

Model Plane Tows Glider



Did you realise that SAM 35 is now old enough to have Memory Lanes of its own? Come with us now, back to those happy, haphazard days when news sheets appeared on the flying field and were eagerly passed from hand to hand...

By Ramon Alban

MY own recollections of SAM 35 are aided by a near-complete library of its publications, and, as Founder Chairman, I had personal cause to note the developmental milestones of these documents and, indeed, how they helped to shape our society during the last seven years.

Originally, in 1979, a publication taking its title, SAM Speaks, from our parent body's magazine, appeared at random from the boot of David Baker's car. Later versions of this were mailed to eager recipients. Here is a summary of those free-sheets, of which I believe I have one of the few collections.

Supplementary News-sheet, Circa June, 1979. # Notice of invitation to the 1979 Nats at Cranwell. # Notice of SAM (U.K.) champs at Sculthorpe. # Notice of proposed visit to the SAM (U.S.) champs in 1980 at an estimated return cost of £100 each for 200 people by 707 charter. # Notice of Euro trip in 1980 for one of the national champs at an all-in cost of £32, including coach and board. Heady stuff, this! # Offer of free Danny Sheelds A-frame pusher plan. #1979 summer/autumn calendar.

SAM Speaks, June 1980, undated. (Five sheets of A4, single sided). #Feature plan, 1940 Wedgy, by Leon Shulman. # Details of the 50th. Model Engineering Exhibition in January, 1981. #Advert. for Ben Buckle Plans Service. # Peter Michel waxes lyrical about Hank Colcs's 1942 Smoothie Wakefield. # U.S. subs were now due, but the operation in the U.K. would be free. (Not for long, though!). # Notice of A.G.M., with invitation to attend.

SAM Speaks, July/August, 1980, undated. (Four sheets of A4, single sided). # Feature plan, Baby Barn Stormer, from Flying Aces. # An early Geoff Clarke

piece on Schiffermuller's 1948 low-winger. # Six drawings of Whal Brown repro engines: Classic, Custom, Brown Junior, and two Hurlmans. # List of kits from Schmidt of California. # Report on Hinton/Yearley successes in America.

SAM Speaks, September/October, 1980, undated. (Four sheets of A4, single sided). # Feature plan, Little Varnant, by Bob File. # Full page advert repro for Marks of Salt Lake City. # "Hangar One" plans list. # Circulation of 250 claimed. High hopes of big turnout at A.G.M. in Birmingham on October 25, with extensive preview and map. (This issue is a bit short on content, and Dave Baker appeals for copy. Things improved after this).

SAM Speaks, Circa November, 1980, undated, No.5. #Feature plan, 1940 Victory, by John Larson, plus article on the designer. # Repro article on "starting a Model Club" from The Aero, of 1910. (This is repeated later in issue No.7). # A 13-month calendar of events. # Don Knight writes about feature plan, Malcolm Abzug's S4. (Don's is still flying!). # Dave Baker signs off as editor from "Hangar One".

At this point there is a fundamental change. SAM 36 had been officially formed at the Birmingham A.G.M., with Ben Buckle appointed as magazine editor. Despite this, an alternative magazine continues to appear from "Hangar One" which we will continue to review.

SAM Speaks No.7, Circa December, 1980, undated. (My copy arrived with a note identifying the issue as No.7, so No.7 it is. Six sheets of A4, single sided. Did anyone have No.6?). # Featured, an unnamed spark ignition plan by Gil Shurman. # A re-run of the 1910 article in issue No.5. # A preview of the Great Carpet-Crushing Meeting planned for December 5 at Hangar One (22 Ellington Road, Muswell Hill, London N.10). Anyone remember this? # A word from Derek Chester, who has converted a P.A.W. to glow as an intermediate step to full spark conversion.

SAM Speaks No.8, January, 1981, undated. (Five sheets of A4, seven pages of content. Yes! Double-sided printing has arrived!). # Feature plans: Doodle Bug, 1940, by R.V.Smith; 40 Minute Record Breaker, by Chas. Chivers; Aerona C-3, M.A.N., 1935. # 1936 photo of U.S. national champions, featuring one, A.A.Judge, Wakefield world champ., later to surface at Chobham Common... # Report on Carpet-Crushing Meet at which 86 people stomped the Axminster for over 12 hours. # Action report of Biggleswade Common meeting on January 25, with Sid Sutherland and Ken Marsh surfacing for the first time with SAM 35. Were you there? Brian Ferrett's Beryloid Trophy Winner debuted that day, as did Peter Michel's Turner Special - a U.K. "first", we think.

