

# Servo Chatter

AMA Club Charter #110

July 2015



Next cub meeting:  
August 1st at the  
field starting at  
17:00



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Official Newsletter of the SCCMAS "Tomcats"  
Field Location: 10250 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

## News from the President



It's been quite a year! It started off with a call from club founder, Brian Nelson. He mentioned that Michael Luvara was contemplating stepping down as President of the club and the search for his replacement has begun. He asked if there was any chance that I would be interested in the position. There have been several big changes in my life recently.

I sold my home and downsized, and I met a wonderful woman (and proposed to her) who shares my passion in aviation. I figured now would be as good a time as any to step up. To Brian's surprise, I said "Sure!". A few months went by before a meeting of the founding fathers was held and the decision was made. All the necessary paperwork was signed and on April 1, 2015 (no, it wasn't a Fool's Day prank), I became only the second official president of the club.

Brian had entered the lease with the County and, because he became a corporation, technically he was a CEO. It wasn't until Michael took the reigns about 15 years ago that the attorneys felt it would be more in keeping with AMA policies that we have a five member board of directors with at least a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and two Board members At Large. Michael did an awesome job leading the club but the time had come that he wanted to pursue other interests.

Basically, I had to hit the ground running with the various duties involved in keeping an operation like this running smoothly. Actually, more like a trial by fire would be a more accurate description. Our biggest undertaking each year is the Airshow. Michael and Steve were gracious enough to help with many of the logistics involved since I was involved in another major life project, my wedding and honeymoon.

I would virtually not be able to work on the airshow until I returned from the honeymoon at the end of May. At that point I had a bit more than a month to make the Airshow happen. Our Fourth of July Parade entry was in good hands with Mike Leggett running that show. By the way, I hear we got another 2nd place for our float. Personally, I believe the judges were blinded by bright and shiny aircraft and could not appreciate the hours of hard work in 100 degree weather to bring the vision to life. I think the first place winner must have received some pity points because there was no where near the energy and engineering that we put into our float. Nuff said.

I want to thank the 25 or so people who gave up a day to help out with our field cleanup day. Benches were painted, the deck was restained and the potholes were filled in along the entrance road. The lawn was mowed and weeds were removed. New safety net fencing was installed...apparently they are doing their jobs! I already have a list of "to-dos" for next year rumbling around in my head. I welcome any suggestions to make next year's show even better.

## From the Editor

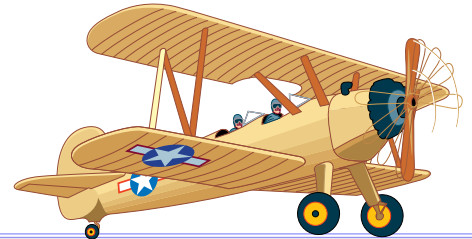


This is a shorter than normal issue primarily to complete it before the club meeting. The meeting will take place at the field on August first and starts at 17:00. Come spend time with other members, bring your latest creation to share and enjoy some unpressured armchair flying.

There have been a very large number of events both at the club and locally. In the next issue I will be sharing a lot of pictures of these events. For this issue I have done a sample just to wet your appetite.

See you at the meetign and until then, safe landings.

### Bahman



The Airshow was a success and we even managed to receive some kudos from the CalFire Captain. A small grass fire started on the other side of the highway and the decision was made to ground all aircraft until the air support crews had left the scene. I recieved this email from Tom Ciccone:

"Don. ...FYI.....a CalFire Unit Chief, Derek Witmer stopped by the airfield today to expressly thank our TomCat Club for suspending operations during the fire alongside highway 101 on Saturday while their aircraft were in the air dropping fire retardant and water."

This is great press for us, especially in light of the really bad publicity drones have been getting in the news lately. The actions of a few irresponsible people can ruin this hobby for all of us. Next on my schedule is for the next club meeting on Aug 1. at the field. We will host the dinner with the club bbqing dogs and burgers. Bring your favorite side dish and I'm sure we will have a feast. Dinner will be served just before 5:00pm and the meeting will start immediately after. Bring your next show and tell and earn a raffle ticket.

Planning has already begun for our "End of year Banquet". I will update everyone as soon as we have a confirmation of the date and location.

Thanks again to all who have made my transition to President such a smooth one. I appreciate all the support you have given me.

