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# Hot Air

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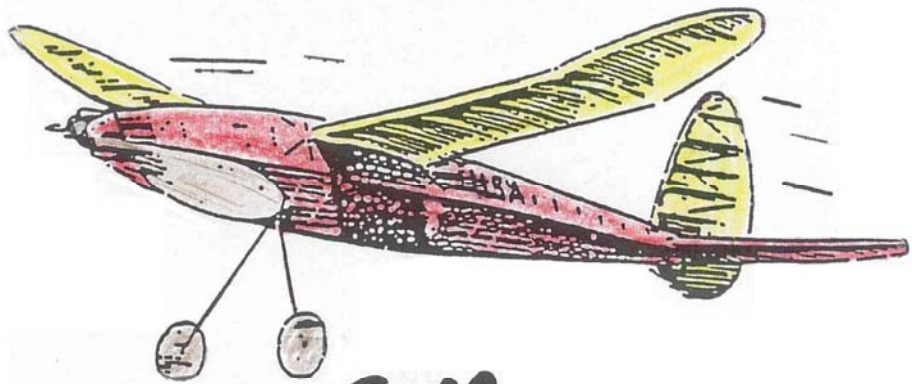
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## JULY SAM CLUB CONTEST AT THE SOD FARM

Jim Bethea gives us this report.

Carl, here are the results of the club contest we held last Saturday, July 18 ( SAM large cabin large Stick combined). I flew a British model the "Northern Arrow" and had it close before the wind folded the wing. The Rookie flew his new Lanzo Big Stick, but did not quite have it trimmed out. Therefore he and I did not post times. Scott flew his Lanzo Big stick with the propeller that he and I re-pitched to a lower pitch. (P/D 1.25), and won with 360 seconds, Tony was second flying his new British Model the Copland "Northern Star" with 258 seconds, and Doug was third flying his Lanzo "Duplex cabin" with 240 seconds. Despite the wind folding my wing the wind was not too strong to prevent flying. All models stayed on the field as every one's DT worked well. The only problem was that Doug had a problem with his locator and Scott had to teach him how to use it and help find his model.

-JRB

## UPCOMING CONTESTS

Two important contests, the SAM Champs in Muncie the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September, and the Gathering of the Turkeys Meet on the second weekend in October. For SAM Champs entry, contact me, the Registrar. The Turkey's flier is attached.

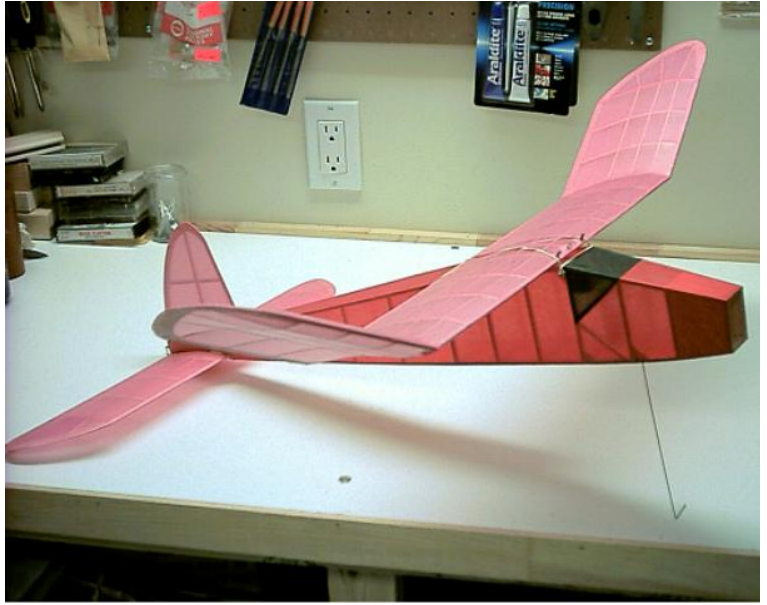
## LADIES POKEMO

Though they no longer call themselves the Red Hats, the SAM 59 ladies continue to meet with or without their husbands. The next Pokemo party is at the home of Dona Cannon this Saturday, August 23. After that, there will be a Pokemo overnight at Sharon Bakay's house Saturday September 27. Make a note of it.

