



## New Additions

### Planes & Members



Dick Benke— New Member - with his new P-51 Mustang Electric ARF. In Oct 2005 Dick transplanted in from Michigan. He was a mechanical engineer and designed production tooling for Chrysler Corp. Dick already has 2 more Kits on the way. Good RC'er! Dick was introduced to the club by Tony Gattone



### New Member & Plane

Doug Rickenbach—New Member showing off his new Sig Kadet Electric. Doug transplanted in from Pennsylvania. He plans to start off with some smooth and quiet electrics and then transition into the wilder side of flying. Doug was also introduced to the club by Tony Gattone.



### New Plane

John Fraine—Member since Aug 2004. Showing off his Mountain Models Electric SmoothE. The latest rage at the field.

## Recent Events

### Si Arnold's Birthday Fun Fly & Luncheon



Young at heart Si Arnold had his 89th Birthday on **S a t u r d a y** 09/10/2005. Per Si's excellent aviation taste he wanted to celebrate this special day with his friends at Collier County Fun Flyers field, doing what he has loved to do for over 60 years. Fly planes. Si flew his Easy Star , a member's Chimonk, (bought from Dick Bauman), and then a SmoothE. After the flying was over we headed out for a birthday lunch for Si at Perkins Restaurant on Pine Ridge Rd.

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### Sausage Saturday



Even though the temperatures are up, so isn't the flying fun. On Saturday September 3, 2005 a couple of members decided to have their own Sausage Saturday. The good news was that is was free. This little impromptu soiree brought out a better than usual 'summer' gathering of Collier Fun Flyers. In attendance was Don Wagner, Tony Gattone, Sy Arnold, Bill Morgan, Peter Birtolo, Tony Aldrich, John Fraine, Doug Rickenback, Dick Benke, and Walt Barnes. Bobby Ashworth, our new grounds keeper even stayed around to experience the fun. Could be a new member in the making.

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## Coming Events

### Electric Seminar

At the November Meeting there will an educational seminar for the latest craze happening around the country and at our club. Electrics. This is the fastest growing segment of our hobby. Due to the innovations and economy with lithium powered batteries and other items, we can easily have 15 to 20 minute fast and acrobatic flights. We'll be discussing the benefits and safety issues with the lithium batteries as well as various Electronic Speed Controllers (ESC's), Brushed Motors, Brushless Motors, Charging systems, etc. Whether or not you are interested in flying electrics, it's always good to have some know-how for all aspects of our hobbyPlus you get to hang out and share laughs with some great people. We hope to see every member there.

### Lady's Night out October Club Meeting Sausage Saturday

**November Airplane Raffle**  
*More info on the following pages.*

## Stu Pedasso Award

The coveted 'Stu Pedasso' award is given to any member who exemplifies themselves at being a total 'Stu Pedasso'. Any member can be elevated to this level of admiration for such things as trying to fly a plane while the transmitter was tuned to a different plane, or he/she picked up the completely wrong transmitter . Of course these esteemed awards will hopefully be given to those Stu Pedasso applicants after their plane has crashed, however that is not necessarily a requirement. This category will need complete commitment from all members, not just for trying to become a Stu Pedasso, but also by reporting to Don Wagner all those believed to be worthy of this highly sought after award. Pictures would be very helpful.



# Si Arnold's Birthday

The following is a historical bio of Si Arnold written by the illustrious Don Wagner.

It all started on Sept 10, 1916 when Simon J. Arnold III arrived in St Louis, Mo. His interest in flying can be blamed on Charles Lindbergh. Lindbergh has been an airmail pilot flying out of Lambert Field. Si rode the streetcar out to the field and often ventured into the pilots ready room to meet and talk with the pilots. He thinks he talked with Lindbergh without realizing who he was before Lindbergh became famous.

