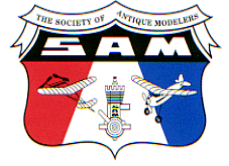




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# Society of Antique Modelers

Chapter 21

AMA Charter Club 1470

*Merry Christmas  
and Happy new year*

*Gianco*



*A2 Glider of Carlo Varetto  
sixth at 1971 World Championship*

Left: SAM Christmas around the world... Seemed an appropriate way to wish every one a very merry Christmas ... ( and I'll toss in a happy New Year) by sharing this Christmas greeting received by your Editor from SAM 21 member Gianco Lusso.

Gianco possesses the unofficial title of **First Responder** as he is consistently the first person to respond to receipt of the monthly Clipper. He is also very active in the SAM movement in Europe. Thank you Gianco...from all of us here in the USA!

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**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, December 28, 7:00 pm**

**SARATOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

(Corner Saratoga Ave & Sunnysvale-Saratoga Hwy)

The September Meeting Social Assignments

are: **Goodies ( Lescher Dowling)**

**Coffee: (Brian Sargent)**

**See Page 2 For Annual Goodie Schedule**



# 2017 WEST COAST EVENT SCHEDULE

**Bold are Confirmed dates**

*Shaded Italics are Unconfirmed events*

**Italics are Completed Dates**

Revised 11-24-17

	SAT	Sun
JAN	7	8
JAN	14	15
JAN	16	17
JAN	21	22
<b>JAN</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
FEB	4	5
FEB	18	19
FEB	11	12
FEB	28	29
MAR	4	5
MAR	11	12
MAR	18	19
<b>MAR</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
APR	1	2
APR	8	9
APR	15	16
APR	22	23
<b>APR</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
MAY	13	14
MAY	20	21
MAY	27	28
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
JUNE	10	11
JUNE	17	18
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
JULY	1	2
JULY	8	9
JULY	15	16
JULY	22	23
<b>JULY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
AUG	5	6
AUG	12	13
AUG	19	20
AUG	26	27
SEPT	2	3
SEPT	9	10
SEPT	16	17
SEPT	23	24
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>30</b>	
OCT		1
OCT	7	8
OCT	14	15
OCT	21	22
Oct	28	29
NOV	4	5
NOV	11	12
NOV	18	19
NOV	25	26
DEC	2	3
DEC	9	10
DEC	16	17
DEC	23	24
DEC	30	31

1/14, 15, 16, 2017 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL, Eloy Az

Saturday only 1/28 SAM 21 BANQUET— HOLDER's Country Inn, San Jose

SAM 26 Spring Annual, Wekerly Field - near Bakersfield  
CD: Dick Fisher - 805-489-4078

Saturday 4/29 only SAM 21 Speed 400/1/2A contest Dwarfs Field

Sat 5/6 only, Clash of the Titans Fly Off - Livermore Flying Electrons Field

**Sunday 5/14 Mother's Day**

Sat only 6/3 SAM 21/30 Joint Fun Fly only- Schmidt Ranch

**Sunday 6/18 Fathers Day**

Sat/Sun 6/24, 25 SAM 21 41st Loren Schmidt Memorial - Schmidt Ranch

**Tuesday 7/4 Fourth of July**

September 8, 9, 10, SAM 27 Annual Crash and Bash, Schmidt Ranch

Sept 23 only Livermore Flying Electrons Old Timer

Oct - 7/8 SAM 26 John Pond Commemorative - Wekerly Field - near Bakersfield - CD: Bob Angel 805-937-5145

Oct 14 only SAM 21 Fall Speed 400/ 1/2 A Contest—Dwarfs Field

Saturday November 11th only ... SAM 21 Collecto

**Thursday 11- 23 Thanksgiving Day**

**Monday 12- 25 Christmas Day**

**Monday 1- 18 NEW YEARS DAY**

# 2017 Meeting Dates

**7:00 p.m.**

**@ SARATOGA FIRE**

**DEPARTMENT**

**Corner Saratoga Ave &  
Sunnyvale-Saratoga Hwy**

*January 26*

*February 23*

*March 23*

*April 27*

*May 25*

*June 22*

*July 27*

*August 24*

*September 28*

*October 26*

*November 16*

**(For Thanksgiving)**

**December 28**

# 2017 "GOODIE" Schedule

Here are the assignments for 2017, excusing those who normally do not attend meetings on a regular basis.

If you cannot accommodate this schedule, then **it will be your responsibility to "volunteer"/ coerce another member to take your place.** Don't say you weren't warned.

And, if you feel 'The Call' (and aren't on this list), please call one of the unfortunate souls on the list or the 'Standby' and offer to take their place.

JANUARY	Eberhardt
FEBRUARY	Martinez
MARCH	Vanderbeek
APRIL	Peterson
MAY	Leopold
JUNE	Lewis
JULY	Cutler
AUGUST	Gurney
SEPTEMBER	Henry Smith
OCTOBER	Saso
NOVEMBER	Sargent
DECEMBER	Dowling
Standby:	Eberhardt



## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Call to order: President Ken **Martinez** at 7:00 pm

Members present: 14

Guests present: None

Approval of minutes of the meeting of October 26 2017:  
Approved

Treasurer's report: Lescher **Dowling**. Club is solvent.

