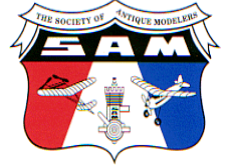




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**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday Apr 10, 2025  
11am -3pm**

**Dr. Alan Peterson's House  
1115 Seena Avenue  
Los Altos, Ca 93024**



# SAM21 Current Affairs

## Latest dope.....



- We did not have a meeting in February due to Alan's travel schedule. So no meeting minute.
- Please attend the March meeting, there will be discussion on changing the meeting to 1st Thursday of the month.
- The SAM21 and Oakland Cloud Dusters will combine their meeting at Alan's abode.
- 20<sup>th</sup> SAM Euro Champs will be held on June 22-27, 2025. It will be held at the Vallegaffaro Airfield (Ferrara Region, Italy). It is approximately 100km south of Venice by car. See flyer in this Clipper for more information.
- Angelo Fattoracci is the U.S. liaison for the 20<sup>th</sup> SAM Euro Champs. You can direct any question to him. His email address is [afattoracci@yahoo.com](mailto:afattoracci@yahoo.com)
- April meeting will be a combined SAM21 and OCD, April 10 at Alan Peterson's house. No Foolin'!
- Mike Myers is the SAM26 President and Treasurer.



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## 2025 Meeting Dates

1st Thursday after  
the 1st Monday

7:00 p.m.

Dr Peterson's House.  
1115 Seena Avenue, Los  
Altos.

January-9

February-6

No March Meeting

**April 10**

May 8

June 6

July 10

August 7

September 4

October 9

November 6

December 4

Christmas Banquet

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# Contest Report: 50<sup>th</sup> John Pond Commemorative Contest

By Mike Myers, Contest Manager

Sometimes it's good to do down memory lane. Back in the day the Great John Pond, Daddy Warbucks his own self, live in San Jose. And he liked to go down and fly with the guys in what became SAM 26 in Santa Maria. And the years went by and here we are with SAM 26 holding it's 50<sup>th</sup> annual John Pond Commemorative Contest at the Greenfield Flyers Wekerle field in Bakersfield.

The contest was held on March 15 and 16. While there'd been rain and wind the days beforehand, we all got there. The flying conditions were great—the field was dry, the temperatures moderate and Den Mother Miriam Schmidt had come down from the Schmidt Ranch to see the boys had their lunch.

The contest flyer had been lifted from an earlier John Pond contest and listed all the good old ignition and glow events. But we flew virtually none of the events listed on the flyer. With the exception of Half A Texaco no glow or ignition events were flown. Everything was electric.

On Saturday we flew Electric Texaco and Speed 400 with the 2025 Rulebook 90 second motor run. On Sunday we flew Electric LMR and Speed 400—using a 60 second motor run. We also flew ½ A Texaco on Sunday.

The contestants had brought models for the Spirit of SAM event, and for the new for 2025 Electric Rubber LMR event. The guys had them and wanted to fly them so we added the events to the contest.

## Contest Results

### Electric Texaco — Flown on March 15

Flyer	Model	Flt 1	Flt 2	Score
Jim Wiseman	Lanzo Bomber	27:09		27:09
Sam Niece	Playboy	17:48		17:48
Steve Hulse	Lanzo Bomber	7:43	16:33	16:33
Angelo Fattoracci	Sandy Hogan	12:55		12:55
Rick Holman	?	6:39		6:39

Score is best one of two flights.

### Speed 400 90 second run 20256 Rulebook — flown on March 15

Flyer	Model	1	2	3	4	Score
Dennis Tyson	Stardust Special	6:06	5:09	8:41	10:00	18:41
Jim Wiseman	Fubar	LOF	4:21	6:32	10:00	16:32
Jay Higgs	Simplex	2:04	5:34	1:43	2:23	7:57
Rick Holman	Fubar	2:40	5:14			7:54
Sam Niece	Fubar	2:53	2:03	LOF	2:27	5:20

Score is best two of four flights—ten minute max



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## Half A Texaco — flown on March 16

Flyer	Model	1	2	3	Score
Sam Niece	Baby Playboy	10:12	15:00	LOF	25:12
Angelo Fattoracci	Commando	14:38	8:42		23:20