## POSTAL PLAN OF THE MONTH – SENATOR

Every year the National Free Flight Society hosts a free flight postal event, and the nostalgia model for the 2008-2009 Postal is the Keil Kraft Senator. This 32" Span model was first kitted in 1950 and is a proven performer in Nostalgia, Moffett and Mulvihill events. Lee Campbell offers a short kit 477S for \$14.00 and a full-size plan 477P separately for \$7.50.

The postal runs from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009, and there is no entry fee. See the June/July issue of the NFFS Digest on page 6 for more details. The postal event allows team entries, and our Jim Bethea has suggested we get several Cloudclimbers together and enter as a team. What do you say? Sounds like fun. More later.



## SAM 59 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2008

Saturday, Aug 23	Pokemo Dona's House
Friday, Sept. 5	Open
Saturday, Sept 27	Pokemo Overnite, Sharon's House
Friday, Oct. 3	Open
Friday, Nov. 7	Open
Saturday, Dec. 6	Scott & Dona Xmas Party

We still have 3 open dates, so call Janet at 985-892-7204 if you can help.

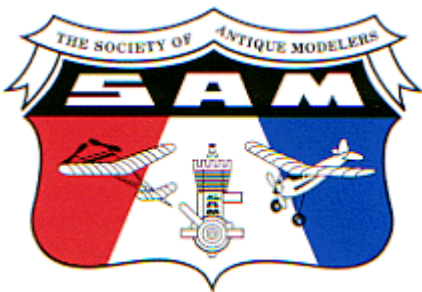
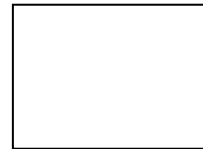
## 2008 CONTEST & EVENT CALENDAR

- September 7-12 SAM Champs 2008, AMA Flying Site, Muncie, IN. 4 oz & 8 oz Wakefield, Large & Small Rubber Cabin, Large & Small Rubber Stick, Commercial Rubber, Twin Pusher, Jimmie Allen, A, B & C Pylon, A, B & C Gas Fuselage, 1/2 A, A, B & C Nostalgia, Tomboy, Toyline Glider, much more. Entry Forms send SASE to Registrar Carl Bakay, 118 Gentry Circle, Lafayette, LA 70508-6326
- October 11-13 Pensacola Free Flight Team Gathering of the Turkeys, Navy Site 8A, Pensacola, FL. George White CD. 850-473-0866, [white76@cox.net](mailto:white76@cox.net). E-36 will be an add-on event. Send to BMJR for your kit now.
- November 8-9 The Cloudclimbers of SAM 59 host the Gulf States Annual. At Pensacola Navy Site 8A. Cajun gumbo lunch provided on the field for \$3.00 a bowl.  
AMA Events - P-30, Cat Glider, 1/2A Anything. (10 sec Nostalgia, 6 second AMA engine run.)  
SAM Events - ABC Old Time Gas Ignition, Large Cabin/Stick Combined  
FAC Events - Jumbo/Giant Scale Combined, Old Time Rubber, WWII Mass Launch.  
FAI Coupe d'Hiver, Vince Burton Challenge - Longest Flight of the Day  
CD Doug Petty, 916 Durnin Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726, 225-667-3849, [SBPetty@cox.net](mailto:SBPetty@cox.net).  
CD for FAC Jim Bethea, 3 Holly Lane, Covington, LA 70433, 985-373-2088, [jbethea@charter.net](mailto:jbethea@charter.net)

Dec 29,30,31 FMA hosts the 55<sup>th</sup> King Orange International, Palm Bay Florida. CDs Bob and Mary Schuettler, PO Box 38, Lorida, FL 33857. Phone 683 655-3242, e-mail [loridabob@wmconnect.com](mailto:loridabob@wmconnect.com).  
Alternate CD - Jerry Wagner, FAI Director - Jim Bradley, Texaco Director – Dave Williams

Any corrections, additions, please notify Carl Bakay. My contact info is on the masthead on Page 1. Thanks!