SAM Speaks No.9, Circa February, 1981, undated. (Three pages A4, double-sided). # Feature plan, The Flying Midget Gas Model by Tracy Petrides and Malcolm Absug, M.A.N., 1937. # Danny Sheelds on the Summer of '37. # Dave B. reports on Performance Kits Maestro Peter Fisher flying his model into the river at Biggleswade Common. You had to be there to know! # Pictures of Sid Sutherland with Hornet model and Hudson car.

SAM Speaks No. 10, Circa March, 1981, undated. (Four double-sided sheets). Feature plan, R.A.20, an Italian job by Kappine. #Article from "way back when" called Stepping Up Your Power, with a long list of spark motor specs, 62 in all. # Nine photos from a U.S. scale meeting. # 1937 indoor rubber Baby RoG, by Alan Orthof.

SAM Speaks, again marked No.10, Circa March, 1981, undated. (Six sheets A4, and not a single repeat from the previous No.10). # Feature plan, World Record Glider, by Bob File, 1934. # Anon, waxing lyrical about Flying Aces. # A Polish Peanut, PWS - 11. Indoor, outdoor - it's all here! # "Hangar One News" reported on the new 0.8cc P.A.W., and the threat of a 14ft. "Battersea" Power-

house. # Autographed reminiscences by Ben Shereshaw and Mike Granieri.

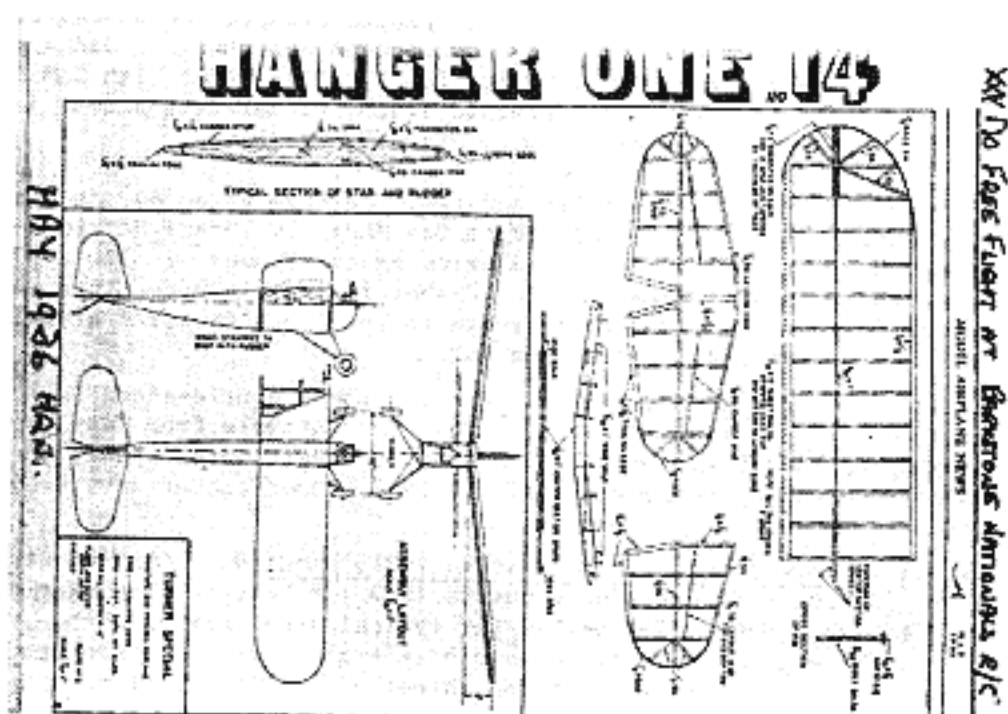
SAM Speaks No.11, Circa April, 1981, undated. (Six sheets). # Three feature plans from Vernon Boehle, 1934 Record Holder, 1934 Mulvihull Trophy Winner, and 1935 fourth-place Wakefield. # Which Model Do You Hate? Feature on how to destroy your choice in mid-air using red matches and sandpaper. (BLIMEY!). # 1948 Skipper plan. # Petrol Monoplane, from 1937 Practical Mechanics.

