

SMAC Happ'nins

Newsletter of the Sanilac Model Aviation Club

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SMAC Swap Meet 2005

Well now, one thing was a little different about this year's SMAC Swap meet. We had electric airplanes flying all over the place. Looking back at last year's swap meet pictures I didn't see any electric planes. This year it was almost half electric and half gas. Ed Olszewski and his son seemed like they could fly forever on the batteries that they brought with them. As you know flight time has always been one drawback about electric powered flight. Well that is not the case any more. And if they had a mishap it seemed like they could just give a pull and a twist and the plane popped back up into the air. Even some long-standing gas powered flight lovers are being persuaded to fly electric. I've got one, Dennis are you next?

Brian Glombowski also brought an electric plane with him this year. It's called The Frog. It is made of Dow Bluecore foam and has a high wing design along with a pusher prop. The de-hidral makes The Frog a very good choice for a first plane. The plane actually belongs to Brian's daughter but I think



Oh Yeah, I think were talking a little Funtana here!

Brian enjoys flying it from time to time. Brian has an electric of his own and you guessed it, it's highly aerobatic. Brian also put the first flight of the year on his Edge 540. What can I say, it's very impressive.

Carl Jones from the River District Eagles put up his helicopter and had a real nice flight. Carl also brought a plane he picked up in Toledo. It's an E-Flight Funtana ARF. I've seen the plane advertised in a magazine and it looks good to me. We all had some anticipation since

this would be the airplanes first flight. I got a kick out of Ed asking are you going to fly it Carl? Are you going to fly it Carl? Are you going to fly it Carl? Well Carl did fly it but I don't think it was do to any pier pressure. The plane took off using very little runway and had a real good maiden flight.

It was sure great to see Bill Gass again and not just because he bought a Great Planes airplane and NiCd charger off of me. Having Bill decide to stay in the

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club after moving so far away shows the strong friendship that we enjoy between SMAC members. Anyway, I think Bill has a tough time staying away from any swap meet.

We did have a couple of mishaps that I really don't want to mention but I guess I'm obligated. Jack Delisle had a little mishap sometime before 10AM therefor I didn't see the crash but the scuttle but is that he lost a wing. Usually that's not a good thing. Jack didn't let that bother him too much as he prepared his Whimpy II for flight. Jack ended up with a few successful flights for the day. The Whimpy II flies great. That leaves us with the

2005 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:

- 12 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field
- 18 Propbusters Fun Fly - 9 am to 2 pm

July:

- 10 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field
- 17 SMAC Picnic SMAC Field - 1 pm

August:

- 14 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field
- 27 Fly-In for Toy's Arnold Field 10am

September:

- 03 Propbusters Charity Food Fun Fly for The Salvation Army 9 am - 2 pm
- 11 SMAC Meeting - 7pm Arnold Field
- 17 East Wings Fun Fly - 9 am
- 17 Port Huron Hospital Foundation - Hobbyfest Pine Grove Park 810-984-9760
- 17 The Profile Brotherhood flying at Goodells
- 18 Whirlybirds Fun Fly - Goodells (tentative)

second mishap of the day. Those of us that watch some baseball know that there is a baseball park that has something called the Green Monster. Well, in aviation we have something that I like to call the Wire Monster. The old Wire Monster will reach up and grab an airplane every once in a while and it doesn't care whether it is a full scale airplane or of the RC variety. Well, the old Wire Monster bit Norm's Cub. The

Cub can be repaired but it looks like quite a project. We will have to wait and see what Norm decides to do with this one.

There were a number of us SMAC members that didn't get in the air (myself included). We bought or sold, kept up on the latest bull and just hung around the airport. In my opinion, that's a great way to spend a Saturday morning.

