



The Signal

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Of Special Interest:

- 2nd Annual Electric Fun Fly
- Next Club Meeting on Monday, September 19th at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Room D.



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The meeting was held on August 31st and called to order at 8:05pm.

Attendance: Tony Rossi, Jim Vigani, Len Cacciatore, Jim Beard, Marc Julius, Dave Shields, Joe Lachowski, Rich Negran, Stu Goodman, Paul Brill, Len Ferenchak, Sal LoSardo and Ray Jajko.

The club is happy to welcome our newest members: Cash McManus and Greg Clarke.

And we welcome our guests Gaylord Olson, Ray Olson, Greg Ciurpita and John Montecalvo.



The club discussed, questioned and voted on the newly re-written By-Laws. All changes were ratified. The club thanks Jim Vigani, Len Ferenchak and Marc Julius for their efforts in rewriting the By-Laws as members of the By-Law Sub Committee.

The club discussed replacing the umbrellas at the flying field that were destroyed by the storm on July 27th. We're still looking for reasonably priced ones. If you find some, please contact Len Cacciatore, he will coordinate, so we don't end up with too many!



Treasurer's Report

Expenses

Marc J. – Fun Fly, Postage, Card Stock & Labels (Ch #1510)	\$ 83.47
Tony R. – Fun Fly (Ch #1511)	\$ 65.00
Len F. – New Pin Board (Ch #1512)	\$ 108.31
Rich N. – Glider Contest & Fun Fly (Ch #1513)	\$ 49.82
Jim V. – Club Shirts (Ch #1514)	\$ 202.00

	\$ 508.60

Income

July 50-50	\$ 12.00
Dues	\$ 40.00
50-50 Donated Back by Marc J.	\$ 12.00
Fun Fly Money	\$ 276.00

	\$ 340.00

Balance As Of 8/31/2005 \$1,227.11

Stu Baron Memorial Fly In

On September 18th, the club will be holding a flying day dedicated to the memory of former member, Stu Baron, who passed away this year.

Stu's son will be in attendance. Please come out and join us as we bid farewell to Stu in our own style.

This is also going to be the club's Closing Day BBQ, so food will be available for club members. If you'd like to volunteer to bring something down, contact Len Cacciatore who is CDing this event.





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.

Due to health reasons, our member Ray Matyckas, won't be able to participate in the sport for the near future. We all wish Ray a speedy recovery.

Ray has asked me to let you all know he's selling his trainer and radio equipment. It is the Alpha trainer, it's been assembled and never even flown. It includes a JR radio and JR Buddy Box – perfect for beginners. He'll even throw in a gallon of Nitro fuel. Ray is asking \$250 for the entire package which is a great deal.

You can contact him directly at (908) 604-8839.



Somerset Signal Senders Second Annual Electric Fun Fly

We had an excellent turnout for our Electric Fun Fly, which was held on the 20th of August on a day that started out overcast, but turned out to be a nice day. We had just shy of 30 registered pilots for the day and probably twice as many spectators. The club provided coffee and donuts for the pilots during the Pilot's meeting and during the day, the club cooked up a storm on the grill. Len F. and Tony manned the grill and did a superb job. The food court was attended to all day by a bevy of beauties and they really came through for the club. To the wives and girlfriends who pitched in and ran the food court – we all say 'Thank you!'

Among our guests for the day, was Dave Mathewson, the AMA District II Vice President. Dave and his wife, Ginger, joined us for a day of flying and then were our guests at dinner that night at a local restaurant. Both of them had a great time and we look forward to reading the write up in a future issue of the AMA magazine.

One of the highlights of the day was when our member Sal flew a sailing ship kite off the back of his electric plane. With some assistance from his ground crew (Rich!), they had several successful flights. It was quite a sight to see. Truly ingenious. Way to go Sal!

Several spectators brought their children with them and they got to fly under the watchful eye (and more watchful thumbs) of Marc Vigod. Several expressed interest in the hobby and were delighted to find a willing trainer. Tony, our resident trainer extraordinaire, spent a lot of time explaining the hobby, how to get started, what are good beginner planes, etc. Several of those people found their way to our last club meeting, which is good because they are the future of the hobby. It's always nice to see new people jump in and we should all do our part in welcoming them. Remember – we were all the new person at the field once.



