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Bahman Dara photo.**

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Lawrence Tougas, candidate for AMA District X Vice-President, addresses the SCCMAS Membership. See page 12.

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Flyin' Fast - President's News By Michael Luvara

The club's annual BBQ meeting at the field the first week of August was quite the event. At the airshow this past year, we had a full scale Cub fly-in from Aerodynamic Aviation in San Jose. The spectators and members alike seemed to really like this addition. At the BBQ in August, we had the Cub fly-in, along with a Trike (basically a powered hang glider). Zdravko Podolski (Cub pilot) and Pete Marsh (Trike pilot) both talked about their aircraft, flying, and answered any questions that members had. Certainly a unique opportunity. I'd like to thank everyone that helped make the BBQ a success, especially Steve Smith, who has consistently gone out of his way to get food, coordinate events, etc. This has been evident recently when I am on the road for work. Thanks Steve!

We're coming up on the end of the summer season, which means temperatures will start to fall, and flying weather will "fall" into some outstanding conditions. Typically, we see that field usage slows off some in the summer as people travel and picks back up from September through November, especially when kids go back to school and settle down from vacations. Please help us at the field on a continuous basis to keep the field clean by picking up your trash, cleaning up spills, etc. Remember that we ask everyone to use fuel overflow containers to catch fuel from our mufflers or vent during filling. I'm as guilty as everyone else in not doing this at times. Remember – we are all part of the SCCMAS

organization. It is up to us to help keep things in order at the field. For example, if you are the last person out at the end of the day, we need to lock our gate, and ensure the field is closed up. The combination is supplied with your annual renewal letter.

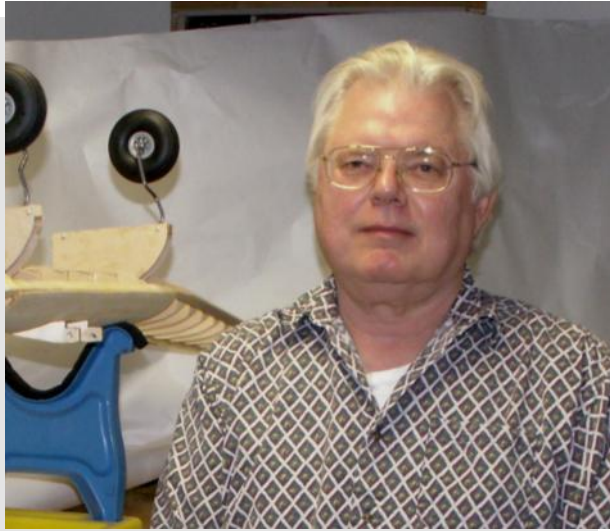
By the time the next newsletter rolls around in November, renewal packages will be in your mailbox. Please ensure that you read the renewal letters, sign and date BOTH sides of the form, enclose your check and a copy of your AMA card. Tim Jones has been coordinating the database/club cards/renewal efforts for us and puts many hours into this. Thanks Tim!

I'm still on the road quite a bit lately for business and will likely be through November. I look forward to relaxing a bit this winter at home! As always, if you have any concerns or comments, feel free to email or call. I'll do my best to get back to you in a timely manner. In closing, I'm very proud of our organization and the flying facility that we have. The individuals who donate countless hours to keep our field going are a tremendous asset to the community.

Until Next Issue,

Michael

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From the Editor

By Pat Rose

Also, since I did not make it to the members meeting at the field, Jim Patrick stepped up and took some really nice photos for contribution to Servo Chatter. Looks like there was quite a crowd at the members meeting.

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I really do appreciate the *Electric Fly-in Report by Bahman Dara*. Bahman also contributed our cover photo for this issue. So nice of him to do this.

Upcoming Meetings: Oct 1, Nov 19, Jan 28, Mar 25, May 27 at 7 PM.

Location: Hayes Elementary School, 5035 Poston Drive, San Jose, 95136

Raffle prizes will include the usual - a radio (very possibly a 2.4 GHz unit), a kit, adhesives and lots of other stuff. Bring your latest project for show-and-tell and receive a free raffle ticket. Coffee and donuts during the break.



Airshow photo by John Francis



Secretary's Report

By Dean Sala

Meeting notes from the secretary Dean Sala

Meeting Date: 08/01/2009

Club BBQ and meeting at the SCCMAS field

Attendance 90

Speakers:

Both Speakers are sport pilots that fly out of Reid Hillview Airport

Pete Marsh flew in on an Ultra Lite Trike. Talked about getting sport pilot's license in 20 hours. ~\$3000 for training in light sport aircraft

Zdravko Podolski flew and landed a small Piper Cub replica. He talked a lot about getting a pilots license and flight school.

