



SALINAS AREA MODELERS INC.

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Salinas Area Modelers (SAM) exists to provide a convenient and safe location to participate in the hobby/sport of radio control model aviation. We are an AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) chartered organization. This relationship provides the necessary insurance for us as a club. Insurance is also provided to our members, as well as guest flyers, since each must possess proof of AMA membership, and insurance is provided to each of its members by the AMA.

As an AMA chartered club we are obligated to abide by the AMA safety code (attached) which is widely recognized as the driving force behind a hobby/sport that has enjoyed an excellent safety record. There has been a lot in the news lately concerning drones being flown by individuals that have been sighted near full scale aircraft. Because of such occurrences the AMA is working very closely with the FAA to address this situation. The FAA definition of a drone has placed any aircraft piloted remotely in that category. Therefore our pilots must register with the FAA as outlined in the FAA rule making that became effective in December, 2015, and also must follow the FAA guidelines which very closely parallel the AMA Safety Code. The FAA guidelines are still a work in progress and the thinking is that when the dust settles, the FAA will recognize the AMA as a “community based organization” and will allow the AMA to govern its own members.

SAM caters to flyers of all ages and strongly encourages youth membership. Our membership includes ages from 12 to 85. We have hosted events with Cub Scout troops, 4H groups and the Explorer group of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association). Some of our members have gone to schools and presented programs. The youth that do belong to the club are strongly supported by the parents, and as you can see, that is must if they are to participate since aircraft must be transported to the flying site, and you can't do that on a bicycle! Members even volunteer to pick up the underage members with parental permission.

Should also mention we don't sexually discriminate. We have one female member and would like to have more.

We are a registered non-profit 501 (c) (7) organization.