



Thrustline

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Welcome to another year of Flying and Fun. Due to an "OOPs" (We all know what that means!) this newsletter will be a combined January and February. So lets see what has happened.

- 1) The new President for this year is Jeff Joos .
- 2) The new Vice President for this year is Rich Barch.
- 3) The new Secretary for this year is Bob Levy
- 4) The new Treasurer for this year is Joe Ferrara.
- 5) A new Board member is Dave Snyder.
- 6) And lastly, Bernie Zoppa is taking on the duties of the Newsletter Editor.



JEFF JOOS



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NOTE: DUES FOR 2006 MUST BE PAID BY THE FEBRUARY MEETING!!!!

Your Dues can be sent to:

SMAC—Joe Ferrara; 4986 W. Enon Rd; Fairborn, OH 45324

Minutes of SMAC Meeting.January 2006

SMAC meeting Jan.3, 2006

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church ,
North Hampton

Attendance: 27 members

Time Started: 7:30 PM

Time Ended: 8:10 PM

Secretary's report read by Bob Levy. Report accepted as read.

Treasurer's report read by Joe Ferrrara. . Report accepted as read.

President Jeff Joos initiated a discussion regarding raising additional funds by holding more events. Although no motion was offered and no vote taken, the consensus was that we are a flying club and appear to have adequate funds for our usual expenses.

Old business: On the matter of replacing the roller, Bill Cline proposed that renting a roller seemed preferable to buying a new one. He said that he would look into the costs and report back.

New business:

(1) Bernie Zoppa volunteered to serve as newsletter editor. Bernie invited members to contribute articles of interest.

(2) The members voted to keep the SMAC website. **(CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)**

ANNUAL JANUARY FREEZE FLY

On January 1st, many members appeared at the flying field to partake in this annual event. The first thing that was heard by many was " OHH is it COLD!!" (The temperature was 43 degrees). But several of the members did fly and turnout was good.



ALL HAD FUN!!

FLYING YEAR ROUND

(a.k.a. Indoor electric flying)

All club members should know by now that , thanks to Jeff Traub, SMAC has access to the Clark County Community College Basketball court on Friday mornings from 9am to 12 noon. The temperature is great and the comradary is better. Below are some photos of some of the flyers that use this advantage. The only thing that must be considered are the rules. Those that fly at the college are only too willing to inform you. As you may notice in the photos, the aircraft range is from peanut size rubber powered to electric powered foamies. The only time the court is not available is when classes are not in session. Come and enjoy!



Year raffles: Winner of the:

Hand Quilted Airplane Wall Hanging : Neil Perkins

50/50 raffle: 2/3 went to Bruce Heuder



Calendar of Events

NEXT CLUB MEETING

FEBRUARY 7TH

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church

104 E. Clark St (Rte #41)

North Hampton, Ohio

August 26th Electric Fly-in/Fun Fly

Location: SMAC Field, Spence Road

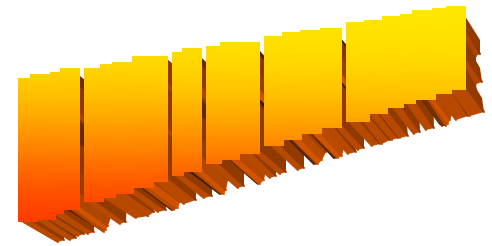
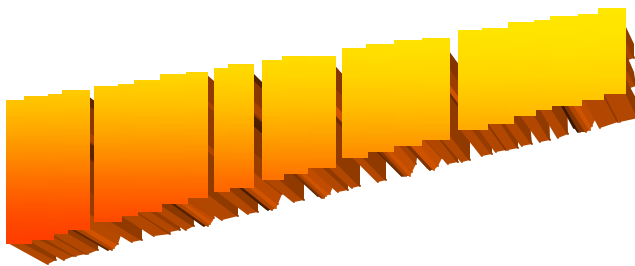
North Hampton, Ohio

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Dan Duibley

Rebecca Duibley

Larry Walls



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(Pictures are Welcome)

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Several members of SMAC or members of their family continue to need your prayers. Pray for those who have Cancer, By-pass surgery, Joint replacement, Major Accident, Loss of a loved one or Reduced level of health. Your kindness with prayers will be rewarded.