### Don

# SCCMAS 2015 Event Calendar

April 4		Spring Swap Meet	
May 2		WWI Fly-In	
May 16		South County Airport Day	
May 15-17		Heli Jamboree Fly-In	
June 13		Field Work Party	
June 27		Cub Fly-In	
July 11-12		Annual Airshow	
August 22		Pattern Day	
September 5		Summer Swap Meet	
October 3		T-34 & Unlimited Race	
October 10		Coyote Classic Bike Ride	
December 6		Toys-For-Tots	

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\*\*\* Email is preferred to voice mail.





## Treasurer's Report

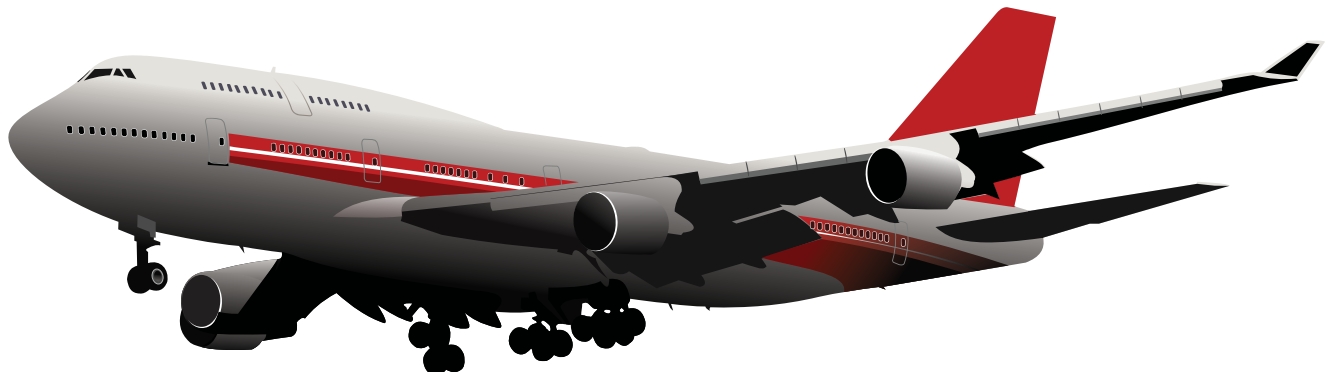


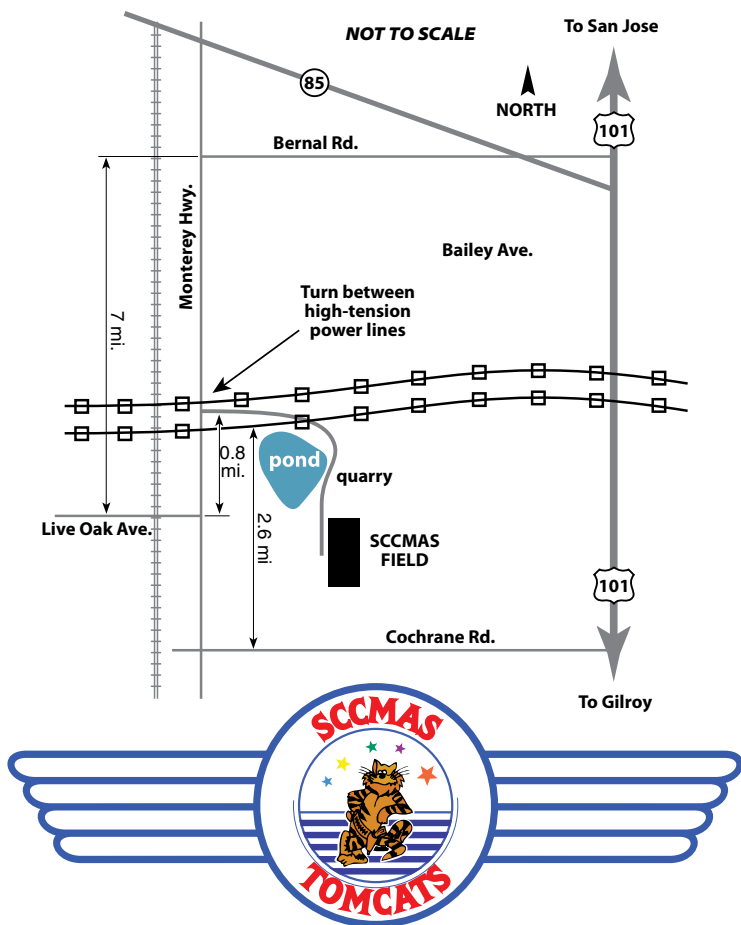
Jim Patrick



### SCCMAS Profit & Loss November 2014 through June 2015

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Contest entries	1,405.00
Food sales	446.00
Membership dues	31,091.50
Raffle	416.00
Vending machine	643.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>34,001.50</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	41.61
Bay Alarm	410.00
Club Meeting expenses	233.45
Contributions	650.00
Dues and Subscriptions	220.00
Equipment Rental	163.14
Food	1,600.98
Garbage service	1,686.00
<b>Insurance</b>	
Fire Insurance	1,020.80
Liability Insurance	20.00
Insurance - Other	80.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>1,120.80</b>
Licenses and Permits	611.00
Postage and Delivery	210.38
Printing and Reproduction	1,000.27
Raffle supplies	1,359.61
Rents paid	2,510.36
Sanitation service	4,255.20
Supplies	4,574.50
<b>Taxes</b>	
State	373.74
Taxes - Other	10.00
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>383.74</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	
Internet	809.82
Telephone - Other	669.68
<b>Total Telephone</b>	<b>1,479.50</b>
Trophies	40.00
<b>Utilities</b>	
Gas and Electric	1,219.71
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>1,219.71</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>23,770.25</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>10,231.25</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
SCCMAS Banquet	2,556.00
Other Income	200.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,756.00</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
SCCMAS Banquet	2,804.34
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>2,804.34</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-48.34</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>10,182.91</b>





SCCMAS (Tomcats) field is located in the county park and can be reached via Monterey highway

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# Pattern at Tomcats

Date: Saturday August 22 2015

Place: SCCMAS flying site at Morgan Hill, CA

Classes: 401, 402, 403, 404, and 406

Landing fee: \$25 for all classes except the  
Sportsman (\$20)

**Pre-registration preferred**

CD: Luke Peng

Tel: 650-575-9207

e-mail: *lsjpeng@comcast.net*



**Field opens for practice on  
Friday, 8/21/2015. AMA required**

**Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark**  
(see back for map and directions)



