

SAM 35 SPEAKS

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Samland scenery in 1983..

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In SAM 35's Yearbook No.4, I traced the history of SAM 35 Speaks from its first appearance in 1978 (booted from the rear of David Baker's car), through the first real magazine published by the late Ben Buckle in 1981, and on to Dave's reprise in 1981, when the character of the publication gelled into its now familiar form. With Dave still in the hot seat at the start of 1983, I continue my journey through the back numbers of Speaks. Readers in possession of these gems are fortunate indeed and are strongly recommended to read them over and over again, for I guarantee that you will not have remembered much more than a balsa shaving of their content. For those who joined to late to obtain these editions, you have my sympathy - but such is the spirit of SAM 35 that I confidently predict that someone will be willing to lend you their treasured copies. (But not for keeps!). Here we go, then, with 1983...

January, 1983. (60 pages identified by January on the rear cover and 1983 in the diary section!). The cover has Reg. Parham roggng his own Wakefield stream-liner in classic pose, followed inside by a potted auto-biography, 1926-61.... Editor Dave Baker shells out pats on the back for all his helpers and SAM doers

using a letter from Tony Marshall to good effect....Don the Bulk has a serious go at the hoarders who use SAM's good name to feather their own collections. Good on yer, Don!....Frank Shepherd identifies with words and pictures 12 pre-1951 designs still available in kits in 1983. (He missed the KK Gipsy!)....Rubber Column No.10 reports in detail the "Wet Watton Wake Do". John Godden won but nobody fully maxed out in the monsoon. Fillon's Wake wallows on - with Mike's analysis as to why. (And more to come from Frank later)....John Pond fully describes Joe Weathers's Tubby, complete with plan....Mike Whittard spells out the SAM 35 RC comp rules....The second Earl Stahl full-size plan appears, the Vultee Vanguard, and the first competition for these models is flagged for Old Warden....Centre-page four-photo spread includes the Shefford Show Committee! (I was much smaller in those days, but D.H. is still a midget)....The Caterpillar Joke gets an airing ("you won't get me up in one of those things!" - remember?)....Frank tries to un-wallow the Fillon '37 Wake again....Miss Trenton III is fully detailed on plan....Cement Squeezer (see me and I'll whisper who he is!) blames model shop closures on the private trade growth within our happy hobby and also advocates beachcombing in rubbish skips to uncover old engines....In Encounters, Geoff Clarke describes Solarbo's attempts to reconstitute balsa sawdust into balsa wood, and he also hasn't quite figured out pre-tensioning yet....GC also scoops the 1982 M.E.E. and SAM 35's second attempt at stealing the show....Finally, Bob Wells challenges Samlanders to design their own pre-1954 rules Wakefield and rounds off with good advice on how to pack in the turns.

February, 1983. (32 pages identified with February on the rear cover). Front cover has a youthful chairman, Vic Dubery, launching his Wild Goose Wakefield, and on the inside giving us a personal history of his career with real and model aeroplanes....Don the Bulk announces the arrival of the P.A.W.29 and some black and gold Darts for a tenner....Blip! Blip! An article from Geoff Garlick explains fast-slowmotor control with rudder and only one servo, and why it was all necessary to prevent him and a Tomboy being eaten by tigers at Blackpool zoo!....The third Earl Stahl plan is a Caudron Cyclone....Letters to Speaks reveal Ron Warring praising the first Yearbook, just published, in glowing terms....Bill Lunn puts together an interesting piece on Rippon, his life and times, and Wattie, and Pritchard, and Northern Heights, and Fairlop, and Halton, and, and....Sam Wright tells us of his extraordinary feat of redrawing a much-loved glider from memory, 50 years after he built it....Jack Spain in a long letter tells us about his view of the hobby from up there in Scotland and how we must be faithful to the original design and the designer's methods... Toughy, a gas job, is featured as the centrefold....Rubber Column No.11 celebrates its first birthday with a selection of nice 'n nasty letters. A Chobham bash gets a good report with Don Bulk's Rogerson Bipe Wake taking pride of place on the climb. Your scribe gets three mentions in the cruise section of the column, and the motor runs down with a bunch of noseblock drawings and a set of Wakefield rules, past, present, and proposed....Bruce Duncan tells us how to balance props....

