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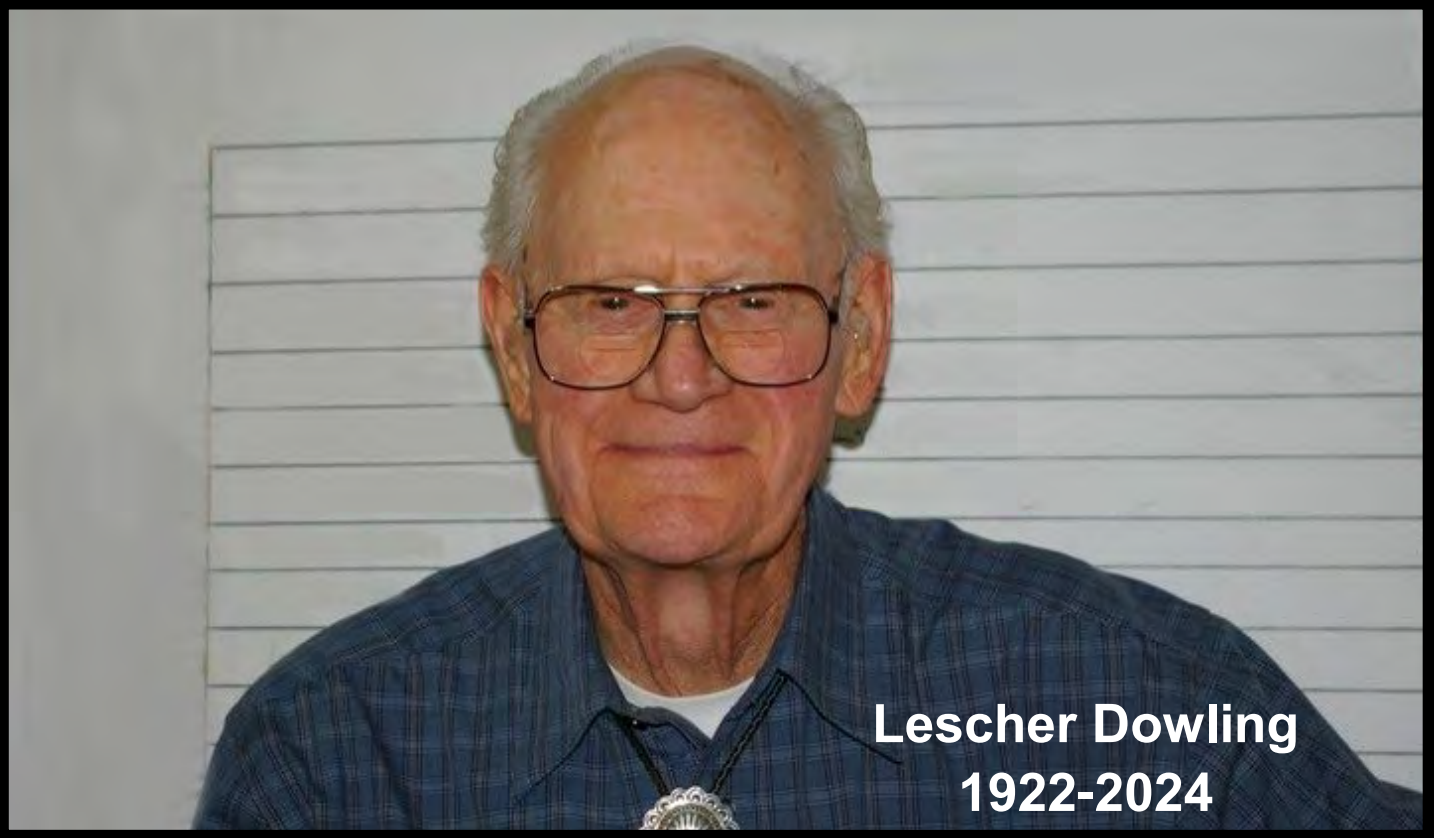


# SAM21 Society of

Chapter 21

# CLIPPER Antique

AMA Charter Club 1470



**Lescher Dowling  
1922-2024**

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**Next Meeting:  
April 4th, 2024**

