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## NEWS, VIEWS and REVIEWS

### Proposed Contest Schedule

Forwarded is a straw man for the SAM 56 calendar for 2011. A few changes to the club contest calendar will be noted, ref numbers of events and events to be flown. The intent is to get out of the rut and simplify our monthly contests. There are several new events that are to be designed to make maximum use of the flying site, and, hopefully encourage increased participation.

Mar 19	Meeting	Site to be determined
Apr 16/17	Contest	Events: 1/2 Tex A, Cat G*
May 21/22	Meeting Cortez,	Contest Events: 1/2 A Nos, FAC Small Rubber
Jun 11/12	Contest	Events: Embryo, FAC WW II & Mass Launch
Jul 16/17	Meeting Site to be determined	Contest Events: 1/2A Tex, P-20**
Aug 13/14	Contest	Events: 1/2A Nos, FAC Moth, Cat G*
Sep 17/18	Meeting Site to be determined,	Contest Events: FAC Golden Age & Mass Launch, 1/2A Tex
Oct Dates Open*	Contest	Events: SAM Small Rubber, Builders Choice***
Nov 13	Meeting Cortez	Election for 2012

\*Cat G Standard Launch Device, 18 ins of 1/4 in rubber or 36 ins of 1/8 in rubber, max span 12ins

\*\*P-20 Small rubber model with any dimension a max of 20 ins, prop builders choice, max of 5 grams of rubber. ( Works out out approximately 4 stands of 1/8th rubber by 15 ins.)

\*\*\*Choice- events to be determined at Mar meeting, limit 2 or 3.

Also, let us not forget we anticipate an interruption in the use of the field in Jul and early Aug, hay cutting. Other known contest dates, some not yet finalized:

Jun 4/5 Tri City Fliers, 4/5 Jun MMM, 8/9/10 Jul NATS, 18-22 Jul TGD, 2021 Jul MMM, 3/4/5 Jul HAFFA, 4/5 Oct TCC.

Again, the attempt is to simplify our contest schedule, encourage more participation, and better use our limited flying space. Your thoughts and input can be provided at the January meeting.

George Avila , Pres

## **November 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

### **ATTENDEES:**

Mary Kay and George Avila, Betty & Larry Bishop, Les DeWitt, Paula & Jeff Englert, Jane & Earl Griffith, Darlene & Richard Kirkland, Regina, Marty & Lucas Kline, Marty & Jim O'Reilly, ed Salguero, Eleanor and Jack Phelps, Marilyn and Bill Schmidt, Dan Walton. Ed Geiger – visiting

President Griffith called the meeting to order.  
The previous meeting minutes were approved as read.  
The treasurer's report was read by the treasurer, Jim O'Reilly

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2001 officers were elected;

President: George Avila,  
Vice-President: Bill Schmidt  
Treasurer: Jim O'Reilly,  
Secretary & NL Editor: Jeff Englert,

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

Bill Schmidt brought in a keychain camera bought at Walgreen's for \$8 bucks, 4meg storage, a easy way to record those UFO visits.  
He also showed off a Carl Goldberg designed 1939 Megow AeroChamp.

George Avila had a 200 in<sup>2</sup> Mulvihill 'Longshot.

Dan Walton showed a CO2 powered endurance model.

## 2010 "e-Fly" at the Hartman Arena Nov 11-14, 2010

My kids and I went to the Central Plains E-Fly last weekend and we had a blast. Dan Benner was there, mostly flying electric R/C but also flying a Science Olympiad model a bit. Jack Phelps and Jeff Englert each showed up to watch; Jeff commented to me that he hadn't even thought about trying to fly rubber here. So I thought I'd try to get the word out a bit.

is it ideal, dead-still, competition Indoor flying conditions? No. It is a calculated risk to fly rubber among 3D R/C birds. But I haven't had a fatal collision yet. I did a little bit of flying at the E-Fly in 2009, at the Century 11 Convention Center downtown. It went fairly well, and I was very excited when I heard that it would be at the Hartman Arena in 2010, with a 65' ceiling.

