



SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

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Minutes of SMAC meeting, February 4th, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Club President Clem Schmid at 7:35 PM. There were approximately 35 members in attendance. The meeting began with a 1 minute silent prayer as a memorial to club member Andy Herider who passed away in mid January following a lengthy battle with cystic fibrosis. Andy will be missed by all who knew him.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 2003 meeting were 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. Additionally, Tom reported that the current membership stood at 42 paid members, but the annual dues are required to be paid by tonight. The total should be higher by the end of the evening. The report was then accepted as read.

Old Business

Additional Land: Tom Minnich has discussed the matter with landlord Randy Bishop who is apparently no longer farming. The tentative plan calls for widening (rather than lengthening) the runway by approximately 50'. Randy is not receptive to the idea of changing the shape of the runway.

Field Maintenance: Several ideas for obtaining top soil for the runway didn't pan out. The matter is still open.

Secondary Flying Site: Ted Wallace was able to get the City of Springfield to agree to a tentative lease for the site located on Eagle Road. The City has stated that because the ground lies immediately over a well field, we are required to have an official policy regarding procedures for fueling and defueling aircraft. Clem Schmid has formulated such a policy letter. The specific terms of the agreement are for the club to acquire the use of approximately 5.6 acres of land and pay the City \$90/acre rent per year in return. A discussion followed about the effects that a second field could have on the club, possibly splitting it, but Club President Clem Schmid proposed that the membership vote to give Ted Wallace authority to continue negotiations. The vote was 14-7 in favor of the proposal. Ted will discuss a term length for the lease with the city and report back to the club about what he is able to obtain.

Training Program: Gary Yowler has volunteered for the job of Training Director. Thanks for your assistance, Gary!

Mall Show: Preparations continue for the annual R/C show at the Upper Valley Mall which is scheduled for March 14th, 15th & 16th. Clem Schmid has agreed to be the point of contact for the event.

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Calendar of Events

March 6, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM

Asbury United Methodist Church

104 E. Clark St.

North Hampton, Ohio

March 14th thru 16th, 2003

Upper Valley Mall Show

Springfield, Ohio

April 4th thru 6th, 2003

Toledo R/C Show

Sponsor:

Weak Signals R/C Club

Toledo, Ohio

April 26th and 27th, 2003

Havoc over Hamilton

R/C Combat

Joyce Park, Hamilton

Sponsor:

HAWKS R/C Club

May 6, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM

Location to be announced

June 3, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting

SMAC Club Meeting

Time and Location TBA

June 6, 2003

Come Fly with us "Public Day"

Sponsor

Mad River Flying Association

September 6th & 7th, 2003

Helicopter Fun Fly

Sponsor:

Mad River Flying Association

Night Flying on the 6th

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Donated Equipment: 2 model aircraft which were donated to the club by Azarr to be raffled off as 2nd & 3rd prizes at the December meeting never got there. The club decided instead to hold the items until the end of the year, possibly auctioning them off or using them as door prizes at the annual swap meet.

New Business

Club Activities: Tom Minnich and Ted Teach have volunteered to run a U-Control event for later this year. Additionally, Azarr has likewise stated he will organize a night-fly. A discussion then followed about inviting other clubs to participate in the events.

Indoor Flying Location: We would like to find an indoor site to conduct a winter event. If any club members know of a suitable place, please inform the Board or a club officer so we can pursue the matter.

Club Incorporation: A discussion was held on the possibility of incorporating the club. The history of this is that the matter has been brought up for discussion on several occasions, but there seemed to be no clear advantage to doing so.

Life Membership: A proposal was made by Tom Minnich to award a lifetime membership to former Club Secretary Roger Dillion. The club constitution provides a procedure for this, but also requires that we wait until the end of the year before doing so. The club was then advised that the Board had voted to grant the membership, pending approval of the general membership to waive the waiting period. The proposal was seconded by Terry Duke. The members then voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

Club Picnic: Although it's still more than 6 months off, a proposal was made to set the date for the annual club picnic. The tentative date is Sunday, September 14th.

Dues: Members are required to pay their annual dues by the close of this evening's meeting or face a possible \$15 penalty. Following a discussion of the matter, Ted Wallace made a motion to waive the penalty, but the motion was not seconded and was not voted on.

Guests: We were pleased to welcome John McNeese, Blaine Miller and Sam Schmid as guests to this evening's meeting.

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Scheduling conflict: Due to a scheduling conflict with the Asbury United Methodist Church, the facility will not be available on the first Tuesday of March. The next meeting is instead scheduled for Thursday, March 6th at 7:30 PM with the Board meeting beginning at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Buzz Massey, seconded by Bill Cline. The meeting was then closed at 8:46 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,
By Acting Secretary
Joe Ferrara

At the conclusion of the meeting the 50/50 drawing was held. The winner (again!) was Chad South who walked away with the \$19.50 prize. Congratulations, Chad!

Try This Out
by Joe Podraza

If you're a scratch-builder and have never tried to iron on balsa, you should.

I don't remember the article, or in what magazine it was in, but I did try it out on a small model with tight curves in the fuselage and it worked well. No clamps or pins or holding the balsa down while the glue dries.

I now use it to plank the leading and trailing edges of my foam wings as well as the cap strips. So far, I haven't had any of the planking let go.

Using contact cement is okay, but once the planking is set in place, there is no moving it. With this method, you can take your time to line it up and hold it down while you iron it on.

I remember the article said it was an old-time cabinet-maker's way of laminating the top ply on. All that's needed is Elmer's glue or any glue that says it's aliphatic resin, a way to squeegee it on really thin on

both sides that are to be joined, and an old iron that you can pick up at any thrift store.

Allow time for the glue to dry, then line up the planking and iron away. On the really sharp bends, I wet the outside of the balsa and the steam lets it bend without cracking.

If you don't believe the holding bond, just iron on a sheet of 1/16-inch balsa onto a piece of foam and try to rip it off. When it comes off, the foam will come with it. Once it's on, more heat will not loosen it. Just remember to put the glue on really thin. I use a rubber squeegee, and be sure to let it dry before you iron it on.

from Flypaper
Lake County Illinois Radio Control Club
Joe Podraza, editor
Via AMA National Newsletter October 2000 issue

RC Definitions

Glide Time: The time between the engine falling out and the airplane hitting the ground.

Aeromodeling: The art of turning precision cut and glued balsa wood and foam into toothpicks and confetti.

Crash: Method of seeing inside a model airplane.

Receiver: Part of the radio that picks up interference.

Tank: Temporary storage place for chemicals before they saturate the plane.

from the Tri-Valley R/C News
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Via AMA National Newsletter July 1998 issue.



SPECIAL NOTE:

The March SMAC meeting will be held on the 6th of March instead of the 4th due a scheduling conflict. The meeting will still be held at the church.

At that meeting, Azarr will make a presentation on aircraft lighting systems for night flying.



I said, "Give it a little power."

MALL SHOW

SMAC will again have models on display at the Upper Valley Mall on March 14 to 16, 2003 with setup on Friday March 14, 2003 after mall closing and tear-down after mall closing on Sunday March 16, 2003. Again the Mall Management is to supply tables, stanchions etc. This newsletter editor will have cards to fill out and place with the aircraft with info about those aircraft.

NEW FIELD

The WORKS club of Miamisburg, Ohio has signed a lease on a new field on State Route 122 about half way between SR 4 and Carlisle just south of Germantown, Ohio. The sight is already occupied by two full scale runways and is located on private property.



**IT WON'T
BE LONG
NOW**

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