



# SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

September 2003

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## Presidents Corner

Mother Nature continues to provide rain for the field on a regular basis. The new section has a good stand of grass.

The driveway has been graveled and provides a professional look. Some gravel has been set aside at the barn and will be used as floor.

Congratulation are due to the volunteers who continue to keep the field mowed.

I have requested that the name of our Club and a link to our web site be included in the Springfield/Clark County web site under Clubs/Organizations.

To have the AMA insurance be valid your AMA number or your name and address must be on or in your aircraft. Are you in compliance?

Editors Note: This was submitted to late for the August newsletter.

## MINUTES OF SMAC MEETING AUGUST 5TH, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Club President Clem Schmid. There were approximately 28 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 76 paid members and the raffle fund stands at \$97.50 as of this date.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Field Safety:** The Club's safety rules needs to be updated and posted to reflect the new regulations. Additionally, the newly seeded area is almost ready to use. Additionally, it was brought up that in order to comply with AMA safety regulations and insurance requirements, all models must be marked with the name of the owner and/or AMA numbers. If the plane is not properly marked and is involved in any type of incident, the AMA insurance might not cover it. BE SAFE!

**Field Cards:** The members were advised that the Board had discussed this matter and it was decided that copies are OK. Club members should use their membership cards and guests should use their AMA cards. Everyone should post their cards prior to flying. A motion was made by Buzz Massey, seconded by Azarr to use the field cards at the frequency board. A vote was then taken. 9 members voted YES, 5 voted NO. The motion was carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Gravel:** We have had the gravel for the

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## Calendar of Events

**September 2, 2003**  
**SMAC Board Meeting 6:00 PM**  
**SMAC Club Meeting 7:00 PM**  
**At the Field**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
**Helicopter Fun Fly**  
**Sponsor: Mad River Flying Association**  
**Night Flying on the 6<sup>th</sup>**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
**Dawn Patrol Rendezvous**  
**Site: US Air Force Museum**  
**Sponsor: Dayton Wingmasters**

**September 14, 2003**  
**Float Fly**  
**West Liberty, Ohio**  
**Sponsor: T.O.R.C.S.**

**September 14, 2003**  
**SMAC Family Picnic**  
**Covered Dish Affair**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 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**

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storage shed for a while, but it's not yet been moved into place. A suggestion was made to form a work party for this Saturday at noon. Additionally, there is a problem with extremely high humidity in the shed and ventilation is required. Bob McWilliams said he would check into the matter.

**Runway extension:** Following on of the wettest springs in recent memory, the newly seeded runway extension area is suddenly ready for use. A discussion followed on how to mark the new area. A proposal was made by Azarr, seconded by Jim Miller to move the barrier out by 25' and see how it works out with the understanding that it would not be hard to change the location if there is a problem with this. A vote was then taken on the matter: 18 voted YES, 1 voted NO. The motion was carried.

**Guests:** We were pleased to welcome Dwayne Melvin and Zach Kenny to the meeting. Both then joined the club and we're glad to have them as new members.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Tom Minnich was the winner of the \$10.50 prize.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Buzz Massey, seconded by Bill Becker. The meeting was closed at 7:52 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,  
By Club Secretary  
Joe Ferrara

**NOMINATIONS**  
**FOR OFFICERS,**  
**BOARD MEMBERS AND THE**  
**NEWSLETTER EDITOR ARE**  
**COMING UP NEXT MONTH**  
**(OCTOBER)**

### **SMAC FAMILY PICNIC**

Have received no information about the picnic scheduled for September 14, 2003 at the field.

Information should be available at the September meeting.