

CLOUD CLIMBERS  
of S. E. LOUISIANA

# Hot Air

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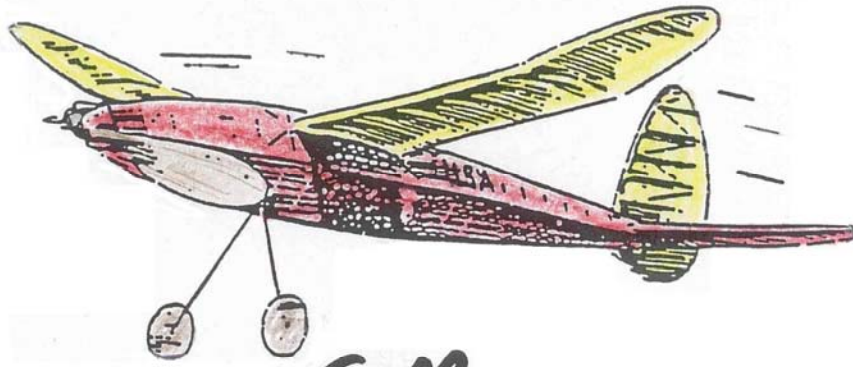
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## **MACH WINTERCOUPE 2009 MEET**

Our Cloudclimbers did well at Model Airplane Club of Huntsville's Wintercoupe at Site 8A in Pensacola, Florida, February 7 and 8. Weather was windy but flyable on Saturday, perfect on Sunday. Our Jim Bethea grabbed second in Commercial rubber with four consecutive maxes, and Scott Cannon got a fourth place with two maxes. Scott also flew two maxes for a fifth place in P-30 Rubber. Congratulations to all for a great showing.

## **FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING**

The February meeting of the Cloudclimbers was held at the Picadilly Cafeteria in Denham Springs. This was chosen as a halfway location for the time being, no one having volunteered for this month. Seven members were in attendance.

Carl passed out 2009 calendars to be used for event planning, and it could be seen there was a big gap between the February WinterCoupe and the Heart of Dixie meet in May. For the first order of new business, it was decided to host two club meets at the Simpson Sod Farm. The first meet to be Saturday, March 14, 2009, with a rain date of Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We voted to have three events - Commercial Rubber, AMA P-30, and Small Stick/Small Cabin combined. The second meet to be Saturday, April 11, 2009, with a rain date of Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We voted to have three events - 1/A Nostalgia Gas, Jimmie Allen, and Moffett. Two events were discussed but left for later in the year - Gollywocks Galore and Catapult Glider.

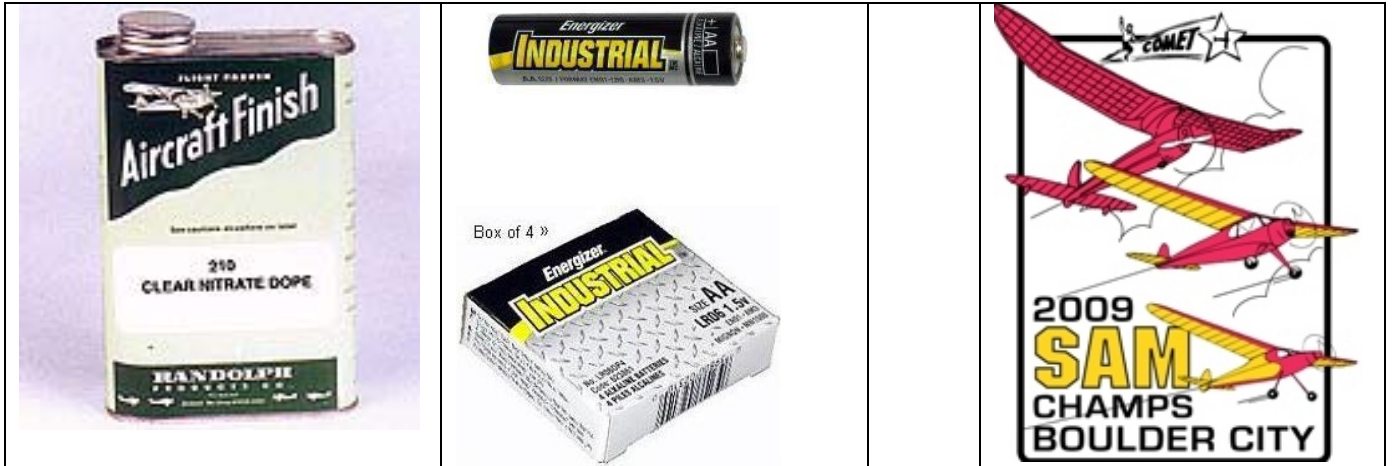
The next order of business was the Gulf States Annual. It was decided to keep the proposed dates of November 7, 8, 2009, and Doug Petty agreed to stay on as Contest Director. We hashed out a list of events, some old and some new, and came up with a list as follows.

