

Springfield Model Airplane Club

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President
Terry Duke

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Clem Schmid

Secretary
Roger Dillion

Treasurer
Tom Minnich

Board of Directors
Bob Riffle
Jim Miller
Buzz Massey
Ken Coss

Field Safety
Officer
John Burns

Minutes of SMAC meeting, November 5, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Club President Terry Duke at 7:30 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the October 2002 meeting were read by Acting 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.

Old Business

Swap meet: Event Coordinator Dave Snyder is continuing with preparations. The event is scheduled for November 29th, the day after Thanksgiving. The AMA ad still had problems, but the event is being promoted from a number of different angles, so this is not expected to be a problem. 24 tables have been sold so far. We still need prize donations from the hobby shops. Terry Duke said he will look into the matter. The issue of food is still open and someone needs to talk to John Burns to see if his wife is still willing to help out with this.

Secondary flying site: Ted Wallace and Monte Zinn had a meeting with Springfield city officials. Ted stated that there were problems with the planners as to the actual field location and he was having a difficult time getting the issue resolved. He is attempting to arrange another meeting with the city manager and get the project moving. As of right now, the matter is still open.

Training program: The matter is still open.

Club constitution: Copies of the draft version of the constitution have been sent to all club members. The general membership will vote on it's acceptance at the December meeting.

New Business

Elections: Nominations are now open for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, News Letter Editor and 2 Board members.

Engine Raffle: There seemed to be no firm consensus of opinion on how to run the engine raffle. Buzz Massey then made a motion

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that instead of raffling off engines, we instead raffle off the money. The motion was carried by the membership. A second motion was made to make it "**Winner Take All**" and it too was carried by the membership. **The "Pot" could have as much as \$200-\$400 in it!**

Meeting location: Club President Terry Duke stated last month that the *Asbury United Methodist Church* will not be available on the first Tuesday of December. He has made alternate arrangements and **the next scheduled club meeting is Thursday, December 5th at 7:30 PM.** The Board meeting will be held on the same date at 6:30 PM.

Field Maintenance: With the flying season virtually over, we need to get the field ready for winter. The canopy frame needs to be taken down, the roller drained and the picnic tables, transmitter stand and frequency board put into the storage building. Don Barnes stated that he has already taken care of the roller. A work party is scheduled for this Saturday.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made. The meeting was closed by President Terry Duke at 8:26 PM.

Assistants 2002
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster
Ken Petry
Mower Maintenance
Harold Dickerson
Work Liaison
Neil Perkins
Chief Student Instructor

Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 5, 2002
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Asbury United Methodist Church

January 7, 2003
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Asbury United Methodist Church

February 4, 2003
SMAC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
SMAC Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Asbury United Methodist Church

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50/50 raffle was held and Clem Schmid was the winner.

Respectfully submitted,
By Acting Secretary
Joe Ferrara

DECEMBER MEETING

THE DECEMBER SMAC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2002
AT THE NORMAL TIMES.

A CASH DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING IN LIEU OF THE NORMAL ENGINE RAFFLE.

ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS/NEWSLETTER EDITOR WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

CLUB CONSTITUTION

A VOTE FOR APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

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How Tools Are Really Used
by J. D. Woods

Sure, we all use tools in pursuit of our hobby and we know how to use them ... don't we? My friend, Larry Dickinson, experimental aircraft builder and engineer for that "other" automotive company, sent the following along. Puts a whole new light on the subject.

Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

Electric Hand Drill: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age. Also works great for drilling mounting holes in fenders just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheel.

Pliers: Used to round off bolt heads.

Hacksaw: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

Vise-grips: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Drill Press: A tall, upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted part you were drying.

Wire Wheel: Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws the bolts somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say "ouch."

Hydraulic Floor Jack: Used for lowering a vehicle to the ground after you have installed your new front disc brake setup, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front fender.

8-foot Long Douglas Fir 2 x 4: Used for levering a vehicle upward off a hydraulic jack.

Tweezers: A tool for removing wood splinters.

Telephone: Tool for calling your friend to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

Snap-on Gasket Scraper: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise. Used mainly for getting dog poo off your boot.

Mechanic's Knife: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door. Works particularly well on boxes containing seats and other soft parts. Also, will slice hands and fingers quickly.

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Timing Light: A stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease build-up.

2-ton Hydraulic Engine Hoist: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and brake lines you may have forgotten to disconnect.

Aviation Metal Snips: See hacksaw.

Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper and tin oil cans and splash oil onto your shirt. Can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

Air Compressor: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 50 years ago and rounds them off.

Pry Bar: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed in order to replace a 50-cent part.

Hose Cutter: A tool use to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short.

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