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# 2008 Gathering of the Turkeys

## Pensacola, Florida — 11, 12 & 13 October 2008

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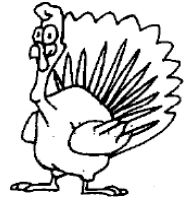
CONTEST DIRECTOR: George White, 5928 Hermitage Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504 : E-mail: White76@cox.net  
ASST CD FOR FAC EVENTS: Mike Midkiff, 125 Heneretta Drive, Hurst, Texas 76054: E-mail: Mmid149421@sbcglobal.net

FLYING SITE: Navy Helicopter Field Site 8A. Exit Interstate 10 at Exit 5 onto US Highway 90A West. Go 1.7 miles to the south gate.

AWARDS: Contest Grade Balsa/Medals/Certificates, Including Certificates for National Cup Events  
ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 Flies all events. Juniors (under 16) \$2.50. Registration cut-off 12 Noon Monday, 8 October.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

1. Max Flight Times and Fly-off Rules will be contained in a schedule provided each contestant and will be basically in accord with appropriate rule books and subject to wind conditions.
2. SAM Commercial Rubber will be hand launched.
3. Flight times and name of model will be recorded with the C/D after each flight except for CAT/HL Glider.
4. ALL model aircraft except scale must conform to AMA identification requirements.
5. AMA Card must be presented at registration.
6. \*\*One winner will be recognized in this contest for this event, but each class will be reported separately for Nat'l Cup points.
7. Check www.pensacolafreeflight.org for other info.



### ENTRY FORM: *Circle Event Number(s) and Age Category Entered*

SATURDAY: 0800 to 1700		SUNDAY: 0800 to 1600		MONDAY: 0800 to 1500	
1. AMA 101 1/2A Gas	JSO	14. AMA 101C 1/2A Classic Gas	SO	28. AMA 102/3 A/B Gas	JSO
2. AMA 104/5 C/D Gas	JSO	15. AMA 101C 1/2A Classic Gas	J	29. AMA 104/5C/D Classic Gas	JSO
3. NOS A Gas	JSO	16. AMA 102/3C A/B Classic Gas	JSO	30. Early NOS 1/2A Gas	
4. 1/4A NOS Gas		17. NOS 1/2A Gas		31. NOS B/C Gas**	
5. AMA 124 P-30	J	18. AMA 124 P-30	SO	32. SAM Rubber Large Fuselage	
6. AMA 120 Mulvihill	JSO	19. AMA 128 Moffett	JSO	33. SAM Rubber Small Stick	
7. SAM OT Pylon/Cabin A Gas		20. AMA 122 Dawn Unlimit@0700	JSO	34. AMA 140 OHLG	SO
8. SAM Rubber Small Fuselage		21. SAM OT Pylon/Cabin B/C Gas Combo		35. AMA 142 Cat Glider	SO
9. AMA 140 OHLG	J	22. SAM Rubber Large Stick		36. Gollywocks Galore @0800	
10. AMA 142 Cat Glider	J	23. NFFS Classic Towline Glider		37. FAC OT Rubber/SAM Coml Rubber	
11. FAC Thompson/Greve Combo Mass Launch @ 1300		24. FAC Two-Bit Rubber		38. FAC WWII Mass Launch @0900	
12. FAC Rubber Scale		25. FAC Dime Scale		39. FAC Golden Age Civil	
13. FAC Embryo		26. FAC WWI Mass Launch @0900		40. FAC Peanut	
		27. FAC Jet CatScale			