SAM Speaks No.12, Circa June, 1981, undated. (For an unofficial six-page publication, not constitutionally approved, this is good stuff). # Feature plan from S.M.A.E. source. # Condor, by T.H.Newell. # SAM IV Glider, by F.A.Mayo, 1940. # Mick Farthing Lightweight. # Article on first diesels to emerge from Europe. # Indoor tailless design by Howard Boys, 1936. # Report on Biggleswade Common meeting of May 17, 1981. Bad weather again. Were you there with Messrs. Alban, Chester, Baker, Gandolphi, Ferrett, Kay, Harris, Lawson, and Michel? Highlights of the day: Michel's Peerless Panther, and Gandolphi's flyaway Cloud Airmaster. # Newcomer to SAM 35 - Alan Wiggs.

"SAM Speaks" from Hangar One now disappears because of a clash with the official publication. But it reappears as "Hangar One". As it happened, it fell to me, as Chairman of SAM 35, to try to rebuild broken bridges...

Hangar One, No.13, Circa July, 1981, undated. (Six sheets out of the car boot at Old Warden on July 19). # Feature plans: The Swallow, by Malcolm Abzug, 1939; Blackburn Sidecar Peanut, by Bob Howard. # Stephen Payne describes the U.S. SAM champs at Taft in 1981. No U.K. successes. 110deg. in the shade. # First "Who's Building What" feature from Dave B. Mentions for Baseligia (Red Zephyr), Welch (Boorer Bus), Hodgkins (Peerless Panther), Michel (Dubery Wake), Chester (Loutrel Sportster), Knight (Privateer), and Lawson (Buzzard Bombshell). Did you get them all finished, lads? # 1982 M.E.E. gets a plug. # 15 rubber job specifications from 1936, plus five gassies.

Hangar One, No.14, Circa August, 1981, undated. (Six sheets, probably booted from D.B.'s car on Vintage Day). # Feature plan: Turner Special, 1936 M.A.N. # Pictures of all three Humphries firing up Anne's Valkerie at Barkston during the 1981 nats. Did you see this fly? (Ed: Yes, I did. What a magnificent flight. I ran 100 yards in about seven seconds to try to prevent it hitting



a group of caravans. It missed them by about 10ft...) # Prediction that Warring, Judge and Copland will surface at Chobham on August Bank Holiday. # Photo of a bevy of gassies - a Privateer, a a Clipper, a Golden Eagle, a 1945 Bowden Winner, and a Super Buccaneer. # A Simple Soarer from sheet balsa from John Zaic. M.A.N., 1939. # Preview of Vintage Day. This is the last Hangar One issue.

Now a step back in time to November, 1980, to pick up the lineage of SAM 35 Speaks under the editorship of Ben Buckle, following his election to the post at the first A.G.M.

SAM 35 Speaks, November, 1980, No.6. (Five sheets of A4, single sided. Ben picks up the numbering system from Dave's original SAM Speaks. Three hundred of these magazines went out on spec to everyone we could think of. It was the first official publication of the movement and quite a historic event.) # Ben Has His Say, with tributes to Dave B. # Feature plan, the Meagow Aero Champ. # RC rules from Walsall. # Proposal that SAM 7 rules will govern FF. # Invitations for FF fliers to set up competitions committee. They still haven't.

SAM 35 Speaks, December, 1980, No.7. (Double sided now. Seven A4 sheets). # Front cover, K.K. Scorpion and an Xmas Robin. # Geoff Clarke, from The Other Side Of The Counter, weighs in with four info-packed half-pages. # The Dave Baker Column makes an appearance. # Tony Brookes describes Norman Marcus' Bazooka. # Fins Ain't Wot They Ustabee, from Tony Penhall.



SAM 35 Speaks, January/February, 1981, No.8. (The first real book-form 1/4A4 magazine. Twenty-eight small pages with only four blank. A milestone). # Susan Penhall on front cover with Dad's Kanga Kub. # Biggleswade Common report for January 25, 1981. # Beware the Dreaded Trim Tab, by somebody called "Biggles" Wade. (Now who was he?). # Malcolm Taylor on rules. # Mike Whittard's view of the M.E.E., 1981. # Peter Michel advocates cardboard ribs. # Vector (who was he?) surfaced with some sideways comments on the scene and advocated RC DT-ing. Lazy fellow! # Plan of 1914 RoG Tractor Biplane, by A.C.North. # The first events calendar appears. # Engines stolen from Ron Radden are listed. # Geoff Clarke is still "over the counter" and over the moon about Dave B's Sadler Pacemaker. Who saw it go? I did. Unbelievable! # Andy Crisp extols lightweights. Eat your heart out, Mike Kemp!