*Score is best two of three flights, 15 minute max*

## Electric Limited Motor Run — flown on March 16

Flyer	Model	1	2	3	Score
Jim Wiseman	Lanzo Bomber	10:00	5:49	10:00	20:00
Angelo Fattoracci	Airborn	8:52	10:00		18:52
Sam Niece	Playboy	4:19	7:04	7:56	15:00

*Score is best two of three 10 minute max flights— 90 second motor run*

## Speed 400 60 second motor run

Flyer	Model	1	2	Score
Dennis Tyson	Stardust Special	3:20	7:00	10:20
Jim Wiseman	Fubar	Crash		0

*Contest director set 60 second motor run, 7 minute max, score best two of four flights---Wiseman had servo lock and plane crash on first attempt*

## Electric Rubber Limited Motor Run flown on March 16

Flyer	Model	Time
Dennis Tyson	Akron Favorite	8:42
Rick Holman	Sokol	6:43

## Spirit of SAM—flown on March 16

Flyer	Model	1	2	3	Score
Jim Wiseman	Riser Rider	12:50	14:25	14:45	14:25
Dennis Tyson	Wren	10:35	14:43	13:11	13:11

*These last two “impromptu” electric contests were interesting. The Electric Rubber Limited Motor event is a new one in the SAM 2025 Rulebook. The airframe has to be an approved rubber design pre 1951. The motor has to be the Hacker A10-15S outrunner without modification using a 2 cell lipo The minimum weight of the model is 12 ounces. You get a 90 second motor run. The score is the best two of three ten minute max flights. Now getting a rubber model to 12 ounces*

*minimum weight is an achievement. Dennis Tyson put a large lipo battery in his Akron Favorite. If you have to add weight, make the weight work for a living.*

*The Bob Holman Plans Service has short kits and plans for both the Akron Favorite and the Sokol. Rick Homan says he’s already sold several sets of the Sokol and a number are being built. It’s an interesting design with the wing mounted on a low*



## Pond Contest Report

pylon. **Jim Wiseman is no slouch with these electric powered rubber models. His Riser Rider won the Spirit of Sam Event at one of the Muncie Sam Champs, and carried the day again at this contest. He suggests that a larger rubber model might be a good choice for this new event. As it happens the Bob Holman service as plans and short kits for the Korda Dethermalizer and the Lanzo Championship Stick—both at right around 300 square inches.**

**Tyson and Wiseman had slightly different approaches to the Spirit of Sam designs. Wiseman's Riser Rider was built several years ago and uses the Neu motor that was the "hot setup" at the time. It ran well on the 160 mah single cell lipo the rules required. Jim used a 160 mah cell for motor power, and also a second 160 mah cell to support the receiver and servos. He says his older Spectrum receiver works okay with just the single cell for radio power.**

**Dennis Tyson's Wren is newly built. Instead of the somewhat expensive Neu motor, he uses a \$16 "cheapie" Sunny Sky outrunner. His motor is powered by the 160 mah "gumstick" LiPo required by the rules. But he powers the radio and servos in the Wren with a 2S1P 260 mah LiPo gum stick.**

**Angelo Fattoracci had two interesting models. His Zaic Floater was built from a kit he won at the raffle at the 2024 SAM Champs at the Schmidt Ranch last fall. His Airborne for Electric LMR had the brushless outrunner motor concealed beneath the cylinder head of a large glow engine. The tipoff that all was not what it seemed was that the cylinder head did not have a glow plug in it!**

**Jim Wiseman has been successful in Electric Texaco for the last several years flying a Lanzo Bomber built from the old 630 square inch Leisure kit. He powers the**

**model with a geared Astro "Mighty Mite" motor running on a 2S1P lipo pack. I've seen that model win several Electric Texaco contests. What I didn't realize is that Jim uses the same airframe and motor for the Electric LMR event—but for that event he runs the motor on a 3S1P pack. And I'll be danged if he didn't win both the Electric Texaco and the Electric LMR event at this contest using that approach!**

