



SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

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President's Corner

The Mall Show was a great success. The quality and variety of the models at the Mall Show covered the complete spectrum of AMA and TOC Model Aircraft. The completed models ranged in price from \$45 to \$15,000. My respect and thanks to all Club Members who participated in this event. Those members who missed the show also missed the relaxed conversations on model construction, safety issues and health concerns of the Club and its members.

NO FREE LUNCH

With regard to a second field all recreational facilities under the City of Springfield and the National Trail Parks and Recreation District come with a FEE. Adult team registration fees range from \$360 - \$400. Teenage teams are charged \$270 and Individuals are charged \$10 to \$30 depending on the activity. History programs for the young at the Davidson Interpretive Center adjacent to George Rogers Clark Park and Stargazing and Spring Nature Hike programs are free.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to **help judge the SAE AeroDesign-East Competition**. This competition challenges graduate and undergraduate students to conceive, design, fabricate and test a radio-controlled aircraft capable of lifting a maximum payload. Judges will evaluate a written design report and plans from several participating

teams. Judges may also evaluate oral presentations. Judging will take place on May 2, 2003, and will end with a pizza party for students and judges. It is expected that each judge will evaluate three different teams. The judging will take place in the new facilities by the Wright Brothers Memorial hill outside of Area "B". Judges are invited to attend the fly off on Saturday and Sunday May 3rd and 4th at the Air Force Museum. A full rules package and more information about the contest may be found at: <http://www.sae.org/students/aeroeast.htm>. Contact Clem Schmid (937) 864-1694 if you are interested.

Clem Schmid



Calendar of Events

April 1, 2003
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Asbury United Methodist Church
104 E. Clark St.
North Hampton, Ohio

April 4th thru 6th, 2003
Toledo R/C Show
Sponsor
Weak Signals R/C Club
Toledo, Ohio

May 3, 2003
Night Fly SMAC Field
Sponsor:SMAC

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

November 28, 2003
SMAC Swap Meet
Details Later
Sponsor: SMAC

MEDIA ADVISORY

We are sending this advisory as a result of recent events involving the news media making contact with local AMA Chartered Clubs, or individuals.

In today's tense atmosphere of terrorist threats, possible military actions, etc., there appears to be exuberance on the part of news agencies and individual reporters to gather information concerning the use of model aircraft as possible security risks. Many times, in an effort to take advantage of the opportunity to garner some public exposure for their local flying activities, the members are surprised when the news release does not resemble what they had assumed would be published. This results in negative press for the sport and local participants, and may spread misinformation.

As a service to all AMA Chartered Clubs, we are suggesting that if you or your club are contacted by TV, radio, newspaper, or Internet reporters for interviews, other than coverage of such activities as fly-ins, mall shows, airport awareness days, etc., you direct them to the AMA Headquarters for information. If in doubt please err on the side of caution.

At any time please contact Jay Mealy at AMA Headquarters with questions, comments, or concerns.

Jay Mealy

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For the latest information, visit the AMA Web site at www.modelaircraft.org

SMAC Members attending Mall Show

Roy Storer	Bob McWilliams and Spouse
Tom Minnich	Chad South
Clem Schmid and Spouse	Wayne Ulery
Paul Martin	Joe Ferrara
Neil Perkins	Bob Riffle and Spouse
Bill Becker	Ted Teach
Dave Snyder and Spouse	Jim Miller
Bob Braun	John Shaw

Azarr
Most brought planes, some were there to answer questions and Others just stopped by to say "Hi."

If I missed any one, "Sorry about that." Again, to echo the Club President's words "Thanks to all the club members involved in the show."

Minutes of SMAC meeting, March 6th , 2003

The meeting was called to order by Club President Clem Schmid at 7:32 PM. There were approximately 22 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the February 2003 meeting were read by Club Secretary Joe Ferrara. The report was then accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report given, but Tom Minnich stated that the current club membership stood at 62 paid members.

Old Business

Mall Show: Preparations are virtually complete for the annual R/C show at the Upper Valley Mall in Springfield which is scheduled for March 14th, 15th & 16th. We have been given permission to begin setting up on the evening of Thursday the 13th after the stores have closed. The event this year is mainly a display of model aircraft along with promotion of the club. No competition is scheduled. Officials from the mall have told us they will try to place an announcement on their internet web site in time for the event.

Additional Land: Tom Minnich stated that he has finalized his discussions with landlord Randy Bishop and the matter is settled.

Secondary Flying Site: Ted Wallace stated that he called the Springfield City Manager after negotiations had stalled with other city officials. He was told at that time the deal still needs to have the approval of the City Commission. Ted also stated that due to a prior contractual commitment, even if the City Commission grants it's approval, the land would not be available to the club until next year. The question of the club having to defray the field development and maintenance costs was still an open issue—and apparently a sore subject. A heated discussion then ensued concerning the desirability of the club having a separate flying site at all, along with the costs associated with it. Additionally, there was deep concern of it's

effect on possibly splitting up the club. Several members voiced opposition to the plan, stating that because club membership is down, so are revenues.

Buzz Massey then stated that the Board had discussed the matter and proposed that we accept the field only under the conditions that the City of Springfield agrees to defray the development and maintenance costs. There was no second to the motion however, and Buzz then agreed to withdraw it. Jim Miller then presented a motion to kill the project in it's entirety, but Clem Schmid asked that a vote not be taken on this matter tonight and that any such motion be tabled until at least next month when all details have been presented and discussed and at least been published in the club newsletter. **Clem has asked that all club members attend the April meeting so that the issue can be resolved.**

New Business

Club Activities: Bruce Herider has sent a **thank you** note to the club' for it's concern following the passing of his son, Andy this past January. We were also informed that the TORKS club has a fly-in scheduled in mid August in memory of Andy.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Ryan Vorhees was the winner of the \$12 prize. Azarr then gave a short talk about the night fly event he has planned for later this season along with a demonstration of some lighting equipment which can be used with R/C aircraft.

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 8:20 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,
By Acting Secretary
Joe Ferrara



This is a Ripoff!

Did you ever try to tear a piece of sandpaper to the size you need for your sanding block and it just happens to rip in the wrong place? So you get your wife's scissors and you cut the pieces and everything is great until she starts looking for them and you are caught. Try an idea that I use when I have to make a specific size cut in sandpaper. I use the same idea as on a box of wax paper. Take a hacksaw blade and mount it on the edge of a piece of wood or on your bench. Mark the desired size of the sandpaper, hold the paper down on the flat surface, and pull down against the blade the piece you are cutting off. It works well almost every time. Be sure to hold the sandpaper firmly against the board or bench.

I have a piece of light ply I sacrificed for this purpose. I recessed the edge of the board and used CyA to glue the blade into place. I also put marks on the board for the different sizes I need for my sanding devices.

by David Hostert

from The SAC Dope Can

John S. Kallend, editor

Homewood IL

DON'T FORGET!!

As many members as possible should attend the April Club meeting. As a discussion concerning a second flying site will be presented and more than likely a vote taken on that measure.

Storage for Small Items

If you can find a kitchen spice rack at the flea market, get one to put your CyA and epoxy glue bottles on. The kind made for small bottles works very well. The empty bottles can also be used to keep small hardware items in..

DON'T FORGET OUR TROOPS

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