SAM 35 Speaks, May/June, 1981, No.9. (Sixteen pages of 1/4A4, but scrappy. Ben was having production problems). # Front and back covers merge with plans of

the Rossignol rubber job. # Ron Warring surfaces in SAM 35 Speaks with a brilliant observational piece on vintage rubber models. # Alex Imrie writes on authenticity. What else! # Ben says there are too many Junior 60 variants about. Takes a swipe at Pylonius.

SAM 35 Speaks, July/August, 1981, No.10. (Ben's best, with 24 numbered pages. No production problems here. Super). # Buff front-back cover. "Plane Tows Glider". # Ban on Biggleswade flying. # Tom Rostron talks about Rip. # Three-page report from Dick Hardwick on the 1981 Nats. # Orville (Who was HE) surfaces to warn about collectors and stockpilers - the scourge of our hobby. # A nice letter from Alex Imrie, who wants everything you've got - but for SAM 35 members' benefit. # Geoff Clarke has some info on the first John Oliver engine, the Battleaxe. # Ben tells us about the new Magnum 91 four-stroke.

SAM 35 Speaks, September/October, 1981, No.11. (40 pages - 22 on one article. Ben's last publication for SAM 35. He did a super job for us in our first full year). # Your Chairman (me) announces second A.G.M. at Hatfield. # Ben's final say, handing over to Dave B., plus news from John Pond across the Pond. # Brian Hewitt writes about his early years in modelling, and his Comet II. # Ben challenges us to fly the front-cover subject from last month for a Brown Junior prize. (I wonder if the offer still stands...). # Peter Michel talks about tube winding. # The Willis Monoplane - all 22 pages of it.

Dave Baker returns as editor, with new approach to the front cover. Lee Hoy's artwork survives to this day, but mass production of a magazine is not easy!

November, 1981. (Twenty-six pages of A4 folded into booklet. Very difficult to read). # Howard Boys, with Golden Jubilee tales of his Northampton days. # Pete Michel tells of the sad cancellation of an Old Warden event. Very embarrassing for all concerned. # Laurie Glover extols the Elfin 1.8 as a power source for CL stunters. # The Jackdaw. DB announces SAM 35 competition for this Rupert Moore model. # Dick Hardwick on safety. # DB lists plans for sale or loan from Hangar One. # Photo of the Charles Havis trophy. # Two plans - 1942 Gooch, by Bernie Schoenfeld, and the 1943 Sparrow, by C.D.McCullough - all cut up into bits on eight pages. Did anyone build these models?

December, 1981. (18 pages of mixed sideways A4 and upright 1/2A4, but the mag. is "getting there" four years before BR!). # Truly vintage Dave Baker editorial. # Bert Judge's superb reminiscences from his long career in the trade, the hobby, and World War II. Well worth a re-run - legibly, this time. # Laurie Glover on how to clear the crowds at the Nats with a CL stunter! # The Hardwick family's reputation as retrieval experts is established. # Tony Brookes tries to persuade us that the parachute DT was not responsible for the popularity of the tip-up tail. # Mike Beech plugs the Fireball Trophy for CL vintage. # Geoff Clarke has left Michael's Models, so he changes his title to Encounters. But the recipe is the same. Darned good.

February, 1982. (20 pages of 1/2A4. Poor quality copying). # Cover, G.W.W. Harris, with large model. # Chobham report for January 24, 1982. Noel Crane's first outing with SAM 35. # Picture and description of Bob Hawkins's China Clipper mega-jumbo (Cleveland). # Encounters, with Geoff Clarke flying a Pinocchio with wing-tip streamers. # M.E.E., 1982, gets half a page and noted contribution from Vic Dubery who manned the stand for five days. Nothing's changed! # SAM 35 insurance announced. Dick Hardwick becomes Mr. Site Liaison. # Judge, Warring and Copland become Life Members. # Don Knight and Chris fit

skin to their Puffin, just in time for the thaw. # Cement Squeezer rambles on.
March, 1982. (20 pages of mixed quality. Some you have to rotate through
270 deg. to get at the contents. Never boring!). # Cover, Dr. Foster posing
for a launch. # Pelly-Fry tells us about Croydon and Caterham days with Van
Hattum. All original stuff. # Trimming tips from Sal Taibi. # Wants, swaps,
and pen pals are featured. # Cement Squeezer wants events to be run like TV's
Superstars series. Also advocates free spectacles for members from Don the Bulk.
(See February, 1982, review). # Centre spread on Valkerie, with 270 deg. wrap-
round words. # Pete Montgomery tells us about wonderful post-war days on the
Isle of Wight. You can taste the salt air in this article. # Peanut vendor
John Blagg says that ammonia is best for bending timber. # Snippet about a
girl who could carve a Wakefield prop in six minutes from the sawn blank. # The
Rubber Column is here! Mike Kemp introduces himself.