**And one final comment. There was some confusion back in the early aughts when LiPo batteries started to replace NiCad packs to power electric SAM models. The powers that be finally settled on a rule saying that a model that weighed 32 ounces could have a 2 cell 800 mah battery pack. Well that was pretty easy for a contest director to figure—you could have a 2 cell 100 mah battery pack for every four ounces of all up model weight. Easy peasy—40 ounces weight got you a 2 cell 1000 mah pack—and so on.**

**But you have to put your mathematical thinking cap on when a contestant shows up with a 3 cell pack. Well it's been a while since I looked at a rule book while running a contest—and I was delighted to see that the 2025 Rulebook has minimum weights for 3 cell packs! Good job rule book editors!**



**Angelo Fattoracci with his colorful Airborne.**



## Pond Contest Photos



**Angelo Fattoracci, Commando, Sp400.**



**Sam Niece, Baby Playboy, 1/2 A Texaco.**



**Dennis Tyson, Akron Favorite, Electric Rubber Limited Motor Run.**



**Jim Wiseman and Dennis Tyson, Spirit of SAM.**



**Rick Holman, Sokol, Electric Rubber Limited Motor Run.**



**Close-Up of Rick's Sokol.**



## Pond Contest, some observations.

By Sam Niece

- Good weather.
- No rain and very little wind.
- But not a lot of thermal activity.
- Road in was muddy, but field was fine.
- Attendees included myself, Jim Wiseman, Rick Holman, Dennis Tyson, Mike Myers (CD), Angelo Fattoracci and a couple of others whose names I don't recall. Phil Bernhard stopped by but didn't fly.
- Robert Schmidt brought Miriam in his huge trailer, and she served sandwiches for lunch.
- Mike Myers and/or Bob Angel will be sending out official results, but best as I can recall:
- $\frac{1}{2}$  A Texaco: I think it was just Angelo and me. I won after adjusting my witch's brew.
- Electric Texaco: Jim Wiseman won handily. I was a distant second. Angelo was third.
- Jim Wiseman and Dennis flew the new electric rubber event. Close, but Jim squeaked it out by a few seconds.
- Speed 400: As I recall, Jim Wiseman won with his Fubar. My new Fubar just couldn't cut it.
- The Greenfield Flyers President stopped by and invited us back. Mike Myers is considering more flying events there.



**John Pond**  
Commemorative  
Old Time RC Contest

*I won  $\frac{1}{2}$  A Texaco at last summer's SAM Champs with the following Witch's Brew:*

*16 ml of Brodak BF-1219 (15% nitro, 23% lubricant, 62% methanol),*

*Plus 14 ml of methanol and 7 ml of ethanol.*

*For last weekend's event, for the first flight, I decreased the added methanol to 13 ml and increased the added ethanol to 8 ml.*

*That mix yielded a strong in-flight motor run of 6+ minutes.*

*But then I got greedy, and for the second flight, I decreased the added methanol to 12 ml and increased the added ethanol to 9 ml.*

*Disaster. The airplane wouldn't climb at all.*

*So for the third flight I went back to 13 ml of added methanol and 8 ml of added ethanol. Strong motor run, and caught some thermals for the win.*

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## Secret Spy Stuff.....



*Mean while in a secret location in East of the Ohio River, some Hungarian Pelikans are being readied for next year's competitions.*



# 20<sup>th</sup> SAM Euro Champs Information



## 20 TH SAM RC EURO CHAMPS - 22-23-24-25-26-27 JUNE 2025

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SAM Italia – Chapter 62 and SAM 2001 – L’Aquilone, alongwith the Fly Delta Club – Valle Gaffaro, will organize the 20<sup>th</sup> SAM RC Euro Champs on the Flying Field of Valle Gaffaro – Codigoro – from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The Valle Gaffaro Flying Field, directed by the Fly Delta Club, is inside the territory of the Codigoro (Ferrara) town, Vecchia Corriera Road, in the center of the river Po delta very near to Boscone della Mesola, Pomposa Abby and at a short distance from the Ferraresi Beaches.

The flying area is 260 mt. long and 60 mt. wide.

You can reach the Field by car : follow the SS 309 Romea Road towards BoscoMesola and Volano Beach, leave the Romea Road at the Pomposa Abby exit and drive on to Volano, BoscoMesola.

