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NEWSLETTER OF THE TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS OF FLIGHT

1965 – 2025

AMA GOLD LEADER CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING...

President Mark Carlson opened the meeting poolside at 6:30. It was a nice evening and sitting by the pool was pleasant. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Bill Korn reported that we spent about \$750 last month, on field rent, Porta John and other minor expenses, offset by dues and other small income, for about \$300 debit. The bank account remains healthy. As always, if you need exact numbers, come to the meeting or talk to Bill.

Chuck Barnes reported 28 pilots pre-registered for the Giant Scale Fly-in and that all the AMA, FAA and Santa Maria Airport approvals, waivers and connections are set. The 1200 foot altitude waiver is approved as well as the Remote ID waiver. Chuck, Mark and Jody got out to the Elks Event Center to check out the conditions. The runway is in good condition, just needs sweeping/blowing off dirt. The rest of the site needs weeds mowed and trash picked up. The Event Center manager is amenable to us getting one weekend day in late June to work on site prep and also the weekend before the GS starts for a final touch-up before fliers start arriving. Tentative dates are 22 June and 20 July, we'll know the firm dates at the June meeting.

Paul Steinberg from House of Balsa & ZAP will be there again, with his lovely wife and truckload of products and his collection of models.

Friday night at the GS we'll show the Disney movie "The Rocketeer" much of the film was shot at Santa Maria Airport, and the "Bigelow Aviation" hangar at the SM Museum of Flight is a set piece from the movie. If we need a second movie, I have stuff like "The Bridges at Toko-Ri," "The Aviator" and "Porco Rosso."

We will be needing donations for the Ladies' Raffle, talk to Chuck Barnes. If you still have the items you got for last year's cancelled event, get them to Chuck starting about the June Meeting. Big stuff, check with Chuck first, he may need you to hold them until the week of the GS.

Mike Noble donated two new-in-box T-28 models for future monthly plane raffles, a 800mm from FMS and a 1.1m from Eflite. Many thanks Mike!

Mike reports no Safety issues at the field this month, good work, guys!

FL:OAT FLY at San Antonio this weekend, 15—18 May. Chuck says he will be up there with his Grumman Albatross in US Coast Guard livery from the Kodiak Coast Guard Station. The SAM troops were at San Antonio the first weekend in May and conditions were very good.

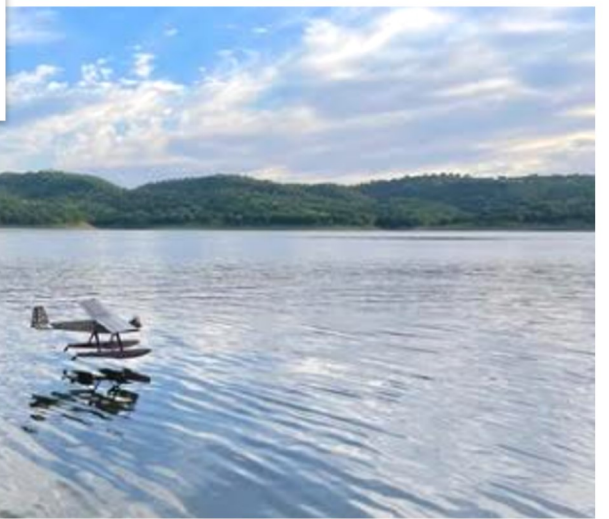
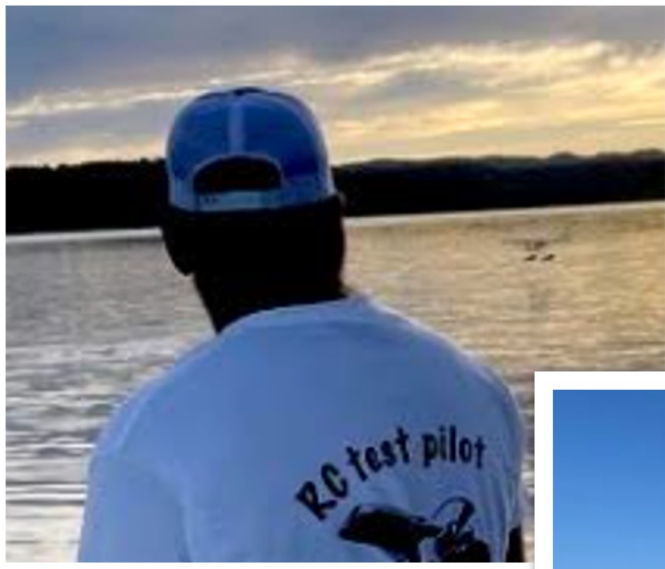
Jim McKean won the \$10 Attendance Drawing, Mark Carlson won the 50/50: \$60. Mike Noble won the Tower Hobbies DeHavilland Beaver raffle plane.

