

SMAC Happ'nins

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Swap Meet: 2004 Version

On May 22nd 2004 SMAC held it's annual Swap Meet at Arnold's Field. This event has always been a nice little get together to kick off the new flying season. As usual we had members from the St. Clair County Prop Busters and The River District Eagles attending. I didn't get a chance to find out where everyone was from but I know that we had someone from the East Wings club and also the Radio Control Club of Detroit was represented.

Bill Gass was one of the first members to make a deal. He purchased an airplane from Gary Wilkerson that is setup for night flying. Bill always seems to be able to sniff out a good deal. We haven't had very many airplanes set up for night flying so hopefully this will start a trend.

When Bill and Gary weren't wheeling and dealing Bill was getting his flight in his Sig Kadet and Gary was flying his twin engine. There was no air combat between the two which leads me to believe that the deal that Bill and Gary made was good as gold.

Jack DeLisle brought his Vstick 40. Jack's plane flies real well and is powered by a unique engine that we looked over. It's a RCV .58 with a rotary valve setup. Jack took his plane up using a Southerly takeoff run since the wind was very calm. It was kind of ironic because the night before the Swap Meet there were tornado's here in the Midwest and yet we couldn't get a little wind going down the runway.

Ken Sulkowski came all the way from the RCCD for the event. He brought up his Pete 'n Poke, which flies really well. We had a nice conversation in which I recalled one of the



Jack DeLisle walks his plane out to the runway.

RCCD events that I had the opportunity to attend.

Al Bartley brought his new Ace 4-40 with an Enya .51 4-Stroke engine on it. The plane looks real cool with a yellow and green color scheme. I plan on getting a kit report from Al to put into the next issue.

Carl Jones and Todd Litke also attended the swap meet. Carl gave us a couple of really good solo flights with his Raptor helicopter. After the meet Carl was going to give Todd a hand setting up Todd's new Raptor. Knowing Todd, he will have lots of fun with his wingless variety of RC.

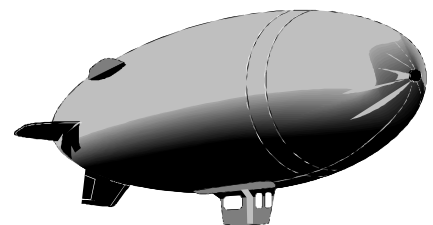
The new owner of Grant's Custom Aircraft came to display his kits. He is selling 3 seaplane kits at this time. (See his add on page 3). He

had a real nice Consolidated Catalina on display.

As for myself I ended up purchasing a stack of books from Jack DeLisle. I'm very thankful for the great deal he gave me!

I think even Bob Samuelson had fun as this was the first planned event of his presidency (other than the January 1st. fun fly).

All in all we can't complain as we had a good time.



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How To Tip

I picked up this tip at the swap meet.

If you have a dirty engine or engine parts to clean up:

Get an old Crock Pot and buy some new but cheap anti-freeze. Pour the anti-freeze in the crock pot full enough to cover the parts you are cleaning. Then heat the anti-freeze up just below boiling. Place your parts in the anti-freeze and let them soak overnight. In the morning they will be almost like new.

Please let me know if you've tried this and how it works.

2004 SMAC CALENDAR

SMAC Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month.
Arnold Airport 7 PM

Training Night: Thursday evenings, SMAC Field
(while Daylight Saving Time is in effect)

Club Flying Night: Tuesday evenings, SMAC Field
(while Daylight Saving Time is in effect)

June:

- 19 Propbusters Fun Fly - 10:00am
- 20 River District Eagles - Pylon - 9am
- 20 Port Huron Hobbyfest - 10am Pine Grove Park

July:

- 3 River District Eagles - Combat - 9am
- 10 River District Eagles - Gathering of Eagles - 9am
- 11 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field
- 17 River District Eagles - Fun Fly - 9am
- 24 River District Eagles - Pylon - 9am
- 31 & August 1st RCCD - 2nd Annual Precision Aerobatics Pattern Contest

August:

- 1 RCCD - 2nd Annual Precision Aerobatics Pattern Contest
- 8 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field
- 15 River District Eagles - Pylon - 9am
- 22 River District Eagles - Combat - 9am
- 28 Toy's for Tot's - 10am Arnold Field

September:

- 4 Propbusters Toy's for Tot's 9:30am
- 5 RCCD - Fun Fly and Club Picnic
- 11 River District Eagles - Pylon - 9am
- 12 River District Eagles - Combat - 9am
- 12 River District Eagles - Fun Fly - 9am
- 18 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field

October:

- 3 River District Eagles - Combat - 9am
- 9 River District Eagles - Pylon - 9am
- 10 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field

The President's Address

By Bob Samuelson

The first thing I would like to do is thank Dennis Bigger for his years of service as President. He did a great job and put in a lot of work and time for this Club. He is always there for the person that needs help whether teaching them to fly or just getting an engine on their plane to run better. I, for one, am glad to have him as a friend.

In April, Al Bartley, Bill Gass and I went to Toledo for the R/C Expo. It was great as usual. I would have had a better time there if Nancy had given me more money! There were beautiful models on display; some I would have second thoughts about even flying.

