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Roster of the old dawgs....

STEVE DONA.....'THE PREZ'

WILL TILSE.....VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE CASSELL.....SECRETARY-TREASURER

DAVE GARDNER.....SCRIBE OF THIS RAG....

**Notice: Next Meeting: April 8, 2021 (Second Thursday of the Month, remember?)
Rainbow Café, 112 E. Main St., Auburn, WA, 10:30 am-1 pm..(or thereabouts.)**

President's message

I hope you are all getting your Covid vaccine. This will make gathering much much safer for our members.

With that said, we are planning to (finally) kick SAM 8 back into gear!

This coming Saturday (March 20th) we are planning to have an informal fun fly and meeting at 60 acres South soccer field. Fun is scheduled to begin at 10 with a contest at 11:30 for the Pinna Flyer and an informal meeting at 12:00 noon. Bring your Pinna Flyer and a folding chair unless you want to stand for the meeting. Social distancing and masks will be required for this one. Contest prize for the Pinna Flyer will be \$50.00 spread between 1-3rd place.

On that note, we are planning to once again begin having regular meetings at the Rainbow starting the second Thursday of April. At this time, we are limited to 10 people in the room. I am hoping that members will be careful of the risks and stay away if they are not yet vaccinated. I expect that the rules on this will change in time but for now, plan to attend if you already have the "jabs".

Our Spring Opener is scheduled for May 22-23 in Nick's field. Details to be worked out by then but dust off your models and plan to attend.

WMC is planning their traditional slate of contests and it looks like attendance will be an all time high with everyone wanting to get back to flying again.

We are also looking into the possibility of a monthly fun fly at Nick's field to allow our members to trim out their models. Still waiting for permission on this but we are doing what we can to get our guys out and flying.

Pinna flyer kits are still available for the amazing price of \$10.00 Dave Higgins, Steve Dona and Gerald Morrissey have the kits to sell so contact them if you still don't have your kit.

Dave Higgins still has some Sky Voyagers and DT timers available as well. Talk to Dave about purchasing one.

Several of our members are building like crazy! Alfonse Menanno has a new E-36 model and I know of two P-30s and 3 Old timers being built. Keep em coming guys! Great to see the new models.

We are still pushing to build OLD TIMERS! The bigger the better! I donated several nice 60 sized engines to people who promised to build for this season and I warned them that I will burn down their shop if they don't come through so I expect to see some really nice Old Timers filling the air in the future.

(Remember that OLD TIMERS are approximately 80 years old this year, both the models and the antique modelers...!!)

So, get out in the shop, turn on the heat and start cutting some balsa.

So come get your Pinna flyer and get it put together for our upcoming fun fly/ meeting at 60 acres. While you are at it, make sure to send Dave Cassell your club dues for the year.

See you all at 60 acres!

Steve Dona, The Prez

SAM 8 Minutes(continued after the next meeting!..BUT...an important announcement!

DOOZ ARE DUE...!!

You've all probably had a reminder from David Cassell that it's time for this years' dues (the glue which holds the club together, even if you prefer Ambroid!)

As David noted on 12/20, he has set up a PayPal account to simplify the process.

Remember, it's \$15 for one year or \$25 for two. David's PayPal account is his email, whippet@earthlink.net He has another option, ZELLE (check with him on this) or the old standby, a check in the mail.

2021 Old Time, Free Flight, Control Line and Club Modeling Event Schedule

Date	Event / Time / Location	Activity/Location	Contact
See Below	TBD		SAM8

For additional Northwest FF and CL activity, see the following websites for more detail.

For SAM 8 activities, look on the SAM 8 Website, <http://www.SAM8.org>

For SAM National activities, look on the SAM Website, <http://www.antiquemodeler.org/>

For WMC activities, check on their website, WillametteModelersclub.weebly.com, or contact Bob Stalick at freeflyer@aol.com.

For NW Skyraiders' activities, check on <http://flyinglines.org>, or davegardner55@msn.com.

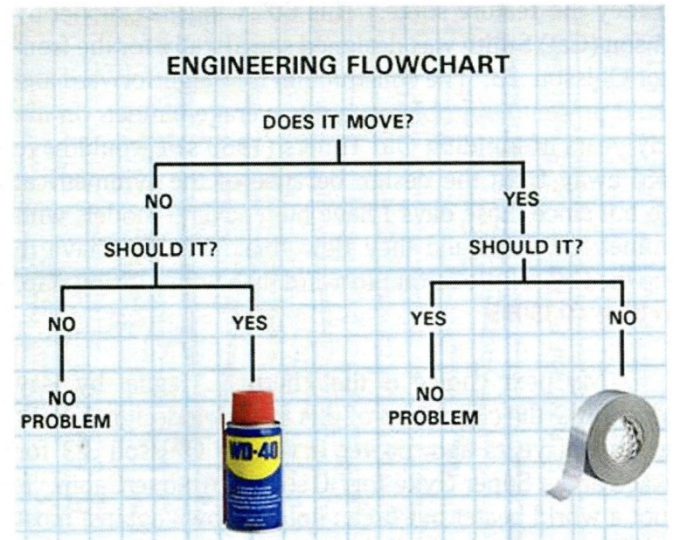
Really Great SAM 8 meets every second Thursday each month the Rainbow Café in Auburn at 11:30 AM. Come join us for lunch! (WHEN AVAILABLE..!!)

