



SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

October 2003

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER for October 2003

The October Meeting will be held at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St., North Hampton, Ohio. The Board Meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. and the Club Meeting at 7:30 P.M. the first Tuesday of the Month.

We will follow this Meeting place and time for the Winter months. Any change will be announce in the SMAC Thrustline news letter.

Clem

PRESIDENT'S CORNER from September 2003

Has a new speed record been set? The Team of Kianka, Martin, and Perkins reportedly mowed the field in 35 minutes. The "Cub Mower" is down for repairs. Fasteners missing and steering parts damaged. Also the Mower did not want to engage.

ANDY HERIDER MEMORIAL PATTERN CONTEST had a great number of contestants covering 401, 402, 403, 404, and F3A pattern categories. Some of the contestants score very high at the NATS. Andy's dad Bruce did an excellent job organizing the entire contest. I served as a scribe for a few minutes on Saturday.

A new distance record has been set for an 11 pound RC Aircraft flying from Canada to Ireland. Contact the AMA if

you are approached about RC Aircraft potential as a terrorist weapon.

MINUTES OF SMAC MEETING, AUGUST 5TH, 2003

The meeting was held at the park shelter in North Hampton due to inclement weather and called to order at 7:00 PM by Club President Clem Schmid. There were approximately 18 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 78 paid members and the raffle fund stands at \$108.50 as of this date. Additionally, Tom reported that the total bill for the road gravel amounted to \$1,067.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Road Gravel: A work party was held August 9th to move the gravel into the storage shed and the item is now complete. Additionally Bob McWilliams was able to add air vents to the building and hopefully, this will bring the excess humidity problem under control. Thanks go out to all who participated.

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Safety Rules: The new field safety rules have been posted on the transmitter board and all club members are urged to become familiar with them.

NEW BUSINESS

Change of meeting location: All members are reminded that the meeting location will be at the Asbury United Methodist Church in North Hampton beginning in October and continuing through the winter. The dates are the same (the first Tuesday of the month) and the time of the Board meeting is 6:30 PM followed by the general meeting at 7:30 PM.

Club Picnic: The event is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th at 1:00 PM at the club flying field. Reservations need to be made with the village of North Hampton for the use of the park shelters in the event there is rain. Clem said he would check into doing this. Additionally, Tom Minnich said he would get the soft drinks and hamburgers. John and Bruce Shaw said they would do the cooking. All coming should bring a covered dish.

U-Control Event: Ted Teach and Tom Minnich have agreed to host a U-Control event which is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th at noon to be held at the SMAC field. The Dayton Buzzin' Buzzards will be invited and all club members are eligible to participate.

Dues waiver: A motion was made to forego the annual dues for Harold Dickerson in appreciation for his work in maintaining the club's lawn mowing equipment. The matter was put to a vote and the results were: 17 FOR, 0 AGAINST. The motion was passed.

Field Shelter: Once again, the matter of putting up a field shelter has been brought up. With work on the runway extension virtually complete, the idea of erecting a shelter building next spring is now on the agenda. The matter will be brought up for further discussion at the October meeting.

Helicopter Fly-in: SMAC has been approached by the Urbana R/C club about us considering to host their helicopter fly-in tentatively scheduled for next spring.

Terry Duke said he will attend the Urbana club's next meeting and report back with the results.

Money raising events: A brief discussion followed about money making opportunities for the club. Some of the suggestions included holding a raffle at the annual swap meet.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and John Shaw was the winner of the \$8.00 prize.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Neil Perkins, seconded by Steve Kianka. The meeting was closed at 7:36 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,
By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara

**DON'T FLY
WEST OF THE WEST EDGE
OF THE RUNWAY
IE: TREE, ROADWAY and
ESPECIALLY POWER LINES
OR BUILDINGS**

DON'T FLY SOUTH OF
(towards the access lane)
THE GRASS BARRIERS

**PLEASE
AFTER YOU ARE FINISHED US-
ING THE SPOOL, SET IT UP ON
EDGE AS IT VERY
QUICKLY KILLS THE GRASS.**

AMA PRESS RELEASE
MODEL AIRCRAFT SUCCEEDS IN
TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT

Muncie, Indiana - August 14, 2003 - The TAM 5, a piston powered radio controlled (RC) model aircraft, has just completed the first successful non-stop, transatlantic flight for a model. Maynard Hill, a past President of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and the STAR team were successful in taking off from Cape Spear Newfoundland, Canada, and landing 38 hours and 23 minutes, and some 1888.3 miles later in Manin Beach, County Calway, Ireland. The landing honors were done by current Academy of Model Aeronautics President, Dave Brown.

Two world records will be filed with the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) for distance in a straight line, and duration of flight.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics would like to congratulate all of the team on this significant accomplishment! This tremendous feat took over a decade of planning.

As a reminder regarding press contact, focus on the positive efforts of the team and its accomplishments. If you should be approached by the press with requests for additional information, please direct them to the AMA headquarters, and have them contact:

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Editors note: This information was received to late for inclusion in the September newsletter).

NOMINATIONS

**FOR OFFICERS,
BOARD MEMBERS
AND THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR
ARE DUE AT THE OCTOBER**

FOR SALE



Sun Dancer 40 with OS 52 4cycle and JR Computer Radio. Includes charger, bag of spare servos, and manual. Airplane has new 1100ma. battery and transmitter has new 700 ma battery \$300.00.

If interested Call Ed Ingebritson at (937) 882-6242 and leave message or send E-Mail to edingebritson@att.net after the 5th of October



Inversion 40 with OS 50 4 cycle and Futaba radio. Airplane has new 1400 ma battery and transmitter has new 700 ma battery and includes charger, extra servos and manual.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church

104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41)

North Hampton, Ohio

October 11, 2003

U-Control Fun Fly

SMAC Field

12:00 Noon

Claimed by some to be the Comedy Event of the Year).

November 4, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church

104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41)

North Hampton, Ohio

November 28, 2003

5th Annual SMAC Swap Meet

V.F.W. Post 1031

1237 E Main Street

Springfield, Ohio

9:00 AM til 1:00 PM

Sponsor: Springfield Model Airplane Club

December 2, 2003

SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM

Election of Officers and Board Members

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church

104 E. Clark St. (Rte # 41)

North Hampton, Ohio

April 2-4, 2004

Toledo Hobby Show

Sponsor: Weak Signals R/C Club

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