Catapult Glider	½ A Nostalgia Gas
Hand Launch Glider	ABC Pylon/Cabin Old Time Ignition
AMA P-30	Old Time Rubber/Commercial Rubber
Coupe d'Hiver	Gollywock for Cash (\$50, \$30, \$20)
FAC Dime Scale	FAC Rubber Scale (any size OK)
FAC Two-Bit Rubber	

Next we discussed prizes, and decided for gas and glider events it would be balsa for first, glue for second and certificates for third place. For rubber events it would be rubber for first, glue for second and certificates for third.

## WEBSITES TO TRY

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/menus/cs/randolphcoatings.html> - Aircraft Spruce sells Nitrate and Butyrate dope for real airplanes. It is popular to buy the taughtening nitrate dope, and cut it 50:50 with Nitrate thinner to store. Use this to attach tissue or as a sanding coat for all-balsa structures. For finishing, cut it 50:50 again with thinner and add 1cc of dibutyl phthalate plasticizer per ounce of thinned dope. Cost going the mail order route is about \$1.00 for 4 ounces if you buy quarts, even cheaper by the gallon. This is one-quarter of the hobby shop price.



[www.batteriesandbutter.com](http://www.batteriesandbutter.com) – For all your low cost NiCad and NiMHy battery needs, thanks to Jim Bethea..

[www.antiquemodeler.org/2009Champs/2009champs.htm](http://www.antiquemodeler.org/2009Champs/2009champs.htm) - go here for info on the 2009 SAM Championships.

[www.lonestar-balsa.com](http://www.lonestar-balsa.com) - Lonestar Balsa announces that they have made it back into business. Riley Wooten started Flite Line Products in 1963 manufacturing kits. He then started selling balsa wood via mail order thru Lone Star Models in 1979. The building burned to the ground the day before Thanksgiving, 2007. They are now taking orders, offering sheets, sticks and a few special shapes.

[www.dumasproducts.com](http://www.dumasproducts.com) – Rubber scale FF kits in 17 ½”, 24”, and 30” spans, plus electric R/C

[www.peck-pymers.com](http://www.peck-pymers.com) – Indoor/outdoor FF kits, wood, supplies, tools.

[www.flying-models.com](http://www.flying-models.com) – Subscribe, buy books, order plans for every taste.

[www.freeflight.org](http://www.freeflight.org) – Subscribe to NFFS Digest, order FF plans for FAC, SAM, FAI, Indoor, fun flying.

## TOP NOTCH TIP

There is an easy and inexpensive way to prevent ALL of your glue devices from doing what glue is supposed to do before it's supposed to do it. Pinch off a piece of modeling clay and pinch it over the end of your glue gun, CA pipette or CA bottle. I have left my glue devices for as long as six months and when I pulled off the clay they were ready to use.

From [topnotchkits.com](http://topnotchkits.com)



### Frank Haines H-3 Firefly – 1937 Greve Trophy Racer

The 1934 Cleveland National Air Races added a new class of restricted cubic inch displacement engines into the line up. The Greve Trophy Races sponsored by The Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co., manufacturers of aircraft landing gear components, honored it's President, Louis Greve. The race was initially flown in three heats decided by total number of points.

By 1937, the National Air Races were once more back in Cleveland. "The Great Lakes Exposition" was in its second and final year at Cleveland's lake front, attracting thousands of people from all over the globe. The total prize money available for the races was \$82,000, the highest to date. Attendance also set new records. Crowd's inside and outside the fence were estimated at well over 200,000.

