

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Fun Fly Announcement**

The SCAMPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Sal Taibi Fun Fly will be on May 5, 2024, at Taibi Field in Perris, California.

Sal Taibi was one of aeromodeling's legends. His honors include Model Aviation Hall of Fame, AMA Fellow, National Free Flight Society Hall of Fame, and the SAM Hall of Fame. Sal was instrumental in the creation of SCAMPS and a lifetime member. He was the leader of the Wednesday flying sessions at Lake Elsinore and later at Perris. He was a mentor and friend to generations of free-flyers.

Sal passed away in December 2012. SCAMPS remembered Sal in January 2013 with the first Sal Taibi Fun Fly. In 2023, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sal Taibi Fun Fly marked 10 years since Sal passed.

We are planning a similar event, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sal Taibi Fun Fly, on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fun Fly days was "Bring your Sal Taibi-designed airplanes and memorabilia for a day of relaxed flying, remembering and sharing." We intend to maintain this theme. However, in recognition of Sal's extensive competitive record, we are adding one competitive event in which all Sal's designs can compete on a roughly even playing field.

The competitive event will be modeled after the "All Taibi" event that Kevin Sherman developed for the SCAMPS Taibi contests. The idea is that the models fly to the rules that applied in their era. Prizes will be awarded. Participants will be able to enter as many different Taibi designs as they want, but an individual will be limited to one prize. Event rules will be available by April.

Reports from the participants in the first two fun flies have been very positive. Let's do it again.