

SMAC Happ'nins

Newsletter of the Sanilac Model Aviation Club

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Happy New Year! 2007

SMAC's annual New Year's Day Fun Fly was a real good event this year. Well, let's just call it what it is, it was a great party. We had plenty of the 3 F's, Friends, Food and Flying.

In the friend department were most of our SMAC members. It was a pretty good turnout and we all had a chance to talk and to see how everyone was doing. We also had a few guests at this event that are interested in getting into the hobby. We also voted one of the guests into the club. So anyway, Dave Lapham is our newest SMAC member. Dave and his wife Pavanne had a good time and are looking forward to being active members in the club.

As far as the flying was concerned, although the temperature wasn't real bad we did have a nasty and gusty crosswind. Therefore I was a little hesitant to fly until I saw someone else give it a go. The crosswind didn't at all intimidate Dennis Bigger. Flying the Sig Kadet, Dennis had a pretty stable takeoff. Once the Sig was up in the sky it was a little bumpy but not real bad. So Dennis had the first flight of the year for a fuel-powered aircraft.



Dennis and crew, while he ready's the Kadet for flight

Brian Glombowski on the other hand had the first flight for an electric airplane. Brian brought a Mini-3dx, which he had just a couple of flights on. The plane looked good but we all know what kind of builder Brian is. Brian took some time to explain to some of our guests the advantages of electric flight.

Tim Hazzard took to the skies in the Force One and then a little later in his White fun fly airplane.

Norm Hurren and Dave Lapham flew an Ugly Stick (which isn't ugly at all).

Both Norm and Dave had fun with that, as Dave was able to take the sticks for a little while.

Al Bartley was getting his Contender ready for flight. Dennis was more than willing to take the Contender off. The Contender actually flew fairly well in the wind and they passed around the transmitter so that more of us SMAC members could get a chance to fly on New Year's Day.

I think we had a good day, even if there was no snow!

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2007 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)

January:

28 Propbusters Swap Meet @ Goodell's County Park
8:30 am - noon Admission = \$3.00

February:

4 Owosso Swap Meet @ Baker College
18 The Flying Aces Swap Meet (Flint Area) 9am - 1pm
28 Skymasters Annual Swap Shop (Troy) - 7pm

March:

11 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ Bob & Nancy's house

April:

13-15 Weak Signals Toledo RC Show

Budget RC = Amazing Designs By Dave Krueger

As many of you know, one of our SMAC members has started a RC airplane kit company. Mark Shoenrock has for years shown interest in designing and building his own designs. Now Mark has taken the next step and has started to make his designs available for sale to the public. Mark's company is Budget RC or BRC for short.

Mark has come out with 4 designs (that I know of) that have made it to prototype level. These airplanes are The Hornet, Mosquito, Fat Freddie and the Lil Moe. I know that Mark has a few more designs on the drawing board.

His Hornet which was originally designed and built for a 4 cycle nitro engine has now been transformed into an electric foam indoor / park flyer. It does all of the 3D moves that you want a foamy to do. Mark's son Kyle does some pretty amazing "stuff" with this airplane. The Hornet can now be purchased from rchotdeals.com.

The Mosquito has a Canard layout. This airplane is much faster than you would expect a park flyer to be and it also has a great roll rate, which makes it very fun to fly. It is very stable in flight and when you tone down the throws on the control surfaces it flies almost like a trainer.

Fat Freddie has a huge fuselage cross-section. The fuselage is in the shape of a chubby boy. The large surface area of the fuselage enables Fat Freddie to do knife edges all day long. I saw the prototype version of this plane without the graphics. Mark Jr. is doing most of the graphics for BRC. He described to me how the airplane would be detailed. I don't want to spoil any surprises but when you see this plane you will get a chuckle out of it.

Now for the last airplane, Lil Moe is a smaller design with a 26" wingspan. Made for flying in those smaller area's inside or out. You can do 3D or sport flying with this cute little airplane.

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The President's Address

By Bob Samuelson

I figured it was time to write a few words for the newsletter since Dave asked me to a couple of months ago.

Again this year a few of us got out flying quite regularly and then something always gets in the way as summer goes by. For me it was my son's upcoming wedding. It's amazing how much a wife can find for you to do when the food is catered, a minister marries them, and a photographer takes the pictures. I really don't know what or why I was busy!

The Fly-In-For-Toys went well. We did quite well with the toys and raffle. Doing our own food really helps. Thanks, Sally! For me the highlight was flying in the Stearman. Life just doesn't get better than flying in one of them. Sure did miss our friend Bill Gass this year, he really loved this event. I think it was because he won so much during the raffle.

I would like to thank those who helped with the field setup, those that helped Sally with the concession, Nancy with the raffle and the guys who manned the impound, and Mike for announcing. We really appreciate all the participation that goes along with putting on this event for the Club.

For those who didn't attend the Christmas party this year, you missed a really good time. The gift exchange was fun and Brian picked very nice gifts to raffle. Thank you Brian!

There are a few "don't forgets" – New Year's Day fly at Arnold's Airport, the swap meet and breakfast at Goodells January 28 and the Owosso swap meet February 4.

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The recommended "Brushless" motor for this little airplane is only \$14.99. Now I get it, these airplanes are designed for someone on a budget but still expect performance that will turn heads at the flying field.

For more information on these airplanes you can go to www.budgetrc.com or www.rchotdeals.com.



The Hornet is Yellow and Black while LiL Moe is White and Red

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Classified Adds

For Sale:
Ugly Stick with Enya 40 En-
gine and Servo's
\$45.00
Contact Norm
810-622-9811

Anyone interested in flying at
the Croswell Middle School
Gym?
2 Hours for just \$5.00
Contact Mark
810-679-3221



Is Brian happy with his Mini-3DX or is he just happy he didn't have to climb on the roof this year?

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