



The Signal

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Of Special Interest:

- Stu Baron Memorial Fly
- Next Club Meeting on Monday, October 31st at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Rooms A & B.



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The meeting was held on September 19th called to order at 7:55pm.

Attendance: Tony Rossi, Jim Vigani, Len Cacciatore, Jim Beard, Marc Julius, Dave Shields, Joe Lachowski, Rich Negran, Len Ferenchak, Ray Jajko, Joe Melick, Dave Rollino, Greg Clarke, and Tom Jederlinic.

The club was happy to welcome our guests Dan McDonald, Marsh Hayward, Ken Hayward, Bob Both, Duffee Ricks, Ian Ricks and Ken Hoeg.

And a very special welcome to our guest speaker Frank Granelli.



Len C., in accordance with the newly accepted By-Laws created two new Sub-Committees. The Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections, and the Membership Committee, which is a standing Sub-Committee responsible for screening potential new members.

The Nominating Committee will consist of Jim Vigani, Ray Jajko and Marc Julius. If you're interested in running for one of the Officer positions, contact any of them – they'll be glad to help.



Treasurer's Report

Expenses

Tony R. – JR Buddy Box (Ch #1515)	\$ 52.90

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Income

August 50-50	\$ 22.00
Dues	\$ 40.00
50-50 Donated Back by Stu Goodman	\$ 22.00
T-Shirts (6 @ \$12.00)	\$ 72.00

	\$ 156.00

Balance As Of 9/19/2005	\$1,330.21
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Greg Clarke, Jim Vigani and Len Ferenchak have volunteered to form the Membership Committee.

It's that time of year again and we're looking for ideas for the club's annual Holiday Party. It will be held in January, but we'll vote at the next meeting on a specific date.

Len C. and Rich met with the Somerset County Park Rangers and discussed the needs and requirements of all who fly at the field. The Park Rangers also wanted to be educated in what to look for since none of them know much about flying. A field visit will be arranged with a flying demonstration for them.





If you have any items that you would like listed in the For Sale section of the newsletter, forward them to the newsletter editor. Items will be listed for a three (3) month period. After three months they will be deleted from the newsletter. If you would like your ad to run longer you must make your request again.

Greg Baron has many planes, engines and accessories still available from the hangar of his dad, the late, Stu Baron. He would really like to see this stuff go to other RC enthusiasts, rather than collect dust on his shelves.

You can contact him directly at (973) 686-0924 or e-mail him at: gbaron@hntb.com



Stu Baron Memorial Fly And Close of Season BBQ

Sunday, September 18th was our annual End of Season BBQ and this year it was co-designated the Stu Baron Memorial Fly in loving memory of Dr. Stuart Baron, who passed away earlier this year.

Greg Baron, Stu's son, came down with quite the impressive display of planes and proceeded to fly the heck out of them. Greg is a very accomplished pilot and flew several of the planes. Unfortunately, one experienced sudden deceleration upon impact with a tree, but the rest of Stu's planes made out okay. Several members even purchased some of them, so Stu's memory will be kept alive every time one of those planes goes up.

It was a fantastic day and the turnout was excellent. There were at least 50 people in attendance, both fliers and spectators. Everyone had a great time and the club provided food and drink to all. The hot dogs were especially good – even though someone forgot the chili!

A Letter from Stu's son, Greg:

I just wanted to drop a quick email to thank you and all the other guys again for a great day on Sunday. Considering that for the most part I hadn't met any of you prior to Sunday, everyone's kindness and hospitality was wonderful. You all really made us feel at home. I'm also glad I was able to sell some of my dad's planes as it seems the deals made worked out well for everyone. I hope all who purchased the planes enjoy them and think of my dad when they get to fly them!

I have to extend special thanks again to yourself for allowing me to use your transmitter as without it I would not have been able to fly at all. Additionally, there was a gentleman a few planes down who allowed me to "steal" a few tanks of four cycle fuel and refused to take my offer of replacement fuel. I don't recall his name but again, after the demise of my first plane I would not have been able to fly without his generosity. Please extend my thanks again to him as well.

If I can ever help the club out in any way (if you need someone to help out as a check pilot, instructor, or with some pattern instruction, etc.) please feel free to ask as I'd be glad to lend a hand.

