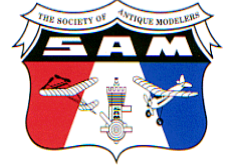




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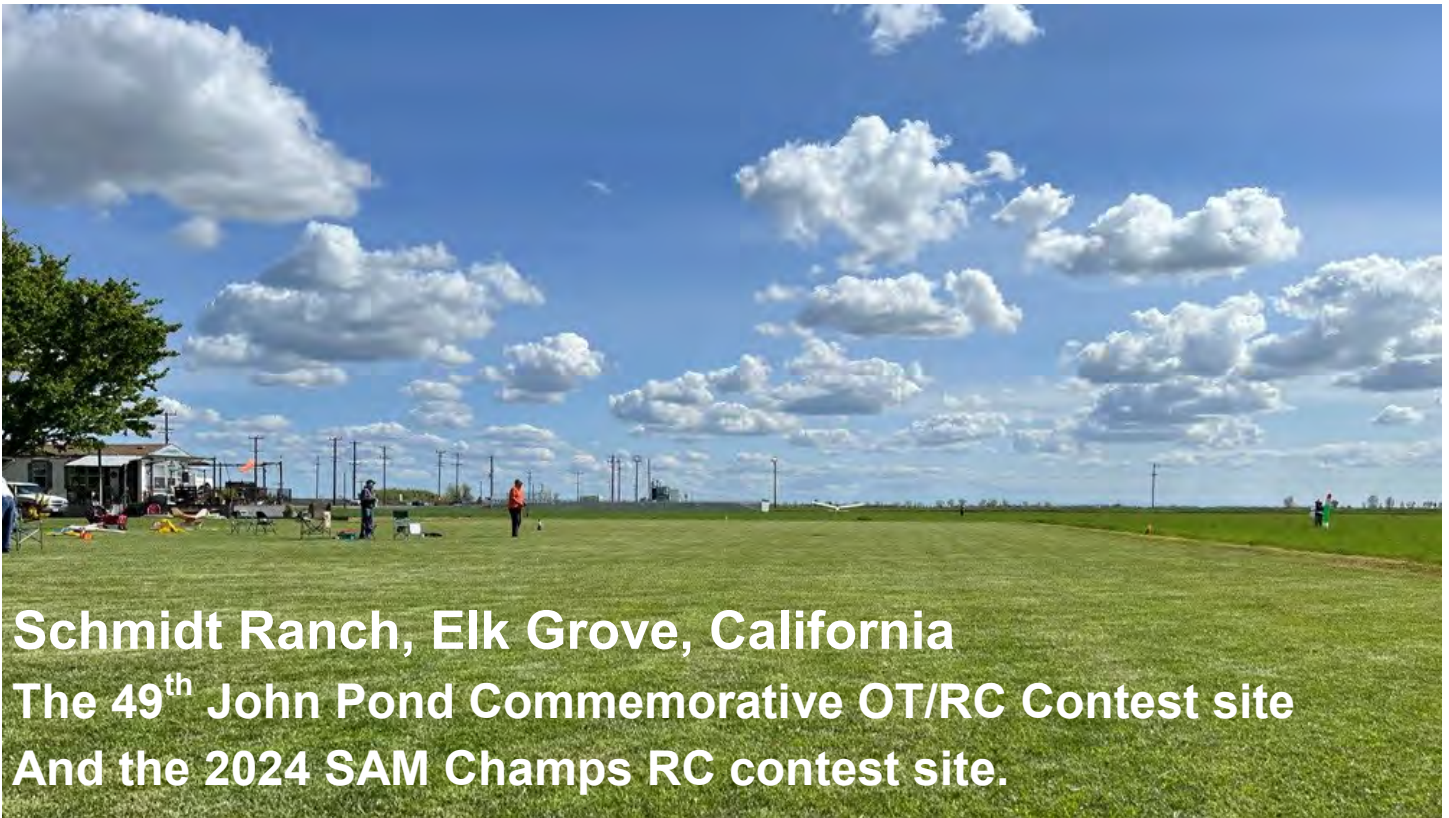
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Chapter 21

AMA Charter Club 1470



Schmidt Ranch, Elk Grove, California  
The 49<sup>th</sup> John Pond Commemorative OT/RC Contest site  
And the 2024 SAM Champs RC contest site.