March/April, 1983. (52 pages for this combined issue, overcoming slight editorial hiccup. Identified March/April on rear cover)....Joe Beshar is featured on the front cover with an introduction by Dave Baker on the inside....The Old Ford pub in deepest Surrey is revealed as a subversive meeting place for Samlanders who otherwise only surface at Chobham....Fully detailed plan of H.F. Nott's Dunelt for RTP is featured....Bad news for politics as Ron Moulton, Peter Michel, and Alex Ieric slog it out over authenticity and the much-reviewed Yearbook No.1)....Anon. columnist makes his entrance with Glossy Dopy, his theme being the SAM glitterati....Bill Atwood's California Champ is featured and fully described, along with a biography of the designer....Bruce Abel tells us how to build and fly Copland's 1948 Wakefield....Peter Michel has rediscovered balsa cement. (After his cardboard ribs, he'll come back to bals soon!)....Rubber Column No.12 has got to be the most needed article in the hobby - HOW

TO CARVE A PROP! - plus improving thrust bearings with drawing pins, and the unanswered question: Why do models get put under the umbrella while the sandwiches get wet? Jumpin' Jive lightweight folder is featured...The Cement Squeezer is on about parking and entrance fees for the ME being more than he spends annually on balsa. He is not very complimentary about the show, either... Geoff Clarke is back with Encounters, making French noises about Oomph, Fluff,

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and Micron. Fortunately he repents and describes nocturnal trimming sessions for rubber models. (I knew he was a sensible lad really!)...Half a page of wants and swaps reveals Harry Timms looking for a 2.49cc radial crankcase... The Condor petrol model is featured...Dennis Fairlie surfaces with a nice letter about SAM 35, the magazine, the yearbook, and his potted history... Swiss notes from Ernst Schliacter show some useful hints and tips for converted cuckoo clock modellers...Tony Penhall puts together a full feature article on A.E.Brooks's Comet II...1937 Flying Aces describes the "English aeromodeller personified" as none other than D.A.Russell and his 14lb. gas job!...In disguise, G.C. brings up the rear with detailed reports of recent Chobham meetings. He laments the passing of Biggleswade and praises Bert Judge's integral prop and spinner-carving skills.

May, 1983. (48 pages identified by May on the rear cover)...Front cover features a vintage group photograph with an old motor car, and five aeronauts (Brian Walker being one of them) with four planes - a Flying Minutes, an Isis, a Sunnavind, and a Mick Farthing...Inside, we have the first inkling of a new magazine title, SAM 35 Spoke as John White bashes the organization for his missing or late copies...Peter Montgomery has a Blast Off at everything in a new article which is mostly potted history. He praises the Axis powers for coming second in World War II, so boosting his pursuit of the hobby...Tail First is a gas-powered canard by Alfred Rubin and is featured on two plans... Our Cement Squeezer is all gummed up about bits missing from his February