HELICOPTER (Whirlybirds)

As you read this article, try to recall back when you were first getting started. If you're not laughing through tears when you finish it, I suggest you read it again. This was written by Jerry Hicks and published in the Feb/Mar '90 issue of Model Helicopter World. I still get tears from laughing so much, after reading it a dozen times. It's priceless!

"HOW HARD CAN IT BE?"... Well, I've decided to make the jump to RC Helicopters. The guy at the hobby shop suggested I learn planes first to learn the basics. Hey, he's talking to a guy who can change two out of six spark plugs in the family wheels in under an hour. He also said that building an RC helicopter requires a great deal of time and patience to assemble properly. He's obviously never spent a pleasant weekend replacing the belt on the family washing machine. I mean, HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

I select my model from his available stock. No messin' around with the little stuff for me. I go right to the top of the line. Mr. Hobby Shop says I should visit the local club and get some pointers from the experienced builders before I start. "It's just nuts and bolts" I tell him, "and I didn't need any help to rotate the tyres on my car either." HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

So, in building the model I discover a few things along the way. For one, the little balls with the hole in the middle are magic. If you drop one on a hard surface, they click when they hit and then disappear, never to be seen again. If you drop one over a carpeted surface, they vaporize before they ever get to the floor. The nuts and most of the washers do the same thing, too.

Let's see now.... The instructions say to track the blades at a hover. NOW what do I do? Think a minute.... A hover is hanging motionless in the air... no forwards, backwards, up, down, or sideways. If I don't have to do any of that, HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

REAL hard! The chopper jumps straight up past eye level and hangs there for a second before taking off across the yard... right towards old man Smith's dog house in HIS backyard. Wouldn't you just know it... the darned thing lost just enough altitude to fly right through the doghouse door! Fortunately, Boomer (old man Smith's dog) wasn't in the house. He saw the thing coming and RAN, right up 'til he reached the end of his 20ft chain. Boy, I'll bet that HURT!

When the noise from in the doghouse quits, I go over to see what's left. I'd have never believed that a 48in. rotor disc would go through a 30in. hole! It gets real easy when the outer half of the blade breaks off against the edge of the

hole. I picked up the remains of the helicopter with the intention of rebuilding, and it didn't look too bad after all. Straighten a little sheet metal, put on a new canopy, main shaft, tail boom, skids, mine blades (maybe I should leave it short-hand a new gyro, ought to just about do it. I should have this done by tonight. After all...

HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

REAL hard! Every last part of this #@X+&A helicopter is either bent, broken, or missing. Even the nuts on the side frames are bent! I couldn't even unscrew 'em from the bolts to take the machine apart. This could take a bit longer than I thought....

Maybe

even a week. Once I get it back together, though, I know what to do. I studied that first flight (as much as I could), and I know what I did wrong. I won't make the same mistake twice, no sir, not me! I'm goanna get help from the club!

When I got the model rebuilt some three weeks later, (it was harder than I thought it's be), I went back to the hobby shop to get the club's address from the guy at the counter, hoping he wouldn't recognize me. When I walked in the door, I saw a customer standing at the counter, peering into an open model helicopter box intently. He was saying "its just nuts and bolts.... How hard can it be?"

Bob Riffle

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\$300 for Plane only

\$500 For Plane, Engine Mounted,
tank,spinner & CUSTOM Exhaust.

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(3) The members voted to hold an electric fun-fly/contest event on Saturday

August 26th .

(4) The members agreed to invite area RC clubs to fly with us in coming summer season. Jeff Joos will communicate with these clubs.

(5) The matter of RC instruction and instructors was briefly discussed.

(6) The club welcomed new member Larry Walls.