Meanwhile, some engineering fundamentals.....

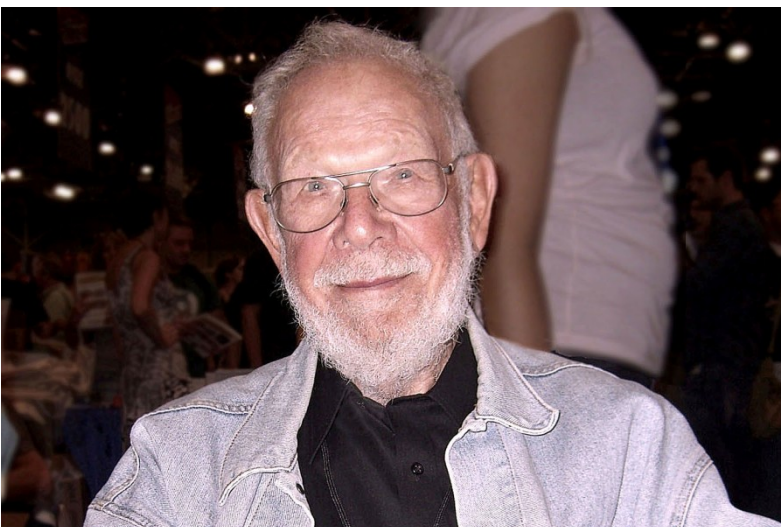
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But one can never overemphasize

Engineering Fundamentals!



The 'HUMOR' section.....



Al Jaffee turns 100, and Mad magazine salutes its legendary artist with a birthday tribute.

This has nothing to do with SAM or model airplanes, but just shows what humor can do for longevity. ...and I remember the original MAD Comix.....do you???

Cartoonist Al Jaffee attends the New York Comic Convention in Manhattan on Oct. 9, 2010.

Al Jaffee, one of Mad magazine's longtime "Usual Gang of Idiots," is enjoying a rather unusual week. Several days ago, the cartooning legend got vaccinated for the coronavirus.

On March 13, he plans to celebrate turning 100 years old. Hitting the century mark in age, it's a nice number" for the brain to consider, Jaffee said with a warm laugh Thursday from his New York home - even if some body parts don't "seem to appreciate it."

To mark the occasion, the humor publication is announcing that its "Mad Predicts the Future" edition, on sale next month, will salute its eldest statesman. The issue's center-spread article, titled, "Amazing All-Seeing Al Jaffee's MAD E.S.P.," will note how the artist's ever-inventive mind foresaw such ideas as the multi-bladed razor and the "autocorrect" function - once described and drawn in the artist's wry style.

Jaffee, who made his Mad debut 65 years ago, is best-known for the magazine's iconic back-page Fold-In - he has created more than 450 of them - and the running feature "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions."

"The most impressive thing about Al and his work is his seemingly bottomless well of great ideas for features, and how varied they are," says caricaturist Tom Richmond, who rendered the new center-spread piece. "If all he did was invent the Fold-In and write and draw it for 55 years, that would already be deserving of legend status. But he did so much more: comic books, comic strips and features for Mad that were completely different from one to the next."

When Jaffee retired last June, Mad published a tribute edition that included his final Fold-In. (When the back page is folded inward, the condensed image and wording reveal a "hidden" answer that satirizes politics, pop culture and social trends - born as Jaffee's winking twist on magazine fold-outs.)

"Al represents the peak of achievement in humorous cartooning to me," says Johnny Sampson, who inherited creating the Fold-In directly from Jaffee. "He has carved out his own unmistakable space and forever left his imprint on the medium. What he has done seems almost unachievable nowadays, but it's still something that inspires me on a daily basis."

Jaffee launched his career in 1942, beginning with Joker Comics, and worked continuously until last year. In 2016, Guinness World Records awarded him its title of "longest career as a comic artist." Says Sampson, noting that Jaffee was never on Mad's editorial staff: "I'd venture to say he also holds the title for longest-working freelancer, as well."