The President's Address

By Bob Samuelson

January

- ◆ New Year's Day Fly-In at Arnold's Field was enjoyable – except for the persistent raccoon in the chimney that wouldn't leave for a couple of hours after starting the fire in the wood stove. Brian made several trips up on the roof to encourage him to leave. He finally left but I don't know how he or she survived with all that heat and smoke. After all the excitement, we settled down to some flying and good food.
- ◆ January was basically cold and miserable. Excellent building time of year or should I say trying to finish planes that were started a long time ago.

February

- ◆ Still cold. Still working on airplanes.
- ◆ Attended the swap meet in Owosso and that was very good as usual.

March

- ◆ Getting cabin fever, time to get away. Bill Gass, Norm Hurren and I and our wives took off for Gaylord, Michigan for a long weekend. Funny that the same weekend in Gaylord the ALPS Flying Club was having a swap meet! Not a huge swap meet but very nice. Norm and Bill both bought planes at a very good price. Norm purchased a scale Northrop Primary Glider and it is very nice and one you don't see often. Bill bought a Senior Telemaster that was in good shape and should satisfy him for awhile until he finds "something else he can't live without".

April

- ◆ Finally finished up my Christian Eagle and my quarter scale Decathalon. The latter being the plane Norm and I are going to use as a glider tow. That will be very interesting – please no cameras!
- ◆ Lucky me, got to have surgery again this year as did Dennis Bigger. We both are getting tired of this annual event.
- ◆ Dennis also is trying to get his Cap 231 ready to fly.
- ◆ Norm's Pitts is ready but he says he needs to nimble up his thumbs on a plane he wouldn't mind recycling.
- ◆ Bill, Norm, Al, Dennis and I went to the Toledo Expo. This is the one I really enjoy. Each year though it seems like I'm always a few hundred dollars short of having a really great time there.

May

- ◆ My Sopwith Pup is nearly done.
- ◆ The tailgate swap was good but not as many showed up this year. Might have had something to do with the air show at Selfridge.

We had two past members rejoin the Club. Mike Quaine and Charles Ames – Welcome back!

Have a safe and fun flying season! Hope to see you all at the meetings and Club events this year!

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SMAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS
President's Address

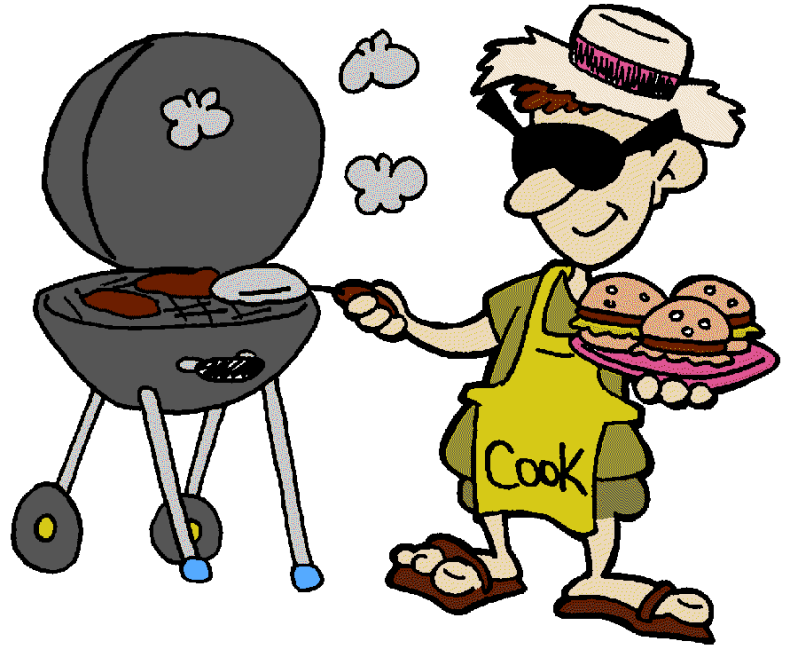
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SMAC Picnic

July 17th

SMAC Field

Bring a dish to pass!



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