

# Thrustline

Springfield Model Airplane Club March 2009

## From the Editor:



The Great Planes E-Fest was a resounding success as usual. My combat sustainability record was increased from 18 seconds to around 45. (54 planes in the air at the same time - it was wild) SMAC was represented at E-Fest by myself, and Futaba team members Rick Barch and Bill Cline.

Spring is around the corner, now is the time to do a good check up on your equipment for the upcoming season. Cycle batteries, check fuel tanks, replace fuel lines. When the weather finally breaks we want to be ready for another great flying season.

Don't forget that this year we're going to be flying some streamer combat. Any design is allowed, but the motor is limited. Contact me for more info. We'll schedule an introductory session when the weather permits (Any excuse for hot dogs/hamburgers)

As an AMA Leader Member I'm interested in your opinion. I understand that I will soon be asked to vote on a proposal to eliminate term limits for AMA council members, your input would be appreciated.

Suggestions/Articles/For Sale items are always welcome - Deadline the 20th of the month.

Azarr

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7:30PM Mar 3rd 09 Asbury United Methodist Church

Asbury United Methodist Church

## Club Officers

### President

Don Friessan

### Vice President

Richard Baker

### Secretary

Bruce Shaw

### Treasurer

Joe Ferrara

### Board Members

John Henley

Buzz Massey

Jim Miller

Neil Perkins

### Safety Officer

Mike Harter

### Field Marshal

Don Barnes

### Mower maintenance

Steve Kianka

### Newsletter Editor

Azarr

## From the Secretary: Minutes from the Feb meeting

SMAC Meeting February 3rd, 2009

Place: Asbury United Methodist Church

Time: 7:30 PM:

Attendance: 18 members

Secretary's report was read by Bruce Shaw and accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Joe Ferrara and accepted as read.

Notes of interest from the treasure report:

We have 46 paid 2009 members and have picked up several more tonight. The raffle fund has \$18.

Old business:

Asbury United Methodist Church Vacation bible school would like to come out and visit us at the field. We would need some volunteers to put on a demonstration for their visit. This would be in the June/July time frame. We hope to have a firm date by next meeting. We would like to get a list of people and what they could expect to see.

QUICK LINKS

[SMAC Web Site](#)  
[SMAC Flying Field](#)  
[Academy of Model Aeronautics](#)

New business:

Tables to replace spools to work on our models at the field. When visiting other flying sites they have had tables to work on and start models with out having to get on the ground to do it. What are the pros and cons of building tables for us to use at the field?

A table under the shelter:

Pro: we could get rid of the rotting spools and have a stable place to work

Con: we could not start our models under our shelter or in the spectator area.

A table out by the flight line

Con: it would need to be moved to mow grass?

Con: it would need to be mowed around?

Pro: it would be convenient.

Table that could be stored under the shelter and then move to the flight line and then put away when not in use.

Pro: we could get rid of the rotting spools and have a stable place to work.

Pro: we could start our models out side of the spectator area (in the pit and at the flight line).

Pro: If put away it should not be an issue for our mowing crew.

We would like to see some designs of tables that could be used and address the issue above.

**Editors Note:** *We should handle tables like we do garbage, if you want it you bring it with you and take it home when you leave. There are numerous stands available for purchase for that very purpose.*

Spectator control.

Do we need more substantial crowd control? Do the number of visitor we have justify building a fence or is the temporary barrier enough?

Most of the members think we are ok for now.

**Editors Note:** *During the discussion the consensus was that no additional crowd control was required.*

Any other ideas please bring them up.

One idea was to invite other clubs to visit us and fly. We are looking to schedule this event soon, before everyone's calendar is full. Several club names came up and we would like to keep it to one club at a time.

Combat: several members in the club are interested in doing electric combat. If you are interested in getting involved see Azarr.

No other new business the meeting was closed.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 3rd, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the 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 officer if you have an issue you think should come before the board.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce Shaw

## Event Schedule

### **NON FLYING**

**Westerville Swap Shop** - Aladdin Temple, Columbus OH

Sat March 21st 9AM - 2PM

### **FLYING**

**South Metro Sports Complex - Indoor** sponsored by The Hobby Shop

Sun March 8th 10AM - 12:30PM

Fri March 27th 7PM - 9:30PM

**Note:** Times Dates at the Sports Complex are always subject to change. Verify the times/dates on their web site a day or two before the date.

## Dear Ready Kilowatt

Dear Ready:

Come on Ready, there has to be a simple way to pick a motor!!!

E challenged in N. Hampton



Dear E:

Now that electric flight has become common, there are two simple ways. First, most manufacturer's of purpose designed electric kits will recommend a motor/prop/battery combination for their products. Secondly, there are very few models that haven't been converted to electric flight. Search one of the dedicated Electric Forums and most likely you will find exactly what you're looking for. The two that I frequent are. [RC Groups](#) and [Wattflyer](#). Both are great resources for Electric Flight.

If you're interested in more detailed information there are several electric flight calculators. Two of the best are available for a small fee, [MotoCalc](#) (\$39) and [E-Calc](#) (\$35). Also most of the motor manufacturers have a simple motor calculator on site - but while they will give you motor performance they won't give you the aircraft flight characteristics like the two calcs above will. One of my favorites is: [EZcalc](#)

Ready K.

**Forward email**

✉ **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to [azarr@ecubedrc.com](mailto:azarr@ecubedrc.com) by [azarr@azarr.com](mailto:azarr@azarr.com).

[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



Azarr Entreprises | PO Box 144 | Medway | OH | 45341