



2017 SAM Champs October 23-27, 2017

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Mark these dates on your calendar—the SAM Champs will be back in Boulder City Nevada on El Dorado Dry Lake. We will fly the full slate of SAM Rulebook events from Monday October 23 through Friday October 27, 2017. We'll also fly some Nostalgia Gas and Rubber events the first three days of the Champs. We have an excellent on field and registration team in Ed Hamler, RC CD, Ted Firster, FF CD and Dave Meriwether, Registrar.

We are going to both simplify and amplify the SAM Champs this year. We will not have a headquarters hotel. We are trying to give back to Boulder City for all the help local merchants have given us in the past, and there are several local hotels and motels in Boulder City. We'll publish a list of them. The chance to socialize in the evening with your fellow contestants is a big part of the Champs for a lot of us. We'll have a "target" restaurant in Boulder City for each night of the Champs. You can expect to find a bunch of your fellow contestants at the "target" restaurant on that night.

We'll have the concours d'elegance, a membership meeting and a swap meet one night during the week. The traditional awards banquet will be held on Friday night in a banquet facility in Boulder City.

We will not have a model of the year event for the 2017 Champs. Instead we will have a Managers and CD's choice for the best model in each of four categories, as well as the traditional Championship awards.

2017 is the 49th annual SAM Champs, so I had artist Dawn Burrows draw up a Champs logo using a WW II style squadron patch. Polo shirts, hats and tee shirts will be available with that squadron patch. So come on down and join the fun at Boulder City in October, 2017.