



SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

July 2003

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Minutes of SMAC meeting, June 3rd, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Club President Clem Schmid at 7:00 PM. There were approximately 19 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 75 paid members and the raffle fund stands at \$71.50 as of this date.

Old Business

Field Seeding: Work on the new runway extension has now been completed. The area has been disked, smoothed and seeded. With all the rain we've had lately, it should begin to green up over the next few weeks. We also ask that members do not walk on or fly off the area until the grass comes in. The Club will announce when the extension will be ready for use. Special thanks go out to Paul Martin, Dave Snyder, Terry Duke, Joe Ferrara, Clem Schmid, Frank Dalie, Neil Perkins and everyone else who was involved in the effort.

Access Road: Over the past few months, there has been significant dete-

rioration of the site access road. We need to obtain and put down some more gravel as the road is becoming more difficult to travel. Tom Minnich will discuss the matter with landlord Randy Bishop.

Mall Show: The reservations for next year's event need to be made. This is still open.

June 8th fly-in: Although the Dayton Wing Masters, Miami R/C Club and Urbana R/C Club have all been invited to the event, scheduling problems with the other club's activities may hold down the attendance. However, the event is still on for this Sunday.

New Business

Port-a-john: The possibility was raised of purchasing instead of leasing the Port-a-john. A brief discussion followed on the matter, but it was concluded that the potential savings and inconvenience were not worth the effort. If we were to purchase the unit, the Club would have to come up with a fairly large sum of up-front money and we would then be responsible for the maintenance costs. We would also have to clean and store the unit in the winter and arrange for its maintenance. The present situation is that the company we are renting it from takes care of everything, including weekly service, maintenance and winter storage for an \$80/month fee. It was the recommendation of the Board that we just continue with the present arrangement.

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Flying Field Cooperative: The Club has been approached by Dave Milner who has suggested that SMAC form a cooperative use agreement with the Quincy (TORKS) and Urbana R/C clubs which would allow the mutual use of each other club's flying fields. Each club would then allow the use of it's field to the members of the other clubs in exchange for a \$5/year per person fee. The Board then decided to present the proposal to the general membership for discussion to see what their views were on the matter. Although there seemed to be a generally positive response to the proposal, a number of issues were raised concerning the possible over use of the field by visitors along with safeguards to prevent this. A vote by the general membership will be held at a later time (possibly next month) as to whether the club wants to go ahead with this.

Tent: Seeing as the flying season has now started, it's time to put the tent. The frame is in the storage shed and Frank Dalie apparently has custody of the canopy.

Alternate Meeting Location: Tonight's meeting was held under fairly adverse weather conditions. On future meeting nights, should the weather be a factor, the meetings (both Board and general) will instead be held at the field shelters at the park in North Hampton if they are available.

Flight Safety: With the flying season now fully underway, Club Safety Officer Terry Duke delivered a short presentation on the importance of flight safety at the field. There have unfortunately been some instances of flyers not complying with club and AMA regulations, particularly concerning operation of aircraft (and especially small electric powered models) in restricted areas behind the barriers. Additionally, propeller safety is a strong concern. The overwhelming majority of injuries with model aircraft are caused by propellers and many times involve non-flyers and children. All flyers are reminded, for their own safety and that of other modelers, to know and follow the club and AMA rules regarding the proper operation of aircraft at our field. If members observe any safety violations, they should report them to an officer of the club.

Visitors and Guests: We were pleased to welcome Bob and Mike Hunter from Troy, Ohio.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Joe Ferrara was the winner of the \$9.50 prize.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was then closed at 7:33 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,
By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara

Minutes of SMAC meeting, May 6th, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Club President Clem Schmid at 7:30 PM. There were approximately 26 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the April 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. The report was then accepted as read. Tom also stated that the club currently has 67 members and the raffle fund stands at \$61.50 as of this date. Several club CDs are soon coming due. The best deal is to renew them for 4 years with an annual termination option. The membership then granted Tom the authority to renew the CDs.