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**Next Meeting:**

**May 9, 2024**

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

**7:00 p.m.**



# SAM21 Current Affairs

## Latest dope.....



- The April SAM21 meeting was held at Alan's but not much was discussed.
- Be sure to come to the next meeting and bring something to show and tell.
- **BREAKING NEWS** 2024 SAM Champs RC contest site has been moved to the Schmidt Ranch.



- 2024 SAM Champs will be held from September 19-22, 2024 in the Sacramento Area. RC portion will be held at the SCHMIDT RANCH in Elk Grove, C.D. Walt Angus; the FF portion will be held at Waegell Field, C.D. Bill Vanderbeek. 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.
- SAM27 Crash & Bash 2024 is cancelled due to the close timing as the SAM Champs at the same location.
- There has been no decision on the SAM21 Loren Schmidt Memorial Contest yet.
- SAM21 Collecto is scheduled to be in November again in 2024.

## 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

Changed from July 4

August 8

September 5

October 10

November 7

December 5

Don't forget to  
renew your

# SAM 21

membership,  
the dues is

# \$10.00

# for 2024





# 49<sup>th</sup> John Pond Commemorative Annual OT/RC Contest Result

RESULTS-JOHN POND COMMEMORATIVE ANNUAL OT/RC CONTEST #49  
SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024 SHOWN FIRST

EVENT	SHIP	SIZE	ENGINE	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
<b>A IGNITION</b>								Or flyoff
1. Ed Hamler	Airborn	400	Shilen .19	1:35				1:35
<b>B GLOW</b>								
1. Ed Hamler	RC-1	482	K&B 3.25					DNF
<b>C IGNITION</b>								
1. Angelo Fattoracci	Powerhouse	?	?	1:34	8:11	7:05		15:16
2. Ed Hamler	Airborn	490	Torpedo 29	LOF	5:27			5:27
<b>TEXACO</b>								
1. Ed Hamler	Airborn	900	Spitfire					DNF
<b>E TEXACO</b>								
1. Jim Wiseman	Lanzo Racer	800	Astro Flite 020	24: 31	30:39			30:39
2. Steve Roselle	B. Bombshell	864	?	0:05	26:01			26:01
3. Sam Niece	Playboy	797	E-Flite Park 400	24:35				24:35
4. Brian Chan	Top Banana	800	?	12:58	17:01			17:01
5. Angelo Fattoracci	Sandy Hogan	?	?	16:37				16:37
<b>O&amp;R SIDEPORT</b>								
1. Ed Hamler	TrentonTerror	772	O&R 60					DNF
<b>O.T. GLIDER</b>								
1. Steve Roselle	Aquila	900	Hi Start	4:48	5:36	2:33		12:57
2. Brian Chan	Oly !!	288	Hi Start	1:39	9:55	1:17		12:51
3. Angelo Fattoracci	Schmidt ?	?	Hi Start	3:30	1:45	2:53		8:08
4. Mike Clancy	Oly II	288	Hi Start	1:04	2:52	2:12		6:08
5. Ed Hamler	Questor	?	Hi Start	1:08				1:08
<b>SPEED 400</b>								
1. Jim Wiseman	Fubar	419	S 400	10:00	4:40	4:08	6:04	16:04
2. Mike Clancy	Atomizer	282	S 400	3:54	5:04	5:56	8:19	14:15
3. Angelo Fattoracci	Airborn	?	S 400	5:19	4:13	4:15	5:15	10:34
4. Ed Hamler	Atomizer	288	S 400	4:24	4:07			8:31
5. Tom Moore	Viking	315	S 400		4:17	3:27		7:44
6. Loren Kramer	Playboy Sr.	285	S 400	3:00	2:10	3:39		6:39
7. Steve Roselle	Tiger Zipper	288	S 400	5:00				5:00
8. Brian Chan	Kerswap	300	S 400	4:54				4:54
9. Sam Niece	Playboy	317	S 400	4:30				4:30

Highlighted scores are the ones counted in the total.

LOF= Landed Off the Field limits. (0 score).

DNF=Did Not Fly.

**THANKS TO:** **A** Our hostess Miriam Schmidt, who once more worked hardest of all as a general Den Mother, janitor, nurse, etc. **B** Son Robert Schmidt, who prepared a takeoff area under wet conditions and served as lunch and banquet Chef. **C** Steve Roselle who took over as CD with help from others during a medical emergency.