article and reasons that the real purpose of the 1981-82 Sir Ranulf Ffynes Trans-Globe Expedition was to find an alternative site to Barkston and also to find a model shop still selling free-flight goodies....Peter Harvey advertised the SAM 35 RC fly-in at the Henlow Show (but he was not to know that the wind would blow it away on the day)....Ford's Glider FJ9, by Ford and Johnson, is featured as a plan....Encounters by GC seems to be genuinely competing with the Rubber Column, now featuring a plan of a French wind-up job. But he soon reverts to type, telling all the lowdown on Kalper motors. He closes with the still-birth of the KK Brigand....Mike Beach rises to the surface with a new way of sub-defining vintage as "classic" by using all original materials, motors, methods, etc.(Alex can be founder member!)....P.D.M. reviews some of the excellent plans available semi-commercially from Terry King. His spotlight fell on Parham's Wake, the Fairy Facula, and Copland's streamliner....Alex Iarrie explains what happened regarding the erstwhile Haggart Trophy and implores all to enter - next time!...GC comes back again with a review of Model Aircraft plans including Standings's Smoothie, Capon's Krusader, Harris's Wake, Hinks's Simon, and a dozen more - phew!...Doug Hunt comes out of the hangar to persuade Samlanders to go back indoors with him, suggesting KK/Veron rubber scale, miniwakes, and Co2 mini replicas as suitable subjects....A twin rubber-powered Class D plan, the Twinster, heads up the rubber column, but with no explanatory text. Mike probably took fright! However, he does chronicle the Odiham spring gala, naming virtually everybody on the field. We are treated to a beginner's "how-to" on building a first Wake, in this case a KK Gipsy. (Essential reading, even for today's experts!). Mike extols the need not to

build Wakes too light, as it seems better to have a strong (enough) model than to put in ballast. Absolutely unmissable is the piece on bobbins and hooks which should be mandatory reading for all tyros. Finally, slotted winding tubes are reviewed again....Dick Hardwick explains SAM USA membership arrangements and also wants everyone to turn up at the UK Nats. (It was another wet one!)...Earl Stahl's Curtis P-40d plan is featured in full....Finally, Dennis Fairlee speculates, to no avail, as to how Walter Getsla built the fuselage of his 1934 Wakefield entry....So ends one of the most densely-packed SAM 35 Speaks produced to date!

June, 1983. (48 pages identified by June on the rear cover)....Front cover has Eric Pritchard in his Holloway Road model shop in 1947 accompanied by a young boy. (The boy, Dennis Spicer, never returned to aeromodelling after his youth, but became a world expert on electron beam technology, being feted internationally for his innovative skills. I know - he, too, worked for Texas Instruments!...Inside, we have the Eric Pritchard story....Don the Bulk is cartooned sleeping on modelling supplies, and also tells of goodies yet to come on to the engine market.... MJC (who he?) reminisces about the KK Minimoa and his novel approach to obtaining a perfectly straight tow, many hours of happy flying, and (eventually) a Viking funeral....Dross and its relevant meanings is discussed again by those worthy aeronautical scribes Michel and Moulton. (It was all great fun at the time, watching the ruffled feathers)....Another Earl Stahl plan is featured, this time the Hawker Hurricane....Cement Squeezer bemoans the current anomalies occurring on the vintage scene, from beefed-up structures to the use of modern engines, but Jack Frost gets a pat on the back for the authenticity of his Miss Farnborough....The Rubber Column reviews the first of the now-famous Woodbury meetings and there are jottings on the Nationals....All the flying scale models of Harold Towner are listed with brief descriptions...P.D.M. describes the fun of the "Great 1983 Nationals Scramble" which was won with a leisurely flyaway by Bob Hodgkins's Peerless Panther, D.B. coming second with a great deal of huff 'n puff, just like the rest of us! The rubber brigade found in this contest that you can't run and wind at the same time, but yours truly did come fifth (and top in rubber) with the good old KK Gipsy....We are treated to a full tabulation of the M.A.N. 1941 Model Airplane Engine Directory for 1941....MJC comes back again with reflections on Frog Engines, kits

and snippets from his past. (Who IS he?)...Bob Long's Cabin Model is featured in words and drawings...Mike Whittard reviews the RC vintage events run at the FF Nats which were totally shaded by Peter Michel's winning flight in the Brigadier event of over 11 minutes made (disarmingly) between rounds in the SMAE Vintage competition...GC Encounters the vintage glider scene from the French angle (what else?) before reverting to some general comments on the