Look these guys up at Reid Hillview if interested.

Officer comments:

Mike French
Mentioned we get an average of 2 students per month.

Steve Smith
Reminded people about electric flying hosted by Bahman. He needs helpers for T-34 races.

Mike Luvara
Said we had an outstanding airshow. We ran out of food. Thanks to Leo Gonzolas for a wonderful display of the Sheriff's helicopter. Lots of planning went into the airshow and he

thanks everyone involved.

Other Comments:

Walter Colby has some free time on his hands and has offered to search for lost planes/parts. Contact him for more details.

Dumb Thumb:

Arnaud
Flying two jets. Wrong jet flew from a radio mismatch. While trying to fly one jet, his other jet started moving. Third person explanation.

Dumb Thumb Runner Ups:

Walter Colby and Bob (not sure which Bob)
Once again make the dumb thumb nomination in one way or another. Made a weird cross-wind take off.

Carl Quinn
Flew into ground trying to dive bomb coyote.

Matthew Smith crashed Cub.

New Club Member:

Peter Vogalz: Sorry if incorrect spelling.

New Solo:

Kevin Stern. Congratulations!

Secretary continued on page 7.

Member Meeting photos thanks to Jim Patrick



Secretary continued from page 5.

Show and Tell:

Frank Navarez

Brought an absolutely beautiful old Balsa USA Stearman weighing in at 50lbs. Powered by an old DA twin with twin carbs. Fully detailed down to the aluminum fuse sheeting and real rivets. He said he traded a valuable model Ferrari for it. His other hobby.

Babe Caltabiano

Working on a Macchi C.202 Folgore (Italian "Thunderbolt"). Full fiberglass fuse made by himself. Tends to scale it out and not make it into a racer. Wow!

Don Coulter

Showed off a Seagull brand Space Walker 60cc. He mounts floats to it and flies it off water too. He also brought a Lanier Mariner. Rebuilt and running a 72 Saito 4-Stroke. Plans to go to the float fly at Lake McSwain this September.

Mike Leggett

Showed his box that he uses to haul his gigantic electric B-17. Has over 3-1/2 years into the project. The B-17 runs on four large CD Rom motors.

Raffle:

Walter Colby

Dremel Bits, Prop Balancer, Clamp

Frank Navarez

Spectrum Radio System
Allen Wrenches
Servo Setter
Hole Center Locator

Ron Marier

Ray Fraser

Ken Kightly

tool

Dick Gilchrist

David Schurtz

Howard Sosbee

Jim Stahlke

Dremel Bits
CA, Hole Locator Tool
Epoxy
CA Accelerator, Hobby
Knife

Harsh B

Hobby Knife Set (Call
Dean for your prize)

Steve Smith

CA glue

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SEEN AT THE FIELD
Electric Fly-In
Jim Patrick Photos





Contest News

By Steve Smith

As we enter fall, I look back on 2009 and realize that the SCCMAS had one of the most successful years for event attendance. Since the last club meeting, several events came to closure. On August 15th, the Electric Fly-in was a success with R/C Electric model enthusiasts' participation from all over the Bay Area. With the excellent weather and turnout, everybody enjoyed a fun filled day of quiet flying and chatting with fellow electric modelers. I would like to thank Bahman Dara and Rick Clayton for making this event a success. On August 29th, the skies at the SCCMAS were buzzing with Warbird racers for race 3 of the California Sport Warbird Series. Several classes of races were flown, .46 modified, stock 75 and the unlimited class. This was an action packed 100 degree day of racing with many spectacular heats especially in the unlimited class. I would like to thank all of the helpers (too many to mention). Without you the races would not be possible. September 5th brought buyers and sellers to the SCCMAS for the summer R/C swap meet. We had one of the best swap meets at the SCCMAS in years. By mid morning the pit area was packed with buyers and the bargains were to be found. If you missed this one, don't worry, we still have another planned for the fall.

