

CLOUD CLIMBERS  
of S. E. LOUISIANA

# Hot Air

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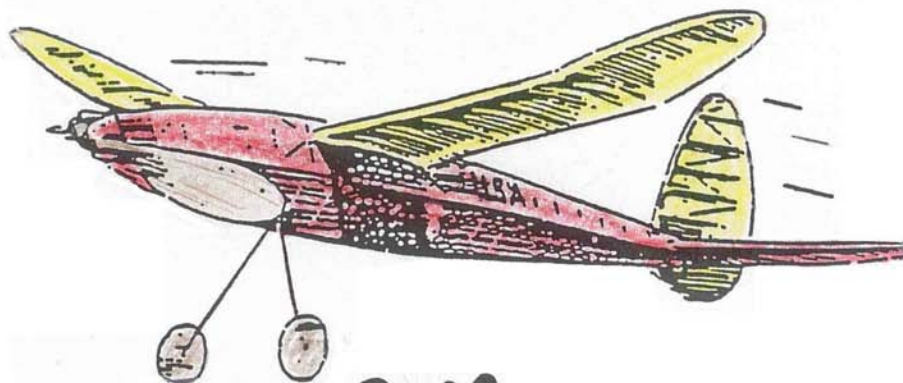
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## **SOME HOT AIR**

The July 7, 2007 meeting of the Cloudclimbers was a Saturday Picnic held at the Tchefuncte boat dock. A total of 11 members attended, most with their wives. Lunch started at about 11:30 am with hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill, devilled eggs and potato salad, chips, baked beans and soft drinks. For dessert there was apple pie and Meeche's donuts from Lafayette.

The meeting was called to order with Carl Bakay as facilitator. As Old Business, Carl reported we had \$822 in the checking account, with nothing owed. We thanked Scott Cannon for setting up the picnic, and asked if the club owed him anything. He said there was a \$50 deposit which would be returned if we left the picnic site in good condition.

The only New Business was finalizing plans for the Gulf States Annual on September 15-16. We decided on an entry fee of \$20 to fly any or all events. We replaced the FAC Greve Mass Launch with a WW II Mass Launch, otherwise the events are the same as last year. Prizes will be a first place trophy, second place plaque, third place medallion. A porta-potty will be provided.

As an extra treat, Jim Bethea's son in law will cook a genuine Cajun jambalya lunch for \$5 on Saturday, drinks included. Jules Damare has also volunteered to donate Mercury Hobby prizes for First place in each event.

The meeting was adjourned just about the time the rain came down.

**JULY CLUB PICNIC, TCHEFUNCTE BOAT DOCK**



**The Girls Provided a Good Feed**



**While the Guys Relaxed**



**Dona and Tony Go for Dessert**



**The Boat Dock**



**Doug Shows off His 1936 British Wakefield**



**Scott Gave a Speedboat Demo**

## 2007 CLASSIC WAKEFIELD AT THE SOD FARM

May 6, 2007

by Vince Burton

Well, the day started with Doug Petty flying his Lanzo Classic off the field. The D. T. didn't work but the model did have a locator. The Classic was found some 3 miles from the field. Doug came back with the model but without the prop. So Doug packed the Classic neatly into its box. That afternoon Doug and Jim Bethea decided to take another look for the prop and lo and behold they found it. On return to the field Doug said he didn't feel like taking the Classic out of the box again so he failed to make an official flight.

Tony Piazza flew several 4-oz. Wakefield models: a replica of the 1936 Northern Arrow from England and also a 1936 Copland. Tony made his official flights with his Copland model. Tony flirts with danger by sometimes not lighting his D. T. fuse. He got away with it a couple of times but on the last flight of the day Tony got burned. The last we saw of the Copland model it was up where the jets fly heading OOS downfield. (NO Locator) Tony took first place in the event.

Al Seither made a beautiful test flight with his World Champ Kansas Wakefield, however, when he packed the turns in and table-launched the model it took only 9 seconds to plow in to the right. The result was a broken wing, thus ending his quest to win another Classic Wakefield contest.

Vince Burton, paranoid with losing models, failed to wind his Kansas Wakefield to torque on his first flight, missing his max. He didn't make that mistake on his next two flights and took third place in the event. Scott Cannon flew his Lanzo Classic to a second place. Scott is always a great competitor.

Jim Bethea was the "Nice Guy" all during the day. Jim made rubber motors for anyone who needed one, CD'd the contest, helped find models off the field, retrieved models for some of us and much more. By the time Jim was ready to fly his 1939 Korda Wakefield the wind had picked up and changed direction to the short part of the field and the woods. Jim did make a few short flights just to get on the board. Thanks Jim.

