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SMAC Picnic September 18, 2005



The beginning of the serving line.
Thanks to the Ladies and Men
Who prepared the food.

Some of the dozen Engineers
Trying to solve the mystery as to
Why the grill did not heat.

Vice-President Candidate

My name is Bernie Zoppa and I am interested in becoming an Officer in SMAC. I have been involved in model aviation since I was 9 years old. I started with stick built COMET kits covered with tissue. Since I did not understand the theory of flight, my models flew like a rock. But here it is, many years later and some of my models still fly like a rock!



Actually, I came from Chicago 5 years ago and have a vast background of Clubs, Flying and the AMA. I have been a member of SMAC for the last 2 years and I fly with the Morning Crowd. I fly both engine and electric models. I am interested in running for the position of VP for SMAC. I believe that a club requires a board with "NO" hidden agenda; I fly for the fun of flying. I believe that a flying club should evolve and grow. We have the finest flying field around and we must protect it. My AMA number is 4037, you can now figure out that I have been around for many years. I have been a Qualified Contest Director and R/C Flight Instructor for 25 years. I have seen bad clubs and good clubs. It is easy for complacent officers to allow a club to go bad. So we must also protect our club. I believe that I can be a protector of our Club. Thank You. "Bernie"

Minutes of SMAC meeting, September 6th, 2005

Tonight's meeting was held at the SMAC flying field in North Hampton. Club President Jeff Traub called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and there were approximately 30 members in attendance. We were pleased to welcome Jarrod & Rick Policy, Bill Ginn and Doug Manson as guests and they have all joined the club. Additionally, former member Wayne Ulery has also rejoined. Wayne brought along a special guest tonight, Quique Somenzini who has moved into the area. As many of you might already know, Quique is one of the top competition R/C flyers in the country, if not in the world. He has won numerous awards and events with his skill and is very well known around the hobby. We were quite pleased to have him in attendance tonight. Quique then stated that he was interested in joining SMAC and we are also quite pleased to accept him into the Club as a member. Welcome, Quique and welcome back Wayne!

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 the raffle fund currently has \$83.00 in it and the membership stands at 79 paid members.

Old Business

Club Member Paul Rueger: As many of you know, Paul was injured in a June motorcycle accident and continues to recover. He's still in the hospital, but can accept visitors. If you're interested in seeing him (and a few friendly faces would help), he's currently at Community Hospital in Springfield, **Room 428.**

Club Electric Fly: The scheduled Club Electric Fly was held on Sunday, August 21st and wound up turning out well, despite an extremely foggy sky that morning which fortunately cleared up nicely. Event Director Bernie Zoppa reported that the Club netted \$72.00 for it's efforts and SMAC has picked up 2 new members as a result. There's also talk about holding another such event again next season.

Thanks for your leadership with this, Bernie!

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 past years, we request that everyone attending to please bring a covered dish.

Upcoming Elections: The Club's annual election of officers will be held at the December meeting. The offices of President, Vice-President, 2 Board members and Club Secretary are open and all Club members are encouraged to run. Additionally, Club Treasurer Tom Minnich has stated that he doesn't want to continue, after performing the function for the past 8 years. Although the Treasurer's seat isn't up for election this year, if anyone is interested in taking over for Tom, please notify the Board. A qualified individual can be appointed to the job with the approval of the Board.

Tractor: We're pleased to announce that the maintenance on the recently acquired tractor is virtually complete and the unit has been moved to the storage shed at the field. Due to the untiring efforts of Steve Kianka who put in more than 100 hours of work, we've completed the project at \$325.00 under the approved budget. Thanks for all of your help, Steve! As a note of reference, this unit is somewhat more complicated than the other lawn cutters. If anyone is interested in helping with the mowing, it's a good idea to get checked out first on it's operation by Steve or one of the members of the mowing crew before attempting to use it.

Fire Ring: Bill Cline is the point of contact for this item and it is still open.

New Business

New Carlisle Air Parade: We've been informed that the Club has been asked if it would be willing to participate in the New Carlisle Air Parade to be held on October 1st & 2nd. This will be a static display as the park they intend to use is not large enough for actual R/C flying. Anyone interested should contact one of the Club officers.

Next Club Meeting: Although the next general meeting is slated for the first Tuesday of October at the Club field, we may be moving it to the Asbury United Methodist Church in North Hampton. If the weather is not favorable, the meeting definitely will be held at the church.

September Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 20th at the Club flying field at 7:00 PM. All Club members are welcome to attend.

R/C Flying Incident: Club member Chris Frye recently lost a very expensive large scale model airplane at the Waco Field when another flyer inadvertently (although negligently) activated a transmitter on the same frequency that Chris was using at the time. There were no injuries in the incident, but damage to Chris' plane was reported at several thousand dollars. We've been pretty good at the SMAC Field about the use of the "Frequency Board", but the incident serves as a reminder to everyone of what the consequences could be for not following established procedures. The rules are not written as a restriction, but instead intended to protect everyone from this sort of thing.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, the 50/50 raffle was held and Paul Martin was the winner and Harry Compston won a gift certificate which had been donated to the Club. There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made. The meeting was closed by President Jeff Traub at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara

**Minutes of SMAC Board Meeting,
September 20th, 2005**

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Club Annual Picnic: SMAC's annual picnic was held on Sunday, September 18th and a good time was had by all. Additionally, we also held the "Paintball Shoot-out" and the Club netted \$44.00 from members eager to try and knock down the "Pizza Box Special". Ted Myers, Rick Barch, Dave Snyder (twice) and John Shaw were able to hit it while in-flight. Special thanks go out to Neil Perkins for readying and flying the plane. Steve Kianka and Jim Miller also flew the plane after Neil gave them the secret of the plane's special characteristics. We also give thanks to John and Bruce Shaw for providing us with their culinary talents.

Year End Swap Meet: Preparations continue for the end of 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. They're also the point of contact for seller's space. Additionally, the Secretary will take care of the insurance certificate.

New Business

October Club Meeting: The October Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at the Asbury



**The SMAC Picnic
Was a great success:
A fine variety of food,
Aircraft and,
Perfect Weather.**

**The Paintball Event
Held the attention
Of the entire crowd.**



The Paintball Lineup

**The First "Daniel Boone"
To Hit the Aircraft**

Calendar of Events

1 October 2005 SMAC U-Control Event
Start 12:00 Noon (Rain date 2 Oct. 1:00 PM)
Location: Club Field
Spence Road, North Hampton, Ohio
Rain Date: Sunday 2 October 2005

1-2 October 2005 New Carlisle Air Parade
Location: Across street from Smith Park
Rte 571 West (west edge of city)
Static Display; May fly small Electrics

4 October 2005 SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Club Meeting: 7:30 PM
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church
104 E. Clark St (Rte #41)
North Hampton, Ohio

1 November 2005 SMAC Board Mtg. 6:30 PM
Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church
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North Hampton, Ohio

25 November 2005 SMAC SWAP MEET
Setup: 6:30 AM
Location: **VFW Auditorium**
1237 E. Main Street
Springfield, Ohio

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United Methodist Church in North Hampton at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by President Jeff Traub at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara



Neil
Perkins
Flying
The
"Pizza Box
Special"

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.

For Sale

Hanger 9 "Alpha Trainer"; Ready-To-Fly Airplane with JR Radio and Field start-up pack. New in the Box; \$300.00.

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