**Dr. Alan Peterson's House  
1115 Seena Avenue  
Los Altos, Ca 93024  
7:00 p.m.**



# SAM21 Current Affairs

## Latest dope.....



- The March SAM21 meeting was cancelled due to Alan's procedure and recovery.
- Be sure to come to the next meeting and bring something to show and tell.
- **SAM26 John Pond Commemorative Old Time RC Contest will be held on April 6 & 7, 2024 at the famous Schmidt Ranch @ Elk Grove, California. See Flier on pg. 7 for information.**
- **2024 SAM Champ will be held from September 19-22, 2024 in the Sacramento Area. RC portion will be held at the Woodland Davis Aeromodelers, C.D. Walt Angus; the FF portion will be held at Waegell Field, C.D. TBD. There is a form on page 5 of this Clipper for SAM Champs registration. The organizer would like to know how many will be going to compete in the SAM Champ.**
- **Another Sal Taibi Fun Fly is scheduled on May 5th, 2024. See flier on pg. 8 for detail. RC models are welcome, they have to be operated on 2.4 GHz.**
- **SAM21 Loren Schmidt Memorial and SAM27 Crash & Bash will be coming to Schmidt Ranch later in the year, stay tuned.**

## BOB HOLMAN PLANS

CAD drawn plans and Laser Cut Parts for Modelers

Email: bhplans@aol.com Phone:(909) 556-6513

## 2024 Meeting Dates

**1st Thursday after  
the 1st Monday**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

*January 11*

*February 8*

*March 7*

*April 4*

*May 9*

*June 6*

*July 11*

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*August 8*

*September 5*

*October 10*

*November 7*

*December 5*

**Don't forget to  
renew your**

# SAM 21

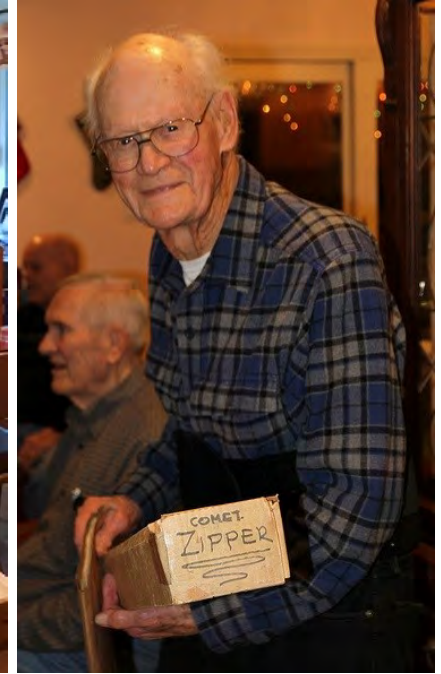
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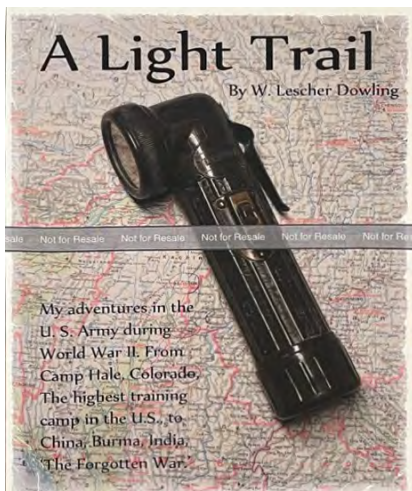
# Remembering Lescher...



**SAM21 meeting at John Pond's shop, January 1986**



**Lescher & Susie at the Collecto.**



# Lescher Dowling Obituary



**Lescher Dowling of Sunnyvale, California, a member of the Greatest Generation, passed away on February 13, 2024. He was 101 years old, though to meet him you'd have guessed he was much younger.**

**Born and raised in Carpinteria, California, Lescher was the son of Julia [Lescher] Dowling and Walter Dowling. His siblings were Martha Rose (Dowling) Rodriquez, Kenneth Dowling, and half sisters, Dortha and Irene Dowling.**

