

SMAC Happ'nins

Newsletter of the Sanilac Model Aviation Club

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SMAC Swap Meet

Well, we surely missed Bill Gass at this year's swap meet. We all know how much he enjoyed buying and selling airplanes and engines along with any other RC related items. Bill always seemed to buy a few more things than he sold. Therefore he ended up with a wealth of airplane kits, radio's and engines. Most of Bill's stock was at this year's swap meet giving those who attended a great selection of good deals.

There were tons of Piper Cub parts, wings and fuselages. I must say that the Cub was without a doubt Bill's favorite airplane. Bob Samuelson was negotiating some really great deals out of this lot. One of the nicest looking planes was a Blue Clipwing which was purchased by I think a member of the Eagles. I'll have to keep my eye out for it at some of the events this summer. Mike Grant bought a Cessna 182 and I bought a Citabria. Bob brought some things to our last meeting and was selling some things leading up to this event. Al Bartley got a good deal on a Red Cub with an Enya 4-stroke engine in it. Al flew it at SMAC Field re-



cently and it flies great. Dennis Bigger picked up a nice Yellow Cub, which I'm certain he will be happy with. I know there are a lot of items left so please get a hold of Bob if you are interested in buying anything else.

We had some other SMAC members that made it to the swap meet. It was nice to see Bill Sommers at the meet and also Richard Shogren who just returned from Arizona where it is getting quite hot right about now for sure. Even though he isn't in the club anymore Ed Mann stopped by to say hi. There was some flying throughout the morning although the conditions were

less than ideal. It was quite windy and each pilot mentioned the effects that the wind had on their aircraft. I flew the 3DX foamy for about 4 minutes. Yes there was plenty of battery power left but the plane was being tossed about like a soccer ball at the World Cup. So the decision was made to bring her down and call it a flight. Ed Olszewski flew his electric Em2 and it looked like he wasn't having a problem at all with the wind. I mentioned that to Ed and he said "Oh Yeah". Apparently the wind was flipping him around pretty good. Carl Jones and Mike Grant flew their heli-

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copters giving us a change of scenery. It's always quite fun watching choppers flying around. Probably the bravest person to fly at the meet was Mike Quaine. He got in two flights with his Sig Cavalier. I know he had his hands full as his plane darted across the sky. On his second flight he made a great landing which I couldn't have predicted. The wind wasn't just strong it was gusting and changing direction. Yet the Cavalier set down with a soft 3-point landing.
If you want to see what effects the wind can have on a full-scale jet liner check out the information that I have on page 4 about Flightlevel350.

2006 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:

- 11 SMAC Meeting - 7pm SMAC Field
- 17 Propbusters - Interclub Fun Fly -
- 25 Sandusky Airshow

July:

- 9 SMAC Meeting - 7pm SMAC Field
- 22 Bi-Plane Rally - 9am Goodells
- 29-30 AMA District VII Fly-In

August:

- 13 SMAC Meeting - 7pm SMAC Field
- 20 Sandusky Airshow
- 26 Fly-In for Toy's - 10am Arnold Field

September:

- 10 SMAC Meeting - 7pm SMAC Field

Flightlevel350 is one of my favorite sites. Sometimes having events at a full-scale airport has us yielding the airspace to full-scale aircraft. I don't know about you but I like to see private planes come in from time to time so I don't mind at all. That was the case during our event as a Cessna 172 came in and had a nice landing on the North-South runway. They stayed at the meet for quite some time so they must have enjoyed themselves. Believe it or not there is still time for some last minute

deals. As I mentioned Bob Samuelson has a bunch of airplanes, engines and radio's. Pete Carchio who sold an Aeromaster also has a Skybolt for sale for \$250.00 (negotiable). Mark Steenland has a unique four-feathered tail airplane for \$100.00. The plane is designed to do vertical takeoffs. I believe it is designed after the Lockheed XFV-1. Buy this one and you will have the only one in your club!
As always, SMAC would like to thank all those who attended this year's event.

The President's Address

By Bob Samuelson

As most of you know by now, our Club lost a member recently, Bill Gass. Besides being a valuable member, he was a friend to all. A good deal at a swap meet would put a huge smile on his face faster than anything. I feel privileged to have known him and to have spent so much time doing things together; be it flying events, boating or just going for coffee. So to a special friend, I say farewell for now.

Mike Quaine and I went to Toledo this year and as always had a great time. A 40% scale Piper Cub does give new meaning to the term Giant Scale. I have seen ultra-lights smaller than that Cub. The trend towards ARF aircraft and electrics is unbelievable. Balsa USA was probably the biggest kit supplier there. There weren't many.

The Tailgate Swap went quite well but not as good a turnout as hoped for. There was still a lot of flying going on and plenty of donuts to eat. We thank the other clubs that attended and joined us for just plain flying.

A lot of things are coming together for the Fly-In-For-Toys thanks to all of you. We hope to get more exposure and advertising out there to bring in more spectators. Pass the word!

Just took a break because Norm called. I told him I was having trouble thinking of things to write about and he said I should write about his, as he put it, great flying. He used words like awesome, great, stupendous. Who am I to dispute those claims!

There are a lot of great flying days ahead and I hope to see more members flying this year. Remember, it's fun, relaxing and a way to get out of Honey Do's!



Farewell to a Freind

By Dave Krueger

It sure isn't easy to say goodbye to a friend and fellow RC enthusiast. Many of us can testify as to what kind of man Bill was. I know some of you had known Bill quite a bit longer than I have but I'm fortunate to have spent some time with him.

I stopped by his house a few times to visit or shoot the bull. Bill and Jane were always great hosts. One time I helped him a little bit on his computer (no big deal). About a week later we received a couple of gift certificates in the mail to one of our favorite restaurants. That's the kind of guy Bill was.

We were at a swap meet once and wouldn't you know it but Bill bought a little too much to fit in his SUV. Since Bill's house was right on my way home we packed an airplane into my vehicle. Well Bill had me stop along the way home and bought me dinner. We enjoyed dinner for about an hour. We talked about family, work, airplanes and I'm sure whatever else was the hot topic at that time. We had a great time. That's the kind of man Bill was.

After moving to Brighton, Bill decided to stay part of the club. He continued to make trips up to our events and it was always good to see him. He certainly didn't forget us after moving away and we will never forget him.

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