### **WWI and Golden Age (to 1935) Fly-In**

Saturday and Sunday, August 22 & 23, 2015 at the SACRC Lou Haynie Memorial Field in Union City, CA — 500+ foot astro-turf runway. Large pit area, partly shaded. Vendor spaces available. Limited RV parking at the field (no hook-ups), several local motels and restaurants. Gas, Glo and Electric of all sizes are welcome.

**Saturday night BBQ at the field!**

**(Please acknowledge beforehand if planning to attend the BBQ)**

**Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus** is not a competition, but there are many **special awards and prizes!**

Special **Pilot's Choice** award, Balloon Bust, and Racing

**RACING:** On Demand (micro and regular)

**Golden Age:** Open to all models, no restrictions.

**Proctor Micro-Antic Class Racing:** Restricted to Proctor Micro-Antics and similar size and powered airplanes. Kit built, scratch built or kit bashed are eligible! No handicap is used in the Antic class.

**Military Class:** Open to all WWI models of all sizes, it provides many surprises for the pilots and spectators.

Waldo Pepper's Flying Circus is sponsored by:  
**Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers**  
4011 Meadowview Dr.  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

You may **pre-register on-line** at [http://www.sacrc.org/wpfc-reg/wpfc\\_reg.html](http://www.sacrc.org/wpfc-reg/wpfc_reg.html)  
or send check to the above address and a list of your airplanes and frequencies. Landing fee is \$20.00.  
For more information about the event, contact Jeff Whitney at 510-861-3214 or email to  
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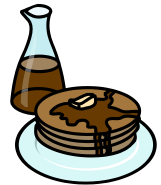
**Toys for Tots-Whitacre Fly-In**

**Sunday December 6th**

**9am - 11am**



**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 a NEW unwrapped toy and enjoy a FREE Pancake breakfast and a day of flying with fellow modelers.

For more info visit [www.sccmas.org](http://www.sccmas.org)



# R/C Swap Meet

**Presented by the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark  
Morgan Hill, Ca.**

**A Facility of the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Dept.**

## Saturday - September 5th

**8:00am - 1:00pm**

**NO PARK ENTRY BEFORE 7:00am**

Come join us at the Tomcats field for our Summer Swap Meet. 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 and chair just in case.

**SCCMAS field is open for flying,** Prevent accidents, sellers remove the battery from all transmitters.

**10x10 spaces - \$10.00**

**(No Commercial Sales, Booth sharing or "Partners")**

**On site Coffee and donuts in the morning followed  
by a BBQ.**

Maps and additional information available at [www.sccmas.org](http://www.sccmas.org)

## Field Cleanup Day

Thanks to all that showed up for the field cleanup day. I wasn't there for the first time in years so I don't have a list of those that helped out but was told the turnout was exceptional and the field looked great for the Air Show.