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## SUNDAY'S EVENTS –POND COMMEMORATIVE 2024

EVENT	SHIP	SIZE	ENGINE	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
<b>A GLOW LER</b>								Or flyoff*
Mike Clancy	RC-1	482	K&B 3.25	0:57				0:57
<b>B IGNITION</b>								
1. Ed Hamler	Airborn	400	Shilen 19	1:39				1:39
<b>C GLOW</b>								
1, Mike Clancy	RC-1	482	K&B 3.25	2:51				2:51
<b>ANTIQUE</b>								
Ed Hamler	Airborn	482	K&B 3.25	3:04				3:04
<b>½A TEXACO</b>								
Brian Chan	RecordHound	300	Cox 049	10:50	10:41			10:50
Tom Moore	Sniffer	288	Cox 049	6:51	5:30	3:50		12:21
Mike Clancy	Airborn	292	Cox 049	LOF	Lost	Off	Field	0
<b>Electric LMR</b>								
1. Brian Chan	Playboy Sr.	800	OS 3220-7200	9:29	6:02	9:01		18:30
2. Steve Roselle	B. Bombshell	864	?	5:26	10:00			15:26
2. Sam Niece	Playboy	582	EFlite Park450	6:15	5:18	3:22		11:33
3. Jim Wiseman	Lanzo Racer	800	Astro Flite 020	8:28				8:28
<b>BROWN JR. LER</b>								
Mike Clancy	TrentonTerror	760	Brown Jr.	0	1:28	2:59		2:59
<b>SPEED 400 (B)</b>	<b>2 Min Run</b>		<b>15 Min max</b>					
1. Mike Clancy	Atomizer	288	S 400	0	10:02	15:00	6:20	25:02
2. Jim Wiseman	Fubar	419	S 400	9:48				9:48
3. Brian Chan	Bomber	390	S 400	9:20				9:20
4. Tom Moore	Viking	315	S 400	6:34				6:34
5. Angelo Fattoracci	Airborn	?	S 400	6:00				6:00
6. Steve Roselle	Tiger Zipper	864	S 400	4:48				4:48

**Mike Clancy** won the overall John Pond Sweepstakes, with flying partner Ed Hamler as runner up.

**A dark shadow** seemed to hang over the event, but all obstacles were overcome in the end.

First, attendance was down, mostly due to 5 days of rain which barely ended the Friday evening before the contest began. Assistant CD Mike Myers had to cancel to attend to his wife Wendy who had a bout of apparent food poisoning. Then CD Bob Angels' wife Marjorie exhibited slurred speech about noon Saturday - usually a sign of a stroke. Steve Roselle took over running the contest, and Mariam drove us through shortcuts to the big Methodist hospital in South Sacramento. It did turn out to be a relatively light stroke, but it took 5 days and lots of tests to get released. Fortunately with good care and follow-up at home, it appears that Marjorie is back to the same condition as before the event, with few lasting ill effects. Mike's wife is also OK.

The problems actually started before we left home, when I noticed a very flat tire on the travel trailer just the day before we hit the road. Rather than deal with that, I rented a Motel and didn't bother taking any models, which I wouldn't have been able to fly anyway. Not towing did shorten our travel time. RLA



# 49<sup>th</sup> John Pond Commemorative Annual OT/RC Contest Epilogue

**DEALING WITH THE FAA** in setting up the John Pond contest was most frustrating. I originally scheduled the event earlier than usual in March before the FAA was to resume surveillance over us on March 16; having dropped surveillance temporarily because they hadn't been able to get their act together. But a couple of unrelated minor problems cropped up with the March date, so with time running short, I rescheduled to April 6&7. One bit of luck was that California seemed to be learning how to rain, and it would have rained out our March dates anyway. But our April reschedule was nearly rained out also, quitting Friday evening just before the contest start.

With full FAA surveillance switched back on again, we once more needed government permission just to fly model airplanes! Supposedly someone had started an application through the AMA for a FRIA permit for the Schmidt Ranch. Those permits allow all competitors to fly without requiring the mandated electronic unit to be purchased and installed on every model flown so the FAA can spy on us. However, I soon found there was no FRIA permit in place for the Ranch, nor could I find any record of it being in work on the AMA web site. Luckily the AMA & FAA came up with a workaround just in time.