Jaffee has received the National Cartoonists Society's Reuben Award and was inducted into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame. Five years ago, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio declared March 30 Al Jaffee Day.

Last year, The Washington Post posed its stupidest question to the cartoonist: "Are you proud that your work with Mad endures?"

Jaffee's snappy answer: "I would be stupid to say, 'No.' "

Yet beyond the jokes, Jaffee believes in the power to viscerally reach the reader through cartoon art, saying Thursday: "There's a certain personality in the drawings that can affect emotional reaction."

Jaffee, who has drawn just for fun this year, is still reaching generations of cartoonists he has inspired. Warmth rumbles through his commanding voice as he looks toward the next tribute and says: "See you next year."

...and, last, but not least....!!



William Alfred Darkow, R.I.P.

1932 - 2021

William Alfred Darkow was born August 15, 1932, in Akron, Ohio, and passed away peacefully March 6, 2021, in Olympia, Washington. He was the only son of William E. and Esther (Painter) Darkow.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Caroline; daughters, Kerrin Rene and Colleen Lorraine; son, William John; six grandchildren; and two great granddaughters. A daughter, Sylvia Kathleen, and his sisters, Lois Warber and Louise Hudack, preceded him in death.

Bill was a public school teacher, having taught in Neah Bay, Bremerton, and Lacey, Washington.

He was an internationally known and avid designer, builder, and flyer of control line and free flight model aircraft. He was a member of the Society of Antique Modelers and of the Northwest Skyraiders. (see further notes below....) He also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Bill was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Rochester, Washington.

Due to the COVID 19 virus, a private family service is planned. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a local food bank.

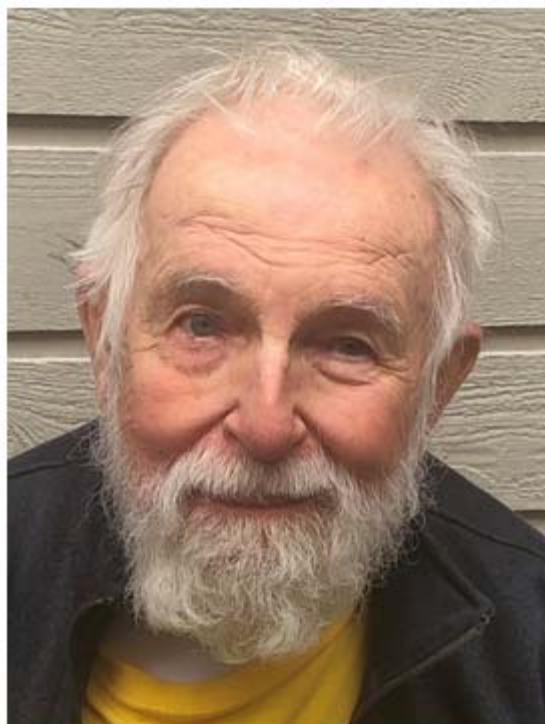
Some further notes from Bill's son:

Among his many accomplishments in model aviation:

- Was a longtime member of Society of Antique Modelers (SAM 8) and spent many happy afternoons flying free flight at Harts Lake Prairie.
- Also was a member of the NW Skyraiders, where he competed with some success flying his bright red Yak-9 in Navy Carrier, and also served as contest director on a number of occasions.
- Wrote column "Classic Flyers" for Flying Models Magazine 4/90 to 5/92

Designed & built:

- Texas Wildcat CL Profile Scale Stunt (pub. Model Aviation - 10/89)
- Kayaba KA-1 CL Profile Scale Autogyro Carrier (pub. Model Builder - 1/95)



It was this model and the controversy surrounding it that caused this sentence to be added to the Navy Carrier rules: "Autogiros and helicopters, or aircraft which rotate their propellers to a horizontal plane to act as rotors for hovering flight, are prohibited." Before being outlawed, Bill was the first (and probably only) flier to log an official flight in Navy Carrier competition.

Doing a google search on "control line autogyro" led me to find three builders in the UK who had built and flown the Kayaba, including one converted for electric power. There are pictures and videos on YouTube, as well.

....and with John Hall:

- Curtiss Seahawk CL Profile Scale Carrier (pub. Model Aviation - 12/92)

Several examples of his design and building work can be found on the flyinglines.org Favorite Planes pages.

My father took great pride in finding unusual, obscure, and otherwise atypical aircraft to model, and the challenge of taking the road less traveled (or blazing entirely new trails) was the hallmark of his work. There is nothing he enjoyed more than to come to the flying field with a new aircraft and having people say, "what the hell is that?".

thhhhhat's all, Folks, for now

....and, in closing.....

**The Complaint Desk has closed. The Editor has left the building.
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