



# Thrustline

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Recollections of SMAC meeting 8/1/06

Time 7-7:20 P.M.

Location: SMAC Field

Attendance: 23 members.

The Secretary could not attend this meeting, and therefore these are recollections of what. (i.e.) The accuracy can be questioned.

Treasurer's report read by Joe Ferrara. Accepted as read.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. July 5th picnic

2. CORN FLAG,; Bob Braun donated a flag to be used when looking for an AERO-CRAFT in the corn field. The holder is mounted to the shelter. The flagstaff screws into extension pipe. Please place the flag back in the holder when you are through using it. Thank You Bob

3. Bernie Zoppa reported on preparations for the Electric Fun-Fly on August 26th. Local sponsors have been contacted about donations.

## NEW BUSINESS:

4. One of the local sponsors, Azarr, provided a donation of \$165.00 worth of Hi-Max Brushless motors. The club recognized and thanked Azarr.

5. September 10th has been designated as day of the Club Picnic, Start time 10am.

6. Bruce Shaw won the 50/50 raffle.

**7. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 5TH.**

Your Dues can be sent to:

**SMAC—Joe Ferrara; 4986 W. Enon Rd; Fairborn, OH 45324**

**Would you do this to your own front yard?**

It has been pointed out to me by some of the board members that our lawn (pit area) is looking **CRAPPY!** Now this is not to say that several club members have not maintained the field. As a matter of fact, if it wasn't for the continuing efforts of Don and Betty Barnes, Steve Kianka, plus additional efforts of the spring maintenance crew, we would have no field at all.

**BUT** here we are again, all those lousy brown spots in the pit area, caused by spilling fuel. Maybe you don't give a @#S%^&\*(). But many of us want the field to look as nice as our front yards.

**Flying Field Rule #7:**

**To prevent contamination of the soil, all Refueling of engine powered aircraft will use a Catch Tank. All fuel in the Catch Tank will be returned to the members fuel supply container**

**MORE ON THE CRAPPY FIELD.**

If you have guests at the field, you are responsible for their actions. If they do not have a catch tank, let them use your tank. And if you don't have one, I am sure there are plenty of members that will show you how to make one. If you can afford to fly, you can afford to make a catch tank.

**WE, THE MEMBERS THAT CARE  
THANK YOU**

**AMA MEMBERSHIP  
REQUIRED**

If you do not have an AMA Membership, you can not be a SMAC Member!! There are no refunds on club membership dues.

**NON-SMAC (members) do not have privileges of flying at the field**

**SMAC HAS ADOPTED  
THE FOLLOWING  
SAFETY RULE FOR  
THE USE OF SPREAD  
SPECTRUM RADIOS  
AT OUR FIELD:**

**FOLLOWING  
MANUFACTURER'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS,  
SPREAD  
SPECTRUM RADIOS  
SHOULD BE USED  
EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
PARK FLYERS AND  
MICRO-HELICOPTERS.**

## ***Presidents Corner:***

I would like to thank all of our club members for coming out on the 5th and making the Miami club members feel welcome at our field. We had a great turn out with fantastic weather. There was a good showing of planes and I hope everyone had enough to eat.

I would also like to let everyone know that we have a national level competitor amongst our ranks. This past month Terry Duke traveled over to the NATIONALS at the AMA field in Indiana and competed in the scale helicopter event. He was able to place 5th in a field of 10 and that was after a misfortune of a bad landing in what looked like some gusty winds that caused his heli to tip over and strike the blades into the ground. I think we all know what it is like to break one of our pride and joys so give him a good congrats the next time you see him out at the field. I know that for me just to compete at a level of event as the nationals would just terrify me. I don't think I could stand there and fly for my knees knocking. Great job Terry!

Also don't forget about the electric fly this weekend on the 26th. Bernie has done a great job of getting together prizes for the event and a lot of time in getting everything scheduled so lets get out and support our event.

Don't forget about our annual picnic that will be held on September 10th. Food will be served and everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish and your plane or heli of course. I don't know about you all but I love to try other peoples cooking so make sure you bring your family and friends.

Thanks for everyone's help!

Jeff

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**September 5th**

**Fun Fly/Fly-in August 26th**

**Location: Flying Field  
North Hampton, Ohio  
Fridays, 9am to 12 noon, Electric Flying (while school is in session)  
August 26th Electric Fly-in/Fun Fly  
Location: SMAC Field, Spence Road  
North Hampton, Ohio**

## **Divine Intervention:**

Before we hear the true events of a happening at the field, I would like to re-fresh your memory about a past member that went to the cockpit in the sky, Don Johnson! One of Dons' unique abilities was his uncanny quality of finding lost planes in the corn field.

Recently, our friend Buzz lost his Cub in the dreaded corn field. Of course, he went to find it. It (de-plane) went down a long distance from the field. After several attempts to find it, Buzz called it a day. The next day, Buzz came back and drove down toward the Buffalo Farm to start his search. Again after several attempts to find de-plane, Buzz was about ready to give up. After contemplating what to do, Buzz decided to give it one more try. Just before he started to look again, in his frustration, some members heard him yell out “@#\$\$%^&\* Don, get your \$\$%^&\* down here and help me find my plane. Buzz walked two steps forward and there was his plane.

Now, I was assured by Neil that this is exactly what happened!



# SMAC PICTURES



**Flying fun**



So how do I start this thing?



**SHOW AND TELL**



**FULL BELLIES**



**BACKSEAT FLIERS**



**HOW MANY HOURS PER HAMBURGER?**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

***August 26th —SMAC FLY-IN & FUN FLY***

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND — DOG AIR SHOW  
WRIGHT PAT AIRFIELD**

***SEPT 5th CLUB MEETING***

***SEPT 10th SMAC PICNIC***

## **FOR SALE**

Various Model R/C parts, engines, etc. from an estate. ALL proceeds will go to the club. Contact Neil Perkins at 937-864-7427

Various R/C engines, planes and stuff. Owner is leaving the hobby. Dave Snyder can put you in contact with the party. 937-322-2267

HONDA EX1000 generator. Very good condition. Not as quiet as the EU1000 at partial load. As quiet as the EU1000 at full load. (58db). Have too many generators.

Contact Bernie Zoppa 937-834-8103