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most recent M.E. Exhibition....Bill Winter's 23 Sportster is featured in plan form but with full-size parts....John White claims that SAM stands for Streatham AeroModellers and then continues with a nice piece about his earlier days with that club and its heroes, and flying indoors at the Ice Rink. (Thinks: They probably did RoI!)...Some Bozo calling himself Beltan Braces reports on the Warminster DMG vintage meeting and how a Red Zephyr collided with the control tower....Finally, a pair of Hardwicks tell of the memories from the 1983 Nats, the best bit being how Mario Gandolfi's fuel can demounted a speeding FF cyclist who remonstrated with an entirely innocent Norman Lane, standing nearby. The cyclist claimed that Norman had punctured his tyre and Norman laconically pointed out that the fuel can looked a bit sick, too!

July, 1983. (44 pages identified by July on the back cover)...Front cover pictures the great Sal Taibi, Hall-of-Famer Unsurpassed!...Inside, Bob Hickey tells of this year's Chobham Picnic, and opposite...Bill Winter's first gas model plan, Old Square Sides, is featured in words and music....Cute advertisement for a FF comp. sec., and a note from our late chairman, Vic Dubery, with the AGM voting preliminaries....John Pond wades across the Atlantic with a big feature on Ben Shereshaw's Cavalier, and the man himself....

(Editor's note: All this is proving extremely difficult to type because I can't resist diving back myself into my bound 1983 volume!)

....more French Encounters from GC, ending with the man responsible for the Curry Mills....The Skipper pylon model from a Piecan plan is featured....and Jetex gets its first serious airing in Speaks with two contributors looking for expansive support. (Well done lads - it turned out well!)....This month's Earl Stahl is the ME 109, fully detailed....a really ancient bird spreads its wings across six pages, the Twin Screw Racing Monoplane, extracted from an unspecified journal. But it's all there for the prospective builder, even down to a parts list....Our Rubber Columnist concentrates on letters from Norman Peacock and Jack Spain on noseblocks, an unbelievably complex knot from GC, square winding tubes from Tony Brookes, Fred Chapman's emergence after 30 years in the wilderness and Vic Dubery's winding techniques which put over 900 turns on his Judge FAI motor. Vic's conclusion: "If you are having problems, you are not putting enough turns on." (Thanks, Vic!)....The Cement Squeezer is stuck up about members' behaviour at Odiham and Cardington and gives a useful tip on how to align lots of little Xeroxs taken from a bigger plan....Five pages of plans for the Seversky P-35, the RD20 (an Italian power job), an Italian glider (the Falchetto), Thracy Petrides' Privateer (two plates) and two more Italian designs for rubber and power....Bill Archer describes how a developing motor bunch in his Parastar caused it to have a mighty tumble when the tailplane LE was lifted some 1/4in. Then PDM tells of a similar problem when a fly caused him to drop a flight when it became trapped under the TE of his Wake. The model survived but the fly was damaged beyond repair....As if to rub it in, the last plan to be featured in an action-packed edition is the Sky Louse which looks much like a Flying Flea to me!

August, 1983. (44 pages identified by August on the rear cover)....Chet Bukowski graces the front cover apparently eating a folding propeller, and inside there is a glowing report on Chet who is described as "made from Grade A balsa"!John Pond reviews the KGI from 1935 and discusses design and designer.... The Bulk comes up with a second-hand tip from Norman Lane that disposable razors

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will yield super little blades for tissue/silk trimming....PDM reports on the Shuttleworth bash which had glorious weather, a strong turn-out, and a thunderstorm which coincided with tea time! Cruiser Pups dominated the day with the odd interruption from my mini-Wakes....John Lawson sparks some interest in electric free flight with a good how-to, what-to, and what-not-to article.... Roberto Marzoli writes in from Italy to tell us about his love of Yearbook No.1.The Squeezer meanders through Page 11 declaring that only two Samlanders have complied with his order to wear name badges, and how this longtime lapse led to over five years of wonderful friendship with a man whose name he never got to know until after his untimely death. He closes with a double-barralled blast at the 19 shilling Aeromodeller which, he says, is fit only for hanging in his outhouse. (Blimey!)....The Spitfire is the subject of this month's Earl Stahl plan....New member Albert Hatfull is welcomed by GC who continues his Encounter offering with an analysis of repro. diesels....A 1941 Pacer plan by Sal Taibi claims a double page....Laurie Barr comes back outdoors to advise on

