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The Little Yellow Cub

There are several of us at the Air Field and each has their own story to tell. Most of us come to the Air Field in the evening when the wind goes down, near sun set. We are the new breed of RC's, the little GWS foamies. I am owned by "Mr. B" and he treats me with gentle flights; usually low and slow. Some of the other Cub owners challenge my air space for no apparent reason. "Mr. D's" Cub one evening had a mid-air with me and removed my outer wing panel. "Mr. B" was able to land me safely and put me back into flying condition later that evening.

I have learned a lot from "Mr. B" like do not fly south of the barrier strip and never fly over the pit or spectator areas. These I can see when flying at higher altitude. And there are two large magnets: "Trees" at the field. One at the far west end and two south of the road, across from the parking area.

On a recent Friday evening two young fathers and their sons came to the field to inquire about RC flying and joining the Club. "Mr. D" spoke to one father and son and soon brought out his Cub and let the father and later the son fly it. "Mr. B" spoke to the other father and son and soon put me in the air letting the father and then the son fly me. What a joy it was to see the smiles on everyone's face.

While we were flying near the center of the field "Mr. J" and his Cub were flying toward the west end. Three Cubs each in their own airspace and did we have fun.

"Mr. A" then asked "Mr. B" if he could fly me. By this time two of the Cubs were crossing airspaces. "Mr. A" asked "Mr. B" which Cub was me. He pointed to "Mr. D's" Cub and I knew we had a problem. "Mr. A" said to "Mr. B" there is no left rudder; that is not your airplane. "Mr. B" said that is my Cub and took the transmitter — you are right it does not respond — "Where is my Cub??"

"Mr. N" reported that there are four transmitters on the flight line and only three airplanes in sight. I was just sick as I'm still flying and responding to "Mr. B's" transmitter. When "Mr. A" requested a left turn I responded and turned south from my west heading. I am now in the forbidden zone — over the pits, the parking area and now over the road. Good heavens look at the DARK GREEN below it's the dreaded beans. When "Mr. B" requested a left turn I responded and went east. Now the power is gone and I'm headed for the "BEANS". The landing — nose first was gentle, however only my tail feathers were out of the beans. (Pg-3)

Minutes of SMAC meeting, August 2nd, 2005

Tonight's meeting was held at the Club's flying field on Spence Road in North Hampton. Club President Jeff Traub called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were approximately 27 members in attendance. We were pleased to welcome Mark and Aaron Jernigan as visitors.

Secretary's Report: The report was read by Club Secretary Joe Ferrara. The report was then accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Club Treasurer Tom Minnich. The report was then accepted as read. Tom also stated that the raffle fund currently has \$73.00 in it and the membership stands at 79 paid members.

Old Business

Year End Swap Meet: Preparations continue for the end of the year swap meet to be held the day after Thanksgiving. As many of you already know, this is the big annual moneymaker for the Club, so if anyone is interested in assisting (and we can use all the help we can get!), please contact Mike Harter or Dave Snyder.

Club Annual Picnic: As was previously reported, the date of Sunday, September 18th has been set for the Club's annual picnic. We will also hold the paintball event at the same time and all Club members are cordially invited to attend. The field opens at 10:00 AM with food served at 1:00 PM. As we have done in years past, we request that everyone attending please bring a covered dish.

Electric Event: As reported last month, SMAC is hosting an electric airplane fly-in on Sunday, August 21st and it will be an AMA sanctioned event. Bernie Zoppa is the director and point of contact. We hope to see a good turn-out on that date.

New Business

Upcoming Elections: Club President Jeff Traub has reminded us that the elections for Club Vice-President, 2 Board members and Club Secretary will be held at the December meeting and he has

asked that a brief resume be submitted by each candidate to let everyone know who you are and your model airplane background.

August Board Meeting: Although the next SMAC Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th, Jeff Traub has stated that all open issues have been addressed and unless we are notified otherwise before then, the meeting is canceled.

Fire Ring: Bill Cline is the point of contact and the item is still open at this time. Bill suggested a unit of 45" X 12" but stated that there were some problems getting an item fabricated (rolled into ring) at a reasonable price and following a short discussion on the matter, Buzz Massey proposed setting a \$125.00 limit on the expenditure. The proposal was then put to a vote and the membership voted **18 FOR** and **1 AGAINST**. The motion carried.

U-Control Event: SMAC usually hosts a late season U-Control event and a proposal was made to do one again this year on Saturday, October 1st at 12 noon with a rain date of Sunday, October 2nd. Ted Teach is the coordinator and Clem Schmid will assist. The matter was then put to a vote with **24 FOR** and **0 OPPOSED**. The motion carried.

