



# SMAC Thrustline

The Newsletter by and for the Springfield Model Airplane Club

December 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**

## Assistants 2003

**Newsletter Editor  
Ken Petry**

**Mower Maintenance  
Harold Dickerson**

**Work Liaison  
Neil Perkins**

**Chief Instructor  
Gary Yowler**

## **NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!!**

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

## **MINUTES OF SMAC MEETING, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Club President Clem Schmid. There were approximately 27 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 79 paid members and the raffle fund stands at \$130.50 as of this date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Shelter house:** The matter is still open. We still need to obtain the final measurements and decide on exactly which unit to purchase

**Swap Meet:** The event is still on

schedule for Friday, November 28th, the day after Thanksgiving and preparations continue. Event coordinator Dave Snyder reported that 10 tables have been sold so far. Dave stated we need to procure a hand stamp for re-admittance and Tom Minnich said he will take care of that. Clem said he would look into the food issue and contact John Burns. Bob McWilliams said he would take care of the raffle and contact Jim Penrose to see if he might be able to donate some door prizes. Joe Ferrara stated he would contact John Nagel at R/C Hobby Center for door prizes. Clem stated that he thought the sign for the event was in the barn and he would get it. Setup is scheduled for 7:30 AM on the morning of the event and the doors will open to the general public at 9:00 AM. We're hoping for a good turnout.

**Helicopter fly-in:** Dave Milner from the Urbana club attended tonight's meeting and proposed co-hosting the helicopter event which is tentatively scheduled for September 11th, 2004. He stated that this year's event netted their club approximately \$800 and that 200 flyers and spectators participated. He also asked that the club reconsider it's recent vote that declined the proposal from the Urbana & Quincy clubs for forming a flying field cooperative.

**U-Control event:** The event was held on Saturday, October 11th at

noon. Ted Teach stated that although only 4 flyers participated, a number of spectators were present to watch the activities and a good time was had by all.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Safety:** Field Safety Officer Terry Duke reported that there was a recent fatality in the Houston, Texas area involving a model helicopter and a student pilot. All pilots are urged to exercise due caution when flying their models. Additionally, there was a recent incident at the SMAC field which resulted in a model aircraft striking a parked motor vehicle and could have easily resulted in injury. Needless to say, flying safety is an ongoing issue.

**Winter Activities:** Jeff Traub (and others) contacted Clark State College and were able to get their approval for the use of the gym for an indoor R/C event. The dates are January 5th and January 20th from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

**End of Year Field Maintenance:** The final put away of equipment for the year still needs to be taken care of. Following a brief discussion of the matter, it was decided to hold a work party this Saturday, November 8th at noon. The transmitter board and tables need to be put up, the tractors taken care of and the roller drained.

**Nominations for elected office:** Nominations are now open for the positions of club Vice president, Treasurer, 2 Board members and a news letter editor and the election for these offices is to be held at the next scheduled gathering. Participation unfortunately has been a bit sparse lately and all club members are urged to be present for December's meeting for nothing else than to cast your vote. Everyone is asked if they can donate just a little bit of their time to insure that club obligations can be met and we can continue our activities. SMAC is in urgent need of someone to pick up the ball for the job of newsletter editor. Ken Petry is stepping down after the next issue is published and unless someone is willing to take up the job, we aren't going to have a newsletter beginning in January. It doesn't take all that

much, just a computer and an hour or 2 each month to produce and send out the newsletter and to keep everyone informed about club activities. Can you help us?

After a poll of members, Bob Levy stated that he would accept the nomination for club vice president and seek the office. Nominations can be made any time, by and for any club member up until the election is held.

**The big end of year 50/50 raffle will also be held at the same time! There is already nearly \$150 in cash to be given away and that figure may rise considerably before the drawing is held! Last year, Chad South walked away with \$273! You could be next! SEE YOU AT THE DECEMBER MEETING! ALSO NOTE THAT THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9th, not the usual first Tuesday of the month!**

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 50-50 raffle was held and Roger Peck was the winner of the \$13.50 prize.

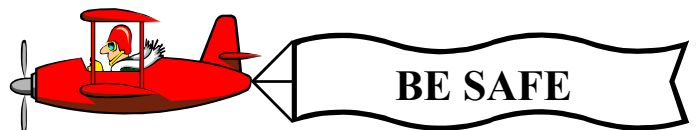
There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made. The meeting was closed at 8:35 PM by President Clem Schmid.

Respectfully submitted,  
By Club Secretary

**Joe Ferrara**

### ELECTRIC FLYERS (Indoor)

January 5th and January 20th, 2004. there will be an indoor electric fun fly at Clark State Gymnasium. If you need more information, contact either Jeff Traub or Neil Perkins.



**THE LAST WORD:  
Something to think about**  
By WALT WILSON

In most clubs, virtually all the work necessary to keep the organization going is done by a small percentage of the membership. The Spirits of St. Louis are no different. Whether it's cutting grass, being field chairperson, activities chairperson, a contest director, a board of directors member, maintaining a club Web site, or being president, treasurer, secretary, or newsletter editor, we are all volunteers. The pay scale is the same—zip.

Most members who have never been involved in any of these jobs have no appreciation of the effort that goes into doing them. Many club members have no idea who does what for the club. Some seem to think it all happens automatically and, since they've paid their dues, they're entitled to a free ride in all other aspects.

The people who recognize and assume the responsibilities do so for a variety of reasons. Most want to do something to feel like they're doing their share to support the club. Some have unique skills that enable them to make special contributions. As long as the volunteers do their jobs, the people who recognize what they're doing appreciate and occasionally thank them.

Whatever the reason, eventually the workers feel it is time to move on and let someone else carry the ball for a while. Maybe they're burned out, tired, have developed physical problems, or have family or business responsibilities that precludes donating the time necessary to do a club job. Maybe they feel they've done enough. Eventually, all will quit doing whatever they do. If you don't think that being a club officer takes its toll on time and patience, think about how many past presidents are still active members of the club. Of those who are, how many are willing to be president or hold another office?

Appreciate the people who spend their time making your club work. Pat them on the back occasionally. Don't resent them when they quit doing it. Ask yourself if you would have done that job.

from Flight Lines  
Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club  
Walt Wilson, editor  
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**Proper method to exit receiver antennas**

Never exit the receiver antenna wire to the exterior of the fuselage by running it via the wing saddle, or anywhere near the wing-fuselage joint. The vibration and relative movement between the two during flight will eventually sever the antenna wire.

The proper method is to punch an exit hole in the fuselage, near the receiver location and away from exhaust residue. Obtain heavy sleeving material (the size that will allow the antenna to slide through) from any electronic store. CyA a 3-inch piece of this sleeving in the antenna hole so a half inch or so is inside the fuselage. Pass the antenna wire through the sleeving and attach to the rear of the fuselage. Before you pass the wire through the fuselage, put a strain relief on the wire inside the fuselage to prevent it from being pulled out of the receiver.

The best and cheapest strain reliefs are either a button or a broken off portion of a servo output arm. Simply weave the wire through the holes in the button or servo arm about three times and it's finished. Make sure you position the strain relief on the antenna wire such that there is some slack antenna inside the fuselage when you are finished.

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South Bend Radio Control Club  
Jack Allinger, editor  
South Bend IN



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**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**

**January 6, 2004**

**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**

**February 3, 2004**

**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**

**February 7, 2004**

**Midwest Model -RAMA**

**9:00AM Till 3:00PM**

**Site: Hara Arena.**

**Sponsor: Dayton Wingmaster**

**April 2-4, 2004**

**Toledo Hobby Show**

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