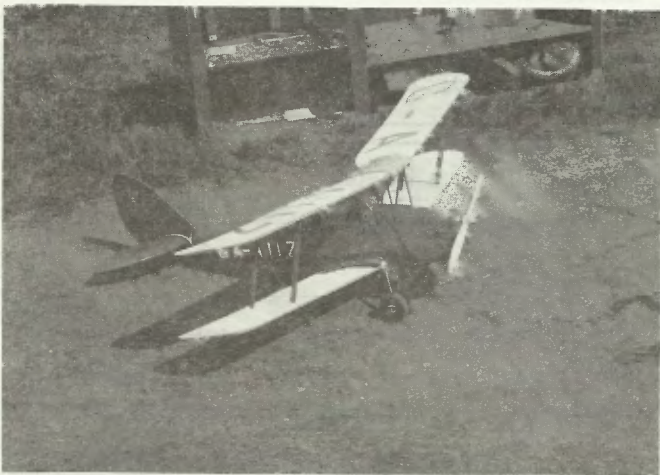


The 1986 SAM Champs by Bill Baker

The 1986 SAM Champs had all the traditional ingredients, the Bean Feed, the Victory Banquet, the Twin Pusher mass launch. This year they also had a mass launch for R.O.G.'s, and for O.T. Wakefield, the latter was easily the finest spectacle of the meet. The 50th Anniversary Wakefield event, for 1936 and earlier designs, in my opinion, was the most interesting event of all because I saw some designs that I had never seen before. The food at the Bean Feed was excellent, and for a change from tradition, they did not run out. The food for the banquet was also very fine. The death of Bruno Markiewicz put a sad overtone to the banquet. His name kept coming up as the trophies were given out, and they made a cluster on the table as the evening went on. Joe Macay was absent from the banquet as he volunteered to help the family deal with the many details. R/C people, many of them at least, were not happy with their C.D., Joe Beshar, and the Texaco and R/C Grand Champion results were really a mess. Monday morning, the contest manager, George Armstead, proclaimed, "Due to an ambiguity in the contest rules regarding the R/C Grand Champion selection process, there was no R/C Championship award given at the 20th SAM Champs." Bruno, of course, was the F/F Grand Champion.

The weather was fairly good, although the first day was pretty windy during the afternoon. For F/F, the real problem for the first three days was that the wind was in the direction of the trees, and beyond the trees was "the swamp". Many models were lost there, but the new Walston directional radio system proved its value for those who used them. Although the weather was hotter on the final day, it was nearly calm, and the drift was away from the swamp. I had been leaving my models in the car, as I was on short notice trying to cover the meet for Model Aviation. I decided to fly on Sunday, and won the Rubber Stick with the same Lanzo with which I won the event at the 1980 SAM Champs. I lost the model at about seven and one-half minutes in the flyoff. I did not like to see an old friend leave, but it had served me well. Six years is a long time to fly any one model. But, I remember Chester Lanzo telling me that one summer he built "thirteen or fourteen" of the things, which motivated him to try to "dethermalize" them somehow.



Ken Hinton, SAM 35, England, flew this beautiful Tiger Moth in Power Scale. Unfortunately, his was the only entry in Gas Scale.



Walter Eggert shows his 1940 design, the Megow Chief to John Pond. Walter's son looks on.

The business meeting was rather interesting. The people there were, I think, just tired of hearing R/C rules squabbles, and when they were told they could vote to freeze the rules, they went for it. I fear that this will make a lot of people mad, even though it was very well intended.

Looking back, I had the most fun talking to Henry Struck, Sal, Joe and Ed Konefes, Walter Eggert (designer for Megow), and others who were there when they were not Old Timers. I had a nice chat with Reggie Parham, who was on the British 1939 Wakefield team, and who still is a good flyer. I enjoyed him saying the Californians were "a bit brash, but we don't mind that". Watching Joe and Ed Konefes make maxes with Brown Jr. powered Buzzard Bombshells was a real kick.

