

# SMAC Happ'nins

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## Club Picnic

SMAC members enjoyed our annual picnic on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The food was great, Bob stayed right on top of the grill, But not literally. Visiting with other club members is always a good thing. Especially at functions like the picnic where we see some members and family members that we don't see often. Flying was on the minimum side. The wind kept most of us out of the air. Myself, I decided not only to keep my airplane on the ground, I kept it in the van! I was afraid that if the airplane was out then I would be tempted to fly and I just didn't think the conditions were right for me.

We did however have a couple of pilots that decided to fly. Dennis Bigger flew his Yak. He did a good job as usual but he mentioned that the plane was really getting tossed around. He spent most of his time keeping the plane under control rather than doing a lot of aerobatic maneuvers. Tim Hazzard had a plane that was better suited to the wind than the most of us. Not to take away from Tim's skill on the controls because Tim is a very good pilot but Tim's



**The food is on the way!**

Force One really did fly well in the wind. We all enjoyed seeing the Red, White and Blue delta wing airplane punch holes in the sky! Tim also flew his little combat plane showing us that it wasn't just the airplane that could deal with the wind. So most of our time was spent walking up and down the flight line and talking RC stuff which isn't a bad thing at all. Also on display was our new lawn mower. It is a Husqvarna YTH2454. The 24 stands for 24 Horsepower and the 54 is for the 54 inch cut that it makes. I sat on it and the seat was so comfortable that I really didn't want to get off. I decided to be polite and let someone else sit on the mower just to check it out.

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These guys look like they are having way too much



Girls are having fun too!  
Photo by Ron Amon

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We had our August meeting after dinner and it was pretty much business as usual. Except we did vote in a new club member, Dave Krueger. No not me, it's my dad. I would like to thank the club members for not holding anything against my dad for my audacious behavior of the past.

So that pretty much



That's not an airplane! Nope it's our new lawnmower.

## 2008 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)

**August:**

- 9 Young Eagles @ Arnold Field
- 8 - 10 Flint Aero RC Club Annual Big Bird Fly  
Fri & Sat 10am, Sun 2pm
- 10 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ SMAC Field
- 23 Toy's for Tots - 10:00am @ Arnold Field

**September:**

- 3 Propbusters Charity Fun Fly - 10am to 2pm
- 13 East Wings Fly-In - 9am @ East Wing Field on M-19
- 14 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ SMAC Field

### Club Flying Nights

By Dave Krueger

Unfortunately I haven't been making it out to fly on our regular Tuesday evening club flying nights. July 22<sup>nd</sup> was the first day I went out after work. Well, if you remember correctly, we had a really bad storm on that night and it was pretty much a wasted trip. Although it was nice to see the field and it was fun to camp out in the pilots shack for a while. Then we had to bug out before the field had too much water on it. I certainly didn't want to put any ruts in the runway with the van as we left.

July 29<sup>th</sup> was a much better night. Ron Amon was at the field when my dad and I arrived at about 5:00. He

was getting the Telemaster ready for flight. Ron got some good flying time in and that's what it's all about right? Jim Grigg was the next to show up with his electric J-3 Cub and his Sig Kadet. Jim got flights in with both his planes. Jim gave me a good lead on some fuel proof paint from Canada. It is called Tremclad and it's available at Canadian Tire. The Kadet has all of the stripes and non-white area's painted with that paint. The next time your walking down our flight line you'll have to check it out. Gerrit VanDer-Mass was out flying his Great Planes Big Stick. I introduced Gerrit to my dad since they hadn't met yet. Paul Parrot made it out to the field. I wasn't surprised to see Paul; Dennis told me that Paul has

## The President's Message

Sure am envious of all you guys that have been out flying regularly. I've managed to get two flights in this whole year. Being laid up from surgery hasn't helped either. There are still a lot of good days ahead in which to fly.

We had a good turn out for the picnic --- lots of good food and friends. Too bad the wind didn't cooperate. There were a couple of brave souls that flew. Tim's hot rods flew quite well in that wind.

We have the new wind sock installed at the field and last Saturday Dennis, Ron and I made the repairs to the septic field at Arnold Airport. Actually Dennis and Ron did most of the work as I still cannot do too much just yet. I thank them very much for their time and hard work.

For those of you with children or grandchildren don't forget the Young Eagles fly in at Arnold Airport August 9<sup>th</sup>. I don't know the exact age requirements for a free airplane ride. For the adults there are usually one or two pilots that are licensed to give rides. I believe they charge around \$20.00. We will have some flyers over there for our Toys for Tots fly in.

Don't forget the meeting August 10<sup>th</sup> at our field.

See you there.



Here is Jim Grigg's Kadet. Painted with Tremclad. Looks like good stuff.

been out at the field a lot lately. Paul's got one of the few planes in the club with a 3 bladed prop on it. It seems like it pulls his plane really well. Our illustrious President Bob Samuelson came to check things out. I'm happy to report that he is getting around pretty well after his surgery. Oh, and another thing, he hasn't changed a bit! Anyway, Bob lent me his Hobbico quick charger since I wasn't feeling very confident in my receivers' batteries voltage level. The batteries are new and I charged them all night but they were reading on the bottom end of the green on

my voltmeter. Bob gave me a lead on a battery source. He gets all of his battery packs from Electrodynamics in Livonia. Their telephone number for orders is 800-337-1638. Their website is:

[www.electrodynam.com](http://www.electrodynam.com). I went to the website and it looks like they have a long line of electronic stuff for RC.

Dennis Bigger and Ralph Schrader did some buddy box flying. Dennis and Ralph certainly helped to fill out the flight line. So anyway, we had a good turn out for our club flying night.

Somewhere during the evening I managed to get in

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4 flights. One with my Sig  
Somethin' Extra, two with the  
Budget RC Hornet and one  
maiden flight with our Great  
Planes Reactor. I say our  
Reactor because my dad  
and I went in 50, 50 on this  
one. The Reactor is an all  
electric airplane and some  
say I've gone over to the  
dark side. Well I'm here to  
tell you that I enjoy every  
type of RC Aircraft but I cer-  
tainly do see some of the ad-  
vantages of electric systems.



Can you tell I like this Plane? 3 Pictures of the Reactor and  
this article isn't even about this plane specifically.

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