Si took his first airplane ride in an Alexander Egelrock, a 3 place Biplane. During this ride he was bitten by a lethal aviation bug and has never recovered. Somehow, he managed to graduate from University City High School in 1934 along with his closest friend and dance partner, Butler Bushyhead. While, in school, he became highly involved with Sea Scouting, attaining the rank of quartermaster (Boy Scout, eagle equivalent) and became a lifelong sailboat nut.

While, attending Washington University, he enrolled in the Civilian Pilot Training Program in 1938, and earned his pilots license flying 50 hp piper cubs. Later, while enrolled in aerobatic flying course, he flew his favorite "TRAVELAIR" with the tremendous 165 hp J6-5 Wright engine and could cruise at 100mph. He also flew the Waco UPF-7 with 220hp continental, Fortunately, he became air sick and that occurrence probably saved his life.



Si Arnold flying his EasyStar  
Si once stated: **"Thank God for people like Don Wagner"**  
*John Fraine*

While working as a summer camp councilor he met Miriam Moores. The love of his life. They were married in April 1942, the day Jimmie Doolittle bombed Tokyo.

When the war broke out Si was working for Curtis-Wright and as foreman in the P-39 inspection dept Si had a draft deferment. Rather than play it safe at home with Miriam, he enlisted in the aviation cadet program and reported to Jefferson Barracks outside of St Louis for basic training. Following basic he reported the San Antonio for pilot training where during the rigid physical the "shrink Doc" asked if he has ever been airsick. He said yes, with no explanation and was immediately sent to aircraft mechanic school where he learned how to tear apart 14 cylinder radial engines. There is an art to starting a cylindrical engine. It requires skill, finesse and style. You have to SEDUCE it into starting. They have a satisfying sound: rattle-rattle, click-click, BANG, more rattles, another BANG, a big macho FART or two, more clicks, a lot of smoke and finally a beautiful low pitched roar. Si says, Cylindrical engines smell like God intended machines to smell.



Si Arnold & CFF friends celebrating Si's 89th Birthday at Perkins

On to Syracuse Army Air Base and a recently formed Combat Cargo squadron flying brand new C-47, (AKA as the DC-3 or gooney bird). He later was sent to Bergstrom Field and still later in the war to Laurinburg NC. After the end of the war and 31 months of honorable service Si was discharged from the Army Air Corps.

Back to Washington University he graduated in June 1947 and went to work as a salesman for a high priced Rubber Co. Later, became a highly successful owner of the company and had a challenging career in the rubber conveyor belt business.

In 1969 Si joined the Power Squadron and built his own 28 Ft Rhoades design sloop. Unfortunately, this work of art was consumed in a mysterious Marina fire along with 22 other boats. Si then bought a 34 ft Morgan that he and Miriam sailed enjoyably for years. His son still sails it today out of Jacksonville. Si's interest in airplanes continued over the years and as one of the early founders of the Collier Fun Flyers he has contributed significantly to the challenge, fun and frolic of this marvelous sport.

Si is planning to leave for San Antonio in the very near future and we are going to miss his skinny ass. Some people come into our lives become friends and leave beautiful footprints on our hearts and we are never quite the same. Si Arnold is one of these.



John Fraine's Chipmonk built by Dick Bauman

**Sausage Saturday ,continued from page 1.**  
Plenty of flying was happening, with Don Wagner & Tony Aldrich grabbing the first 2 flights of the day. Doug Rickenback had his maiden flight with his pristine Sig kadet Electric Electric. Doug also learned the proper position to plug in his Electronic Speed Control (ESC) into the receiver. Receiver position 3 (throttle) not the battery position. There were 2 strokes, 4 strokes and electrics flying continuously. The only mishap for the day was a delicately control crash landing by Sy Arnold with his new Yard Stick. Ok, he had absolutely no control what so ever, but let's give the guy some consideration. The theory is that the ESC was not properly set up for the Lithium Polymer Battery, and did not cut off the motor in time to leave enough power to operate the flight controls. Therefore there were no controls at all. More on this and other 'electric' items at the November meeting. Si's plane suffered minimal damage and should be back flying soon.