**THE FOLLOWING NOTICE** was plucked from the AMA website the morning of March 19.

*“On March 8, 2024, AMA and the FAA finalized procedures to expand Remote ID Authorization exemptions to include clubs on or near sensitive locations in uncontrolled airspace. Previously, only AMA clubs in controlled airspace with letters of agreement with air traffic control were eligible for this type of authorization; however, after months of AMA/FAA collaboration, the FAA will now begin granting Remote ID Authorizations that exempt AMA club sites in Class G airspace from Remote ID for a period of four years. This authorization will essentially provide the same type of Remote ID relief*

*as a FRIA, but without the official FRIA designation.”*

What this amounted to was that we had to file a NOTAM (NOTice To AirMen) via the same procedure as if we were scheduling the Reno air races with an expected attendance of thousands, or maybe a Presidential visit on Air Force One. But that process turned out to be simpler than I expected. NOTAMS must be applied for during a window of less than a week before and the day before an event. The NOTAM folks apparently work 24/7, as I called about 9 PM one evening and got a helpful patient lady and we completed the task in about 5 minutes because I had both the street address and the GPS location of the ranch at the ready. And I was able to get an altitude limit higher than that of the AMA sanction, which might have been questionably low. And for some reason, AMA wanted a call back giving them the NOTAM number.

**2024 SAM CHAMPS:** Apparently the above NOTAM process can be used for the foreseeable future (next four years) for events held at the Schmidt Ranch, including the **RC portion of the SAM Champs** which was recently rescheduled from **Woodland-Davis Club** to the **Schmidt Ranch** for September 19-22. However I did apply for a FRIA for the Ranch, because Short notice events, or unsanctioned flying could then be legally done at the Ranch any time without the NOTAM process. A FRIA exemption would apply to the Ranch itself, without regard to which club or person got it authorized.

This address from the AMA website explains more about the NOTAM process.

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2024/02/27/faa-grant-national-authorization-for-ama-sanctioned-events/>





# 49<sup>th</sup> John Pond Commemorative Annual OT/RC Contest



**Steve Roselle, Jim Wiseman, Sam Niece & Loren Kramer.**



**Mike Clancy and his Oly II for the OT Glider event.**



**CD Bob Angel and Jim Wiseman.**



**Angelo Frattoracci with Bob Angel timing.**



**Brian Chan's Kerswap, Angelo Fattoracci in the background.**



**Steve Roselle with his Buzzard Bombshell.**





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*Ed Hamler timing for Mike Clancy.*



*Steve Roselle's winning Aquila glider.*

A banner for the 2024 contest. It features a yellow and red glider flying against a blue sky with mountains in the background. The year "2024" is written in large black letters. Below the image, the text reads "49th Annual" in a large, stylized font, followed by "John Pond Commemorative Old Time RC Contest" in a smaller font. There are two circular logos on either side of the text: one for SAM 21 and another with a dog's head.



*Schmidt Ranch, a beautiful venue for all events. Will be the site the 2024 SAM Champs.*





# Pictures from Yester-year....



Brian Chan prepares to catch his Wristocrat after a flight. Not done to show off, as many glider fliers do this to avoid damage to their models when landing on rough ground.



Robert Schmidt's R/C Kloud King sports a very suitable decal on the side, wouldn't you say?