CLUB MEMBERS AND DAVE MATHEWSON (LOWER RIGHT) AT DINNER AFTER A DAY OF FLYING



SAL AND RICH PREPARE FOR FLIGHT OF SAL'S ELECTRIC KITE



THE LOVELY LADIES WHO KEPT US FED WHILE WE HAD A GOOD TIME FLYING!



Electric Fun Fly (cont.)



MARC VIGOD HELPS SEVERAL FUTURE FLYERS GET THEIR FIRST FLIGHTS IN ON THE BUDDY BOX!

A GREAT TURN OUT DESPITE THE OVERCAST SKIES.



IMAC Demo

By Tony Rossi – On Saturday, August 13th Bob and Rich Afflerback were kind enough to give the Somerset Signal Senders a flying demo of the Basic and Intermediate IMAC Pattern. I have known Bob and his son, Rich, for about fifteen years and have always enjoyed flying with them. When I asked Bob if he would come up and give us a demo, he agreed with no hesitation.

Rich is now 18 years old and has been flying for around 6 years and soloed three years ago. His is flying a Hangar 9 80” Cap 232 powered by a DA 50 Gas engine swinging a 23x10 prop. He uses a JR 9303 radio. The plane weighs in at around fifteen pounds.

Bob has been in the hobby since 1962 and into R/C since 1968. He has competed in Pattern flying at the “Masters Level”, now

called “Turn around Pattern/FAI” between 1983 and 1991. The plane he is flying is a Hangar 9 Sukhoi 31 powered by a ZDZ 80 Gas engine swinging a 25/12 carbon fiber three bladed prop. He uses a JR radio and the whole package weighs in at 27 pounds dry.

Rich has competed for one year and has placed third in the Centerville MD IMAC contest in 2004 and finished up 2004 in ninth place in total points for the entire North East Region in Basic IMAC Pattern.

Bob competed in 2004 and finished in sixth place in total points in the entire North East Region in Intermediate IMAC Pattern.

I just want to extend our thanks to Bob and Rich for taking the time to give us a really nice explanation and demo of IMAC.



Bob explaining IMAC to the crowd.



Rich flying with Bob calling the pattern.



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Miscellaneous Club Business

We have sold 22 shirts so far and need to sell 15 more to break even. Please contact Jim Vigani if you know of anyone who would like one.

Jim Vigani has graciously volunteered to begin a Building Clinic for new participants to the hobby. This will cover basics from cutting and gluing, to the best glues to use for each application. More information will follow once we have some dates and locations set up.

Sal and Nick LoSardo showed off their latest planes, an F-16 and a Lazer. Great planes guys. We can't wait to hear how they flew!

Swap Meet! We had such a good time at the last one, that we've decided to do it again. Bring out all your old stuff to the November meeting and we'll have a good old fashioned swap meet.

August 50-50: The club took in \$22 and \$22 was won by Stu Goodman, who donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks Stu!

Field Closings: The Field will be closed September 7th through the 11th and again October 21st and 22nd.

On Friday, September 9th, several members including Tony, Len C. and Jim Vigani attended a Boy Scout meeting in Bernardsville for Pack 150. They brought down several planes and a flight simulator. It was all a big hit with the boys and a flying demonstration will be scheduled for a later date at the field.



Jim Vigani helps some future pilots check out the flight simulator.



Pack 150 Checks Out Some Planes!

Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet Monday September 19th at 8pm at the Bridgewater Library in Meeting Room D.
- Our club website is <http://www.somersetsignalsenders.org>
- Questions concerning our website can be directed to: webmaster@somersetsignalsenders.org
- Flight Instructor: Tony Rossi
- Field Safety Officer: Len Cacciatore
- Newsletter Editor: Marc Julius, newsletter@somersetsignalsenders.org
- Questions can be directed to: President@somersetsignalsenders.org

Upcoming Club Events

September 18, 2005

Closing Day BBQ and the Stu Baron Memorial Fly In