Nearest towns : Venice 90 km – Ferrara 54 km. – Ravenna 60 km.

The Field presents large free grass covered parking spaces where caravans - campers and tents may be parked at no cost.

The field presents a comfortable bar with covered open terrace and a restaurant.

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- Entry fee of € 15 per model per event payable at registration.
- The event will be held in full respect of the Rules for the European SAM RC Champs effective





# 20<sup>th</sup> SAM Euro Champs Entry Form



**20° Campionato Europeo SAM RA - 20 th European SAM RC Champs  
22-23-24-25-26-27 Giugno/June 2025**

**Email: [europeanvallegaffaro@gmail.com](mailto:europeanvallegaffaro@gmail.com)**

## MODULO D'ISCRIZIONE - ENTRY FORM

Concorrente - Competitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Indirizzo - Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Citta/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Stato/State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- L'iscrizione di Euro 15,00 per modello in ogni evento pagabile al momento della registrazione;
- Entry fee of € 15,00 per model per event payable at registration.

## CATEGORIA/EVENT

**OTVR - OTMR/AB - OTMR/C - TEXACO - 1/2 A TEXACO - ELOT - NMR - NMR 2.5 - SPEED  
400 - ALOT- ELECTORUBBER - OTVR/E - VELLEGIATORI CLASSE NORDIC A/2**

1°Modello/Model.....	Categoria/Event.....
Anno /Year.....	Ap. Alare/Wing span.....
Sup/Area .....	Peso/weight.....
Motore/Engine.....	Spark ( ) Diesel ( ) Glow ( ) Anno/Year.....c.c/cu.in.....
Marca/Make.....	Batteria/Battery.....
Radio Freq.....	Mhz

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**Dinner at the Mesola Castle**

Cost Euro 25.00 per person

Please write the number of persons: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 20<sup>th</sup> SAM Euro Champs Schedule and Location

## SCHEDULE

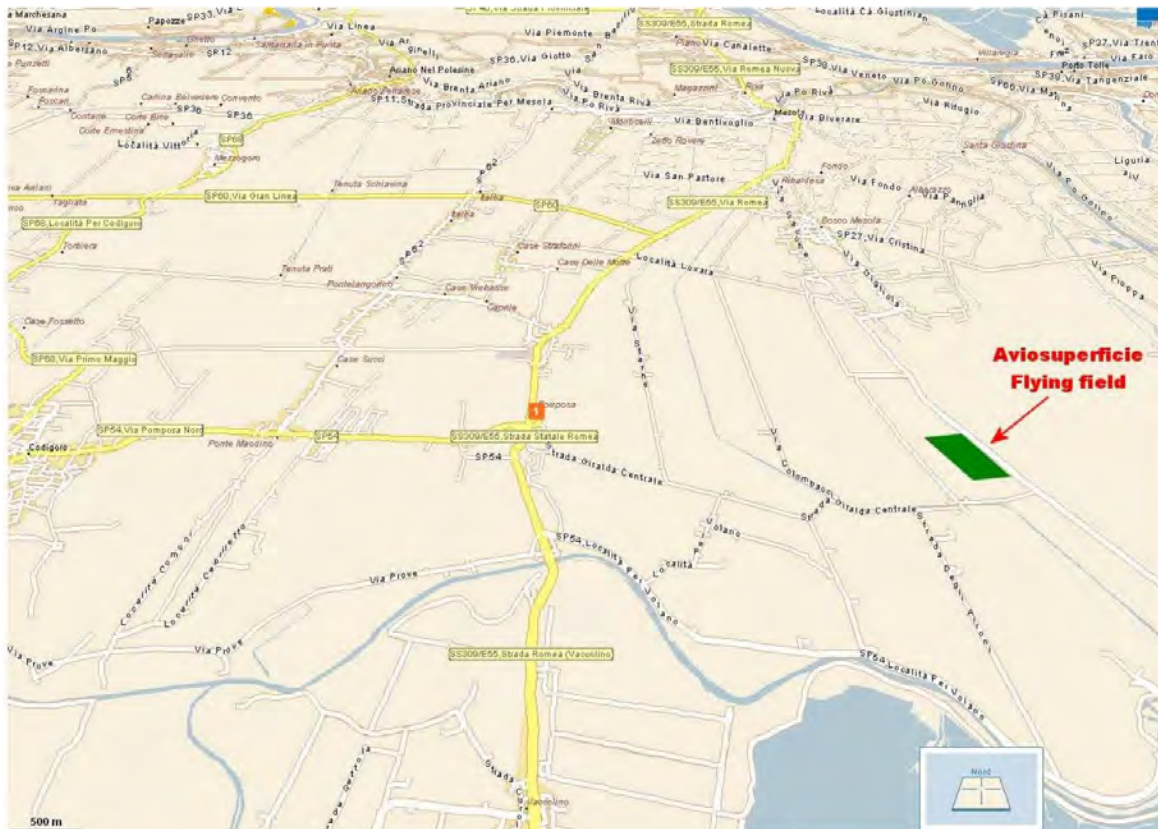
<b>SUNDAY 22.06.2025</b>	08:00-18:00	Entries
	15:00-18:00	Model Show
	17:00-18:00	<b>Opening Ceremony 20<sup>o</sup> Euro Sam Champs</b>
	19:00-20:00	International Committee Meeting SAM
<b>MONDAY 23.06.2025</b>	09:00-09:30	Briefing
	10:00-16:00	<b>OTVR - Old Timer Gliders</b> <b>OTMR/A-B - Old Timer Gas LER</b> <b>1/2 A TEXACO</b>
	17:00-18:00	Fly Off
	19:00	Prize giving ceremony
<b>TUESDAY 24.06.2025</b>	09:00-09:30	Briefing
	10:00-16:00	<b>ELECTRORUBBER</b> <b>TEXACO</b> <b>SPECIAL CATEGORY:</b> <b>CLASS SAILERS NORDIC A/2</b>
	17:00-18:00	Fly Off
	19:00	Prize giving ceremony
	20:30-22:30	<b>SOCIAL EVENING - PIZZA PARTY - Club House Valle Gaffaro</b>

