the I.D. on the outside of the plane where it is more visible. Also put your name and phone number on your transmitter so we can call you when you leave your transmitter at the field.

Contest Corner

by Richard Groen

Time to reflect on this summer's events. The Giant Scale event went well in August. We had a decent turnout considering all the activities going on at the time. With 17 pilots it was still a great event. Also the Reno Air Races were attended by a few of our members, including photographer Chris Luvara. Some of those other pros' need to come practice on our models to learn how to get those great shots. Last week Reg DeLaquila and Frank Banks attended the Grand Master Builders Show known as the Scale Masters.

As you may have seen flyers posted the T34 races are coming October 18th to the SCCMAS flying field. This year should be a great turn-out. The weather has been great and we are offering some fantastic prizes for both classes. I would like to encourage all pilots to come out and fly your T34. Experienced or Novice, it will be a great time. Rules and info are posted on the SCCMAS forum, listed under racing. Contact me early to reserve your frequency, pre-registration is not required though. Check it out and have a great time.

Also, the pattern contest scheduled for November 1st and 2nd has been cancelled due to lack of interest. The last event for the year will be on November 22nd, this will be the ever popular tea market. Good time to pick up a few things before the holidays.

Richard Groen
Contest Coordinator

SCCMAS Video Library

Hello from ... Richard Groen

School has started again... summer vacations are completed ... and it's time for us to reorganize and start thinking about those amazing winter kits we're going to build. One way to get a good start is to view a few classic planes in the sky. Whether you're going to build an incredible scale plane or just replacing the ones you lost flying this summer, we have videos for you. Thanks to another generous donation from an anonymous source we have added over 80 more videos to the SCCMAS library. We now have over 120 videos to choose from. They include Hunters in the Sky series, Oshkosh, RC Video Magazine series volume 1-5, over 40 videos from the Wings shows, and many new ones to see. Be sure to make the next club meeting and check them out. We are always looking for any other videos people may wish to share. Contact me at richdutch@aol.com or call me at 408-593-3735.



**Got a cool photo?
Send them in!**

***Below are just a few random photos taken
by Chris Luvara at the field during August.***



Airshow 2003



Above: Chris Luvara glides the R/C Parachutist down during the opening ceremony. The parachutist was dropped from a trainer during the national anthem. The smoke trail is from a smoke canister attached to his leg that was lit before takeoff. (photo by Jim Caparelli)

Left: Zak West hovers Maurice Culverwell's Extra during his aerobatic demonstration. Zak and Mickey Crawley put on an awesome two airplane demonstration on Saturday. (photo by Jim Caparelli)

Below: Jacob Raquet stands next to Paul Steiner's GeeBee in order to give perspective on just how big Paul's airplane is. (photo by Jim Caparelli)





Above: Joel Ledain Helps the spectators build free Dela Darts. (photo by Jim Caparelli)



Top Right: Doug Peacock hovers his helicopter while displaying the flag during the opening ceremonies. (photo by Jim Caparelli)

Right: Jim Mongiello prepares his turbine powered Eurofighter for flight. (photo byNAME)



Below: Lynsel Miller does a little announcing for the South Bay Soaring Society during their morning glider demo. (photo by Jim Caparelli)

Below Right: Some of the Helicopters on display. Thanks to Dave Neves and his crew from Bayside which graciously bring their helicopters ever year for display and training activities.





Left: Darryl Rolla brings his Yellow Aircraft P-47 in for landing after the warbird demonstration. (photo by Jim Caparelli)

Below Left: During noontime everyone got a chance to walk out on the taxi-ways and view the aircraft up-close. (photo by NAME)

Below: Alex Gould helps kids built their Delta Darts. (photo byNAME)

Bottom: A view of some of the spectators walking through the pits. Some 1600+ spectators showed up over the two day event. (photo by NAME)





Top: This year Reggie Dell Aquila brought his flying Stop sign and flying car to show that pretty much anything can fly. (photo by NAME)

Above: A shot of the crowd line and some of the aircraft that were lined up for display.
(photo by Jim Caparelli)

Above Right: Tim Jones jokes around while selling off raffle tickets.
(photo byNAME)