**Membership report:** Lescher **Dowling**: Regular 24;  
Associate; 16; Life 5; Total 45

**Competition Report:** Dave **Lewis**. Referred to Brian **Sargent**...

- A) 2017 SAM Champs 2017 Report by Brian **Sargent**...  
Monday AM Weather OK - Afternoon - 15  
Knots !! Wednesday - Weather was fantastic!  
We had 2 full days of good weather... 2 1/2 Days .  
Not so good!!!

### Editors Input:

- A) **Holman/Eaton** Clipper Kits...  
1. **Holman** kits - Prototype complete. No price yet.  
2. **Eaton** kits will be done.. (ASAP) No price yet.  
3. Clipper build from **Holman** kit by Brian **Dethier**.  
Test flight - Good !!
- B) Contest Schedule for 2018... Not decided yet...  
(April? - October?) **Copeland** to make  
recommendations

### Unfinished Business:

- A) Proposed Electric Classes A,B and C: Brian **Sargent** :3 Models set-up.. Working on rules!!
- B) 2017 Collecto: **Gurney**: Report.. Thanks every  
one!! Netted \$ 87.00 Minus Doughnuts \$ ??
- C) Annual Banquet planning: **Gurney**. 27 January  
2018!!!! Choice of Prime Rib; Chicken;  
Salmon; Pasta (Price to be determined)

**New Business:** Noel **Eberhardt**: Discussed possible  
Morgan Hill flying site.....

**Break:** (10 Minutes) 8:07pm Resumed: 8:25pm

**Program:** None.

**Monthly Mystery Drawing:** Won by **Walt Gurney**. Two  
\$25 Tower Hobbies Gift Certificates

**Show and Tell:** 1. Gary **Leopold**- McCoy engine.  
2. Bill **Copeland**: Bag of plans.. Gliders...  
3. Lesher **Dowling**: Sport Aviation Maga  
zines - FREE!

**Adjournment:** ?

**Refreshments:** Courtesy of: Dave **Lewis** (Dave **Saso**  
sick!)

**Coffee by:** SAM 21 Courtesy of Bill **Copeland**



## AGENDA - DECEMBER 28, 2017

Call to order: President Ken **Martinez**

Members present:

Guests present:

**Introduction of guests:**

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of November 16 , 2017

**Election of Officers**

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's report:** Lescher **Dowling**

**Membership report:** Lescher **Dowling**

**Competition Report:** Dave **Lewis**:

A) South West Regional

**Editors Input:** Bill **Copeland**:

- A) **Clipper Kits:** Holman/Eaton Progress: Report—  
ordering information
- B) 2018 SAM 21 Contest Schedule
- C) 2018 'goodie schedule'

**Unfinished Business:**

A) Proposed Electric Classes A,B and C:  
Brian **Sargent**:

B) Annual Banquet planning: **Gurney**

**New Business:**

A. FAA registration

**Break:** (16 minutes) Honoring **Annual SAM 21 Cake**  
by: Lescher **Dowling** and other shenanigans

**Show and Tell:** All ?

**Program:** White Elephant / Pirates Scramble

**Monthly Mystery Drawing:** None

**Adjournment:**

**Refreshments:** Lescher **Dowling**

**Coffee by:** SAM 21 Courtesy of Brian **Sargent**

Next meeting: January 18, 2018 at: 7:00



## ... IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Breaking News;

Services for Dave Saso will be held on January 5, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1576 Curtner Ave, San Jose, 95125 at 4:00 p.m.

### Seriously:

**As you may have heard by now, the FAA Registration rules for model airplanes have been reinstated. This will require anyone who flies a model airplane by remote control to register with the FAA.**

**Details can be found on the AMA website for on line or snail mail registration.**

**Save yourself a headache-do it now!**



Santa Says:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## ... NOTES FROM THE RIGHT SEAT



Greetings:

Let the fun begin !

We will continue the long history of the traditional WHITE ELEPHANT PI-RATES event during the December meeting. If you are new to the fun and games the event produces, see page 7 in this issue to brush up on the 'rules' and process of acquiring your favorite new item for your workshop....



Another traditional feature of the December meeting will be the unveiling of the Lescher Dowling Christmas cake. Lescher always presents us with a contemporary themed cake which is carefully photographed, then mostly eaten. Don't miss your piece...



We have very recently lost a long time member of our SAM 21 family. Dave Saso passed very unexpectedly just last week. See more information on page 5 in this issue...



Our December meeting will also feature the annual election of officers. Lescher Dowling has indicated that he will be stepping down from his post as treasurer so that position will need to be filled. Here is your opportunity to step up and go the extra mile to support the Chapter. The current officers have served at least one or more terms and may be reluctant to continue???

None of the positions require a great deal of time so, what the heck, give it a try...(you might just learn something about yourself)



You were reminded in the last issue that, if you haven't, paid for your 2018 membership, now is the time to make Lescher happy... ; > )



The latest news from AMA is that the registration requiring each of us to register with the FAA and have the evidence of registration displayed in or on each of our models,

This new requirement will be on the December agenda for further clarification and discussion, Trust me, you don't want to be 'nailed' by the FAA...