**RELEASE:** I, the undersigned contestant/parent, do hereby release any and all organizations connected with this meet from all claims. I certify that I am the builder of all models entered and flown by me.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Junior/Senior/Open

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AMA#: \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFIED   
(Please print)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE PAID \$

I also want to donate the following amount to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society \$

CONTESTANT # \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Fellow Modeler:

Last year, Scott Cannon headed up the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Fund campaign for the Gathering of the Turkeys event. Scott, having a son who not long before that had served as a Marine in Iraq, was very aware of the hardships often experienced by our men and women engaged in the current war. Many members of PFFT are former members of the military and can well appreciate the stress on families separated for long periods. For a Sailor or Marine in undeserved financial trouble far away from home, especially in time of war, can be a shattering experience, We owe them all the help we can give.

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Fund provides financial and educational assistance to active duty and retired Sailors and Marines, eligible family members and survivors in need. This financial help is distributed to Navy and Marine military personnel as interest-free loans or grants to deal with emergency needs, as well as education loans and grants.

Rather than conduct a raffle of unwanted or unneeded modeling supplies, for the past two years we've simply asked for direct donations of money from our friends and members. The result has been that we have able to donate over \$1000 to the fund each of the past two years..

Not only do your donations provide for making a better life for our Sailors and Marines, they also allow us to express our appreciation to the Navy for allowing us to use the two wonderful Pensacola area flying fields. These fields allow three free-flight clubs from three different states to sponsor at least five contests a year that attract contestants from all over the United States. Each year, commanders of the Naval Air Station anticipate and receive with much appreciation the funds contributed by us. Believe me, it is noticed and brings us much good will.

I'm asking you and your friends to donate to this worthy cause. You can send checks to me, at 5928 Hermitage Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504, payable to Pensacola Free Flight Team, and marked at the bottom, "**For Navy/Marine Corps Relief Fund.**" Donations in any amount, no matter how small, benefit the men and women and their families who give so much of themselves to allow us to continue to benefit from the rights and liberties upon which our country was founded.

If you plan to attend our contest, you may *add* your donation to the registration fee and mark it on the registration form. If you do not plan to attend, I encourage you to put this on your "to do" list now before it gets put aside and forgotten about.

Thanks much for your generosity.

Sincerely,

George White



# 2008 Gathering of the Turkeys Information Sheet

We're looking forward to seeing you come and fly at one of the nicest flying sites in the country. The following will hopefully answer any questions you might have concerning the event.

**Flying Site:** A copy of the official entry form is attached. The instructions for reaching the field are on the entry form, or you can get a map by going to our website ([www.pensacolafreeflight.org](http://www.pensacolafreeflight.org)).

**Registration:** Registration will take place at the field commencing at 0800 Saturday morning.

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## ADDED EVENTS NOT ON ENTRY SHEET:

Based upon several special requests, the following events will be recognized and prizes awarded on condition that there are three or more participants. Fly any day, but must complete three flights on same day.

**E-36** to be flown per NFFS E36 rules located at <http://freeflight.org/competition/E36.htm>

**FAC Power Scale**

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**Motel Accommodations:** We've reserved 20 rooms at the **Quality Inn Pensacola West** with a daily rate of \$59.99 plus tax. The motel is near the same motel we used last year, and is immediately behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Exit 7 South off Interstate 10, about 5 miles from the flying site **These room rates are guaranteed only until October 1**, so don't delay in making your arrangements. The phone number is 850-944-0333 — when you call to make your reservation tell them you are part of the Pensacola Free Flight Team. To reach the motel, after exiting Interstate 10 at Exit 7, go south a few hundred feet to the first traffic light and turn right onto Wilde Lake Road and follow the signs.