**Lescher met his future wife, Dorothy Eichelberger, at a school dance. He was immediately smitten and did his best to win her affection, but was soon drafted into the Army when WWII started. He served in the China Burma India 7th Veterinary Corps, shipped overseas with a load of mules destined for troop support.**

**Dorothy felt it was her patriotic duty to write to a serviceman, and it was this correspondence that caused their relationship to truly blossom.**

**Home at the wars' end, Lescher attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, on the G.I. Bill. He graduated with an Industrial Arts teaching credential, married Dorothy, moved to San Diego and taught for 3 years at the San Diego County Juvenile Hall. He often remarked that working at 'Juvie' gained more positive response from potential employers than the other skills listed in his resume.**

**He landed a job at his old Alma Mater, Carpinteria High School, where he taught shop, printing, drafting & photography. During this time he and Dorothy had two children, Richard and Lela Ann. They enjoyed Dad's summers off, when they would go explore the National Parks.**

**After deciding to focus on photography, Lescher took classes at Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara. He was hired to head the Photography Department at Foothill Junior College in Los Altos Hills. 'Mr. D' was a popular and personable teacher, always willing to field questions during lunch hour in his office. He cited that working with students kept him young.**

**Upon retirement in 1990, Lescher and Dorothy began educational travel and learning adventures through Elderhostel. He rekindled a model airplane hobby from his youth, joining SAM 21, the Society of Antique Modelers. He built and flew gas-powered remote controlled model airplanes, but mostly enjoyed collecting and repairing their vintage engines.**

**Lescher was also on the founding committee for the Foothill-De Anza Community College Retirees Association. He and Dorothy also enjoyed taking memoir writing classes, but their greatest passion was involvement in the nationwide CBI Veterans Association. They attended monthly luncheons and national conventions with other CBI veterans, many of whom became great friends. Lescher served on the board of the San Francisco based chapter as Commander and several other positions, as membership declined with time.**

**He wrote a book of his wartime adventures in the CBI, titled, 'A Light Trail', which will eventually be available on Amazon. Dorothy passed away in 2021, and Lescher is survived by his children; Richard Dowling and Lela [Dowling] Cirocco, grandchildren Sara & Skye, as well as 4 great-grandchildren. His wry humor, wisdom, helpful advice and stories from the old days, all will be greatly missed.**

**Little fun fact, Lescher was the treasurer of SAM21 forever, he only had one answer for all the purchase requests, "NO"!**



# SAM Champs Survey.

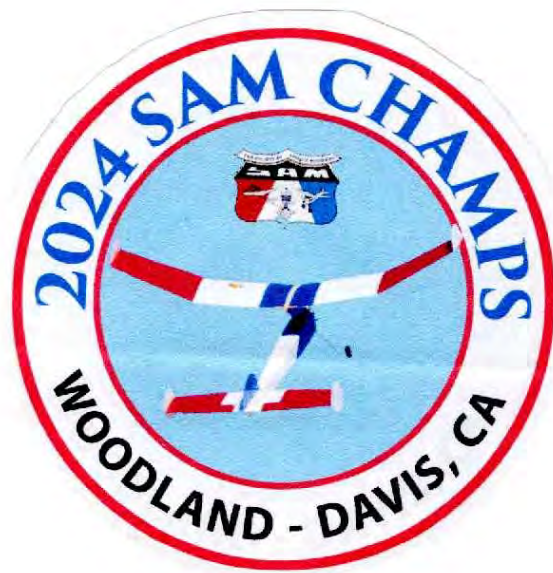
## Short Registration

SAM Champs 2024 September 19 – 22

Woodland/Davis Field (RC)

and Waegell Field (Free Flight)

Woodland, CA



I am planning to attend this Great Event: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_ SAM Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Events: RC \_\_\_\_\_

FF \_\_\_\_\_

Planning to stay in area (CMs will find best rates) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will attend Awards BBQ at Schmidt Ranch Sat. 9/21 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by email (or just email if planning to attend), mail or Phone to:

Dave Meriwether

meriwed@comline.com

(949) 350-4075

2141A Ronda Granada

Laguna Woods, CA 92637

Bob Galler

Meccano1947@outlook.com

(502) 250-6530

2300 Animas Ct NE

Rio Rancho, NM 87144

or:

We need to get a feel for the number of contestants and events that should be scheduled.