I take it back, there was a greater pleasure - meeting new friends - Dave Baker from England, with Peter Michel, Don Knight, Reg Parham and others from the Old Country. Jerry Donahue from Mass. flying the "Red Ripper" with the help of Lois, his wife, and nearly maxing out with a Brown Jr. for power, seeing Dave Ritchie's flying museum pieces, Richard Thompson and Tom McCoy, both "all arounders" who won or placed in both R/C and F/F events, watching Sal place in cabin, flying a 1936 Wakefield, seeing Louis Black's Fubar, meeting Dick Sherman (sorry I couldn't get to your museum, Dick), and many others. But, maybe the caper of all, thinking back, was Jack Phelps of Wichita Kansas, who placed second in Cabin Rubber with the first free flight model he ever made, flying in his first contest. There's hope, folks!

In R/C, I have to admire the skills of the winners, and the hard work they put forth to become competitive, but I have to say it is hard to find anything but Lanzo Bombers and Playboys to take photos of.

I fear that what is going to come out of the R/C rules fight, other than a lot of hurt feelings, is different rules for every club, which has to be a shame.

I am tired of writing, and I still have to do an issue of the Okie Flyer. Thanks, by the way, to all the people who came up and said they enjoyed the OFFF. I will keep on keeping on.

20th Annual SAM Champs, Chicopee, Mass.
R/C Flight Results
C.D. Joe Beshar
R/C Grand Champion: Not Selected
1986 SAM Champs Winners

Texaco - 36 entries

1st	T. McCoy			25:35
2nd	B. Norman	Lanzo Bomber	O&R 60	19:03
3rd	J. Reynolds	Lanzo Bomber	O&R 60	18:28
4th	S. Boucher	--		17:14
5th	R. Walter	--		17:04

1/2A Texaco - 38 entries

1st	J. Reynolds	Interceptor		17:55
2nd	R. Walter	Lanzo Bomber		17:17
3rd	A. Peterse	Swoose		16:52
4th	J. Percy	--		15:30
5th	R. Langelius	--		14:39

A Ignition - 16 entries

1st	W. Schmidt	Playboy	Arden 19	12:60
2nd	E. Tileston	Baby Corsair	Elfin 2.49	11:16
3rd	J. Reynolds	Lanzo Bomber	Elfin 2.49	11:09
4th	B. Norman	--		10:78
5th	J. Percy	--		10:06

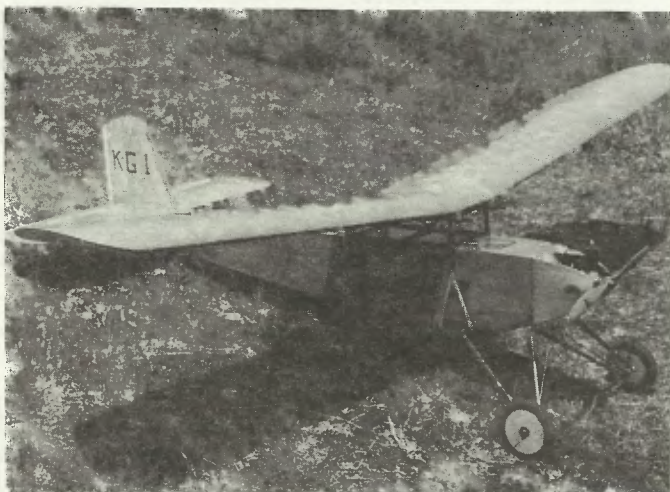
B Ignition - 18 entries

1st	W. Schmidt	Playboy	McCoy 29	12:60*
2nd	J. Reynolds	Lanzo Bomber	Orwick 29	12:60*
3rd	B. Norman	Lanzo Bomber	Forster 35	12:60*
4th	R. Walter	--		12:60*
5th	C. Thuet	--		11:47