Vansteed problems and a never-fail knot for lubed rubber....Derek Ridley arrives on the scene to glide us through a list of still-available plans and kits in his first fowline column. We also have a 1949 Warring Contest glider

plan....Next a milestone in SAM 35 Speaks history - the first Flying Faces cartoon by Les Hoy. This is a remarkable likeness of Dave Baker, all shorts and bare chest....Beltan Braces again, on the Romanway vintage fly-in, this time the highlight being an Anderson Spitfire-powered KK Falcon belonging to Geoff Goldsmith....Full working drawing, no less, of a 6cc Atom Minor, followed by a repro article on how sparkies work....Ken Jones tells us about his affection for Rippon's George, with plans and a "how-to" article....The Bulk went on a three-legged journey to the home of Performance Kits Supremo Peter Fisher and reports on the I.O.M. vintage bash, highlighted by a lack of free flight natives.... PDM tells us anonymously about the pop-up wing DT method and how to avoid its inherent broken prop hazard....Rubber Column 16 has a lot to answer for! Mike introduces to wide exposure Bob Bienenstein's Challenger, the model which has



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all but eliminated vintage Wakefields from the winners rostrums at SMAE vintage events. Prop strengthening is advocated by the use of laminated bamboo strips on the edge of the blade. Lastly, it seems that Mike Kemp's wife's bees are likened to the majority of SAM members because they too only come out in warm weather....Bill Weather's Miss San Diego gas job and van Hattum's Century glider plans are aired, just prior to....a glowing obituary to our good friend and still sadly-missed colleague Norman Lane who, it seems, was known by everybody for his anonymity. A true vintage modeller with more listen than talk. How rare are they?

September, 1983. (44 pages indentified with September on the back cover).... Bill Lunn is pictured on the front, holding a diesel-powered free flighter, and inside there is an appreciation of the man and his "extraordinary modelling career" by Eric Pritchard. It seems that Bill was among the first to acquire personal motor transport which became so crowded that he could hardly navigate to the rallies....Mike Beach tells us about the possible birth of the Brooklands/SAM 35 museum for model aircraft. Editor DB is also busily canvassing support... Towline continues its series with Derek Ridley putting together his initial

thoughts on vintage glider comps and proposed rules. He features the Javelin by Jessop, the Fugitive by Butler, and the Zephyr by Catten, plus a plan of Canadian champion Jim Jenson's towline glider....This month's Flying Faces caricature by Les Hoy is of evergreen Sid Sutherland flying his Hornet by wireless....SAM 35's constitution was published separately with this issue, and we see the agenda for the upcoming AGM at Hendon RAF Museum....The Stofer-Super Contest power model by Harold Stofer is featured, claiming a 1,200ft/min. climb....Doug Hunt announces a SAM/SMAE indoor extravaganza at Derby....Tensioning rubber motors is the main feature of Rubber Column No.17, this being preceded by a description of eight Chobham flyers sheltering under one fishing umbrella on a bad day in Surrey. Model of the month is the 400sq.in. Flamingo, by Claud McCullough. (They could have sheltered under that, too!). Mike devotes four pages to results and comments from the 1983 MAP Vintage Day. The Achilles, Rupert Moore, Earl Stahl, C.A.Rippon, Chobham Trophy, and Danny Shields events were all very well supported and provided good copy....The Earl Stahl plan this month is the Curtiss Scout XS03 C-1, and a scale drawing is also provided....John Blagg chips in with his own report on scale events at Vintage Day at which he found to his horror that he was also CD for the event. (Communication was always our strong point!)...Two pages of letters appear under the banner "Slipstreams", the main piece coming from Mike Barton who thinks SAM 35 is wonderful....Ron Prentice circles in for his first control-line column, following some telephonic skulduggery by the editor. Ron's theme is, "If it goes round, write about it!"...Encounters is on the trail of the KK Rover and its ephemeral appearance as a kit in 1947. It seems that this model suffered from lack of sales over the counter. GC also extols the virtues of the Earl Stahl range of designs, with the exception of having to make canopies which required him to crouch over a 2kw. electric fire for an afternoon in the middle of the 1983 heatwave. (You see, I told you he was a sensible lad, really!...The Bulk has solved the Trexler availability problem by making his own lightweight wheels from those foam practice balls in the sports shops....Miss Philadelphia VI by Maxwell Bassett is the plan featured by John Pond together with a backup article....This issue wraps up with a Tail Piece of chat from DB. I like the bit about the guy who wrote to Dave requesting 40 full-size plans and even more free Xerox's from the "plans bank". (I expect he was planning to open his own branch office!)).

