

# Thrustline

Springfield Model Airplane Club October 2009



## Club Officers

### President

Don Friessan

### Vice President

Richard Baker

### Secretary

Bruce Shaw

### Treasurer

Joe Ferrara

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John Henley

Buzz Massey

Jim Miller

Neil Perkins

### Safety Officer

Mike Harter

### Field Marshal

Don Barnes

### Mower maintenance

Steve Kianka

### Newsletter Editor

Azarr

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### **From the Editor:**

October bring us fall, pumpkins, shorter days and **Club Officer Nominations**

The following offices are up for election this year.

Vice President

Board Member (2 positions)

Secretary

Newsletter Editor

Please think about volunteering for one of the open positions. The Club runs on volunteers, have you done your part lately?

Voting takes place during the December meeting and nominations are open until that time.

Suggestions/Articles/For Sale items are always welcome - Deadline the 20th of the month.

Azarr

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7:30 PM Oct 6th 09 - at the church

Meetings will now be held at the  
Asbury United Methodist Church

NOTE THE **TIME CHANGE** and **PLACE CHANGE**

### **From the Secretary: Minutes from the Sep meeting**

SMAC Meeting September 1, 2009

Place: SMAC Flying Field

Time: 7:00 PM:

Attendance: 24 members

Secretary's report was read by Bruce Shaw and accepted as read.  
Treasurer's report was read by Joe Ferrara. and accepted as read.

### **Old business**

Insurance for the lawn mower:

The insurance for the lawn mower has been paid.

Safety Code:

Don has the sign and will be putting it up in the next few weeks as time permits.

Club picnic; SMAC will be having a club picnic September 13, 2009 with

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[SMAC Flying Field](#)  
[Academy of Model Aeronautics](#)

a rain date of September 20, 2009. Buzz will be bring meatballs Dave will be bringing condiments. Don will be getting the pop and burgers and hotdogs. Buzz will be getting Ice and coolers. Every one should bring a covered dish if possible. Joe Farrara will be sending out an email reminder just before the picnic to remind every one.

#### Charging stations

The solar charging kit cost \$219.99 we would also need to add a 12Volt battery \$70 and #6 wiring. After some discussion Buzz moved to purchase the Kit it was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion was passed.

Richard Baker has a battery that he is willing to donate to the project. We will need to design a cabinet to hold the battery and equipment Neal Perkins will be heading up this project with help from Bob Braun If you have any thing to contribute to this project please see Neal or Bob.

Things that may be useful conduit and hardware #6 wire and ideas for cabinet to hold equipment and battery.

#### Tree trimming

There is a branch on the tree that was causing traffic to detour over the grass instead of using the driveway and needed to be trimmed. Buzz has taken care of this. Thanks Buzz

Driveway Thank you, President Don Friessen for you're hard work smoothing it out. The lane should be ok for the rest of the year.

#### **New business**

SMAC 11th Annual Swap Meet November 27, 2009 (Friday after Thanksgiving)

Flyers are available on the web site under the [calendar menu](#) for November 27

Please print out a few and leave them wherever you go.

Admission \$3.00 (Spouse, children under 12 free) Table Space \$10.00 each (Includes 1 admission.)

To Reserve Your Table contact Michael Harter 4301 Addison Carlisle Rd New Carlisle, OH 45344

937-845-3743 E-Mail: [mwharter@hotmail.com](mailto:mwharter@hotmail.com) or Clem Schmid 5710 Hunter Road Enon, OH 45323-9763

937-864-1694. If you have any questions call Michael Harter at the number above. Don and Betty will be taking care of the food. President Don Friessen will be sending in the insurance to the AMA. We will be doing setup on Wednesday before the event setting up tables and moving chairs.

Just a reminder that club officer election will be in December if you would like to run for a position or would like to nominate some one. We should start thinking about it soon.

October's meeting will be at the Asbury United Methodist Church. AT 7:30 PM, we will be using the winter schedule.  
No other business, the meeting was closed.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church. 104 E. Clark Street (Rt. 41) North Hampton, OH 45349. As of this writing there is no board

meeting scheduled please see a club officer if you have an issue you think should come before the board.

Respectfully Submitted  
By Club Secretary Bruce Shaw

## Event Schedule

### **NON FLYING**

Oct 25 - Greenville OH Swap Meet

NOTE: A small indoor facility is available for flying. The space is 30 x 60 x 12, so small park flyers or heli's only.

Nov 7th - Swap meet - Grove City, OH

Nov 14th - Swap meet - Piqua, OH

Nov 27th - SMAC Swap Meet - VFW, Springfield, OH

### **FLYING**

Oct 3rd - WACO Barnstormers Fly In - Troy, OH

Oct 3 - 4 - West OH Stunt Contest - Dayton, OH

Oct 16 - 18th KEIF - Muncy, PA

Nov 6 - 8th JR Indoor Fest - Columbus, OH

## Dear Ready Kilowatt

Dear Ready:

I just bought a new charger on line from WileE.C@acme.com that's rated for up to 6 cells and 5 Amps, but when I try to charge my 6S 4000mah battery it never goes that high. Is something wrong with my battery?



(signed)

E Challenged in North Hampton.

Dear E,

Mr Coyote is well known for this type of advertising. This is one of my pet peeves. Remember those weight loss commercials where they promise **UP TO** 22 pounds a day weight loss.

Well, what does that mean. No where, no how did they ever say you *would* lose 22 lbs, you just thought that's what you heard.

The magic number to look for in a charger is output Watts. (remember our math lesson, Volts x Amps =Watts. Most of the inexpensive chargers are rated for a total output of 50Watts. So, if you have a 6S 4000 mah (4Amp) battery pack, you can see it will never charge at 5A.

OK, OK, I'll do the math for you again. Rounding off:

6S = 24Volts but, we know our charger only can output 50Watts, so  
50 divided by 24 = 2.1A (the max charge possible for your pack)

Back to our original formula:  $V (24) \times A (2.1) = W (50)$

Did they lie in their advertising? Well no, did they mislead you?  
Probably.

Reading between the lines, what the add really says is that it can do up  
to 6 cells or up to 5Amps, nowhere does it say it can do *both at the  
same time*.

You could charge a small 2S pack at 5A or, you could charge a 6S  
pack at 2.1A

To accomplish what you want you would need a charger capable of  
putting out 300 -350Watts.

Ready

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