Bottom Right: Although Snoopy's Doghouse never got to fly because of the high winds we experienced over the weekend, Rick Maida brought out his Fokker Triplane and was ready for some battle. (photo by NAME)





Above: Jump Plane number 1 gets ready for the opening ceremonies. This parachutist carried down an American Flag. (photo by Jim Caparelli)



Above Right: George Black's P-82 twin Mustang awaits its turn to fly. (photo by NAME)



Right: An example of some of the Scale Helicopters that were brought over by the Bayside group. (photo by NAME)

Bottom Right: A small sampling of the electric aircraft that were demoed. Pictured is a PBY-Catalina. (photo by NAME)

Below: Reg's Giant Sopwith Pup.



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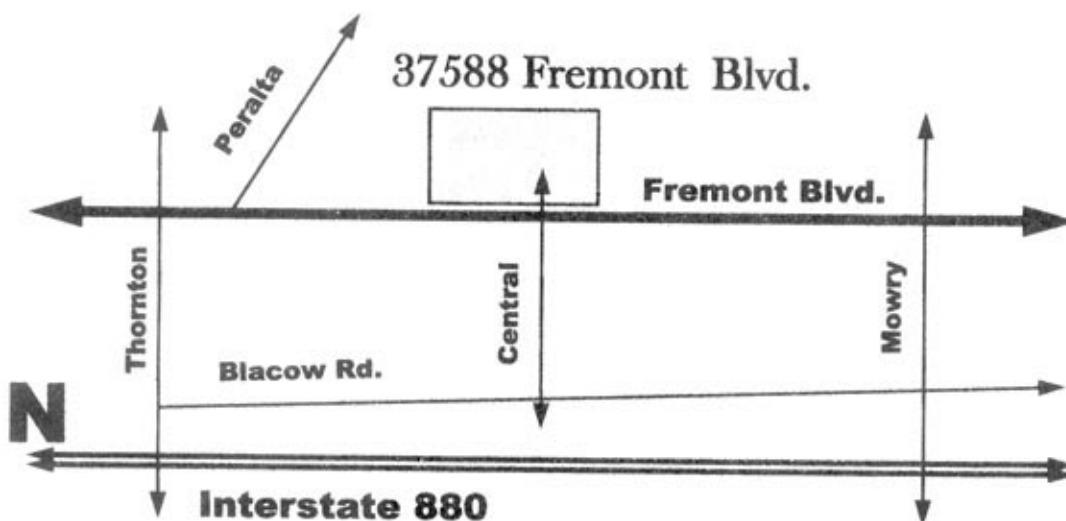
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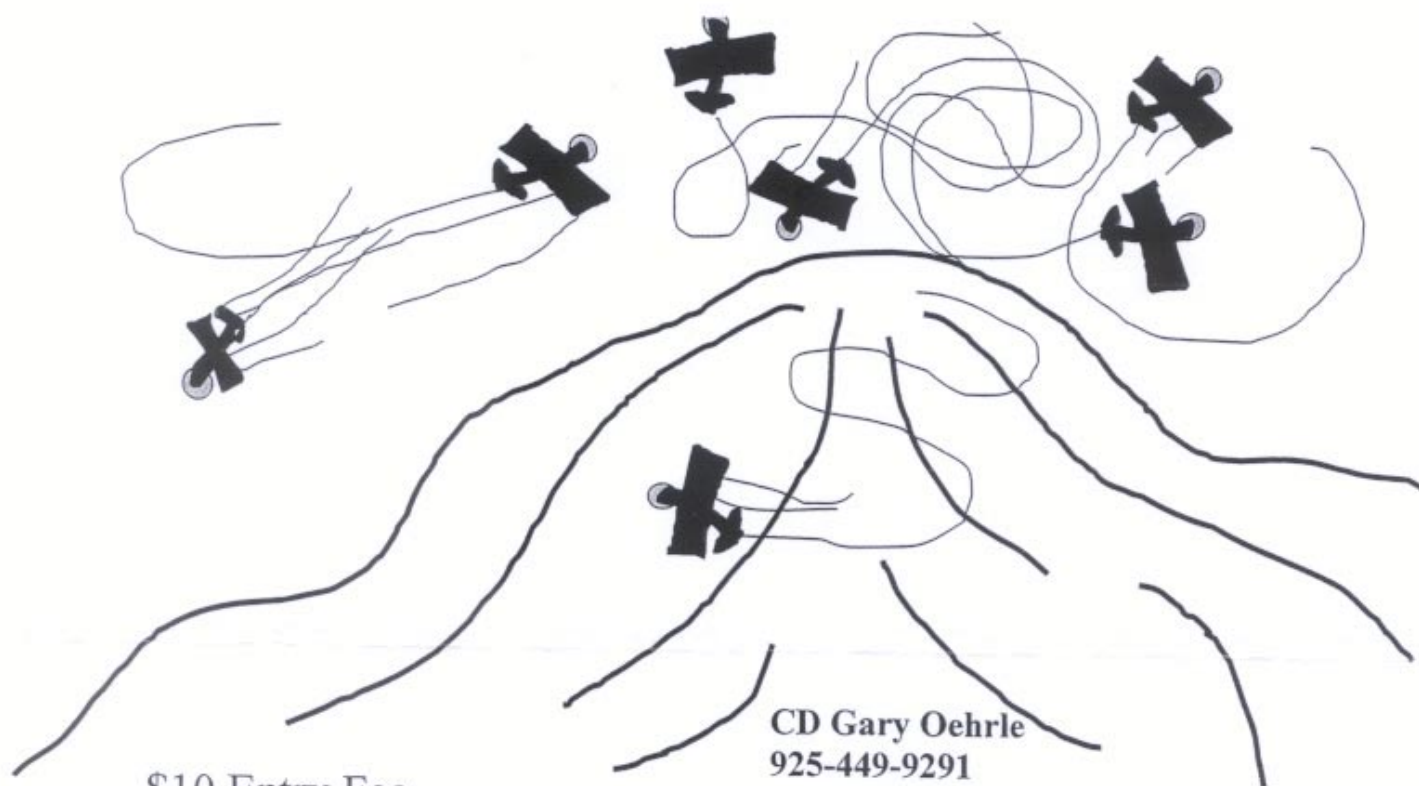
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Where: East Bay Radio Controllers Livermore, California
WWW.eastbayrc.org for directions

