



SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

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Minutes of SMAC meeting, July 1st, 2003

Due to the absence of Club President Clem Schmid, the meeting was instead conducted by Vice-president Bob McWilliams. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

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 \$81.00 as of this date.

Old Business

Access Road: Gravel is to be delivered and the road situation straightened out tomorrow. Hopefully, this will fix the problems and help hold down the dust.

Mall Show: The reservations for next year's event have been made. The event is now on schedule.

F3A Event: The Club has received a form letter from the F3A competition team asking for a donation to help sponsor the Acrobatic World Championship event to be held in Poland in August. The Club had no specific position on this matter and instead deferred it back

to the individual members. If any member wishes to make an individual donation, please contact a club officer for information on how to do this.

Flying Field Cooperative: The Club was approached 1½ months ago by Dave Milner who suggested that SMAC form a cooperative use agreement with the Quincy and Urbana R/C clubs to allow the mutual use of each other club's flying fields. A discussion then followed on the desirability of doing this. Questions were raised about policing the project and potential liabilities against the club. The membership was then informed that the Board had just discussed this matter and was recommending that the Club not go ahead with it. Buzz Massey then made a motion that we turn down the proposal. The motion was seconded by Wayne Miller and a vote was taken. The membership then voted 23-1 to not pursue the cooperative use proposal.

New Business

Field Safety: Buzz Massey stated there was a recent incident at the field involving a model airplane where a propeller broke loose and struck a parked car. The prop could also have easily struck some other people who were standing nearby. In the interests of safety, Buzz then proposed that landing aircraft be required to kill engines before they enter the pit area and the pit area also be better defined, possibly with markers or flags. Additionally, engines should be started only in the pit area with propellers

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pointed away from the parking area. Buzz then proposed that the Club's safety rules be amended to direct this. The proposal was seconded by Bill Cline. The membership then voted to accept the proposal.

A second safety issue was brought up concerning using field ID's along with the frequency board. The matter has been deferred to next month's meeting.

New Club Members Information: Several Club members have stated that they are unfamiliar with rules and procedures because they have never been informed of them. Buzz Massey then proposed giving out a printed information packet with all necessary items to anyone joining the club to insure that they are aware of all relevant rules and procedures. The motion was seconded by Neil Perkins. The membership then voted to accept the proposal.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Brad Locher was the winner of the \$16.50 prize.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made. The meeting was closed at 8:00 PM by Vice-president Bob McWilliams.

Respectfully submitted,
By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara

Calendar of Events

August 5, 2003
SMAC Board Meeting 6:00 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:00 PM
At the Flying Field

August 14th thru 17th, 2003
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 12th & 13th, 2003
Dawn Patrol Rendezvous
Site: US Air Force Museum
Sponsor: Dayton Wingmasters

September 20th & 21st, 2003
HAWKS Four Stroke Rally.
Site: Club Field.
Hamilton, OH
**Sponsor: GREAT PLANES MFG/
OS ENGINES/ HAWKS**

November 28, 2003
SMAC Swap Meet
Details Later
Sponsor: Springfield Model Airplane Club

TIP TIME:

What do you need in your flight box?

What do you consider necessary for your flight box? Usually, the most important are the items needed to keep you flying while at the field. Obviously, you can't carry everything. I tried that once. I custom built my own flight box. When finished, it more or less resembled a steamer truck, and I still didn't have what I needed at times!

When you are beginning, all you can do is make your best guess at what you will need at the field. Better yet, go ask some of the veteran members what they keep in their flight boxes. Some items can be substituted for others. For instance, if you don't use a starter, a leather glove, or a chicken stick to start your model, you'll have plenty of room for band-aids, which you'll surely need eventually!

A small roll of clear packing tape can patch up those cornfield MonoKote dings and allow you to keep flying. Of course, spare glow plugs and props are always high on the list. The nice thing about all this is that among the members who are usually at the field, someone will always have what you're looking for. Don't be afraid to ask for something if you need it.

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