



The Signal

Happy Halloween!

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Of Special Interest:

- Meeting with Park Commission
- Next Club Meeting on **Wednesday, November 28th** at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Rooms A & B.



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AMA District II Fly In – The club voted at the October meeting to host the AMA District II Fly In for 2008. Len will work with the Events Committee and Dave Mathewson of the AMA to select a weekend for this event.

The AMA will subsidize the event so there should effectively be no cost to the club. It is usually a two day event and brings in flyers from all over District II which covers New York and New Jersey.

This is a very exciting step forward for our club and should prove to be a fun weekend of flying and camaraderie with our fellow flyers in the New York and New Jersey area.

More than ever before, we will need our members to pitch in and help out in any way they can. This event could be our largest turnout and the logistics will be important. More cars to park, more radios to impound, more food to cook, and more people to help with the particulars of our flying field.

Once a date has been set, there will be sign up lists for people to volunteer their assistance. Get involved any way you can and help out. You'll find it a rewarding experience.



Airplanes Donated

Rich Plavnicky, a long standing member of our club, donated the entire contents of his hangar to our club members. Rich wanted them to find new homes and continue to be flown and enjoyed.

Well, many of you are doing just that. Many planes have found new homes and have already been successfully flown down at the field.

To honor Rich and his incredible generosity, the club decided to dedicate Opening Day 2008 to him. We will host the Plavnicky family and encourage everyone to bring out any airplanes that they received from Rich, so we can fly all of them.

It is a testament to the nature of our fellow club members that Rich thought of us when it came time to give away a life time's worth of airplanes. We have a very special club and this is just one more example of the kind of members we are fortunate to call Somerset Signal Senders.



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 next month. Contact the Newsletter Editor to place your ad. Clean out that old stuff and get some cash!



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Everyone's getting into RC Flying!

Special Guest at October Meeting

Dee Guarino, a friend of club member Lyn Alford's made a special appearance at our October meeting to make a request of the club and its members. Dee teaches 8th Grade Physical Sciences and pre-Engineering in North Brunswick. She heard about the presentation we've done for the Okee Sunokee Camp at the Park Commission and is interested in doing something similar for her classes.

The club members present were very excited to help out and a committee was immediately formed. The committee is just getting started, so there is still time to get involved and participate.

If you are interested in helping out with this worthwhile activity, please contact Lyn Alford or Marc Julius for details.

Meeting with Park Commission

Tony Rossi and Rich Negran met with Karren Newman, the Park Commissioner responsible for our flying field. The club's officers meet with her regularly to discuss items of safety and issues we would like addressed by the Park Commission. Some highlights from their recent meeting:

- They met at Duke Island Park to check it out as a possible meeting location for our club. The Park Rangers pointed out the park is closed by 5pm, so this won't work.
- There is free space at the Park Commission building if we become a program. Tony will pursue this with Karren.
- The alternate field we discussed unfortunately is a dead issue due to proximity to the new playing fields.
- Who's responsible for policing permits at the field? In Karren's own words: "All pilots have the permission, if not a duty to ask to see the permit of another pilot and check for the "P" sticker to insure that the pilot has in fact been approved by the check pilot."

To all of our club members,

We want to wish you and your families a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

Len Cacciatore
President

Tony Rossi
Vice-President

Rich Negran
Secretary

Marc Julius
Treasurer



You're Addicted to RC, When...

- You read nothing but transmitter and model manuals in the bathroom.
- You have converted a mobile home to have room for all your airplanes with just space enough to sleep.
- Your RC insurance costs more than your car's.
- You have something RC within a radius of 5 feet from you at all times.
- You've heard, "Hey that looks just like the airplane I tossed in the bin after crashing last week," more than once at your flight field.
- A full-scale airplane passes overhead and you move your thumbs to match its movements.
- If you plan to go outside for any reason and it's windy, you go back inside again and find out when it's due to be calm next.
- When the power steering goes, you tell the people at the garage to change the servo.
- If you worked feverishly in all your free time, it would take three years to clear up your backlog of kits.
- You host a fun-fly when it's so cold that one of the events is starting your engine.
- You accept a crash as an opportunity to start a great new kit.
- Every time you pass a garage sale, you look for wings.
- If you spend more money at the local hobby shop in one hour than you make in a month.
- You keep your old van just to transport airplanes in.
- When you go to Home Depot and the PVC pipe and fittings section gives you ideas for new wing racks instead of plumbing projects.
- The smooth tarmac bike trail at your local park has funny airport markings sprayed on it.
- Your car has a ski box on its roof, yet you never go skiing.
- You have a "special room" for your airplanes.
- You have a gallon drum of adhesive in your shed.
- You have at least three different heating irons.
- Your neck shows a white strip, that is the same width as your transmitter strap. →

Builder's Tip from the AMA

Removing Covering from Balsa Sheeting

Removing covering from balsa sheeting can be tricky. If you cut too deeply, you can compromise the wood's integrity. By placing the blade in the knife handle as shown in the photo (to the right), you can easily adjust and control the depth of the cut.



To set the blade's depth, use it on a scrap piece of sheeting and make test cuts before you make the actual cuts on the model.

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Miscellaneous Club Business

October 50-50: The club's proceeds were \$29. First place (\$19) went to John Samtak and Second place (\$10) went to Paul Brill.

Trips – We've had fun in the past with trips to the Udvar-Hazy museum in Washington DC and to the Cradle of Aviation on Long Island. Where would you like to go next? Submit your ideas for club trips to anyone on the Executive Committee. Let's get some suggestions and take a trip!

Build Class – The Fall season of the Build Club started and we have room for more builders. If you want to learn how to build or just learn to repair the dings you put in your plane, then Build Class is for you. If you

are interested in joining, please contact Marc Julius or Jim Vigani.

New Members – We are very happy to announce six new members to our club. We welcome Bob Both, Mark Radecksy, Masamiki Konno, Justin Pennington, Alex Rossi and Stephen Evans. Make sure you introduce yourself and say 'Hi' at the next meeting or down at the field.

Committees Forming –The Events Committee, Election Committee, Flight Instruction Committee and the Membership Committee are forming for the 2008 season. If you are interested in joining one or more of these committees, please see one of the officers.

Nominations – The current slate of officers was nominated for re-election by the nominating committee. If anyone is interested in running for an office, we will be accepting nominations from the floor at the November meeting.

2008 Member-At-Large – Considering getting involved in the workings of the club next year? This is a perfect way to get involved. If you are interested in being considered for Member-At-Large for next year, submit your name to anyone on the Election Committee or the Executive Committee.

Holiday Party – The club's annual holiday party will be held Friday, January 4th. If you would like to suggest a place – come to the November meeting and bring a menu so we can vote on it. We will decide on the location at the November meeting.

Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet **Wednesday**, November 28th 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

November 18, 2007
2nd Annual Turkey Fly

Tuesday, January 1, 2008
New Year's Day Fly – Start the year off right!

Friday, January 4, 2008
Annual Club Holiday Party – Details to Follow