



SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

November 2003

Officers 2003

**President
Clem Schmid**

**Vice President
Bob Mc Williams**

**Secretary
Joe Ferrara**

**Treasurer
Tom Minnich**

Board Member 2003

**Bob Riffle
Buzz Massey
Jim Miller
Chad South**

**Past President/
Safety Officer
Terry Duke**

**Field Marshal
Don Barnes**

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**Newsletter Editor
Ken Petry**

**Mower Maintenance
Harold Dickerson**

**Work Liaison
Neil Perkins**

**Chief Instructor
Gary Yowler**

President's Corner

The December meeting will be on the second Tuesday of December due to a conflict with a church organization. So mark your calendar for the 9th of December for the Board and Business meeting. Times remain the same.

The U-Control event was a success despite the fact that only three Club members flew their aircraft on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

Ted Teach flew two hand launched aircraft and provided the high point of the afternoon on saving a new aircraft from a seated position on the ground. Ted had the most flights and the best aerobatic maneuvers. He also flew an old timer diesel RC aircraft.

The team of Bruce and John Shaw provided some interesting activities with a 1/2 A U-Control which John hand launched and then used his camcorder to capture the flights.

Yours truly had one good flight with a 50-year old Ring Master and a Fox 35 of the same vintage. The landing was a one pointer following a stall into the cross wind. The silkspan popped on the inboard wing with a perfect 45-degree shear.

I believe the U-Control event has potential and should be held twice a year. We have the room to have more than one circle going at a time.

More than a dozen Club members were in attendance to offer help, support, and the usual "Advice".

That's all for now,

Clem

From the Newsletter Editor

Election of Officers

As you may or may not know (or in most cases, judging by meeting attendance don't care) nominations for Vice President, 2 Board members and a Newsletter Editor were held at the October Meeting. To put it succinctly, there were no nominations nor volunteers! The only nomination made was for Treasurer and according to the Bylaws that position is to be elected in the even years, not in an odd year.

Needless to say since there was no nominations for the Newsletter Editors position, apparently the last issue of the newsletter will be the December issue unless someone steps forward PDQ.

**DECEMBER MEETING
WILL BE THE
SECOND TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 9, 2003
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

MINUTES OF SMAC MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Club President Clem Schmid. There were approximately 24 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 \$116.00 as of this date.

Old Business

Helicopter fly-in: The matter is still open from last month and we need to check with Terry Duke about it's current status and the advisability of continuing to pursue the matter.

U-Control event: The event is scheduled for this Saturday, October 11th at noon. Tom Minnich said he might have a scheduling problem, but Ted Teach said it will still be held as scheduled.

Shelter house: The issue of putting up a shelter house is now active. Tom Minnich received some brochures from National Carports and American Steel Carports and distributed them. The Board will recommend purchasing a 24' X 36' structure to the general membership. Following a discussion on the matter, the Club felt that it was not necessary to make a decision on the matter immediately, but we should make a commitment early next year in time to get the structure up and finished before the flying season begins.

Swap meet: The event is still on schedule for the day after Thanksgiving and preparations continue. Additionally, the ad for the event is in the current edition of the AMA magazine.

Money raising events: Proposals for raising funds for the club included a paint ball event and hosting a club dinner.

New Business

Winter electric and indoor activities: The possibility has been raised of getting the use of the gym at Clark State College for indoor electric flying. Jeff Traub is currently looking into the matter.

Mid Ohio Fly-in: An electric fly-in is scheduled for this Saturday at the Golf Dome in Columbus, 5000 E. Broad St. Azarr is the point of contact for further information.

Nominations for elected office: Nominations are now open for the positions of Vice president, Treasurer, 2 Board members and a news letter editor. We currently have 78 members and ongoing participation is the key for advancement and continuation of the club. All qualified members are encouraged to seek these offices. Ken Petry has stated that he will be stepping down at the end of this year after many years of service and we are currently in need of someone to take over the important job of keeping everyone in the organization informed as to what is going on. It doesn't take all that much, just a computer and an hour or 2 each month to produce and send out the newsletter. Anyone interested?

Guests: We were pleased to welcome Stan Gentner as a guest tonight. Stan then joined the club. Welcome aboard.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Jim Miller was the winner of the \$14.50 prize.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Buzz Massey, seconded by Dave Snyder. The meeting was closed at 8:29 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,
By Club Secretary
Joe Ferrara



**U-CONTROL Fun Fly held on October 11, 2003 at SMAC Field.
2 Participants; Ted Teach, Bruce Shaw. 20 spectators
Notice the attitude of the airplane in the left picture**

Are you wasting time and money?
By Ken Reed

“Why am I wasting my time and money with this hobby? This is a big joke.”

A friend of mine said this to me as we drove back to his house following his first major crash at the flying field. He has never flown again! Frankly, at that time, I didn't know what to say, but since then, I have thought about why some give up when they are just getting started.

In my experience, I had a mentor who helped me get over the learning curve to the point where I began to feel confident. I finally reached a place where I felt more positive when I left for the field, believing that this would be a good experience, and I would probably bring my airplane home in good shape.

No one feels competent when learning a new skill. Our first level is when we are totally unskilled, so in our club we begin with an instructor and a buddy box.

The second level is when we are flying our trainer, but we still feel awkward and we have to be very deliberate and intentional.

The third level occurs when we become more compe-

tent, but we are still intentional while we try to relax and enjoy the experience.

Finally, we reach level four because we have practiced doing basic maneuvers plus taking off and landing so many times that our subconscious takes over and everything become automatic. In other words, we “have a feel for it.” It's like driving a car with a stick shift. You go through all four levels until you can drive without saying to yourself, “Now I must push in the clutch and slowly let it out again while gently stepping on the gas pedal” and so forth.

My friend crashed when he was still in the awkward phase of learning a new skill, and that's why he asked, “Why am I wasting my time and money with this hobby?”

No one will say this is an easy hobby to learn, but I would encourage all you new people to hang in there and build on your strength as you move from level to level. The key is to practice, Do it over and over and over until you can go out and truly enjoy a great hobby.

from Hi-Flyer, Arvada Associated Modelers
Eric Gropp, editor
Golden CO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 9, 2003

FAST Swap Meet

Miami Valley CTC

6800 Hoke Rd

9:00AM til 1:30PM

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 9, 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

January 4, 2004

17th Annual RC Swap Meet.

Site: Celina Senior High School Auditorium,

715 E Wayne St.

8:30AM to 2PM

Sponsor: CELINA FLYING SPORTSMAN

MODEL CLUB

April 2-4, 2004

Toledo Hobby Show

Sponsor: Weak Signals R/C Club

PLEASE NOTE:

**The December meeting is on the 2nd
Tuesday in lieu of the normal 1st Tuesday.**

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