# SAM26 2024 J.P.C.O.T.R.C.C.

## 49 TH ANNUAL JOHN POND COMMEMORATIVE OLD TIME RC CONTEST - 2024

**Our contests are an opportunity for fun-flying and SAM Champs practice.** We offer the standard SAM rulebook events, plus several of the popular special events.

Sponsored by SAM 26, the Central Coast chapter.

Hosted by the famous **Schmidt Ranch @ Elk Grove, California**

Just off Highway I-5 South of Sacramento **APRIL 6 & 7, 2024**

**SATURDAY:** Class A ignition

Class B glow

Class C ignition

Texaco (combined)

Electric Texaco

Ohlsson Sideport

O/T Glider

Speed 400 rulebook

**SUNDAY:** Class A glow

Class B ignition

Class C glow

Antique (combined)

1/2A Texaco

Electric LMR

Brown Jr. LER

Speed 400 2 minute run

**SCHEDULE:** Registration opens 8:00 AM each day. Pilots meeting at 8:30 Saturday, 8:00 Sunday, with flying immediately after. Last flight up by 4 P.M. Saturday, 3 P.M. Sunday.

**FOOD** will be available, so that you should be able to stay well-nourished and hydrated without even leaving the ranch. Details should follow in an update.

**A LIST OF POTENTIAL ATTENDEES** is being prepared and if you've received this message directly, you are on it. If not, and you have any remote thoughts of attending, please ask to be put on the list to receive any pertinent updates, messages, questions, answers, etc., right up until a few days before the event. Sign up with the CD at [samreflier@verizon.net](mailto:samreflier@verizon.net).

**AWARDS:** Commemorative plaques for each contestant, plus stickers through 3rd place per event. Winner's names will get engraved onto perpetual stand-up trophies for: 1. The John Pond perpetual sweepstakes. 2. Templeton Texaco trophy (for "real" engines.) 3. Electric Texaco 4. Don Barrick memorial for C ignition. 5. The Ron Doig memorial 1/2A Texaco. All based on a three point system. These trophies are currently housed in a secret bombproof bunker, but special "take home keeper" plaques will also be awarded in their place.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$10 per event, (\$40 maximum when paid at initial entry.)

**RULES:** The SAM rule book will be followed, plus applicable AMA rules.

On-field overnight parking and dry camping for all vehicles is available.

**Contest Director:**

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Glandale CA 91207

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**Date: May 5th, 2024**

## **3rd SAL TAIBI FUN FLY**

Taibi Field, Perris, CA  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
(Rain date: May 26, 2024)



**Bring your Sal Taibi-designed airplanes for a day of relaxed flying, remembering, and sharing.**

**New Competitive Event for all Taibi-designed airplanes**



**1st Sal Taibi Fun Fly**

**January 2013**

Contact:

Kevin Sherman - CD 951-893-0616 julykevin@aol.com  
Joe Jones 714-968-1982 jjones22@socal.rr.com



# First SAM World Championship for RC Models

I received the following email from Laszlo Torok, SAM5 (Budapest, Hungary) President.

Dear friends,

I am sending the official invitation of the SAM World Championship with love.

I am asking for your help so that our invitation reaches SAM chapters in all parts of the world.

At the SAM European Championship in Slovakia (Nyitra 25-29 June 2023) I officially announced the SAM World Championship, which is organized by SAM 5 Hungary. I saw that the announcement was a great success among European competitors.

I have just sent the rules to the leaders of the European countries.

