



The Signal

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Of Special Interest:

- Cradle of Aviation Museum Club Trip
- Next Club Meeting on **Monday**, April 23rd at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Rooms A & B.



The meeting was held on March 26th and called to order at 8:04pm.

Attendance: Patrick Aanstoos, Paul Brill, Len Cacciatore, Greg Clarke, Chris DeBlass, Dan Edelman, Tommy Jederlinic, Marc Julius, Joe Lachowski, Richard Levesen, Sal LoSardo, Rich Negran, Dave Rollino, Tony Rossi, John Samtak, Dave Shields, Tom Viechor and Jim Vigani.

The club was happy to welcome our guest: Robert Levy

And the club is very happy to welcome our newest member: Mike Szuch.



It was a busy night for Show and Tell at the March meeting. We had not one, not two, but three speakers that night. It was great to see this kind of participation at our club meetings.

Sal provided a demonstration of his homemade wire foam cutter and his new toy... a micro helicopter. They seem to be spreading through the club at a rapid pace!

Dave gave a talk about an engine test stand (including pointing out where the batteries go) as well as explaining how to strengthen your landing gear and how to install blind nuts.

Joe gave a demonstration of his Ikarus F3A foamy and told members that this model can be flown indoors.

Thanks everyone!



Treasurer's Report

Expenses

AMA Charter and Insurance	\$ 90.00
Marc – Gift Certificates for April Fashion Show	\$ 80.00

	\$ 170.00

Income

February 50-50	\$ 51.00
Tim Cullen 50-50 Donation	\$ 10.00
Dues	\$ 240.00

	\$ 301.00

Balance As Of 3/26/2007

\$ 2,269.74



Sal explains his foam cutter while Dave watches in rapt attention

Joe talks about his Ikarus F3A while Rich and Tommy listen intently.



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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.

The club has vinyl decals for sale with the same logo as the club T-Shirts. Price is \$5 each. See Marc if you're interested.



Your ad could be here in next month's newsletter.

Contact the newsletter editor to place an ad.

Builder's Corner...

The spring building class is going great and the turnout is even better than the winter one.



Everyone is very involved in building their kits, so no one has asked for any contest grade balsa. But we have had several people glue themselves to their models.

Jim asked that if you're planning on finishing your Scratch airplane from the winter session, would you please finish it before the end of April. The photograph for the article has to be done by then.



Future Meeting Ideas...

It's been suggested that club members might want to bring in their old magazines to future meetings. We can put them out for other members to take and trade. It's better than throwing the out!

And if you have any suggestions for making our meetings more entertaining, please bring it up to any of the officers. We're always looking for ways to make our meetings better.

Know someone that would like to give a presentation? Tell Jim Vigani about it so he can get it scheduled for an upcoming meeting.



Cradle of Aviation Museum Trip – On March 25th, the Somerset Signal Senders ventured forth to Long Island to visit the Cradle of Aviation Museum. It was a gorgeous day and quite a few club members made the hour plus trip across New York’s bridges and roads to the museum, which is on the site of the old Mitchell Air Field. Today, it sits across the street from the Nassau Coliseum, home of the Islanders Hockey Team.

Those that came out were greeted by three RC clubs from Long Island who were displaying their planes and answering questions about the RC hobby. It was really neat to see the full size airplanes surrounded by their tiny RC counterparts. The museum also boasts a full IMAX theatre and many members opted to rest their feet (and eyes) and watch a movie.

If you’ve never been, it is well worth the trip. There are many displays to view and lots to learn. There are videos playing in different areas of the museum, teaching about all eras of flight.



Tom, Chris, Tim and Morrie all wait in line to buy their tickets.



Tony flies while Dan looks on!

A great time was had by all!



Alex and Rich enjoy the sites.



One of the great airplanes on display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum!



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Miscellaneous Club Business

February 50-50: The club took in \$41. First place (\$25) was won by Tommy Jederlinic who donated back \$15. 2nd place (\$15) was won by Paul Brill who donated back \$5. The club appreciates your generosity gentlemen... thank you very much.

Spring Fashion Show – At the club's April meeting, we will have our annual Spring Fashion Show. Prizes will be given out for 1st and 2nd place in two categories (ARFs and Scratch/Kits). Bring your model out and have a good time. It doesn't even have to be completed. The only rule is it can't have been flown before last year's closing day.

Take your "P" to the next level! The club is considering an advanced flyer certification. If you are interested in testing your skills, please contact Len or Tony.

Which Way is the Wind Blowing Tom? Well, Tom Viechor couldn't tell so he did something about it. He has built and installed a windsock down at the flying field. Very nice Tom – not as nice as your wife's potato salad – but still, very nice!

Hats Anyone? Jim Vignani will be ordering hats with the same logo as on the club's polo shirts and the front of our T-Shirts. Not the official club logo, but still pretty cool. He has the catalog if you want to pick out a color. Price is \$9 per hat.

New Club Grill - The club voted to buy a new portable grill for use at our club events. Tony's grill is too big to lug around and it's starting to show wear and tear from the transport. A lighter grill with wheels will be purchased by the club.

Club Logo Remains... a motion was made to change the club's official logo to the more modern logo on our polo shirts. The club overwhelmingly voted this down. The original logo will remain.

We wish a speedy recovery to our fellow member Joe Melick who is in the hospital having his landing gear worked on. He's having an operation on his knee. Get well soon Joe.

Our deepest condolences go out to Club Secretary Rich Negran on the passing of his mother. Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss Rich.

Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet **Monday**, April 23rd at 8pm at the Bridgewater Library in Meeting Rooms A & B.
- Our club website is <http://www.somersetsignalsenders.org>
- Questions concerning our website can be directed to: webmaster@somersetsignalsenders.org
- Head 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 Events

April 23, 2007

Spring Fashion Show – Bring your airplanes!

May 20, 2007

Opening Day! BBQ and Flying... what could be better!?

June 17, 2007

Warbirds Over North Branch – 2nd Annual Warbirds Day!