...IN WHICH MARIO GANDOLFI SAM-
PLES THE DELIGHTS OF CHATEAU
DIESEL AND JOHN O'DONNELL
TOYS WITH A WARNEFORD...

November, 1983. (No magazine was published in October. This 44 page issue is identified with November on the rear cover)....A 1929 sepiä front cover picture is of Pelly-Fry and Van Hattum snapped by Dennis Fairlie (probably) at Wimbledon...Inside, a definitive piece of reminiscing by J.P.F. himself.... Peter Harvey appears in print for the first time, reporting on the SMAE South Midlands area rally at Old Warden....Phil Smith advertises his vintage plans service and Tony Brookes his computerised airfoil directory. (Ancient and Modern living together!)...The Earl Stahl offering this month is the N.A.Mustang, fully detailed....Vic Dubery gives us a rundown on Brooklands, the world's first real aerodrome....Co2 rules for vintage miniatures are set down by an unknown contributor....Control-line column No.2 mentions Les Duffy for the first time in our journal, and between them they expose something called G-line control. We also get a plan for the little Rocket speed job designed by

J.L.Sadler...Don the Bulk comes up with a really great idea of emulating the one-design idea from the RC camp. He chooses Sai Taibi's Cadet as the subject for this jolly romp. (Why a great idea? Well, I already had one built and trimmed!). There is also a plan of the Cadet....John Pond's historical aircraft this month is the Buccaneer by Bill Effinger, and he treats us to a full biopic of the man, describing him as "most controversial"...How time flies. Here we have the advertisement for Yearbook No.2...The Rolls Royce vintage fly-in is reported by Alan Walker. Another brilliant day, it seems, with the sky full of balsa from start to finish....Les Hoy's Flying Faces this month is Mario Gandolfi, about to take a sip from a bottle of Chateau Diesel.... Slipstreams comes by again, airing all our views, one in particular from Peter Miller who still has some DROSS (Dedicated Readers of Sam Speaks) lapel badges and stickers for sale....Performance Kits announce their P.K. F-80, a snip at 13 quid!...The Frog Vanda is a feature of the Towline column this month, along with Derek Ridley's comment that his mailbag is growing apace....Page 24 has this picture of a guy in Washington with a glut of models in his workshop, all unfinished! Do you know anyone like this?...The Squeezer thanks everybody in sight for running comps and things at Vintage Day. He also describes J.O'D. playing with a Warneford and speculates on whether it will have VIT, etc.,