April, 1982. (20 pages of $\frac{1}{4}$ A4, spot-on reproduction. Dave finally gets it all
together - and if you think I'm scoffing, it ain't easy!). # Cover, Lawrence
Sparey, with vintage radio equipment. # Inside cover becomes the Stop Press
area. Details of Pete Fisher's I.O.M. do. Did anyone go? # John Keaney
searches for the Skyrover. Did he find it? # Enter, Ron Prentice with feature
on his Small Fry CL stunter. # Geoff Clarke gets Encounters off to a new style
and sings praises of the M.E.E. # Don the Bulk has P.A.W. O.Bcc's and dope at
£2.90 per litre if you bring your own can. # Lanzo's Record Breaker featured.
Two pages on twin-engined jobs from Dave Scott. # Definitive piece on spark
engines from Eric Clutton. Magic! # Insurance policy is spelt out. # What's
On now well organized by Dick Hardwick.

May, 1982. (24 pages, plus supplement. Rubber really takes off). # Cover,
young Bob Copland with GB). Reminisces from 1934 to present day. # Feature
plan, Copland 1936 Wakefield. # Mike Kemp specifies all the Wakefield rules
from 1927 onwards, plus all the winners. # Jack Humphries on compressed air.
Jackdaw trimming tips from Peter Michel. # Cement Squeezer on tissue sub-
stitutes. Recommends stuff for making artificial flowers. # Dave Goodwin extols
the Dave Stapleton custom-made rubber winder. # Encounters describes Fred
Rogerson's 1935 Bipe Wake. # Wakes by Jossien and Light featured in pull-
out supplement. # Our editor reintroduces some vintage Hangar One comments
on who's doing what. Plus news of Eric Pritchard on tape. Great stuff, Dave!

June, 1982. (24 pages in the now regular format). # Cover, Ken Tansley
launching Ohlsson 23 duration job. # Inside cover tells all about illegal
retrieval from Motorways. # Page Three Italian job. Or is it French?
Rubber Column No.3 has Mike Kemp reporting on Chobham, plus facts and figures
on rubber strip. Lots of advice for novice and expert alike. # Mike Beech
remembers the Flaming Ptero - explosive stuff about rocket power. # Odiham
spring gala reported, with Keith Miller's vintage Wake comp. won by Michel's
Isin. # Ebling's Contest Winner is centre paged. # Don Read gives a defin-
itive piece on 1911 model building from publishers Cassell & Co. # Tony
Brookes defends the diesel against Eric Clutton. # SAM 35 now boasts more than
400 members, and more still coming in...

August, 1982. (28 pages of excellent quality in the good old knockabout
Hangar One style. No.8 stamped inside rear cover - so it must be August!).
Cover, Leo S.Hornsby with Bowden-influenced FF sparker. # Don the Bulk says
get your bobbins from Singer shops. # Feature on Steve Kowalik's Miss Dela-
ware, 1936. # G.T.Bushell on electric flight. # DB recommends a national
register of engines. # Cement Squeezer on lack of safety at Chobham after
getting a Frog in the throat. # Frank Shepherd gives DB some stick over lack
of dating in the mag. Otherwise, he is enchanted. # News of the first
Scottish vintage meeting. Well done, Bruce Duncan!

September, 1982. (28 pages, this time all numbered by typewriter. Marked
No.9. Step by step improvement). Cover, Rupert Moore, with obituary by

Alex Imrie on Pages 2 and 3. # Bowden's Midget reappears with Ernst Schlacter in Switzerland. Goes in box 24in. X 6in. X 4in. # Rubber Column No.6 starts the great debate: Did Fillon's 1937 Wakefield wallow? All you need to know about rubber lubricants. # Nice three-views for Quaker, Cavalier, Bombshell, and San de Hogan. # Dan Bunch's Scorpion Major featured. # Anon tells all about Ellila's 1949 Wakefield winner. # Geoff Clarke on unbelievable 1909 battery power. SAM 35 is reliving the past in a very lively present.

