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The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model airplane Club

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## Officers 2008

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SMAC Meeting Feb 5, 2008

Place: Asbury Methodist Church, North Hampton

Time: 7:30-7:55

Attendance: 16 members

Secretary's report read by Bruce Shaw. Accepted as read.

Treasurer's report read by Joe Ferrara. Accepted as read.

Old Business:

President Mike Harter wanted to thank the out going officers' and crew that took care of the club last year.

New Business:

Club dues.

Is today the last day to pay dues with out penalty? NO due to there not being a meeting last month the club will be extending the dues due date till next months meeting. Dues may be mailed to Joe Ferrara home address.

AMA Park Pilot Program (PPP)

Azarr brought up the new AMA Park Pilot Program (PPP) program.

Are we going to accept new members who only belong to AMA under the park pilot program?

The floor was opened for discussion Azarr thinks we should accept there paid membership and we should give them a different colored membership card. He also pointed out that they have a different insurance coverage then a normal AMA member they can't vote in AMA elections. They only receive quarterly park flyer magazine and can't compete in AMA contest other than Class C fly in type event. Park Flyer models will weigh two pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 60 mph. They must be electric or rubber powered, or of any similar *quiet* means of propulsion.

If a PPP member joins the club they must fly with in the rules of the PPP this means they can't fly any glow powered planes not even 1/2 A and they must stay with in the weight and speed limit of the PPP program.

Buzz believes that they should fly by the club rules. Club rules state that you have to be an AMA member to join; and the PPP flyers are members of the AMA then they may pay there dues and join the club. As always club member must monitor them self and other members for issues of safety and rule compliance if you see a PPP member

flying a model outside the Park Flyer limits it would need to be addressed.

A question about our club dues for PPP members. Our dues have not changed. A PPP member will pay the same as a normal AMA member to join the club. The AMA has a lower rate for PPP members see the AMA web site or Your AMA magazine for more details on the PPP. This issue has been tabled for now.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 4, 2008 at 7:30 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark Street (Rt. 41) North Hampton, OH 45349.

As of this writing there is no board meeting scheduled please see a club office if you have an issue you think should come before the board.

Respectfully Submitted  
By Club Secretary  
Bruce Shaw

Due to the January meeting being canceled, the club voted to extend the 2008 dues payment deadline until the March meeting.

Dues can be mailed to:  
Joe Ferrara, SMAC Treasurer  
4986 W. Enon Rd.  
Fairborn, OH 45324

Please make checks payable to SMAC.

Thanks,  
Joe Ferrara

## **NEXT MEETING**

**4 March 2008 SMAC club meeting 7:30 P.M.**

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, North Hampton, Ohio