1937 Greve Trophy Race 10 laps on a 10 mile course Total Purse \$15,000

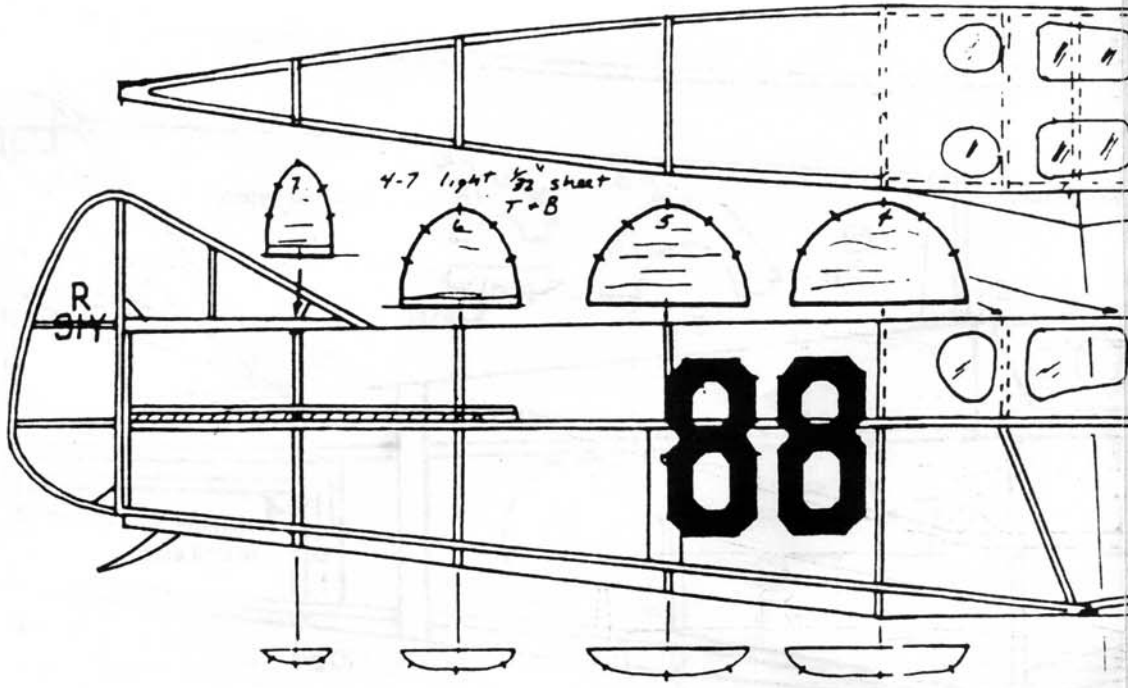
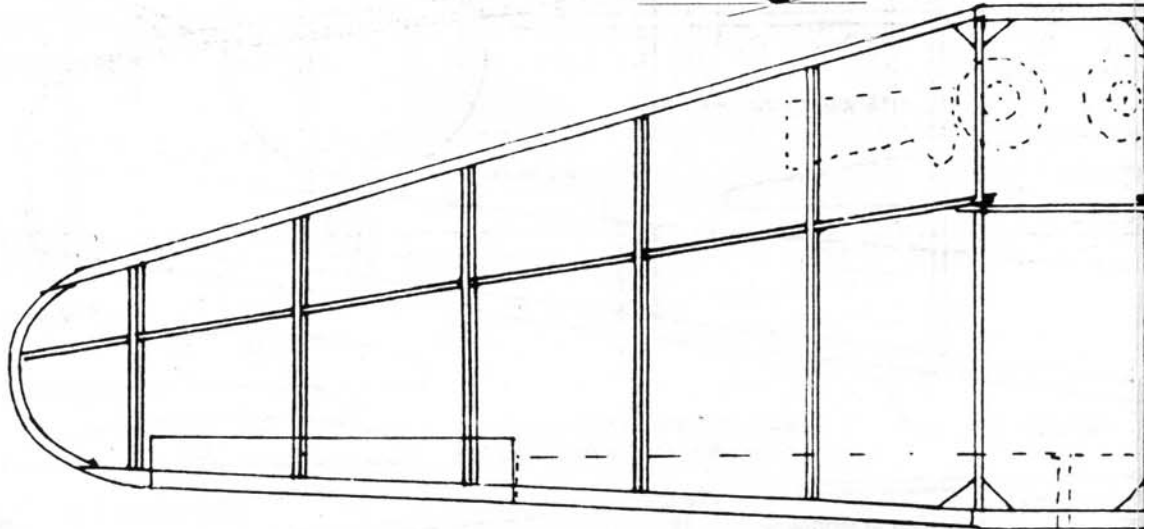
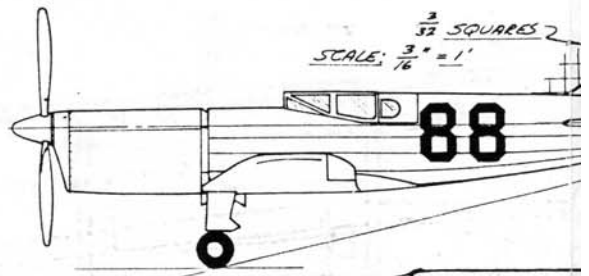
Place	Pilot	Race No	Aircraft	Speed
1	Rudy Kling	301	Folkerts SK-3	232.272
2	Steve Wittman	111	Chief Oshkosh	231.990
3	Gus Gotch	70	Rider R-4	231.593
4	Roger Don Rae	15	Folkerts SK-2	224.197
5	Marion McKeen	33	Brown B-2	223.644
6	Frank Haines	88	Haines Special	177.715