50/50 Raffle: At the conclusion of the meeting, Clem Schmid was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and took home the \$10.00 cash prize. Congratulations, Clem!

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made. The meeting was closed by President Jeff Traub at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara

Several members of SMAC or members of their family continue to need your prayers. Pray for those who have Cancer, By-pass surgery, Joint replacement, Major Accident, Loss of a loved one or Reduced level of health.

Your kindness with prayers will be rewarded.

The Little Yellow Cub (Continued) “Mr. B” is bewildered. I was over the flying field a minute ago and now nowhere in sight. All started to look for me. “Messer's A, B, C (the picture man), D, J, N” and also one young father and his son. “Mr. H” and his training instructor (Another “Mr. J”) were flying a trainer high and to the east.

It was the young son, a pre-teen, who saw a small yellow spot in the BEANS south of the pilot station line by some 400 feet. I was thrilled to hear the footsteps of “Mr. B” approaching in the Bean Field. The pre-teen accompanied him also to my location. “Mr. B” gently lifted me out of the Beans and announced that there was no damage and that I was ready to fly again.

Fortunately the out come was a happy one. This was not a single person incident, since many were at the pilot line and should have been aware of the other airplanes. Even the spectators outside of the Field Shelter did not see me wander off into the forbidden airspace. “Mr. N” was the sole person to see two of us Cubs cross east and west. No one saw my turn to the South and then eventually ending up in the Bean Field.

My message to all is to be focused at all times especially when several look-a-likes are flying in the same airspace. Although I’m small I could injure a small child or someone’s eye. Also since we are small there is a tendency to rough house with us and this could carry over to the larger RC Aircraft.

Many of you older pilots who flew free flight airplanes might remember the damage and injures when one of these rolled over during a beautiful spiral climb and then returned to earth, hit a car or the back of a spectator. A damaged (physical or electronic) RC aircraft could present the same outcome.

Clem Schmid
SMAC
Newsletter Editor

From the Presidents Corner

I would like to thank Bernie Zoppa and his wife Carol for sponsoring a great Fun Fly. Thanks should also be extended to Bruce and John Shaw for the great job of cooking those delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. I cannot forget Clem Schmid and his wife Mary Ann for organizing the food and drinks and all the running around that was required!

Thanks to all the members who timed, ran the frequency board, collected money and just plain helped make this event a success.

What started out as a really bad day developed into a great day of flying! We also picked up a couple of new members which adds to the success of this event.

Jeff Traub
SMAC President



The Professor Does It Again

Bill Becker shows off his latest creation at SMAC Field. These Electric Scale Models fly as well as they look and by the smile on his face this one is a gem.

Bill’s hobby shop basically consist of a razor blade and a few Carving Blades. His small wooden tool box contains some key templates for the size models that he constructs and sand paper.

Bill does not use power tools, only elbow grease.

Calendar of Events

D.O.G.S. SHOW 2 - 4 Sept. 2005
Location: USAF Museum, W-P AFB; Follow signs at front entrance off Day-Sprfld Rd.
Military and Civil Scale Aircraft
Jet, Piston Engine, Rocket & Electric Powered

6 September 2005 SMAC Meeting 7:00 PM.
Location: Club Field
Spence Road, North Hampton, Ohio

18 September 2005 SMAC Family Picnic
Location: Club Field
Spence Road, North Hampton, Ohio
Bring a Covered Dish & Chairs; Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks & Water provided.
"Field Opens at 10:00 AM; Food served at 1:00"

20 Sept. 2005 SMAC Board Meeting 7:00 PM.
Location: Club Field
Spence Road, North Hampton, Ohio

1 October 2005 SMAC U-Control Event
Location: Club Field
Spence Road, North Hampton, Ohio
Rain Date: Sunday 2 October 2005

4 October 2005 SMAC Meeting 7:00 PM.
Location: Club Field
Spence Road, North Hampton, Ohio



SMAC Fun Fly/Fly-In, 21 August 2005
Congratulations to the Winners



Congratulations Bernie Zoppa
Your Event was a Great Success.
Bernie obtained AMA sanction, Solicited Venders for prizes, was the Contest Director and Event MC.



"Mr. B" Recovers The Little Yellow Cub



SMAC Past President Terry Duke
Terry took 3rd Place in the Large Scale Helicopter Event at AMA Nat's at Muncie, IN.

"Congratulations Terry"

The Happy Ending