One thing for sure is the growing trend of ARF planes. They have come a long way in the last ten years. A person is hard pressed to build a plane of the quality of most ARFs and the prices are not that bad. No reason not to have a 'stable' of great airplanes to fly in a short time.

Al Bartley is still waiting to hear from members to volunteer for lawn mowing. It is the flying season and your help to keep your field in ready-to-fly condition would be appreciated.

Safe flying is no accident. It is up to all of us. When you see a potential problem, address it; talk to the person that may not be flying as safe as he should be or offer assistance to the person to help make them safer.

At the June meeting we will discuss the date for the Club picnic and make plans for our annual Fly-In-For-Toys to be held August 28. Please try to attend. This is your Club and your input is welcomed and needed.

Safe flying and see you at the field.

Bob

Grants Custom Aircraft Kits

Wing

Span	Scale	Wing Area	Wt.	Len	Engines	Control Surfaces
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PBY 5-1 Catalina

106"	1/12	1270 Sq. In.	23 lbs	64"	.60 2-Cycle .90 4-Cycle	3 surfaces & Motor Servo, Motor Trim Servo, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo
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Grumman G-44 Widgeon

80"	1/5	15 Sq. Ft.	24 lbs	60"	.60 2-Cycle 90 4-Cycle	3 surfaces & Motor Servo, Motor Trim Servo, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo
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Republic Seabee

70"	60	630 Sq. In.	8 lbs	48"	.40 2-Cycle	4 Control Surfaces
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Kit construction will entail some grinding and filing of some of the joints and finish assembly

For more information, contact Mike at (810) 329-6406

More kits becoming available soon.

**SANILAC MODEL AVIATION CLUB
May 16, 2004 MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. Meeting held at Arnold's Field.

Members Present: Bill Gass, Brian Glombowski, Al Bartley, Dennis Bigger, Norm Hurren and Dave Krueger.

Guests: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Norm Hurren read the minutes of the March 14, 2004 meeting. Al Bartley motioned, Dave Krueger seconded to approve the April 18, 2004 meeting minutes as read. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Balance \$993.64.

CORRESPONDENCE

Propbusters Fun Fly – June 19th. River District Eagles Fun Fly June 12, 9 am. Please try to attend to support other clubs.

COMMITTEE REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS

- Line #1 May 22 Swap Meet, 10AM - Bart Perry had no problem with us using the airport for Swap Meet. He did say there has been a problem with the septic – try to minimize toilet usage. Bob will cut the lawn Friday, May 21. Could use some help to clean the office and whatever else needs done to get ready for swap meet. Time to meet at the airport will be 1PM. Nancy Samuelson will get donuts.
- Line #2 Dave Krueger said he plans on publishing the newsletter after the swap meet. Anyone wishing to submit an article, please send to Dave.
- Line #3 Still need volunteers to mow the lawn at the flying field. Please contact Al Bartley to sign up.
- Line #4 Status on bridge repair – need to look for free material to repair. Dennis Bigger will look for a cable.
- Line #5 Al Bartley volunteered to make bulletin board for the field. Project complete. Thanks Al!
- Line #6 Club dues need to be paid ASAP. Dave Krueger will follow up.
- Line #7 Lawn mower repair – waiting for spring on deck, ready after that.

NEW BUSINESS

- Line #1 Reminder to show current AMA card to Norm Hurren, Safety Officer or Dennis Bigger, Field Marshall before flying this year. Current AMA is required to fly.
- Line #2 Need to set picnic date for July. Due to lack of interest, there will be no fun flies this year. May have one event at the picnic.
- Line #3 Discussion was held regarding concession for the Fly In For Toys this year. Al Bartley's wife, Sally, volunteered to run the food concession this year. Profits to stay with the Club.
- Line #4 Dave Krueger completed a new flyer for the Fly In For Toys. Needs to update the year.
- Line #5 Dave Krueger has paperwork from the bank to get Bob Samuelson's name on the SMAC account. Bob needs to sign it.

Dennis Bigger will bring treats for next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2004 at Arnold's Field, 7PM.

Brian Glombowski motioned to adjourn meeting. Bill Gass seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Hurren
Acting Recording Secretary



(left)

Brian Glombowski submitted this picture that he found on the internet.

The caption reads: "Full scale Sukhoi crash. Alexandre Krotov survived the crash."

The web site is

www.blaineaustin.com3d_photo_of_the_month.htm

Check it out!



(left)

Brian built this airplane over the winter using wood that he had around the shop left over from other projects. One of the reasons he built it was to practice torque rolls. Anyway as usual the plane looks real good. (Brian does good work) Here Brian gets a hand from Dennis for a flight before our meeting on 5/16/04. I asked Brian to please e-mail me the details about the plane so I put that below.

Here is Brian's description below:

It's scratch built. Basically, it's a 170% Midwest Sweet Stick. The span is 90." Weight is 13.25 pounds. Engine is Zenoah G-38. Construction is mostly 1/8" lite ply bought in 4' x 4' sheets from a lumberyard. I put the first two flights on it Sunday, April 18, 2004. It was very, very windy, but the G-38 pulled it great. It has plenty of power to "hang on the prop" and the Futaba 9C computer radio allows me to switch on special functions like spoilerons. The spoilerons are the ailerons which both move upward as the elevator moves upward. This allows the plane to land more stable in high winds then stay down one it lands.

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