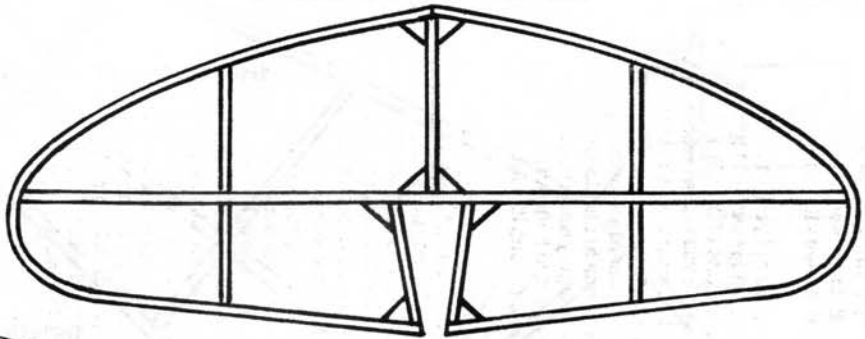
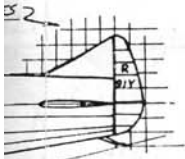


Frank Haines H-3 Firefly

The plan presented here is the little known, and rarely modeled, H-3 Firefly, sixth-place winner in 1937, with an average speed of 177.7 mph. Plans are drawn by FAC'er Dave Smith, and are featured in the current January Tailspin, by Mike Naisse. More info, go to this great site: [www.airrace.com/1937NAR.htm](http://www.airrace.com/1937NAR.htm)

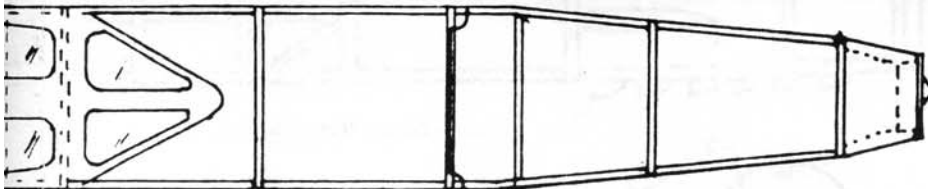
**FRANK HAINES H-3 FIREFLY**  
**1937 Greve Trophy Racer**  
**Designed and Drawn by Dave Smith**



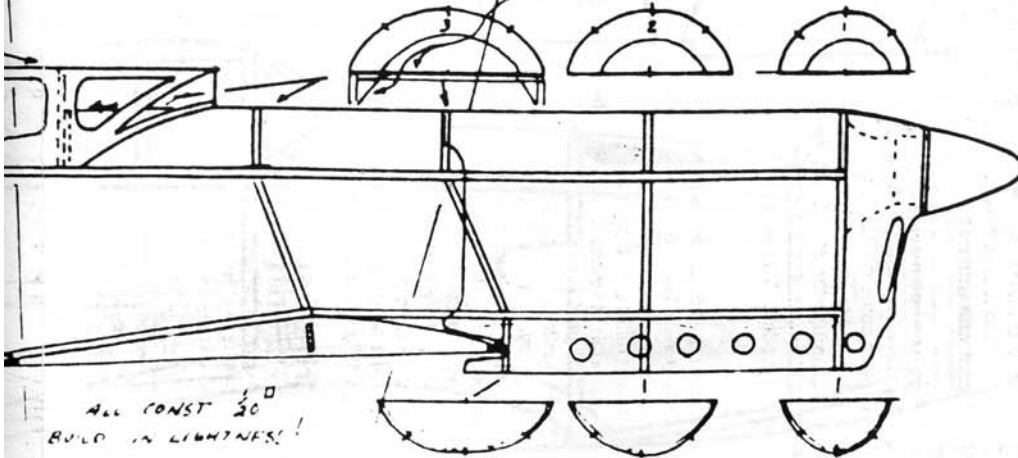


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DIHEDRAL 1.4" EACH TIP



NOTE  
CUT OUT CROSS PIECE AND ADD GUSSETS STR 1-3



ALL CONST 30  
BUILD IN LIGHTNESS!