Thanks also to Beverly Bethea. Beverly who wasn't feeling well enough to stay at home by herself, came out to the field with Jim and made herself very useful as scorekeeper. Certificates designed and printed by Carl Bakay were awarded to the winners and a delightful time was had by all who attended.

Here are the results:

1.	Tony Piazza	1936 Copeland Wakefield	450 sec
2.	Scott Cannon	Lanzo Classic	440
3.	Vince Burton	Kansas Wakefield	400
4.	Jim Bethea	1939 Korda Wakefield	240
5.	Al Seither	World Cham Kansas Wakefield	120

## 2007 HEART OF DIXIE FF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Navy Site 8A Pensacola, FL, May 19-20, 2007

*By Vince Burton*

The Louisiana boys took home the Bacon at this meet. It seemed as every other Trophy was presented to someone from Louisiana. The Cloud Climbers Club did quite well at the meet. Cloud Climbers members Scott Cannon, Jim Bethea, Vince Burton, Al Seither, Doug Petty, Bob Gourdon and Gary Nelson attended the meet.

Doug Petty is performing like a true National Champ. He was outstanding at the meet. Doug flew his Korda C Stick to three two-minute max flights and made two three- minute flights on his fourth and fifth flights to take first place in the Small Rubber event. Doug accomplished the feat Saturday despite unfavorable weather conditions. The weather was windy (but flyable) Saturday. Sunday was even worse with light and variable wind. Even though we moved our flying location a couple of times, flying official was a nail biting experience. How about a 180 degree shift in wind in a couple of seconds?

Vince Burton surprised everyone by flying his Kansas Wakefield to three two-minute max flights. Although he failed to make his three-minute flight it was good enough for second place in the Large Rubber event. Here again we have Doug Petty taking first place in Large Rubber flying his Lanzo Duplex Stick to three two-minute max flights and making his three-minute fourth flight.

Scott Cannon placed third in the event with his Lanzo Classic. Scott dropped one of his two-minute flights when he hit one of those famous Pensacola down drafts. Jim Bethea doesn't believe in Pensacola down drafts. Jim said it's sick rubber not up to torque. Scott did well in Commercial Rubber and Moffett, placing in those events.

Jim Bethea had some bad luck at the contest. Although Jim won Commercial Rubber with three two-minute max flights flying his Korda Open Road, his beloved Casano small stick blew up after the blast tube had been removed. The explosion could be heard as far away as El Paso, Texas.

Congratulations to Doug Petty. Winning Small Rubber and Large Rubber Events at this meet with all the competition he had is quite an accomplishment. Al Seither is just back to flying since the devastating loss of his home in hurricane Katrina. He flew his Kansas Wakefield in the Large Rubber event. Al said he might give up his favorite event (Hand Launch Glider) because his arm just doesn't have it any more. Maybe Al should try the latest in Hand Launch Glider, the Discus Launch glider.

Bob Gourdon flew his dime scale model to second place and placed third in P-30. The Dime Scale event was spectacular, with the small planes flying almost out of sight. Bob is doing very well in the FAC events. Seems as if he's catering mostly to that type of model building at this time.

It was great flying with all our long time friends from ALA, FL, and TX. Thanks to Tom Hepler, his son Eric and the club members of the Model Airplane Club of Huntsville AL for hosting the contest. I did not mention all places won by the Cloud Climbers Club members, but they are listed below.

### OHLG

1.	Bob Thoren	185
2.	John Steinheimer	92
3.	Vince Burton	46

### GOLLYWOCKS GALLORE

1.	Doug Petty	222
2.	Bill Duke	207
3.	Bob Thoren	

### CLG

1.	John Steinheimer	282
2.	Bill Duke	257
3.	Scott Cannon	208
4.	Bob Gourdon	193
5.	George White	187
6.	Bob Thoren	119
7.	Al Pardue	96