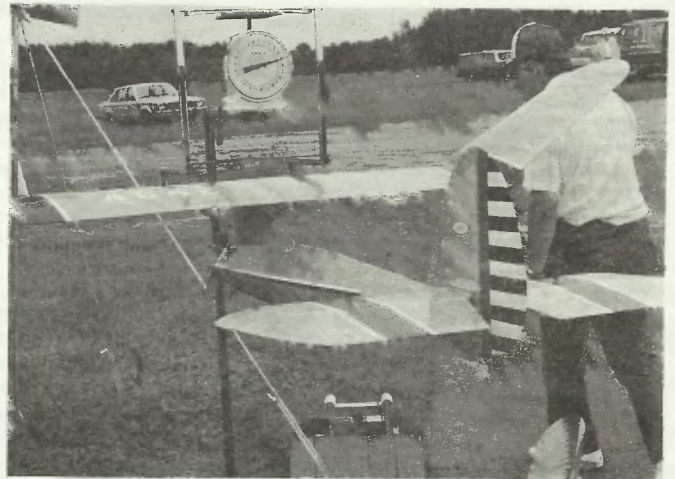
C Ignition - 28 entries

1st	A. White	Lanzo Bomber	Hornet 60	12:60*
2nd	B. Norman	Lanzo Bomber		12:60*
3rd	R. Walter	Lanzo Bomber	Forster 35	12:60*
4th	J. Reynolds	--		12:60*
5th	W. Zehr	--		12:60*

* Fly-Off



A KG-1 powered by a Hurler - most unusual. Flown by Dave Richie, Hatfield, PA.



A good close-up shot of Tom McCoy's Lanzo Bomber. The ship was 1st place in R/C Texaco. Mike Granieri's tricky scale shows the ship weighs right at 5 pounds.

A Glow - 25 entries

1st	W. Schmidt	Playboy	K&B 3.5	12:60
2nd	J. Ross	--		12:56
3rd	B. Norman	Kerswap	Super Tiger 19	12:52
4th	W. Zehr	--		12:23
5th	J. Percy	--		11:87

B Glow - 35 entries

1st	A. Peterse	Swoose	K&B 29	12:60*
2nd	E. Tileston	Lancer	Enya 46	12:60*
3rd	B. Norman	Lanzo Bomber	O&R 29	12:60*
4th	R. Turner	--		12:60*
5th	J. Percy	--		11:76

C Glow - 35 entries

1st	J. Reynolds	--	S.T. 35	12:60*
2nd	R. Turner	M.G.	H.P. 40	12:60*
3rd	J. Percy	Lanzo Bomber	S.T. 35	12:60*
4th	E. Tileston	--		12:60*
5th	B. Norman	--		12:60*

Antique Ignition - 21 entries

1st	W. Schmidt	Lanzo Bomber	McCoy 60	18:00
2nd	R. Thompson	Lanzo Bomber	O & R 60	18:00
3rd	J. Reynolds	Cumulus	Orwick 64	17:38
4th	S. Boucher	--		17:31
5th	W. Zehr	--		16:71

Antique Glow - 28 entries

1st	B. Norman	Lanzo RC1	S.T. 60	18:00
2nd	J. Percy	Lanzo RC1	S.T. 60	18:00
3rd	R. Turner	M.G.	H.P. 40	17:43
4th	M. Granieri	M.G.		14:35
5th	H. Laysen	--		14:20

050 Electric O.T. - 7 entries

1st	F. Koval	Playboy		4:20
2nd	E. Thomas	--		3:80
3rd	A. Shepard	--		2:43

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20th Annual SAM Champs, Chicopee, Mass.

Free Flight Results

C.D. Jack Whittles

Free Flight Grand Champion: Bruno Markiewicz
1986 SAM Champs Winners

A Cabin - 12 entries

1st	B. Markiewicz	Cabruler	Arden 19	3:60*
2nd	R. Edelstein	So-Long	Arden 19	3:60*
3rd	E. Jordan	Coronet	O&R 23	3:56
4th	J. Walston	Cabruler	Arden 19	3:43
5th	M. Post	So-Long	Hornet 19	3:21

B Cabin - 9 entries

1st	J. Walston	Dodger	--	3:60*
2nd	B. Markiewicz	Dodger	K&B 29	3:60*
3rd	C. Myerscough	Dodger	Remco 29	3:58
4th	H. Ochsner	Dodger	Remco 29	2:59
5th	B. Oliver	So-Long	O&R 23	2:36

C Cabin - 12 entries

1st	M. Post			3:60
2nd	C. Myerscough			3:55
3rd	J. Bortnac			3:47
4th	J. Lessig			3:33
5th	G. Martha			3:15

A Pylon - 13 entries

1st	C. Myerscough	Ranger		3:60*
2nd	R. Edelstein	Ranger	Bantam 19	3:60*
3rd	M. Post	Thermal Thumber		3:60*
4th	J. Walston	Stormer	Arden 19	3:53
5th	J. Bortnac	Interceptor		3:19