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next year...Peter Hill comes up with an ancient little jigger called the Firefly from a 1927 Model Engineer Review. It's all birch and wire and has a warp factor of about six!...GC attended the Southern Gala at Odiham and describes his Encounters with the many delights of that breezy day. He was most impressed with the latest Gandolfi rendering, a 78in. Dragonfly, but the showstopper was Derek Ridley's Sunbug. His Stop Press contains news of three sticks of TNT found at Chobham...Rubber Column No.18 highlights the tensioning of motors in various ways, a report on the Wakefield contest at Odiham, and much more including a sale of digital counters for winders...Our chairman, Vic Dubery, writes a full report of the AGM at Hendon, highlighted by the best-

ever attendance....Frank Gardner offers himself as a hub for all things Jetex and spells out his plans for manufacturing the hardware again....Finally, the sad tale of Maxwell Bassett contacting the wrong David Baker by telephone at 6.30am after four days of unsuccessful research with Directory Inquiries. Shame on them. We all thow there is only one DB!

December, 1983. (60 pages identified by December on the rear cover, equalling the largest magazine to date)....Eddie Riding is pictured on the front cover with his electric powered Sunderland, and is featured inside by part of an article lifted from the up-coming Yearbook No.2...Contro-line column No.3 has extracts from the many letters received by Ron Prentice. One in particular, from Ray Gordon, tells a dog-chases-model tale. Slow model, not fast dog! He also details a mechanical launching stooze. Plan of the month is the famous Arkansas Traveller by H.A.Thomas....Peter Dillon and his Dupont Winner are historically analysed by John Pond. He flew Paaload with batteries making up the load...Towline gathers lots of practical information on popular designs and sets them down for comparison. As a bonus, seven plans are shown - the Fighter Glider, the Thermics 50 and 72, the Trooper, the Floater, the Roma, and the Gili Chopper....Andy Brough tells us about a 1937 own-design sparky by a Mr. Innes and how it was reproduced by his son John in 1982...Letter of the month has to be the one from Dave Hipperson who renewed his subs with £2 extra "because the fees are too small"! (£5 would have brought him a seat on the committee, and for £10, who knows?)....Howard Boys's Indoor Tailless model is reproduced in good detail....Allan Schanzle decries the use of epoxy and many other things. His Real Modellers are described in full and amusing detail....The Hornet C gas engine is featured with full working drawings.... Don Knight is this month's Flying Face, nicely caricatured, flying and selling at the same time!....The 1934 Wakefield event at Warwick is remembered by reproducing the rules and details of the competition that year, and previewing the anniversary event in 1984...The Cement Squeezer sniffs out the new editor of the Aeromodeller, Peter Freebroy, and how the job equates to those of the England soccer manager or the Chancellor of the Exchequer...The centrefold is a wonderful Northern Heights photograph of a group containing several SAM 35 members - Copland and Tansley, to name but two...Ellila's 1950 Wakefield winner is featured in the Rubber Column with a plan, followed by a run-down of letters received on joining lubricated rubber and another from Dave Hipperson on the subject of rules (both knotty problems!). Mick Farthing's double-blade folder lightweight is featured, followed by a bunch of other comments from avid readers!....Don the Bulk comments that as he gets older, his models seem to go farther downwind and end in taller trees....Danny Sheelds tells us a true tale of the "up and up" thermal he caught when a mere lad of 16 which took his chuckie OOS upwards along with friend Bill Saunders's model, too. Forty minutes later a complete cornstalk descended from the same thermal, but the models were never seen again...Two A-frame pushers, the Vulture and the Bluebird, are reproduced from "real" blueprints with full construction details....The variety in this issue is truly admirable.

So ends my review of SAM 35 Speaks for 1983...476 pages of sheer delight from the remarkable inhabitant of Hangar One, David Baker, who somehow managed to encapsulate the spirit of vintage modelling in every printed word. Not possible, of course, without the worthy contributors in their specialist fields, but none of it could have happened without the spark plug himself. As I have already mentioned, these earlier magazines should be re-read time and time again to extract their full value. Writing this article has been a rewarding experience for me, if not extremely time-consuming. I hope the effort has been justified by bringing you, our readers, the flavour of of 1983.