## 2009 EVENT CALENDAR

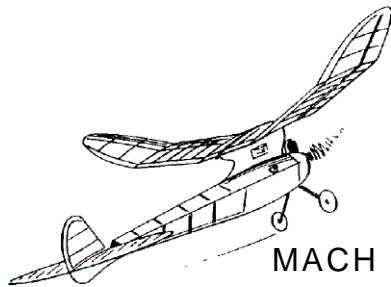
- Feb 28           **Pensacola Free Flight Team's** Second planning meeting, Fire Mountain Buffet, Pensacola, FL
- Mar 14           **SAM 59 Cloudclimbers Club Meet**, Simpson Sod Farm, Folsom, LA, 8 til 4:30 pm. Three events - Com Rubber, AMA P-30, and Small Stick/Small Cabin combined. Rain date Sunday March 15. We will have the March Club meeting on the field. Info, Jim Bethea, 3 Holly Lane, Covington, LA 70433. [jbethea@charter.net](mailto:jbethea@charter.net)
- April 11         **SAM 59 Cloudclimbers Club Meet**, Simpson Sod Farm, Folsom, LA, 8 til 4:30 pm. Three events - 1/A Nos Gas, Jimmie Allen, and Moffett. Rain date Sunday April 12. Wee will have April club meeting on the field. For info, Jim Bethea, 3 Holly Lane, Covington, LA, 70433. [jbethea@charter.net](mailto:jbethea@charter.net)
- May 2,3         Model Airplane Club of Huntsville hosts the **Heart of Dixie National Cup Contest**, Navy Site 8A, Pensacola, FL. AMA Gas, Classic Power, OT Rubber, Commercial Rubber, Moffett, F1H Glider, F1D Coupe, Gollywocks Galore, and more. Tom Hepler CD, 256-350-9263. [BuzzardBombshell@aol.com](mailto:BuzzardBombshell@aol.com). See attached flier in this newsletter.
- June 13,14      Pensacola FF Team hosts the The **Fiesta of Five Flags** Contest. Pensacola Navy Site 8A. Featuring AMA, SAM and FAI events. Something for every flier. George White CD. 850-473-0866, [white76@cox.net](mailto:white76@cox.net)
- July 12         The Thermal Thumbers of Metro Atlanta host the **Peach State Champs**, TTOMA Sod Farm, Atlanta, GA. Info - Dohrman Crawford, [turn25@bellsouth.net](mailto:turn25@bellsouth.net)
- July 16-18      FAC Non-Nats, Geneseo, NY.
- July 27-31      **AMA FF Nationals**, AMA Flying Site, Muncie, IN. For info [www.modelaircraft.org/events](http://www.modelaircraft.org/events)
- Oct 4-9         The 2009 SAM Champs will be held on El Dorado Dry Lake south of Henderson, Nevada on October 4-9, 2009. Registration Sunday October 4, contest flown from Mon Oct 5 through Fri Oct. 9. Mike Myers, Contest Manager, 911 Kilmory Lane, Glendale, CA 91207. 818 241-9154 [mikemyersgln@charter.net](mailto:mikemyersgln@charter.net) . RC Contest Director Steve Roselle [rosy@cheerful.com](mailto:rosy@cheerful.com) . FF Contest Director Ted Firster [civiboy31@aol.com](mailto:civiboy31@aol.com)
- Oct 10-13      Pensacola FF Team hosts the **Gathering of the Turkeys**, Navy Site 8A, Pensacola, FL. A full slate of AMA, FAC and SAM free flight events. George White CD. 850-473-0866, [white76@cox.net](mailto:white76@cox.net).
- Nov 7-8         The Cloudclimbers of SAM 59 host their **Fourth Gulf States Annual**. At Pensacola Navy Site 8A. Cat Glider, HL Glider, OT/Com Rubber, Coupe d'Hiver, FAC Dime Scale, Rubber Scale, Two-Bit Rubber, 1/2A Nos Gas, ABC Pylon/Cabin OT Ignition, Gollywock. \$20 entry flies any or all events. CD Doug Petty, 916 Durnin, Denham Springs, La. 70726
- Dec 29,30,31    FMA hosts the **King Orange International**, Palm Bay Florida. sponsored by the Florida Modeler's Association, Palm Bay, FL. AAA AMA Cat III Contest, NFFS National Cup, America's Cup Contest CD Joe Clawson, 401 Almansa St NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907, [claw3132@msn.com](mailto:claw3132@msn.com) .