### P-30

1.	Al Pardue	296
2.	George White	294
3.	Bob Gourdon	264

### COMMERCIAL RUBBER

1.	Jim Bethea	360
2.	Scott Cannon	350
3.	Bill Duke	349
4.	Jerry Kligaman	220

### OLD TIME GAS/PYLON

1.	Vince Burton	120
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### FAC DIME SCALE

1.	Paul Grabski	291
2.	Bob Gourdon	206
3.	George White	129

### OLD TIME RUBBER LARGE

1.	Doug Petty	720
2.	Scott Cannon	535
3.	Al Pardue	106

### FAC CAT SCALE GLIDER

1.	Paul Grabski	171
2.	John Steinheimer	75
3.	Al Seither	67
4.	Bob Gourdon	65
5.	George White	61

## SAM 59 AT THE 2007 HEART OF DIXIE MEET



Al Flew his Earnie Lynn Kansas Wakefield



FAC Scale Paul, Vince, George, Bob



Scott Cannon and Doug Petty Getting Ready



The Boys Watch Scott's Model Climb Out

## 2007 VINCE BURTON CHALLENGE

Saturday, June 9, 2007

Jim Bethea was the CD for this club event on Saturday. Five people flew. Tony Piazza was the only entrant in the AMA/FAC Scale event, flying an Interstate Cadet and a Chambermaid. Scott Cannon set a new Sod Farm Field Record in the Vince Burton Challenge with a seven minute and six second flight to take first place. Tony and Doug came in second and third. The results are listed below.

1.	Scott Cannon	Casano	426 Seconds
2.	Tony Piazza	Gollywock	261 Seconds
3.	Doug Petty	Korda "C"	208 Seconds
4.	Jim Bethea	Crusader	114 Seconds
5.	John Violette	Smith Mulvihill	98 Seconds

## SAM 59 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007

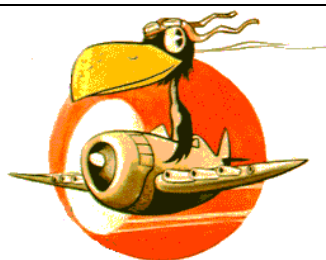
Friday, Sept.7	Jim Bethea	Friday, Oct. 5	Open
Friday, Nov. 2	Open	Saturday, Dec. 8	Scott & Dona Xmas Party

We still have 2 open dates, so please think about hosting a meeting if you haven't already signed up. Call Janet Demare at 985-892-7204 if you can help.

## 2007 CONTEST & EVENT CALENDAR

- July 30-Aug 3 **AMA FF Nationals**, AMA Flying Site, Muncie, IN. For info [www.modelaircraft.org/events](http://www.modelaircraft.org/events)
- June 16,17 Pensacola FF Team hosts the McLaughlin SE Model Airplane Championship, The **Fiesta of Five Flags** Contest. Featuring AMA, SAM and FAI events. Bob Junk CD, 984 Williams Ditch Rd., Cantonment, FL, 32533. Phone 850-968-9619.
- July 7,8 **Dixie Nationals**, sponsored by the Florida Modelers Association, Plam Bay Florida, AMA, FAI, SAM and NFFS Nostalgia events. Saturday 7 am til 4 pm, Sunday 7 am til Noon.  
CD will probably be Joe Clawson, 321-984-8718, [claws3132@earthlink.net](mailto:claws3132@earthlink.net).
- Sept 15, 16 The Cloudclimbers of SAM 59 host the **Gulf States Annual**. At Pensacola Navy Site 8A.  
3 SAM events - Small stick / Small cabin, Large stick / large cabin, Commercial rubber  
3 FAC events – Dime Scale, WW II Mass Launch, 2-Bit OT Rubber  
3 AMA events– Coupe de'Hiver, P-30, ABC NOS GAS.  
\$20 entry flies any or all events. CD Carl Bakay, 118 Gentry Circle, Lafayette, LA 70508.
- Oct 7-12 **SAM Champs 2007**, Eldorado Dry Lake, Henderson, NV. SAM has reserved for \$51/nite Sunday-Thursday, \$89 Fri and Saturday the Fiesta Henderson Station Casino-Hotel, 777 W. Lake Meade Dr., Henderson, NV 89015, Phone: 800-388-8334. Gene Wallock CD, 580-536-0303, [velinak@aol.com](mailto:velinak@aol.com). Rubber model will be the 50" ign Miss World's Fair. Gas model is the 72" Trenton Terror by DeAngelis. Entry Forms send SASE to Registrar George Walter, 2412 Deerpark Dr., Fullerton, CA 92835
- October 6,7,8 **PFFT Gathering of the Turkeys**, Navy Site 8A, Pensacola, FL. CD to be announced.
- Dec 29,30,31 FMA hosts the **King Orange International**, Palm Bay Florida. CD George White.