They keep a separate area dedicated to 'micro' flying, specifically, models 2 oz or less. Everything that my kids & I fly falls into that category (from my 65' span A.N.T. 25 coconut scale model on down), so that is where we camped. We tried to keep our models in the micro area, but if they strayed occasionally, we found the 'full size' R/C fliers usually tried not to harm our models. Also, with the exception of some draftiness on the morning of the first full flying day, we found the air quality to be quite good. I was able to fly a pretty lightweight duration rubber model to over 7 minutes without suffering any serious drift. I haven't figured the totals, but I am pretty sure I logged over an hour and a half of rubber-powered flight time all together.

Bob Wilder (same Bob Wilder of rubber-winder fame, and more recently the Wilder indoor electric freeflight event) ran several fun events intended primarily for micro electric R/C models (including the ready-to-fly Parkzone Vapors): pylon races, free-style aerobatics, touch-and-go (how many can you do on a table in 2 minutes; the winner did 30!); under-the-bridge (same thing, but it's passes under the table without touching the floor; the same winner scored 30 in this event also). He let Jesse and I fly walk along gliders in several of these. But our Vapor also got lots and lots of air time.

If you've never flown a Vapor - I recommend it. My wife bought me one for my birthday and it is a lot of fun. Go to the hobby shop and take a look at one. You can fly 'slow and silent' like a Rubber model; or you can throttle up and do aerobatics. The all-moving tail surfaces give it plenty of agility. My son Jesse figured out how to load it up with eight folded-paper whirlybird helicopters, and drop them all in flight from 50' up! There's a chaff cloud for you!

There was, of course, plenty of R/C action to watch. There was open flying most of the time, and as usual, most of the models were fairly similar, but there are some innovators in the crowd. There was an R/C autogyro in the guise of an Apache helicopter; an F-117; and a life-sized bald eagle built rather like a kite, with a vectoring power pod for propulsion and control. At times they stopped the general flying for some really top-notch pattern flying or 'extreme' helicopter flying - both well worth seeing.

Pilot registration was \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. That may seem steep, but then you can also spend that much (or more) on gas to get to an out-of-town meet. For 3+ days of flying, just 20 minutes from home, I found it to be well worth it.

So if you have some indoor models that aren't seeing a whole lot of action these days -think about it. There's a risk they might get hit by an R/C model; but there's also a risk they could disintegrate in your closet without ever getting flown again; or accidentally crushed the next time you move; or....

Also, the R/C flyers were always very willing to give some airspace for an 'exhibition flight' of the A.N.T.- 25, or of the large stick-and-tissue Beech Bonanza flown by Dan Walton. I'm sure they would just love it if we did a WWII or P-24 mass launch!

Look for next year's e-fly to be announced soon at [www.clearviewfield.com](http://www.clearviewfield.com). You can also contact the organizer: Ken Stitt  
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Thanks ,  
 David Aronstein



Micro RC ships prepared in style of old 50's models  
 (Missed flyer's complete ID, Wayne ...?)



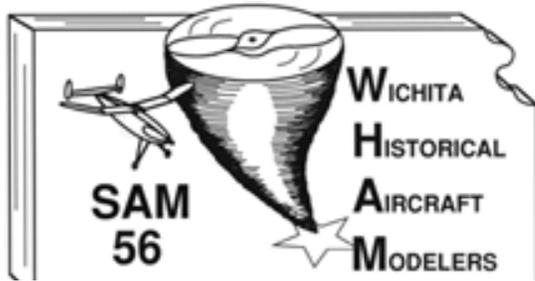
Zevi & Dave Aronstien prepare 65" span ANT-25 for flight. Jesse explains walk along glider flight.



Vapour Close up, note the paper helicopter applied!



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The next SAM 56 Dinner Meeting will be at:

**Cortez Mexican Restaurant**  
**344 W. 29th St.**  
**Saturday, January 22, 2011**  
Social Hour @ 6:00 PM, Dinner @ 7:00 PM.

**Membership Information:**

Open to all interested AMA members, founded to encourage and promote the model airplane building hobby. Member dues \$20 annually, Subscription only; \$12 annually, \$18 foreign. Send checks to Jim O'Reilly, 4760 Battin, Wichita, KS 67220.

All memberships and subscription renewals are due January 1st of the new year.

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