Next meeting will be 04 June 2025 at the Quail Meadows East Clubhouse, 6pm.



**APRIL FLOAT
FLY PHOTOS
THANKS TO
BILL KORN!**





FOR SALE!

JIM MC KEAN IS CLEANING HOUSE (AGAIN)! HE BROUGHT SEVERAL PLANES, A DX9 TRANSMITTER AND A FUNKY LITTLE AIRBOAT TO THE MAY MEETING, I THINK HE SOLD THEM ALL OFF. HE HAS QUITE A FEW MORE THINGS HE'D LIKE TO RE-HOME, GIVE HIM A CALL: (805) 720-0248 or james.mckeam2@verizon.net.

WE'LL TRY TO GET A LIST OF JIM'S STUFF FOR SALE OUT SOON.

JUST A COOL PHOTO:



ONE LEFT!



Salinas Area Modelers

APRIL 4-6 & MAY 2-4

FOR MORE INFO:

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Tri-Valley RC Modelers

APRIL 10-13 & MAY 15-18

FOR MORE INFO:

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***BOTH SAM & TVRC KINDLY REQUEST A \$5/PILOT/DAY CONTRIBUTION TO COVER BOAT EXPENSES**

Lake San Antonio Rates:

Day Use: \$15 (\$10 Senior)

Pets: \$5/day

Dry Camping: \$45/day

Credit Card Fee: 2.38%

**Use self pay envelopes if park entrance is not staffed when you arrive!*

Lake San Antonio North Shore Entrance

From North Shore Entrance to Flying Site

**Above link contains points of interest making your way to the site depending on direction of travel*

**Once you enter the park, take the first or second right turn on Road 1 or Road 2. Point to the gaggle of RVs camped on the point. We are visible from the park entrance.*

Directions (Google Maps Links):

From the north (Salinas) there are two routes:

1) US 101 South to Jolon Road (North end), Exit 283 (1:15)

This route takes you from the north end of Jolon road, through Ft. Hunter Liggett & Lockwood. There is a steep grade and the roads are in rougher condition.

2) US 101 South to Jolon Road (South end), Exit 252 (1:22)

This route keeps you on the highway longer and adds ~10 miles but there is no steep grade and the roads are in better condition.

From the south (Santa Maria) (1:29)

**All blue underlined text are hyperlinks for email addresses or Google maps links for locations and directions. Google maps gives accurate directions until you turn off "the paved road."*



TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS 12thth ANNUAL GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

• AIN'T NO WAY WE'RE CALLIN' THIS THE 13th!

JULY 23-27 2025

GALLOWAY MEMORIAL FIELD, SANTA MARIA, CA

OPEN TO GIANT SCALE, NON-SCALE BIG BIRDS & TURBINE JETS. NO CONTESTS, NO JUDGING, JUST 5 DAYS OF FUN FLYING! 500 x 50 FOOT ASPHALT RUNWAY & WIDE OPEN AIR SPACE!