October, 1982. (28 pages, with No.10 on the back page). # Cover, Ron Warring in speedboat. # Encounters is promoted to Page 3 for the first time. Geoff and Mike Kemp together formed the core of SAM 35 Speaks with their significant contributions throughout most of this year. # Old Warden report. Very windy. Only SAM flew FF, and most of those were rubber jobs. # Featured, Fiske Hanley's 1937 Texaco Winner. # Two whole pages of Hangar One snippets. The best, a puncture repair outfit for airwheels. # Jack Spain tells us he can't chase FF due to poor health. Doesn't stop him riding his moped to Old Warden - from Dundee! # Dick Hardwick comes up with a SAM 35 Safety Policy. Should be re-issued at the start of every season. How about it?

November, 1982. (32 pages tightly packed with much material. Marked No.11). Cover, Howard Boys. # Rubber Column promoted to Page 3. Rules, lubricants, letters, reports, and motors. # Frank Shepherd suggests that modellers, rather than the model, are responsible for the Wallowing Wakefield syndrome. # Four pages of analysis on nine sports power jobs by Anon, but methinks Geoff Clarke's pen is in there somewhere. # A picture quiz! # Cement Squeezer really blasts lax safety at Old Warden. Hooray! # Featured, Francis Tlush's 1936 Texaco Winner. # Two new subjects appear - FF Scale and Radio Assist. And about time, too. # Encounters goes Frog crazy on kits and motors.

December, 1982. (52 pages for our Christmas hols. Was this the biggest SAM 35 Speaks of all time?). # Cover, C.A.Rippon, with an antique rubber pusher. # Nice piece by N.H. on Rip inside the cover. # Shock horror! Cartoon of Don the Bulk and wife in bed together. Under bed - stacks of dope, tissue, 10 B.A. nuts, fuel, and balsa. Cartoon by Bulk daughter Lizzie. # Advert for SAM 35 Yearbook No.1. # Two pages on Terry King's excellent plans service. # Featured, Bob Jeffery's Standby, 1938. # Quote from DB: Safe Flying is no accident! Nice one. # First of the Earl Stahl rubber scale plans gets four full pages. # Ramon Alban (that's me, folks!) reports on the first national exhibition by SAM 35. Months of organization, and 230 models. A great achievement by SAMlanders in the Eastern Region, Shefford. # Rubber Column No.9 has nine pages on freewheels, authenticity, winter projects, and a definitive letter from G.W.W.Harris. All great stuff. # Centre spread from Shefford. Excellent repro quality. # Four pages of vintage Geoff Clarke. Where does he find it all? The best bit - his excursion into the world of rubber power, and the alchemy required to get his motors lubricated. Stirring stuff! # Mike Beech tells us how to run old engines. # A glider plan - not the first, but rare in SAM 35 Speaks - the Vagabond, by D.C.Butler, 1944. # A couple of nice letters, one from Leo Hornsby. # Another photo quiz, and a list of newly-available plans from Hangar One.

So ends 1982 and this review of the first four years of SAM 35 journals. In that time, they grew from a single A4 page to a 52-page bumper edition. Thirty-two publications in all - and I defy anyone to find more than 1 per cent. duplication. Now then. Who's for a review of 1983-1985?

Ramon Alban

B U T W A I T ! (Continued from previous page).

It always happens that when you dig into a particular subject, as Ramon has so enthusiastically done, you come up with information you didn't even know about. As word got around that Ramon was researching the hitherto uncharted seas of early SAM 35 publications, and had, in fact, written the definitive piece on the subject, other even earlier news sheets emerged from the library shelves of his aeromodelling friends. We now, as they say in all the best corrections and apologies, hasten to put the record straight...

First publication of "SAME" (SAM, England), undated, Circa April 1979. (Two sheets of A4). # Heading is a spot-the-tailplane competition - with no prizes! # Featured: Miss Philadelphia IV, with 1 : 6 reduced plan on second sheet. # Talk about its designer, Maxwell Bassett and his rival, Joe Kovel. # Story of Miss Philly's 180-mile, 2½-hour flight across three States. # Hint of the Month: If your rubber bunches at the back, build a canard! # Meetings calendar has the earliest know date - May 6, 1979.

SAM Speaks, undated, Circa July, 1980. Must be issue No.2. (Three sheets of A4, single sided). Feature plan: Harty Shames Draftee, 1940, with claim of 2½ minutes from a 12 second engine run. # Second feature: James Tanerey's chuckie - good for over 24 minutes. Baker and Welch flew this at Fairlop. # Tony Brookes writes "Bring Back Wakefields". (He clearly had a crystal ball!). Theme of article: that modern Wakes need engineering, rather than aeromodelling, skills. # Geoff Clarke sends the word that Michael's Models has Trexlers!



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