B Pylon - 10 entries

1st	B. Markiewicz			3:60*
2nd	E. Jordan			3:60*
3rd	J. Bortnac			3:60*
4th	H. Wahl			3:55
5th	M. Post			3:52

C Pylon - 13 entries

1st	H. Ochsner	Gas Champ	O&R 60	3:60*
2nd	M. MacLean	Meteor		3:60*
3rd	J. Bortnac	Zipper	O.S. Max 35	3:60*
4th	M. Post	Zipper	Torp. 32	3:51
5th	G. Donahue	Red Ripper	Brown	3:36

Gas Scale - 1 entry

1st	K. Hinton			1:20
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H.L. Glider - 24 entries

1st	R. Sherman	Hervat		3:60
2nd	J. Langelius	Heugulet '38		2:76
3rd	J. Fiorello	Hervat		2:33
4th	B. Oliver	Heugulet		2:33
5th	W. Eggert	Heugulet		2:30

Twin Pusher - 10 entries (Mass Launch)

1st	J. Stott			
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Fuel Allotment - (Not Flown)

30 Sec Antique - 10 entries

1st	J. Bortnac	Gas Bird		3:60*
2nd	C. Myerscough	Gas Bird		3:60*
3rd	B. Markiewicz	Gas Bird		3:60*
4th	H. Wahl	Clipper	O&R	3:52
5th	E. Jordan			3:46

Rubber Stick - 24 entries

1st	W. Baker			3:60*
2nd	R. Lipori			3:60*
3rd	S. Colson			3:60*
4th	R. Thompson			3:60*
5th	J. Macay			3:60*

Cabin Rubber - 30 entries

1st	R. Factor	Korda '39		3:60*
2nd	J. Phelps	Korda '39		3:60*
3rd	S. Taibi	Verdier '36		3:60*
4th	S. Colson	Korda '39		3:60*
5th	J. Macay	Hi-Ho		3:55

.020 Replica Pylon - 15 entries

1st	G. Martha	Playboy		3:48
2nd	M. Schindler	Playboy		3:43
3rd	G. Donahue	Zipper		3:40
4th	F. Fay	Kerswap		2:81
5th	J. Bocckinfuco	Playboy		2:66

.020 Replica Cabin - 6 entries

1st	M. Cook	Bombshell		2:88
2nd	B. Onofri	So-Long		2:86
3rd	B. Oliver	So-Long		2:79
4th	R. Bissett	So-Long		2:70
5th	R. Edelstein	So-Long		2:61

Rubber Scale - 14 entries

1st	T. Langley	Taylor Cub (Peerless)		2:64
2nd	C. Bukowski	Puss Moth (Guillow)		2:49
3rd	J. Fiorello	Puss Moth (Lanzo)		1:95
4th	J. Stott	Curtiss Robin		1:90
5th	E. Novac	Curtiss Robin		1:82

Compressed Air - 5 entries

1st	J. Stott			3:27
2nd	K. Spielmaker			2:18
3rd	E. Konefes			1:22
4th	T. McCoy			:43
5th	R. Pattison			:39

Slag Engine - 3 entries

1st	R. Edelstein	Ranger		2:91
2nd	H. Ochsner	Out-of-Sight		1:82
3rd	J. Walston	Thermal Thumber		1:20

Jimmie Allen Rubber - 4 entries

1st	M. Moscow	Bluebird		2:38
2nd	D. McLeod	Bluebird		1:70
3rd	J. Bortnac	Bluebird		1:65
4th	B. Bell	Bluebird		1:57

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1986 Special Events

Nostalgia .01-.080 - 9 entries

1st	J. Bortnak	Y-Bar	3:60*
2nd	R. Lipori	Zeek	3:60*
3rd	J. Walston	Hewitts Record	3:38
4th	D. McLeod	Y-Bar	3:20
5th	J. Barker	Zeek	2:61

Nostalgia .081-.65 - 10 entries

1st	R. Edelstein	Spacer 'C'	3:60
2nd	D. McLeod	Y-Bar	3:56
3rd	J. Bortnak	Y-Bar	3:23
4th	S. Landy	All-American	3:07
5th	P. Nelson	Kiwi 'A'	2:86

