

SMAC Happ'nins

Newsletter of the Sanilac Model Aviation Club

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SMAC Season Begins by Dave Krueger

Well we held our first SMAC meeting of the year last Sunday Night (3/8/09). There was no flying involved. For this time of year that would be typical. We also had a strong and steady rain which kept the smart and early members parked on the gravel driveway. I came along and decided that the grass didn't look that soaked, so my van proceeded to sink into the grass. I decided to wait until after the meeting to deal with my stuck van. Maybe at least the rain would subside.

Inside the Arnold Field Airport Office it was nice and dry and quite warm, thanks Bob. We had 9 of us assembled to carry on the business of the club. It was good to see everyone again. Nancy brought a cake which was good as well.

Bob called the meeting to order and then Nancy read the minutes from the last meeting way back in October. I read the Treasurers Report that told us we have \$1567.70. Everyone's dues have been paid, thank you very much.

As for the Correspondence, Bob brought 2 flyers for the CARDS Events. June

6th & 7th is the Warbirds Over Michigan and July 18th & 19th is the Giant Scale Fly-in. Both events are at CARDS Field in Grand Ledge, which is just West of Lansing.

I brought the two articles that I had written earlier in the year. One covering the New Years Fun Fly and one about our friend and fellow flyer Bill Sommers. Both of those articles are out on the web site.

I also was contacted by Brian Glombowski about some drawers he had acquired from the Habitat for Humanity. They should work great in a workshop and there are still some available. Also, Brian has access to some lead acid 12 Volt batteries. Please contact Brian if your interested.

One of the biggest items on the agenda was finalizing some of the dates on our SMAC Calendar. Things have been moved around so please take note and check out the calendar in this newsletter, on the minutes that Nancy has sent out and also out on the web.

After the meeting we had some conversations and I was stalling a little bit think-

ing that the rain would let up a little. Naturally I was wrong about that, and the guys just figured that it wouldn't be too hard to push the van out. So I left the traction control on so that the wheels wouldn't spray everyone that was pushing. It wasn't easy but the van was able to be pushed out. Thanks to everyone for helping me out. I know everyone got a little wet.

I do want to point out that Bob sent me his President's Message (article) prior to the March meeting and obviously this newsletter is after the meeting.

Mark Schoenrock also sent me a link to a video on the new Budget RC F-22. The performance like all of the other Budget RC products is fantastic. If your looking for speed the F-22 has it. It also has a great roll rate from what I saw on the video. The base kit is just \$49.00. So go out to www.budgetrc.com and check it out!

So there it is, the flying year really has started. If anyone has any other flying news please let me know!

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Airplane Talk by Dave Krueger

Recently I received an e-mail from Rob McDonald from the Traverse City Tramps which stands for the Traverse Area Model Pilots. Anyway, he had just purchased a Royal Super Chipmunk from a swap meet without instructions and he was wondering if I still had mine.

I let Rob know that I did and that I would send them to him.

Well this certainly did bring back memories since it has been such a long time since I had mine. I always thought the Chipmunk was

2009 SMAC CALENDAR

SMAC Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month.

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)

April:

- 3-5 Weak Signals R/C Expo - Toledo
- 19 SMAC Meeting @ TBD

May:

- 17 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ SMAC Field
- 30 SMAC Swap Meet - 10am @ Arnold Field

June:

- 6-7 CARDS Warbirds - Grand Ledge
- 13 Propbusters Inter Club Fly-In
- 14 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ SMAC Field
- 20 Wolverines Fun Fly Call 810-348-6390 for Info

July:

- 11 Propbusters Bi-Plane Rally
- 12 SMAC Picnic - 12pm @ SMAC Field
- 18 East Wings Fun Fly - 10am @ East Wing Field
(West side of M-19)
- 18-19 CARDS Giant Scale meet - Grand Ledge

August:

- 9 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ SMAC Field
- 29 SMAC Toys for Tots - 10am @ Arnold Field

September:

- 5 Propbusters Charity Fun Fly 9am @ Goodalls
- 13 SMAC Meeting - 7pm @ SMAC Field

cool and that the Red, White and Blue paint scheme was hot.

Other than that I really didn't know a lot about the plane. It seems like I know a little more about military aviation than civilian aircraft.

So I decided to go out to the internet and see what I

could find out. I do want to apologize to those of you who already know all about the Chipmunk.

Well it turns out the de Haviland Canada DHC-1 Chipmunk was designed to replace the de Havilland Tiger Moth Bi-Plane as the

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The President's Message

Thought I better write an article before Dave Krueger shoots me - or worse – takes my airplanes away from me.

On a sad note we lost another long-time member of the Club, Bill Sommers. Before Bill became ill, he was always there to lend a helping hand, whether it be setting up for an event or helping a beginner out. He surely will be missed.

I would like to thank Al and Sally for hosting the Christmas party. It was a nice time with too much food to eat – or maybe I just ate too many shrimp! It would be nice to see more people attend these Club functions; we do have a good time. Suggestions always welcome.

I hope everyone has new planes to fly for the upcoming season. I am trying to get two new ones ready but work seems to interfere with it. Quit laughing Norm! I know Dennis is running behind on his projects also due to all the snow plowing he's had to do.

Don't forget to make plans for the Toledo show in April. For those of you that have never been, it's great! It's like an airplane candy store for big kids!

At the March meeting we will discuss field preparation and clean up if needed. We also need to set dates for our events. Date and place to be announced.

Be sure to order your Club shirts and caps from Embroidery & More in Lexington. They have all the specifics you pick your plane. Their phone number is 810-359-2658 to check on hours. Let's wear our Club gear at flying events this year. You can also call Nancy at 810-679-3962 for information.

Keep building and I'll see you at the March meeting.

Bob

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primary trainer for Air Forces.

I also assumed it was designed in England but it was designed in Canada by Wsiewolod Jakimiuk who was a Polish prewar engineer. Please don't ask me how to pronounce his name.

But where did the loud paint scheme come from? Well the paint scheme came from legendary aerobatic pilot Art Scholl. The paint wasn't all that made the Chipmunk Super. The Super Chipmunk had an upgraded engine, clipped wings, retractable landing gear and was

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My Royal Super Chipmunk in better days

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Next Edition = End of May
(After the Swap Meet)

After That = End of July
(After the Picnic)

**Are you looking for drawers or 12 volt batteries?
Please contact:
Brian Glombowski.**

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just a single seater. Art wowed air show spectators with his outrageous stunts. He even walked on his own wings while he was flying! Unfortunately Art was killed during the filming of the Top Gun movie. You can see one of Art's airplanes if you visit the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Today there are over 500 DHC-1 Chipmunks that are airworthy. One exiting example is flown by Jim "Fang" Maroney who is currently on the airshow circuit. He will be in Quincy, Illinois on July 4th if anyone is down that way during the holiday. You can find out more about Jim, his airplane and his schedule by visiting: <http://www.superchipmunkairshows.com>

The other information that I got on the Chipmunk came from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_Havilland_Canada_DHC-1_Chipmunk.

There is so much more information out there that I could only include just a bit. Anyone can be a aviation expert by using the internet. Even if you don't have the internet, Every library I know has computers available for research.

If anyone has any corrections to this article please let me know and we can talk airplanes!

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