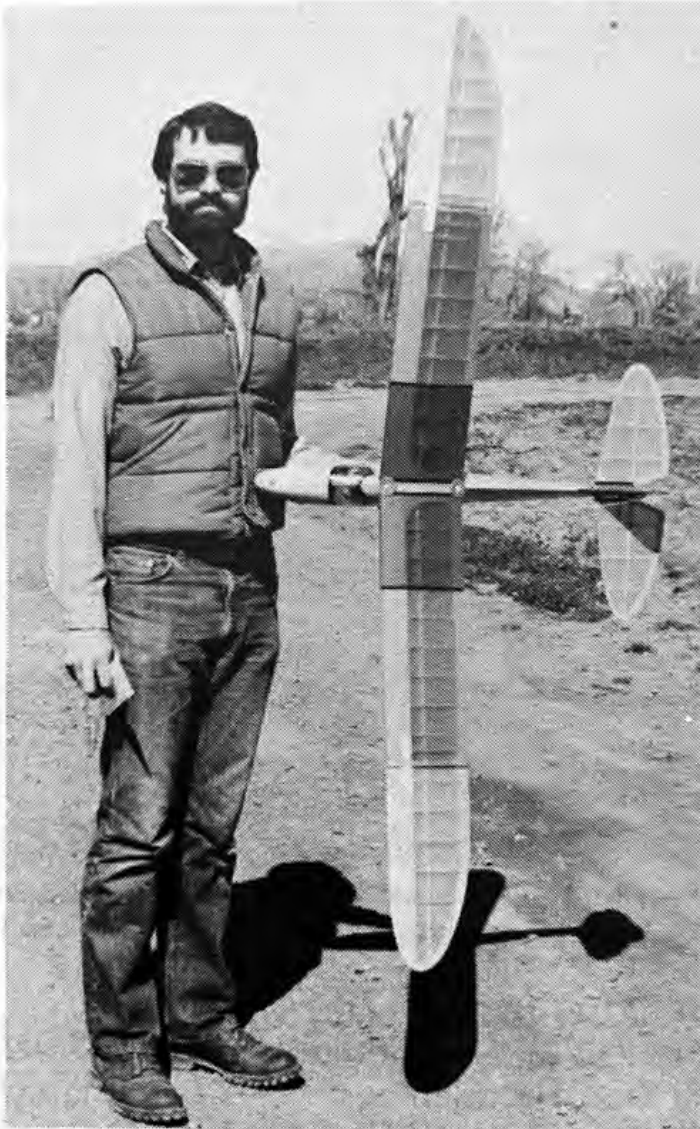
1985 Model Builder

1979 November Model Builder

Credit: Jim Wiseman

1980 July Model Builder

1979 January Model Builder



SAM 21's newsletter editor, Steve Roselle, flew this Berkeley 'Sinbad the Sailor'. How's that for an authentic O.T. glider?



The girls get into the fun. Neva Nicholau and Miriam Schmidt with Nicholau's Super Buc.





## **More Pictures from Yester-year....**



**"Happy Times" Loren Schmidt shows off his latest project, a Lanzo Stick. Plans in September '79 R/C MB.**

**From November 1978, Plug Sparks, John Pond.**



**Ted Kafer, Sam 21 newsletter editor, enjoys some help from Prexy Don Bekins. Ship is JASCO Flamingo.**

**From January 1978 Plug Sparks, John Pond.**

## **New Sp400 Motor Mount from Loren Kramer**



**3d printed motor mount with PETG filament. It is 1/8" longer and is thicker in all dimensions. The ID is the same as are all mounting holes.**

**The weight of the 3D printed mount is 11 grams compared to 9 grams for the aluminum mount. The price will be \$10. The price of the aluminum mount is \$35.**

**Loren Kramer's contact information: [LorenKramer@att.net](mailto:LorenKramer@att.net)**





# SAM Champs Survey.

## Short Registration

SAM Champs 2024 September 19 – 22

Schmidt Ranch, Elk Grove (RC)

and Waegell Field (Free Flight)

Woodland, CA



**NEW  
LOCATION**

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.





# 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.

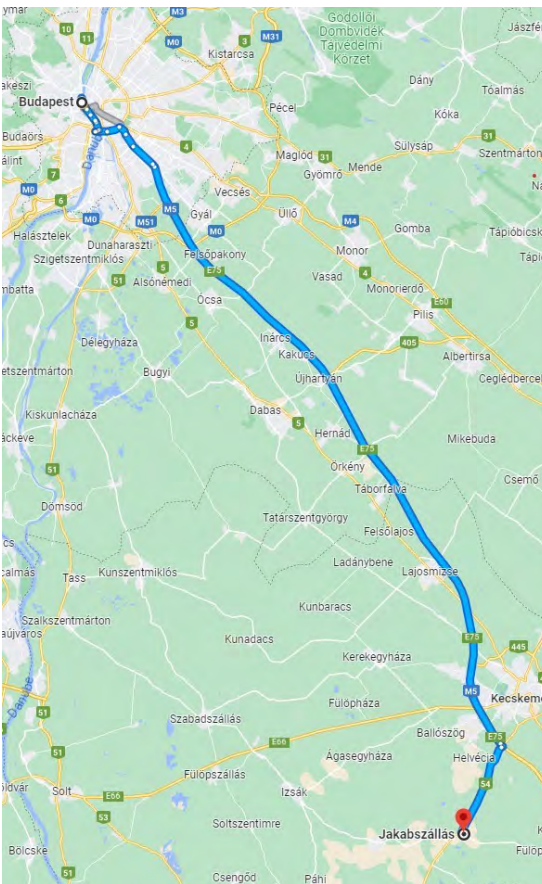
As soon as we open the website of the World Championship, we will send a notification immediately. In the meantime, if anyone has questions, please give them my email address: [toroklaszlo704@gmail.com](mailto:toroklaszlo704@gmail.com).

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.





# 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**