'36 Wakefield - 16 entries

1st	P. Michel	Coplan	3:49
2nd	R. Parham	'35 Gordon Light	3:43
3rd	R. Thompson	Roy Wriston	3:30
4th	J. Stott	'36 Coplan	3:30
5th	R. Moulton	Lanzo Duplex	3:06

O&R 19-23 Sideport - 6 entries

1st	H. Wahl	Out-of-Sight	2:81
2nd	B. Bissett	Miss Valiant	1:73
3rd	E. Jordan	Coronet	1:20

.02 Electric O.T. - 3 entries

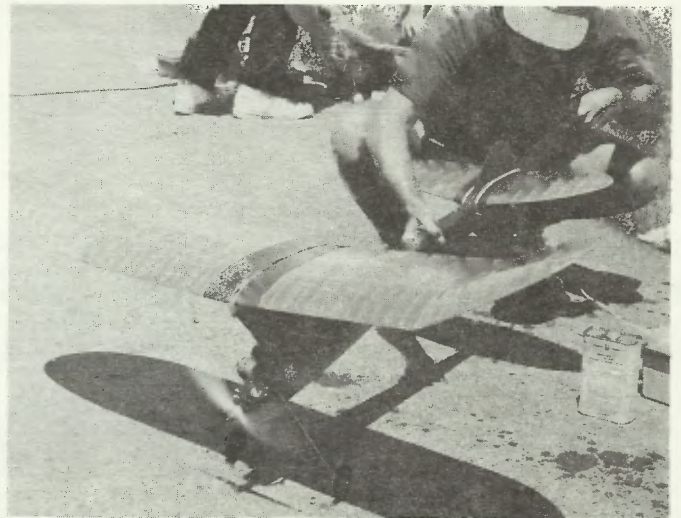
1st	J. Beshar	2:85
2nd	W. Baker	1:78
3rd	F. Koval	1:57

Commercial Rubber - 15 entries

1st	E. Konefes	Convertible	3:60
2nd	R. Sherman	Convertible	3:40
3rd	S. Colson	(Megow) Small Korda	2:45
4th	T. Langley	Pacific Ace	2:00
5th	J. Stott	F.A. Schnozzle	1:96



Stan Colson, SAM 7 member, shows us his "Korda Open Road" Old Time rubber ship. Note the novel pop-up stab.



Seldom seen design, "The Meteor", powered by an Owat diesel. Ship was flown by Mal MacLean Commack, N.Y.

Large Pylon Gas - 6 entries

1st	T. Lucas	Playboy	Atwood	3:60*
2nd	B. Markiewicz	Sailplane	O&R 60	3:60*
3rd	W. Bartelt	Alert	O&R 33	3:30
4th	R. Edelstein	Playboy	O&R 60	2:94
5th	E. Rangus	Zipper	Forster 305	2:50

Small Cabin Gas - 5 entries

1st	B. Markiewicz	Cabruler	Arden 19	3:60*
2nd	J. Walson	Cabruler	Arden 19	3:60*
3rd	R. Edelstein	So-Long	Arden 19	3:32
4th	F. Fay	Spearhead Jr.		1:89
5th	E. Jordan	Coronet	Arden 19	1:86

O.T. Towline Glider - 8 entries

1st	S. Colson	Floater	3:60
2nd	E. Martinson	Thermic 70	3:38
3rd	J. Bortnac	Beaumont	3:07
4th	J. Jella	Cosmo	2:54
5th	S. Landy	Thermic 72	2:34

Baby R.O.G - 20 entries (Mass Launch)

1st S. Ligarski

Small Pylon Gas - 8 entries

1st	D. McLeod	Alert		3:60
2nd	J. Barker	Alert	Hornet 19	3:00
3rd	F. Fay	Winged Yankee		2:86
4th	W. Johnson	Thermal Thumber		2:85
5th	J. Coffin	O.O.S.	O.S Glow	2:84

Large Cabin Gas - 5 entries

1st	E. Konefes	3:24
2nd	D. McLeod	3:15
3rd	B. Markiewicz	3:08
4th	T. Lucas	2:01
5th	T. Lewis	:41

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