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100 YEARS OF POWERED FLIGHT 1903-2003



The Wright Brothers flew 120 feet on December 17, 1903. They wrote to their father that the craft was designed to carry 6 times their weight as a pilot.

Researchers have reviewed the Wright's data and determined that the combined flight time for both brothers was 16 hours.

On August 11, 2003 an RC airplane landed in Ireland. The 2 meter A/C weighed 11 pound when it left St. Johns, Newfoundland. The flight lasted 38 1/2 hours and covered a distance of 1,888 miles. The 10cc engine used 78 oz of Coleman fuel.

Maynard Hill and the TAM (Trans Atlantic Model) team established a new FAI distance record.



SMAC 2003 Highlights

January 1: Freeze fly was like a Spring Day. Several Members Flew A/C.

March 6: Azarr made a presentation on aircraft lighting systems for night flying.

March 14-16: We had a great Mall Show with A/C from \$25 to \$1,000's.

May 2: Several members were Host Judges at the SAE AeroDesign East Competition. 43 Universities were present including Poland and Brazil.

Leased and Seeded additional land. Graveled Drive; a great improvement.

Minutes of SMAC meeting, December 9th, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Club President Clem Schmid. There were approximately 27 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

The report was read by Club Secretary Joe Ferrara. The report was then accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read by Club Treasurer Tom Minnich. The report was then accepted as read. Tom also stated that the Club currently has 79 paid members and the raffle fund stands at \$144.00 as of this date. Additionally, he reported that the November swap meet netted the Club \$945.14.

Old Business

Helicopter Fly-In: The issue is still open, but talks with the Urbana Club continue. Additionally, SMAC has stated that it is willing to re-examine the issue of the Flying Field Cooperative.

Winter Activities: The event is still on at Clark State College to use the gym for an indoor R/C event. The dates are January 5th and January 20th from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Freeze Fly: SMAC's annual freeze fly event is scheduled for 12 noon on January 1, 2004 at the field. The event will be held regardless of the weather.

Swap Meet: The event was held the day after Thanksgiving, was well attended and was a big success. Special thanks go out to Dave Snyder for organizing the event and everyone else who participated and attended.

Mall Show: The annual SMAC model airplane show at the Upper Valley Mall is still on for mid-March and preparations continue. Additionally, the Urbana Club will be invited to participate in the show. Several questions were also raised about inviting the flyers from the reservoir field, but following a discussion on the matter, it was determined that; most of them are not AMA members and with the Mall Show being an Officially Sanctioned Event it will only be open to active AMA clubs and their members.

New Business

Field Marking: Randy Bishop has notified the Club that he will be auctioning off his farm equipment this Saturday (13 Dec 03) and has suggested that we mark off the flying field area so that bidders who are bringing in trucks and such will not park or otherwise disturb our finished runway area. Clem Schmid agreed to be the point of contact for taking care of this activity.

Election: With this being the designated time for the annual Club elections, nominations were made official and then closed. They are:

Board member.....Jim Miller
 Board member.....Neil Perkins
 Secretary.....Joe Ferrara
 Newsletter editor...None
 Vice President.....Bob Levy
 Vice President.....Jeff Traub

Since the only contested office was for Vice-President, Clem Schmid proposed that the candidates for all the other offices be elected by acclamation. The membership agreed to this. The results of the election for Vice-President are: Jeff Traub.....16
 Bob Levy.....6

Jeff Traub was declared the winner and new Vice-President of SMAC with Bob McWilliams

Becoming the new President. The membership then thanked Clem Schmid for his service as president of the Club over the past year.

Prize Drawings: At the conclusion of the meeting, the long awaited cash prize raffle was held and Neil Perkins was the winner of the \$205.00 cash prize. Additionally, two model aircraft kits which were donated by Jim Leonard were also raffled off. Chad South won the LT-25 kit and Clem Schmid won the Kadet Seniorita.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made. The meeting was closed at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted
 By Club Secretary
 Joe Ferrara

Additional 2003 Highlights:

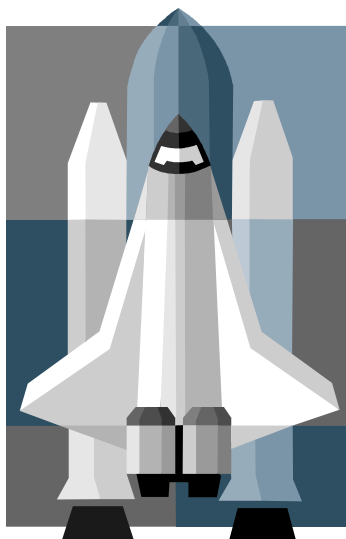
October 11: U-Control Event. Not many flyers; Lots of spectators and free advice.

November 12: Neil Perkins spoke to the Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology and the Instrumentation Society of America. Neil's topic was: **Electric RC Aircraft, tiny power sources and minituration of receivers and servos.**

Azarr hosted a night fly in May. This was a big success as many members showed up with their Aircraft with interesting lighting systems.

November 28: Swap Meet—\$945 net ain't bad. We had lots of help. Thanks to Dave Snyder.

I thank all the Club members who willingly supported the SMAC Events through out the year—Clem Schmid, President 2003.



A/C OF THE MONTH



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Springfield Model Airplane Club

Calendar of Events

January 1, 2004
Freeze Fly at Field—12 Noon

6 January 2004
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41) North Hampton, Ohio

February 3, 2004
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41) North Hampton, Ohio

March 2, 2004
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41) North Hampton, Ohio

April 2-4, 2004
Toledo Hobby Show
Sponsor: Weak Signals R/C Club

April 6, 2004
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41) North Hampton, Ohio

Electric Fly Jan 21 6:30-9:30 PM
Clark State Univ. Charge your batteries and Fly Indoors.

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