On Saturday October 3rd the Tomcats will host the final T-34 race of the California Series. Get those T-34's ready and come out and enjoy an action packed day of sport racing and fun. For more information visit www.t34racing.com . If you are interested in helping, contact Steve Smith at contests@sccmas.org . On Saturday October

10th, the RV parking area at the SCCMAS will be used for the annual Coyote Creek Cycling Classic from 8:00AM to 2:00PM. SCCMAS members please do not park in the RV area. This event is sponsored by the Santa Clara County Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mark your calendars for the final R/C Swap Meet of the year at the SCCMAS, Saturday November 14th rain or shine from 8:00AM till 1:00PM. 10'x10' spaces are \$10 per seller, Covered table spaces are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. Bring your own tent and table. Donuts and coffee will be served in the morning followed by a BBQ. More information is available at www.sccmas.org .

The final event of the year is the annual Toys -For-Tots Fundraiser – Bob Whitacre memorial Fly-in on Sunday December 6th from 9AM to 1PM. The entry fee is any unwrapped toy. Don't miss it, come out, enjoy a pancake breakfast and flying with other modelers. Additional information is available at www.sccmas.org

See you at the field,

Steve Smith





Treasurer's Report

By Jim Patrick

SCCMAS Profit & Loss

July through August 2009

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Apparel sales	168.00
Contest entries	620.00
Donations	183.00
Food sales	5,404.00
Membership dues	1,265.00
Airshow Raffle	1,227.00
Vending machine	289.00
Total Income	9,156.00
Expense	
Bay Alarm	135.00
Computer supplies	83.69
Contributions	350.00
Equipment Rental	1,057.45
Food	2,530.97
Garbage service	387.82
Licenses and Permits	295.00
Postage and Delivery	65.24
Printing and Reproduction	267.66
Raffle supplies	492.39
Repairs and Maintenance	
Building Repairs	410.33
Field repairs	14.18
Repairs and Maintenance-Other	16.27
Total Repairs and Maintenance	440.78
Sanitation service	1,711.01
Supplies	442.44
Telephone	
Internet	209.85
Telephone - Other	136.94
Total Telephone	346.79
Utilities	
Gas and Electric	744.85
Water	632.50
Total Utilities	1,377.35
Total Expense	9,983.59
Net Ordinary Income	-827.59
Net Income	-827.59

Electric Fly-in Report by Bahman Dara

Hi Pat, some info for you regarding electric day:

This is the sixth annual electric day event and the attendee numbers seem to stay constant though each year has seen a number of new faces attending. This year we had a total of 27 registered with Jack Tossman (who has now attended for several years) being the pilot having come from farthest location (Los Angeles). Jack is working on a movie on aviation and you can check his site on www.thespiritofflying.com.

We had the generous support of local vendors with Aeromicro taking the lead. Other prizes were offered by Tamjets and Steve Smith. Thanks goes to all the club members who helped the event by managing flight lines, keeping things moving, handling food services and all the other background activities which made this a very fun day.

The following people won prizes:

Rick Clayton	P38
J. Riddle	Katana
Bob Parks	Tamjet Fan
Michael Radu	BP-QQ
Jack Tossman	Super Tigre Motor
Bob Miller	Ultimate
Steve Smith	Tensor
Tam	Servo Programmer
Kyle Algrete	Servo Programmer
Arnold Atkins	Super Tigre Motor
Dantley Davis	Servo Programmer

The local chapter of antique automobiles came over for a visit and shared their marvelous vehicles with us.

Lawrence Tougas,
candidate for AMA
District X Vice-
President, addresses
the SCCMAS Mem-
bership.



Gentlemen,

I am Lawrence Tougas and I am running to become the AMA District X Vice-President. I would like to discuss having the Tomcats' endorsement for next month's election. I attended your open house weekend last year. I am including my candidate statement, some background information, and a contact number for me.

AMA by-laws restrict candidates to 1,560 character statements that are published in the October issue of MA. The following is my candidate statement;

I'm Lawrence Tougas from Fairfield, CA. I am running for District X, Vice-President. My history with model aviation began in 1968 when my father built a silk and dope covered model. Since then I have built and flown, free flight, control line and radio control models.

As V.P. my top 3 issues would be to (1) help clubs find and keep flying fields, (2) improve the AMA website, and lastly, (3) raise the visibility of District X.

Retention of flying sites can be a political issue. I support AMA's efforts to build relationships with local city and park officials; I would work with clubs to strengthen these bonds, and bring to bear all of the AMA's resources

when a site is at risk.

The current AMA website is under utilized. It should be an extension of Model Aviation magazine. The size of MA is limited, we could use the site to have expanded articles, video of models flying, and building techniques, as well as other enhancements to MA. The contest calendar could be improved. The AMA History program is a text only accounting of significant modelers and institutions. We should have pictures and video on the website of these giants of our sport.