Thanks again for a great day; it's exactly what my dad would have wanted!

Sincerely,
Greg Baron



A banner commemorating the day.



Len C and Greg Baron pose behind one of Stu's planes.



The flight line was very crowded – a very busy day.



Closing Day BBQ (cont.)



“LEN, YOU HAVE TO LET GO OF THE PLANE IF YOU WANT TO FLY IT.”

HOW MANY PILOTS DOES IT TAKE TO FLY RAY'S PLANE?



Why Learn Precision Aerobatics?

Our club was very lucky to have Frank Granelli as a guest speaker at our last meeting. Frank is the Editor of the Sport Aviator website, an e-zine for the new model pilot. The website is www.masportaviator.com

Frank was invited by our member Joe Lachowski and we are very grateful. It was a wonderful turnout for Frank's talk and everyone listened with rapt attention.

Frank explained how one could do aerobatics even with some high wing trainers that our members are learning to fly on, like the Aerobat and the Avistar.

The first maneuver to learn, as Frank explained, is to be able to fly a straight line. This is more difficult than it sounds and can take a while to master. Frank suggested having someone stand at the other end of the field with a

cell phone and report back how you're doing.

Once you've mastered this, you can move on to more complex maneuvers, like the Cuban 8. He went on to explain that practicing these patterns would help us all become better pilots and we would no longer fear the wind. He showed us some simple techniques for 'crabbing' into the wind, to correct for it. This would allow the plane to fly in a straight line relative to the ground.

One thing Frank pointed out was that most pilots have a lazy left thumb. Once they set the throttle, they rarely use the rudder and that's unfortunate because the rudder can help save many an aircraft.

The four benefits of learning precision aerobatics, according to Frank are:

1. Gain confidence flying in medium to heavy winds.
2. Acquire complete command of the rudder; upright and inverted.

3. Become proficient at maneuver placement and positioning control.
4. Become expert at throttle and airspeed control.

The talk was video taped and placed into the club library, so anyone who missed it or wants to see it again, should contact Rich Negran.



Frank Granelli speaks to the club about the value of flying patterns, even for beginners.



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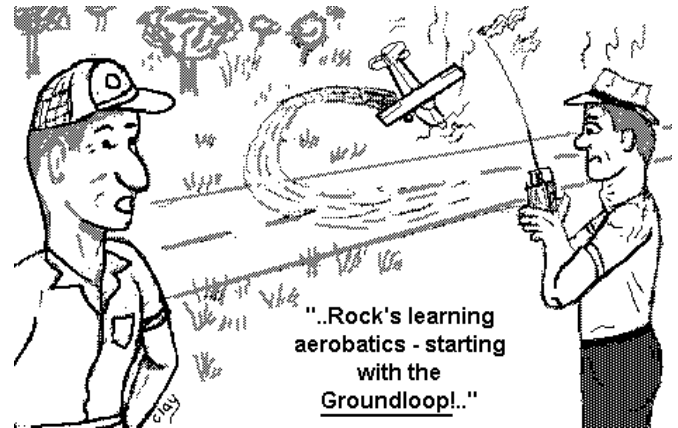
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Jim Vigani's build clinic will be held at Marc Julius' house in Parsippany. Dates will be announced soon.

Remember – the club will hold a swap meet at the November meeting.

September 50-50: The club took in \$21. First place (\$14) was won by Bob Both and second place (\$7) was won by Frank Granelli, who donated it back to the club. Thanks Franks!

Field Closing: The Field will be closed October 21st and 22nd.



Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet Monday October 31st at 8pm at the Bridgewater Library in Meeting Rooms A & B.
- Our club website is <http://www.somersetssignalsenders.org>
- Questions concerning our website can be directed to: webmaster@somersetssignalsenders.org
- Flight Instructor: Tony Rossi
- Field Safety Officer: Len Cacciatore
- Newsletter Editor: Marc Julius, newsletter@somersetssignalsenders.org
- Questions can be directed to: President@somersetssignalsenders.org

Upcoming Club Events

October 31, 2005

Nominating Committee presents candidates for 2006 Elections.

November 28, 2005

Nominations from the floor are accepted. Nominations for Member-At-Large are accepted from the floor.

December 14, 2005

Club elections are held.