**RV accommodations:** We recommend an extremely nice RV park which is directly across the road from the flying field. Take Exit 5 off Interstate 10 and go West on Hwy Alt 90 for 2.2 miles. The **Leisure Lake RV Park** is on your left. The fee is \$30.11 per night (Good SAM members price is \$27.11 per night) which gets full hook-ups plus cable TV. The RV park is on a lake and fishing is free. The RV park is 1/2 mile west of the gate to the field. The phone number is 850-941-4030. .

**Sunday Night "Flying Turkeys Dinner" for Swapping Flying Stories and other lies:** We'll meet at 1900 on Sunday at Hall's Seafood Restaurant for a no-host, fabulous, all-you-can-eat, seafood/chicken dinner served family style. Details and directions will be provided upon registration. No-host happy hour starts at 1830 for those hankering for a cold one or other adult beverage. A valuable door prize will be given to every registered flyer.

**What's New In Free Flight Electric Seminar:** This is a free special event which will be held at the **Microtel Inn & Suites** conference room on Saturday night at 2000. The Microtel is just around the corner from the Quality Inn. The speaker will be Stew Meyers of the DC Maxcutters. He's one of only a handful of folks nationally who is highly versed in this subject. He writes a column in Flying Models. He'll talk about sources and uses of motors, batteries, chargers and timers, together with how they are best used. Here's a chance to learn about this subject from a guy who knows what he is talking about.



**FAC Event Info:** Judging of **FAC Rubber Scale, FAC Peanut and FAC Jet Catapult Scale and FAC Power Scale** will take place in the breakfast area of the Quality Inn between 1900 and 2100 on **Friday, 6 October**. **Mass Launch events, Dime Scale, Embryo, Golden Age Civil Scale and Two-Bit Rubber** will be judged on the field, with only the winners judged to ensure meeting FAC rules. **Embryo and Two-Bit Rubber** will be ROG.

**Dawn Events:** For you early risers, there will be two dawn events. At 0700 on Sunday we'll fly **Dawn Unlimited** according to page 15, event 122 of the AMA Rule Book, with flights launched within a 15 minute window. At 0800 on Monday, we'll fly the fun mass launch event known as **Gollywocks Galore — Gollywocks only**, with SAM Rules permitting a folding prop. The Gollywock event will be mass launched.

**National Cup Events:** The following events from the AMA Rule Book will be held for National Cup point accumulation: AMA 101,102,103,104,105,101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 120,124,128,140,142,NOSGAS-1/4A, NOSGAS-1/2A, NOSGAS-A, NOSGAS-B, NOSGAS-C. **Please note that events 102 and 103, as well as 104 and 105 will each be flown combined for a single set of awards locally, but scores will be kept separately for each category for NC reporting. The same rule will apply to the combined NOS Gas B/C combo event.**

**SAM Power:** The following old-time events for ignition engines will be held: **SAM Cabin and Pylon A Combo and SAM Cabin and Pylon B/C Combo**. See **Special Prize offering below**.

**SAM Rubber:** We will hold the traditional favorites, **Small and Large stick, Small and Large fuselage, and Commercial rubber**. **Sam Commercial Rubber and FAC Old Time Rubber will be flown as the same event. An FAC kanone will be awarded the first place winner in this event provided there are three entrants.** .

**Prizes:** In response to numerous requests for awards which are useful to the winner, every first place winner will receive a substantial bundle of contest-grade balsa and a certificate. Every second-place winner will receive a medal, and every third-place winner will receive a certificate. Thanks to PFFT Member **Gary Byrd**, additional special cash prizes will be awarded to participants in the SAM Old Time Ignition events. \$50 for first place in each of the two events (i.e. A and B/C), provided there are at least three participants in the event won.

**Donations the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society:** The Navy generously provides us with this superb flying site, so the least we can do is give a little back to the guys and gals who need a bit of help during these days of high-stress deployments and war fighting. As explained in the enclosed letter from Scott Cannon, rather than raffling items which you may or may not be able to use, we're simply asking that you write a check for as much as you can, and every penny will go directly to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society.

Hope to see you here!!