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



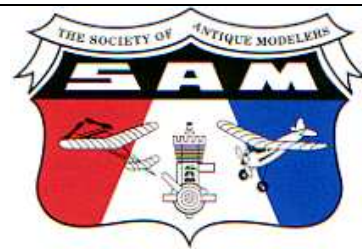
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## 2007 Gulf States Annual

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### The Cloudclimbers of Southeast Louisiana

September 15-16, 2007



**SAM Chapter 59**

#### Class AA Sanction Applied For

Contest Director: Carl Bakay, 118 Gentry Circle, Lafayette, LA 70508-6326, For info, call day 800-676-7302, or nite 337-504-4363. carl.bakay@scientificdrilling.com

FLYING SITE: Navy Helicopter Field Site 8A. Exit Florida Interstate 10 at Exit 5. Turn onto US Highway 90 West. Go 1.7 miles to the south gate. Gate will be open 7:30 am. Contest will start at 800 (8:00 am) and end at 1600 (4:00 pm) both days.

AWARDS: Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Plaques for 2<sup>nd</sup>, medals for 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
VB Challenge 1<sup>st</sup> Place only.

FOOD: A genuine Ragin' Cajun jambalya lunch with drinks will be prepared hot and fresh on the field Saturday for \$5.00. Be sure and try it out.

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 flies any or all events Saturday and Sunday.

#### LIST OF EVENTS

SAM SmallStick/Small Cabin  
SAM Large Stick/Large Cabin  
SAM Commercial Rubber

AMA Coupe d'Hiver  
AMA P-30  
AMA ABC Nostalgia Gas Combined

FAC Dime Scale  
FAC WW II Mass Launch  
FAC 2-Bit OT Rubber

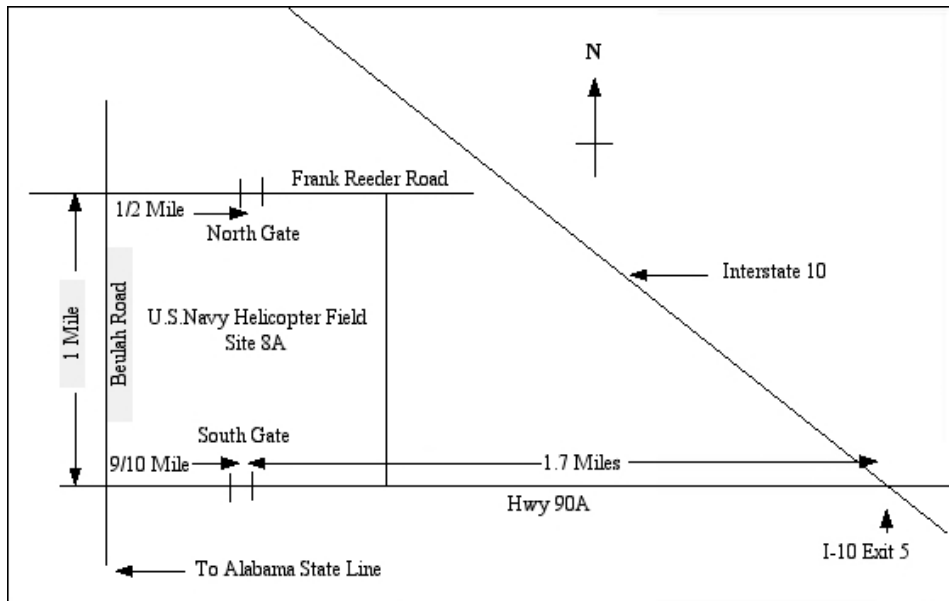
Vince Burton Challenge  
– Longest Flight of the Day

Absolutely no intoxicating beverages.  
We are the guests of the US Navy.  
Show AMA membership at signup.

Two entrants needed for event to be official  
Any event can be flown over two days.  
Model must be recovered for times to be recorded.

FAC, AMA, and SAM rules will be enforced. In case of dispute, the decision of the Contest Director, though capricious and arbitrary, will be final. Ties will be decided by a coin toss.

Map to Navy Site 8 A, Pensacola, Florida



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## 2007 GULF STATES ANNUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Check boxes by the events you wish to enter.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SAM Small Stick/Small Cabin | <input type="checkbox"/> AMA Coupe d'Hiver      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAM Large Stick/Large Cabin | <input type="checkbox"/> AMA P-30               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAM Commercial Rubber       | <input type="checkbox"/> AMA ABC NOS Gas        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAC Dime Scale              | <input type="checkbox"/> Vince Burton Challenge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAC WW II Mass Launch       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAC 2-Bit OT Rubber         |   |

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee \$20.00 flies any or all events, both days.

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

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