Time: Registration 8:00 AM First Engagement: 9:00 AM

R/C Flea Market

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By popular demand, we have added another Radio Controlled Hobby Flea Market. Come join us at the SCCMAS field. Buy or sell your R/C related items. **No pre-registration necessary.** Our table space is limited, and is on a first-come, first-served basis, so be prepared to bring your own table. SCCMAS field will remain open for flying during the event and radios being sold must either have their module or battery removed. Our snack shack will be open serving food and refreshments.

Space rental \$10.00

For more info, contact Richard Groen at (408) 593-3735

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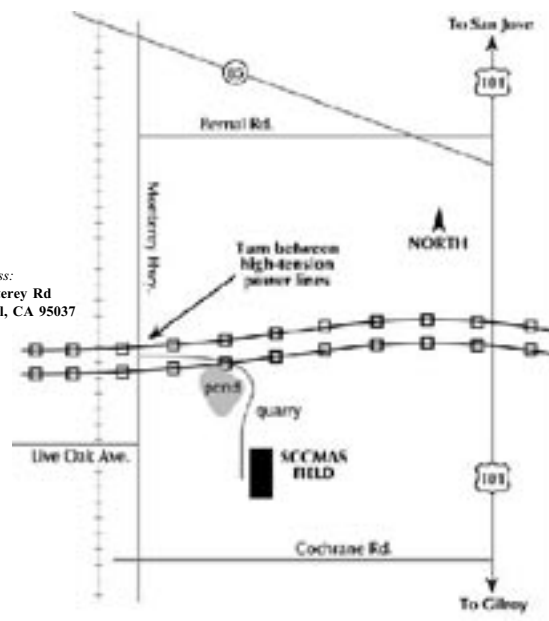
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Please note- While on the private entrance road, use caution and obey the 15 mph speed limit. Stop at all stop signs and yield the right of way when a bicyclist is present! Thanks, the SCCMAS.

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*Steve Smith lands his Goldberg Extra as his son, Matthew, and Bill Roth watch intently.
(Photo by Chris Luvara)*

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