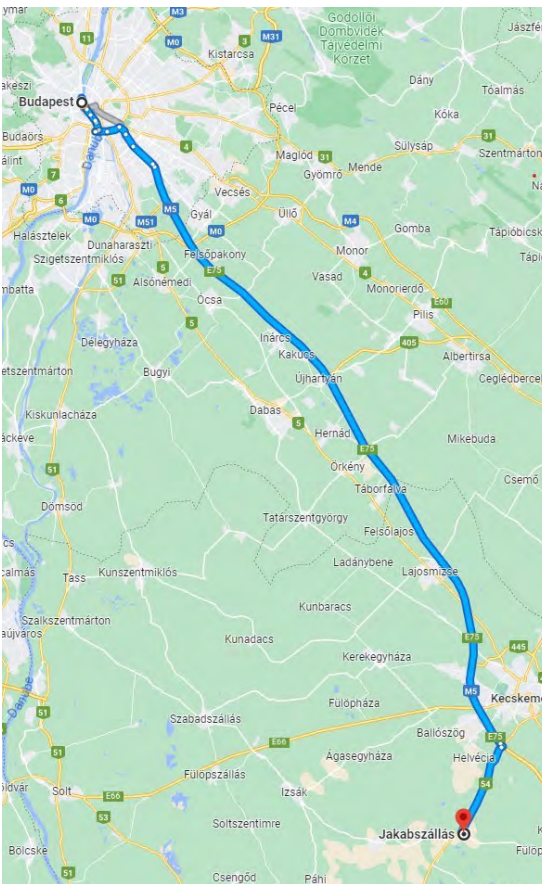
As soon as we open the website of the World Championship, we will send a notification immediately. In the meantime, if anyone has questions, please give them my email address: [toroklaszlo704@gmail.com](mailto:toroklaszlo704@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone for your work that made it possible for us to get this far!

Sincerely

Laszlo Torok

President of SAM 5 Hungary



Jakabszállás is about 100km SSE of Budapest, Hungary.





# RC SWAP MEET



Saturday, April 13, 2024  
7am - 1pm

Anything RC - Planes, Cars,  
Drones, Helicopters, Boats, and Tanks!  
Come One, Come All!

Don't Miss It!

No Table Fee - Free for All! Arrive early to guarantee a table  
(or bring your own). Lunch available for \$10. Flying allowed, but  
tables reserved for Swap Meet participants. Hope to see you there!

Livermore Flying Electrons  
4455 Raymond Road, Livermore

Contact Steve Iverson if any questions at [steven.iverson@rocketmail.com](mailto:steven.iverson@rocketmail.com)



**April 28th  
8am ~ 12pm**

# 2024 Hobby Swap Meet

**Presented by:**

**The Wine Country Flyers  
and Jake's Performance Hobbies**

**All Hobbies Invited  
April 28th, 8am to 12pm**

Swap open to ALL Hobbies: RC Airplanes, Heli's, Drones, Cars, Crawlers, Boats, Trains, Rockets, Warhammer, Plastic Models, Die-Cast and More!

18th Annual. Bigger and better, 100+ tables!

**Swap Meet starts at 8AM, set-up at 7:30AM.**

Hobby Swap will be in the Main Hall of the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building.  
1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

No early bird selling or parking lot deals.  
(both parties will be asked to leave)

**Come be part of the fun!**

Tables are \$20 reserved, \$25 the day of the swap.  
Tables and Chairs are provided.

**Table reservations must be prepaid.**

Buyers Entry Fee: \$3 per person (12 & under Free)

For questions, please contact:  
Adam at [adamclement@gmail.com](mailto:adamclement@gmail.com)

For questions, or to reserve tables, contact:  
Hunter at 707-586-3375

**Plenty of FREE parking again this year...**

**Indoor Flying from 1 to 3pm!  
Bring out a UMX and have some fun!**

**Largest Indoor Hobby Swap in Northern California!**



# 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.



Go to <http://www.mysamstore.com/> click on "Join/Renew Membership" on the upper left . It will redirect you to a renewal form. Fill in the form and click on the "submit form" button. The next page will be to select the online/print option. After that it will direct you to Paypal page to pay the dues.



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

click on the left box "Renew A Membership" blue box and follow the instruction. You might to registered first.

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## SAM 21 - 2024 Membership Application Form

Check one:  NEW Member  RETURNING Member

Check one:  FULL Member \$10.00

SAM No. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Req'd if full)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Form & Dues to SAM21 Treasurer: Cliff Shekell 2473 Briarwood Drive, San Jose, Ca 95125**