So, with that...

**AMA 27944... Over and Out.....**



## In Memoriam - Dave Saso



**Dave Saso - circa 2016**  
**1931 - 2017**

**Ed Note...** With little time to complete research on Dave's background, I persuaded Dave Lewis, who probably knew him best, to recall some of his favorite memories of his times with Dave, which follow...

- Dave attended Bellarmine college prep high school. One of Bing Crosby's sons was also attending the school at that time and Bing would show up for some of the school functions.
- David and Rose had four children, all boys.
- Years ago David decided that he wanted to restore an old car. I believe there is still a vintage Plymouth coupe in his garage to this day.
- Dave's father owned at least two movie theaters located on First Street in downtown San Jose.
- David had a very large collection of old timer models; at one time he had at least **35 old-timers** with radios and engines, **all ready to fly!!**
- As David's vehicle was a normal-sized 1/2 ton pickup truck, he could not carry large models in it. However, that didn't stop him from getting a Boehle Giant (176 inch wingspan!!!) to wherever he wanted to take it. I'm sure the Giant will be needing a new home.
- Years ago, David set up **12** of his 1/2A Texaco models in his living room; several of which had an **incorrect amount** of dihedral. He was so proud. I wish I had taken a picture,
- Although he was an avid old-time builder and flier, he was not interested in competition flying and very seldom attended contests.
- David's favorite old-timer was a 1938 twin-boom, pusher model called the Dinky Demon. He flew it almost every week at the Dwarfs Field.

God Speed, gentle Dave...

Thanks Dave (Lewis)



# You're Invited To The:

## 2017 Annual SAM 21 Awards Banquet

### January 27, 2018

Holders Country Inn  
 998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose, CA



MC: President Ken Martinez (if re-elected?)

6 PM to 7 PM: Social Hour

7 PM: Dinner

After Dinner: Program: Andy Pease, P3 Orion Pilot

Presentation of Awards, Door Prizes, and Drawing

#### Entrée Selections

Prime Rib, au jus, with baked potato \$ 35

Chicken Breast Marsala \$30

Salmon with lemon butter sauce \$32

Vegetable: Pasta \$30

**Note:** All entrees, **except the Pasta**, come with house salad, fresh vegetables rolls, and coffee or tea. Entree costs **will not** include desserts or well drinks; they can be ordered separately, from the server.

**Please mail the lower portion** of this page indicating your guest's names (If more than one, choice(s)), and number of entrée(s) with check made out to SAM 21 **by January 23, 2018** to:

**Walt Gurney** 12767 Homes Drive Saratoga, CA 95070 - 4016

(Cut here:) \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Guest(s):

<u>Entrée Choice</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Special Guest (s)</u>
Prime Rib	_____	_____	_____
Chicken	_____	_____	_____
Fish	_____	_____	_____
Pasta	_____	_____	_____



**Be Prepared: It's Happening again at the DECEMBER 28th meeting...  
The Annual SAM 21 PIRATES WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**

**It's always a Blast!**

*Here are the details:*

Everyone Brings a hobby related, wrapped gift

with a value of at least \$20

Used items are welcome, as well as new ones but,

This is not a 'clean out your **junk** drawer' event

Playing order is drawn from a hat and #1 selects a gift and unwraps it.

#2 has the option of grabbing a new gift or pirating #1's selection.

Ditto for # 3 who either selects a new gift or robs a gift from #1 or #2.

The trick is to then select another gift which has a good chance of being pirated.

That way you can get your original gift back.

This goes on until all gifts are opened.

Once a player has possession of a particular gift 3 times, it belongs to them and is out of play (and so are they).

Bring a pen to mark your gift selection with your initials in case it is 'pirated' from you.

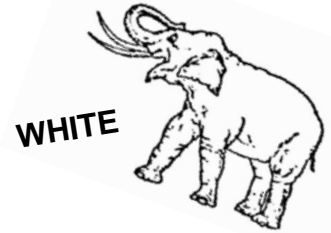
As you might imagine, the action gets **WILD** for certain items.

**Remember**, you cannot take a pirated gift **directly back**, It must first pass through a second party's hands.

Sound complex?

**Naaa!.... it's a bunch of fun!**

**Special Date... December 28th**



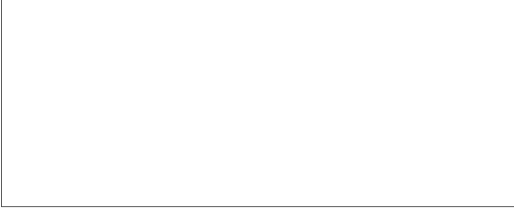
**PIRATE**



Bill Copeland  
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**47 cents**  
(as of today, but not tomorrow)



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### SAM 21 - 2018 Membership Application Form

Check one:  NEW MEMBER  RETURNING Member  
 FULL MEMBER \$40  ASSOCIATE Member \$20 (newsletter only)

SAM No. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Req'd if full)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