<b>WEDNESDAY 25.06.2025</b>	09:00-09:30	Briefing
	10:00-16:00	<b>ALOT - Altitude Limited Old Timer</b> <b>OTMR/C - Old Timer Gas LER</b> <b>NMR - Old Timer Gas LER</b>
	17:00-18:00	Fly Off
	19:00	Prize giving ceremony
<b>THURSDAY 26.06.2025</b>	09:00-09:30	Briefing
	10:00-16:00	<b>OLD TIMER 400 - Electric Limited Motor Run</b> <b>ELOT - Electric Old Timer Limited Motor Run</b> <b>CLASSIC TEXACO</b>
	17:00-18:00	Fly Off
	19:00	Prize giving ceremony
	20:30-22:30	<b>SOCIAL EVENING - RIFFA - Club House Valle Gaffaro</b>
<b>FRIDAY 27.06.2025</b>	09:00-09:30	Briefing
	09:30-18:00	<b>OTVR/E</b> <b>NMR 2,5 - Old Timer Gas LER</b>
	18:30-19:00	Fly Off
	19:00-19:30	Prize giving ceremony
	20:30	<b>Dinner at the Mesola Castle</b>

**SATURDAY 28.06.2025** Reserve Day

**GPS**  
**NORD 44° 50. 135'**  
**EST 12° 13. 953'**

**FLIGHT FIELD** **44.835583,**  
**12.232550**



The contest site is approximately 100 km south of Venice, Italy by car.

\* I have the full contest info package (including hotel info and locate attractions) in pdf format. Email [SAM21editor@gmail.com](mailto:SAM21editor@gmail.com) if you want a copy. Brian



# A Friendly Reminder....The Renewal Process

**SAM21, AMA\* and SAM membership renewal links are listed below. (\*newer AMA members might have a different renewal dates.) SAM21 still going with the old fashion way, forms and checks in an envelope and stamp on the outside.**



Use the renewal form and send renewal fee to **Cliff Shekell, 2473 Briarwood Drive, San Jose, California 95125.** The SAM21 2023 membership is \$10.00.



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<https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/enroll>

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