SAM 59 members fly most weekends when the weather is agreeable at the Simpson Sod Farm, just North of Folsom, LA. 8 am til 4 pm. No gas RC. AMA license required. Newbies and visitors welcome.

### SAM 59 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2009

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| Saturday, March 14 | On the Field   |
| Saturday, April 11 | On the Field   |
| Saturday, May 2    | Scott & Dona Cannon Covington BYO Luncheon and meeting               |
| Saturday, June 6   | Vince & Gerry Burton Picnic - tentative                              |
| Saturday, Aug 8    | Carl & Sharon Bakay Lafayette BYO luncheon and meeting               |
| Saturday, Dec. 5   | Scott & Dona Cannon Xmas Party. Covington Bring present to exchange. |

We still have open dates, so please think about hosting a meeting if you haven't already signed up. Call Janet at 985-892-7204 if you can help. Unassigned months will be a lunch buffet for the fellows.



# Model Airplane Club of Huntsville Heart of Dixie Free Flight Championships

A National Cup Contest

May 2-3, 2009

Pensacola, Florida, Navy Site 8A

AMA Sanction No. 09 -171 Class AA, Cat III

Entry Fees: \$15 first event, \$2 each additional, \$25 maximum

Directions to site: from Interstate 10, take exit 5 (which is west of US 29), go west on US Alt 90 1.7 miles to the South gate

## Rules

FAI event: Coupe, 3 flights, 2 minute max

Fly any event either day. Must finish same day started.

Flying times: Saturday 8:00 to 5:00. Sunday 7:00 to 3:00

**All AMA models must conform to AMA identification requirements.**

Port A Potty will be available.

**Please note date change.**

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**RELEASE:** I, the undersigned contestant/parent, do hereby release any and all organizations connected with the meet from all claims that may arise from this meet. I certify that I, the flyer, am the builder of all models entered and flown by me as covered by current AMA, FAC and/or FAI rules.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_& WEB ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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### List of Events

+*1/2A Gas	+*Nos A Gas	+*P-30
+*A/B Gas	+*Nos B Gas	+*Moffett
+*Classic Power 1/2A	+*Nos C Gas	+OTR Small
+*Classic Power A/B	+*Early 1/2A Nos Gas	+OTR Large
+*OHLG	+OT Gas Pylon/Cabin	+FIG Coupe
+*CLG	+.020 Replica	+*Classic Towline Glider
+*1/4A Nos Gas	+FAC Dime Scale	+Commercial Rubber
+*1/2A Nos Gas	+FAC Embryo	+FAC Jet Cat Scale Glider
+Gollywocks Galore (0730 Sun)	+FAC Jimmy Allen	+Electric B
+E-30		

+ = Trophy Event (first place only) \* = National Cup Event

We will award all events first place trophies and the usual certificates for second and third places. We are continuing to permit flying any event either day, except Gollywocks Galore. This is to aid those flying NC events to optimize their schedule of events. For any Junior competing in an NC event, he/she will be considered in a separate event unless he/she wishes to compete in Senior/Open.

We have added two electric events. Hope they spark as much interest as other venues have. Electric event motor runs to be set by CD

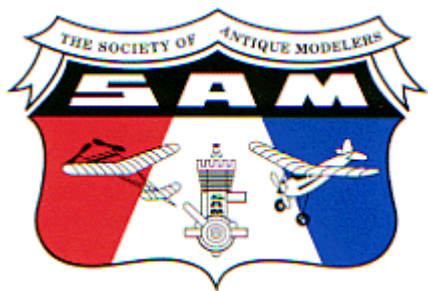
**NOTE: Some Nostalgia models can be flown in AMA events, but not vice-versa.**

CD: Tom Hepler, 808 Rigel Drive SW, Decatur, Alabama 35603

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