District X is the largest district in the AMA. The AMA needs a Western United States flying site, a state-of-the-art facility that could be used by all AMA members, and host significant competitions. I would do everything in my power to bring that site to District X.

Additional information about my campaign can be found at:

<http://ama-district-x-election.blogspot.com>

Thank you for your consideration,

Lawrence Tougas

Lawrence Tougas continued on next page.

Lawrence Tougas continued from previous page.

In addition this is some of my background information:

I have been a Design/Project Engineer for 22 years in the Aerospace Industry. I have worked in Defense, and am currently working at a major domestic airline. In defense I designed parts for two missiles used in the "Star Wars" program, and produced parts for the Space Shuttle as well. In the airline industry on the maintenance side I have been the Primary Engineer, on flight control systems, aircraft interiors, and aircraft structure. On the Operations side I was the Operational Engineer on a wide-bodied aircraft, and as such worked with our Chief Pilots to maintain and modify the aircraft flight manual used by all of our pilots. During my career I have worked a number of long-term projects that required supervising multiple participants to ensure project goals and timelines were met. I believe that translates directly in to skills that an effective DVP would need.

In addition I have owned and operated my own Video Production Company and understand the skills need to be a successful entrepreneur. How to market my products which I

think are the skills that our local clubs need to employ to market themselves to their communities to win and retain flying sites.

I've spent my whole life enthralled by all aspects of aviation. It was this love of aviation that prompted me to secure a Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of California. I also have a Commercial Multi-Engine Pilot's License with Instrument Privileges.

Ultimately the members of District X need to choose the candidate that they feel is best qualified to be elected. If the Members choose me I would consider it an honor to serve District X as their Vice-President.

I've been told by the AMA staff that of the 6 District elections ours will be the only one with a candidate challenging the incumbent. I think it is important that we have healthy debate amongst ourselves as to what is important to District X and who is best qualified to accomplish these goals.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you or the officers in your club, please contact me at 707-480-2053.

Thank you,

Lawrence Tougas

Pat,

Thank you very much. Please let SCCMAS members know that they can go to the website listed in my candidate statement where they can leave questions or comments which I will respond to.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Tougas

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**Presented by the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark
Morgan Hill, Ca.
A Facility of the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Dept.**

Saturday - November 14th

8:00am - 1:00pm

Come join us at the SCCMAS field. Buy or sell your R/C related items.
No Pre-registration needed. 10'x10' spaces, table space is limited, and available on a first come, first serve basis, bring your own table to be safe.

SCCMAS field is open for flying, all transmitters must be impounded or battery/module removed to prevent accidents.

Clean out the workshop and find that project for the winter

**10'x10' Space Rental \$10.00
(No Booth Sharing or "Partners")**

**Commercial Sales, Hobby Shops or Store
Fronts are NOT allowed.**

Maps and additional club info available at our website
<http://www.sccmas.org>



SCCMAS Proudly Presents...

The Annual...

Toys for Tots-Whitacre Fly-In

Sunday December 6th

9am - 1pm



Pancake Breakfast



This will be a great finale for the year. Please come help us honor Bob Whitacre's wonderful life, and help the children in our community.

Entry Fee is any NEW unwrapped Toy.

This event open to all members and guests with a current AMA status. Bring an unwrapped toy and enjoy a Pancake breakfast and a day of flying with fellow modelers.

For more info visit www.sccmas.org

Swap-Meet



AND



***Come for our fall Swap-Meet
It will be October 10th in Modesto
Hobby and Crafts parking lot
Start time is at 8:00am till 3:00pm
401 Bangs Ave Modesto***

***There will be a raffle \$1.00 a ticket or 7 for \$5.00
There will also be Coffee and Doughnuts in the morning
and lunch for sale
There is a \$10.00 sellers fee to raise money for the club
runway***

**Please come join the fun
If you have any questions please call Doug Fahrney JR at 209-622-6160**



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**Pilots meeting will be 9am Saturday
morning!**



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**Questions? Email Randy at warks62@hotmail.com or
Matt at mattalaray@sbcglobal.net**

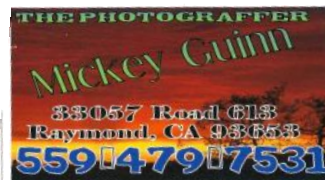


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your plane for sale!!!**



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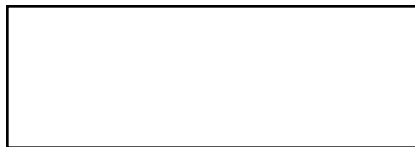
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