Old Business

Letters of Appreciation: The club has received 2 letters from the Columbus Children's Hospital thanking SMAC for it's donation in memory of club member Andy Herider who passed away last January.

April 12th Work Party: Thanks to all who came out. We were able to get the runway rolled, the grass cut and the field in shape. Additionally, the transmitter

stand and frequency pin board were put in place and the field marked off for the extended runway area. We should be in good shape for the coming season.

SAE Aero Vehicle Development Event: The SAE engineering contest was held 2-4 May at Wright-Patterson AFB. Paul Martin, Clem Schmid and Neil Perkins attended the event and represented the club. Paul then gave a brief report on the activities and results. Our special thanks go out to Paul, Clem and Neil for their participation.

June 8th Fly-in: Buzz Massey has contacted the Miami R/C Club and Azarr has stated that he will get in touch with the Dayton Wing Masters. Dave Snyder stated that he would contact the Urbana R/C club and ask if they wanted to attend too.

Field Lease: Tom Minnich has discussed extending the club's lease with landlord Randy Bishop. Negotiations are continuing and the matter is still open.

New Business

June Meeting: Clem Schmid stated that due to a prior family commitment, he will not be present for the June meeting. Club Vice-president Bob McWilliams will conduct the meeting in his place.

Mall Show: We need to make reservations soon for next year's event. The dates of 12-14 March 2004 have been suggested, pending approval of the general membership. Dave Snyder then proposed that we go ahead with that date. Jim Miller seconded. The membership then voted to accept the proposal and date.

Newsletter and Website: Newsletter Editor Ken Petry has stated that he doesn't want to continue beyond this year and has asked that someone else take over the duties. Joe Ferrara has stated that he can take over the website, but we still need someone to do the monthly publication.

Field Maintenance: Dave Snyder said he will attempt to disk the field this weekend. Paul Martin said he would smooth it. Grass seed for the new runway area still needs to be procured and planted.

Night Fly Event: Azarr's electric night-fly event was held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Spence Road flying

site at sunset. Despite cold weather, there were 4 flyers and a total of 20 club members participated. The flyers were: Azarr, Jim Miller, Dave Snyder and Neil Perkins.

Donation to Church: Seeing as this is the end of the indoor meetings, a proposal was made to send a \$100 donation to the Asbury United Methodist Church as a token of our appreciation for allowing us the use of it's facility as our winter meeting location. The club then voted to approve the proposal.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Harold Dickerson was the winner of the \$10.00 prize.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was then closed at 8:29 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,
By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara

Note from the Newsletter Editor

A note to all members. I will continue to edit and publish this newsletter until the end of 2003. The club will need some one to take over that duty after that point.

I have enjoyed doing the newsletter, but after 7 years, yes 7 years, I find that is no longer fun but rather a job.

"Well, there SHOULD be a category and a national event for it."



AIR YEARS MODEL ANNUAL '03

Calendar of Events

July 1, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:00 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:00 PM

At the Flying Field

July 12th & 13th

Celina Big Bird Fly In

Celina, OH Site: Bunge Park. Free tailgate swap both days. Sunday the 13th will be open flying, all aircraft are welcome. No landing fee both days.

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CELINA FLYING SPORTSMEN CLUB

August 5, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:00 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:00 PM

At the Flying Field

August 14th thru 17th

2003 IRCHA Heli Jamboree

Site: International Aeromodeling Center.

Muncie, Indiana

World's largest heli fun fly & vendor trade show.

September 6th & 7th, 2003

Helicopter Fun Fly

Sponsor: Mad River Flying Association

Night Flying on the 6th

September 20th & 21st, 2003

HAWKS Four Stroke Rally.

Site: Club Field.

Hamilton, OH

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November 28, 2003

SMAC Swap Meet

Details Later

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