Where was I? At a cross country sailplane contest up north in Montague where we fell (literally) from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place after losing sight of our plane at 2500 feet. It spun in about a mile away at over 100mph. We were unsuccessful trying to regain control via GPS data only. We got it out of a spin twice but the GPS delay and lack of visual feedback resulted in a new spin each time in the opposite direction.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Float

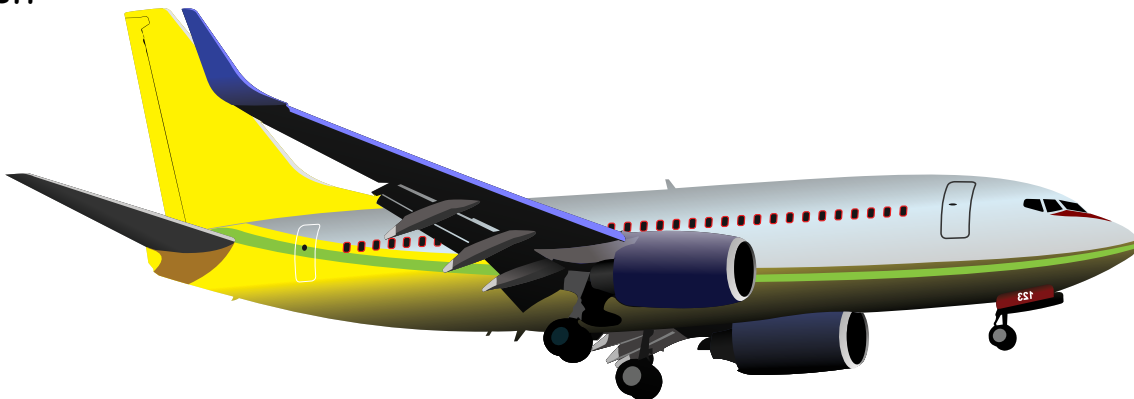
Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July float was a great success again this year thanks to the help of many of our club members. We decorated the float and mounted most of the planes on my driveway Friday evening. The new design included Roger's giant scale P47 diving down on the rest of the planes from an altitude of 17 feet. WOW!! Then Friday morning we drove the float the three mile trip to downtown Morgan Hill at 7 am at a blistering 10 miles per hour with me leading, Roger pulling the float with his truck and Lew following, with all our Flasher going.

With most of the float decoration finished we had plenty of time to finish up before the parade started at 10am. Because we were entry 123 out of 140 floats, we didn't start moving until 11am. Over the next hour we worked hard as a team to keep the P47 literally out of the trees and we handed out two boxes of air show flyers to lots of eager RC fans. Thanks to Lew Chee, Don and Kelly Coulter, Dave Salac, Matt and Jon Mattson, John Ribble, Terry Barber, Eric Sander, Frank Narvaez and special thanks to Roger Pellor for driving and borrowing his friends' trailer and truck.

I just got the judging results and we were beat out for first place again, this year by the Community Christian Church. I've attached a photo of it I found online. I'm a little biased but I like our float more. I have a great vision for next years float that should cinch a first place title. Let me know any time between now and next June if you want to be a part of the fun (and a little hard work).

Keep 'em Flying,

**Mike Leggett**



# Triangle Series Morgan Hill Race

## T-34 - Warbird - Electric

### October 3rd, 2015



### **Spectators Free.**

**See radio controlled racing...just like Reno. Aircraft push speeds of up to 160mph.**

**All racers must have AMA insurance  
Hard Hats REQUIRED for pilots & caller**

**RV Parking available for fee.**

**Have a plane but no caller, come on out and we'll find someone to call for you. Lots of helpful racers.**

**For detailed rules and information go to [www.rcpylonracing.com](http://www.rcpylonracing.com)  
or e-mail questions to [info@rcpylonracing.com](mailto:info@rcpylonracing.com)**

#### **Other Triangle Series Races:**

**March 28th, Fresno (two pole)  
May 30th, Oakdale (two pole)  
May 31st, Oakdale (three pole)  
Date TBD, Salinas (two pole)  
August 22nd, Oakdale (two pole)  
August 23rd, Oakdale (three pole)**