LOCATED AT THE
SANTA MARIA ELKS
RECREATION RODEO
GROUNDS
EVENT CENTER!
THANKS TO ELKS REC!



Galloway Memorial Field is located in Santa Maria, CA, just off US 101, Exit 167, Santa Maria Way. The surrounding area is free of trees, buildings and other obstacles. Large shade structure.

1200 FOOT ALTITUDE
WAIVER, RID WAIVER,
AND NIGHT FLYING!

LANDING FEE: \$40.00 FOR FULL
EVENT OR \$20.00/DAY

RV DRY CAMPING: \$50.00 FOR ALL 4
NIGHTS OR \$15.00/NIGHT

CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP AND
FAA REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

PILOTS FREE LUNCH SATURDAY!

SANTA MARIA BBQ SATURDAY
NIGHT!

MONSTER PILOT'S RAFFLE
INCLUDED IN LANDING FEE

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CALL OR TEXT CHUCK BARNES
(805) 886-7921 OR EMAIL TO CDBARNES10@COMCAST.NET

2024 PILOTS

YEAH, NO 2024 PILOTS, BECAUSE WE GOT OVERRUN BY FIRE-FIGHTERS FROM ALL OVER MAKING THE ELKS RODEO GROUNDS THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR THE LAKE FIRE! BUT WE'RE COMING BACK, LORD WILLING AND THE CREEK DON'T RISE, OR THE WOODS BURN!



TRI-VALLEY RC MODELERS

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Your pre-registration will reserve your spot and help TVRC plan for this special event.

Name	<input type="text"/>		
AMA #	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>		
State	<input type="text"/>	Zip	<input type="text"/>
Cell	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>		

Dry Camping: Yes No

This form is a fillable PDF. Click on the blank and you can enter your info.

When complete save it on your computer and email it to Chuck Barnes at Cdbarnes10@comcast.net.

If you'd prefer you may mail the completed form to: 1404 N. Concord Ave, Santa Maria, CA 93454

If you have any additional questions about the event email Chuck.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Salinas Area Modelers Presents...

The Monterey Bay IMAC Challenge!



August 23th & 24th

**COME JOIN THE SALINAS AREA MODELERS
2025 IMAC COMPETITION!**

SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 23-24

- Registration Saturday morning, August 23rd
- Airfield opens Friday, August 22nd for camping and practice
- Free Camping (no hookups)
- Free AM Coffee & Donuts
- Lunch for purchase Saturday & Sunday
- The regular 2025 sequences will be flown in all categories, Basic through Unlimited
- Entry Fee: \$55 for IMAC Members, \$75 for Non-IMAC Members
- Night Flying

Contact: Mike Croft RedBikeMike@hotmail.com

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www.SalinasAreaModelers.org

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Monterey Bay Giant Scale Fly-In

Hosted By **The Salinas Area Modelers**



November 7-9, 2025



OPEN TO ALL GIANT-SCALE AIRCRAFT:

- 80" MONOPLANE
- 60" BIPLANE
- 140" JETS (LENGTH + WINGSPAN)
(TURBINES/EDFs)
- AMA & FAA REQUIRED
(FAA# MUST BE DISPLAYED ON AIRCRAFT)

WEEKEND FEES:

- PILOT REGISTRATION: \$50
- DRY CAMPING: \$25
- SATURDAY DINNER: \$25
- SATURDAY LUNCH: \$10
- AM COFFEE & DONUTS: FREE

450' X 60' ASPHALT RUNWAY & WIDE OPEN AIRSPACE

30 MINUTES FROM MONTEREY & CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

AIRFIELD OPEN FOR ARRIVALS THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6TH

FLIGHTLINE OPEN TO ALL AIRCRAFT, SIZES, & TYPES AFTER 5PM

NIGHT FLYING

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CONTACT: MIKE CROFT • REDBIKEMIKE@HOTMAIL.COM • (831) 601-8340



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