Don Wagner's Ultimate Bipe



Tony Gattone's Hanger 9 Pizzaz

**As usual, Fun was had by all!**

### November Raffle

So you'd like to own an electric. Well, you'll have your chance at the November Sausage Saturday when we raffle a new Mountain Models "SmoothE" complete with brushless motor, li-poly battery and complete radio system. To add even more fun to the day, we will completely build, cover and fly the SmoothE at this event. This is a build up kit, but it is so well engineered that we can assemble, cover, install the radio system and balance it in two hours max (not guaranteed :-). Here comes the great part, a SmoothE "fly by" and then the raffle. Raffle tickets will cost \$10.00 each or 5 for \$45.00. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase prior to Sausage Saturday and the day of the event. Look for more information in the October newsletter. A portion of the proceeds will go to the club. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.



[www.MountainModels.com](http://www.MountainModels.com), Designs, manufactures and sells the SmoothE and many other amazing models. Per Mountain Models, ready to fly including radio and all the gear, minus the battery, the total weight is just under 15 ounces! Come on out to the field and see any one of the many SmoothE's that will be flying this year. We might even let you take the sticks! :-). Mountain Models has online videos of most of their models at their website. Doug and Karen Binder, the owners, designers, and head bottle washers of Mountain Models are also very nice people.

# Company Business

Ladies Night Out - Red Lobster - 9/20/2005

October Club Meeting - 10/04/2005- 7:30 p.m. at the Pilot's Lounge, Bldg 1100, 250 Aviation Dr. S, Naples Air Port

Ladies Night Out - Frescati's - 10/18

November Club Meeting & Electric Seminar - 11/01/2005- Same place and time as above

## **New Members**

Collier Fun Flyers has 38 paying members at present. Ideally we should be at a minimum of 40 members. It is incumbent upon every club member to seek out interested new members. Tony Gattone recruited 2 members in the past two months just by asking a simple question; "do you have any hobbies". In one case one of our new members flew RC years ago, in another case the individual was looking for a hobby. The advancement in electric technology has made radio control flying even more interesting to all age groups so the opportunity of introducing RC to those looking for something to do in their spare time is there. We are not capped at 40 members either, the more the better so please keep it in mind to talk up the opportunity of joining our club.

## **New Officer Elections**

We are looking for a few good men. In December we will elect new officers for 2006. All positions are open. Those interested in fulfilling any of these positions should contact Tony Gattone (254-1099). The present officers have been in place for three or more years and are looking for replacements for 2006. These are not time consuming positions but is required by the AMA in order to continue as a sanctioned club and in order for the AMA to insure us with our required 2 million dollar accident insurance policy. This policy coverage is also required by the Collier County Fair Grounds Board in order for us to use the field.

## **Who are the Collier Fun Flyers?**

**The Collier County Fun Flyers** is a club made up of radio control model airplane enthusiasts. Our flying field is at the rear of the Collier County Fair Grounds, in Naples, Fl. We have members who will give you advice on building your model and instructors who will help you learn to fly it.

**Club meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pilot's Lounge, Bldg 1100, 250 Aviation Dr. S., on the general aviation side of the Naples Municipal Airport.

**Most Members normally fly** from 9 am to 12 noon on Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat mornings, although flying is allowed any daylight hours after 9:00am Sunday thru Saturday You are welcome to come to our flying site to observe the activities and enjoy the fun and excitement. Saturday morning is the business time. Hours do vary so call someone, if you need additional information. The club follows AMA, (Academy of Model Aeronautics), flying field safety rules. Use of our model airport requires membership in both the AMA and Fun Flyers. Easy stuff.

**Directions to the flying field:** Exit 111 off I-75, Immokalee Road-eastbound. Go east 10.8 miles and turn right at the Collier County State Fairgrounds entrance. Continue 0.4 mile through gate at the end of the road. You'll see us.

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