### **Two Pole:**

#### **Stock T-34 (Novice/Silver/Gold)**

Stock T-34's, stock OS or TT Pro .46

#### **.46 Modified Warbird**

475 sq in minimum / max .46 engine

#### **Electric Formula One**

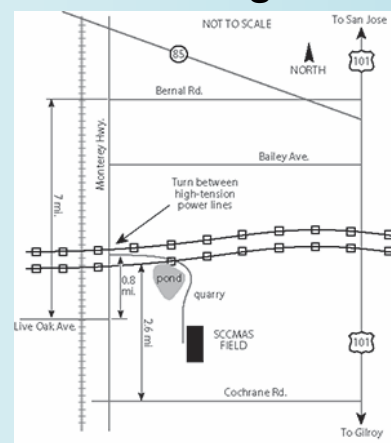
NMPRA EF1 rules (6 laps on 2 pole course, no high voltage batteries)

Detailed rules @ [www.rcpylonracing.com](http://www.rcpylonracing.com)

### **Hosted By :**

**SCCMAS Tomcats ([www.sccmas.org](http://www.sccmas.org))**

### **Field Location Morgan Hill, CA:**



**Registration: 7:00AM – 8:15AM**

**Pilots Meeting: 8:30AM**

**Racing Begins: 9:00AM**

**Fuel provided for T-34**

**Entry Fee \$25 per class**



## Safety



Hey RC Gang- The RC part of our airshow was again without incident, another SAFE airshow is in the books. Wow what an awesome Full Scale Airshow during Saturday's Grass fire huh? We couldn't have scripted that any better. I was so proud of our response, grounding and holding our RC models, while the CDF Full Scale guys did their amazing quick work. OV-10 Bronco directing two Grumman S2 retardant bombers

and the Big Huey chopper dropping thousands of gallons of water. Really amazing how quickly the fire was extinguished.

Once again Lynsel Miller lost an airplane (now 3 for the last 3 airshows), his Bristol WW-I bomber on Saturday, well clear of the crowd which kept our airshow safety record intact. His NTSB led investigation yielded a detached clunk in the fuel tank. Happy to report the Bristol is airworthy and will be flying again this coming Sunday. You just can't keep a good flyer down.

Thanks to the core leadership team, Don, Steve, Lou and all the volunteers, we had the last minute hiccups but kept the show intact and enjoyable for the masses in attendance. I'd also like to thank all the pilots, young and old for making sure your planes were safe. The results speak for themselves and it's a great testimony to our club that when we open our doors to thousands of spectators at the annual air show they enjoy a safe and fun filled experience.

One incident I'd like to mention briefly just for increased awareness happened after the airshow on Saturday. We had a number of spectators wander out on the flight line while one of the extreme 3-D helicopter demo pilots flew his routine. This was quickly addressed by a couple of alert members. We all have to make sure, on an airshow day, when our field is opened up to so many that we still prevent spectators from heading out to the flight line, period.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. See you at the field. Safe flying-

**Tim**



## Heli Jamboree

On May 15th through the 17th our club put on our 5th annual SCCMAS Heli Jamboree. This year was our biggest event with a total of 56 registered pilots in attendance. We had raffle prizes that were donated by the following co-sponsors of our event.

AeroMicro  
Sheldons Hobbies  
Great Planes  
Castle Creations  
Jim Thomson from Heli Direct  
Robert Gorham from JR  
Mark Gitin from Mikado  
and Rotor Blades from Zeal Blades

During the noon time demos we had the following pilots who put on a spectacular show.

Zack Smith, Brian Langston, Robert Gorham, Jacob Gitin, Alex Rose, Jesse Kavros, Garrett Oku, and a spectacular airplane aerobatic demonstration from Greg Milosevich.

Our autorotation contest was sponsored by Sheldons Hobbies and gift certificates were given to the top 3 places. 3rd place, Alex Rose, \$15, 2nd place, Jesse Kavros, \$35, and 1st place went to Charlie Rice, \$50.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the club members who helped make this event possible. Through their help and that of our co-sponsors, the club made a net profit of \$1,931.00.

Steve Smith  
Carl Titsworth  
Shah ram Shirazi

Keith Angelo  
Jeff Honda  
Vic Oros

Terry Barber  
Terry's girl friend  
Walter Colby

Thanks again,

**Dave Neves**

Our friend and fellow flyer Ruby had an unfortunate accident recently at the field. Fortunately the recovery is going well



## *A day at the field and around the bay*

Here is a collection of photos from the field and other events (Ed.)







Tom Elliot created this from parts he found and it is a joy to watch in flight



















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