



The Signal

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Of Special Interest:

- Glider Contest
- Next Club Meeting on Wednesday, August 31st at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Rooms A&B.



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The meeting was held on July 27th and called to order at 7:40pm at the flying field. We adjourned when it got too dark to see each other.

Attendance: Tony Rossi, Jim Vigani, Len Cacciatore, Jim Beard, Mahmoud Eladly, Marc Julius, Dave Shields, Joe Lachowski, and Rich Negran.

The club is happy to welcome our newest members: Stu Goodman and Dan Edelman.

And we welcome our guest Shawn Woodcock.



HELP NEEDED: As you all know, our 2nd Annual Electric Fun-Fly will be held on August 20th at the flying field. We need lots of help getting organized and taking care of important tasks the day of the contest. Please see the complete list of what's need on page four of the newsletter. Contact Tony Rossi to let him know how you can help out.

Call him at (732) 545-3811 or e-mail him at p510851@hotmail.com.

The Club By-Laws sub-committee has completed the updates to the By-Laws and everyone has had a chance to review them. Please come to the August meeting when we will vote on ratifying the new By-Laws. See you there!



Treasurer's Report

Expenses

None	\$ 0.00
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	\$ 0.00

Income

June 50-50	\$ 21.00
Dues	\$ 30.00
50-50 Donated back by Lyn and Len C.	\$ 21.00
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	\$ 72.00

Balance As of 7/27/2005 \$1,395.71



Gone with the wind...

The umbrellas at the field were blown away and destroyed during a violent, gusty storm on the 27th of July – which cut short our pre-meeting flying session!

The storm was upon us so quickly, it was all we could do to ground the planes and get to shelter. Unfortunately, the umbrellas were blown away and in the process, were damaged.

The club voted to check the prices and replace them at the club's expense.





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.

For Sale: 17" Computer Monitor - \$50; 21" Computer Monitor - \$100 - If interested, contact Len Cacciatore.

Entire contents of hobby equipment - will not sell in pieces. Too much to list here, but this is all high end, premier R/C equipment. Many planes of show quality. Contact Norm Staub at (973) 335-2290 or (973) 919-1986.

Somerset Signal Senders First Annual Glider Fly

We enjoyed a really good turnout for our glider contest, which was held on the last Saturday of July on a very hot, but nice day. Test flights began sharply at 10am for the eleven contestants who had registered and enjoyed donuts and coffee during the pilot's meeting. An equally large crowd watched on from the shelter of multiple tents that were put up to shield the contestants and audience from the sun.

The contestants were evenly split between our club and those from Central Jersey. Rich Negran, our Contest Director split everyone into two groups: Junior and Senior Glider Pilots. Senior Pilots had at least one season with gliders and everyone else was classified as Juniors. We had two events and they were really fun to do. The first was a time and spot landing and the second was three loops and a spot landing. Needless to say a lot of guys didn't compete in the loops, including Tony Rossi, for fear their wings would fold! Len Cacciatore and Rich Negran figured out all of the scores and here are the final results:

Junior Class

First Place: Jim Vigani
 Second Place: Tony Rossi
 Third Place: Ken Hayward
 Honorable Mention: Marc Julius
 (victim of a test flight crash!)

Senior Class

First Place: Rich Blatt
 Second Place: Rich Negran
 Third Place: Bob Both
 Fourth Place: Joe Lachowski
 Fifth Place: Gene Sellers
 Sixth Place: Pete Bonini
 Seventh Place: Greg Ciurpita

We would like to thank Rich Negran for doing a great job as our Contest Director and we all certainly look forward to next year when we'll do it all over again - right Rich????



PILOTS GATHER AND ENJOY COFFEE AND DONUTS BEFORE THE PILOT'S MEETING



LEN AND RICH TALLY THE RESULTS



RICH AND TONY PREPARE THEIR GLIDERS



Glider Contest (cont.)



TENTS WERE SET UP TO SHIELD THE CONTESTANTS AND SPECTATORS FROM THE INTENSE HEAT.

MARC VIGOD GETS SOME FLIGHT TIME IN WITH SON AUSTIN WHO HELPS WITH A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH!



Miscellaneous Club Business

A discussion was held regarding the shirts again. This time the club decided to go ahead with the ordering for the T-Shirts. Jim Vigani took care of ordering them and a sign up sheet was passed around for members to order shirts in various sizes. Extras will be ordered for those who missed the July meeting. Jim says they'll arrive in time for our 2nd Annual Electric Fun-Fly. Thanks for taking the lead on this Jim!

around noon. Come on down and check it out!

Stu Baron's son contacted Len and said that one of Stu's last wishes was to have a Memorial Fly in his memory. After some discussion, the club voted to make our closing day BBQ on September 18th the Stu Baron Memorial Fly. Len will get in touch with Stu's son and see if he is available. Len will report back to the club.

More discussion was held regarding indoor flying and Dave has continued to research this. At this time, no decision has been reached, but Dave will continue to look into this and report back to the club.

Joe Lachowski offered to bring Frank Granelli down to talk to the club about Pattern Flying. The club thought this was a fantastic idea and everyone was very enthusiastic. Joe will let the club know when this can be arranged for.

Bob Afflerback will be doing an IMAC demo at the field on Saturday, August 13th at

A great beginner's website:
<http://www.masportaviator.com>
Check it out!

June 50-50!

\$24 was taken in. \$12 went to Marc Julius and he donated this back to the club.

The club thanks me for my generosity.

Congratulations Jim!

Jim Beard has been flying since April and on Sunday, August 7th he soloed for the first time. Way to go Jim! The club congratulates Jim on this major milestone in his flying!



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SSS Electric fly Tasks August 20, 2005

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Parking as needed		
Registration	Joe Melick	
Tents	Tony, Len C., Len F.	Tony
Impound box	Joe Melick	
Impound box tags	Tony	Tony
Signs	Tony	Tony
Coolers	Joe (2)	
Ice	Joe Melick	
Water	Tony	
Coffee and donuts	Len C.	
Cooking		
Collecting Money for food		
Burgers and Dogs	Tony	
Buns		Tony
Soda		
Tables	Joe, Len C.	
Rules	Tony	Tony
Registration forms	Tony	Tony
SSS Applications	Tony	Tony
AMA Applications	Tony	Tony
AMA Sanction	Tony	Tony
Park Permit	Tony	Tony
Signs on road	Tony	Tony
Sticks for signs	Tony	Tony
Parking sign	Tony	Tony

As you can see, there's a lot to do, so let's all pitch in and help out to lighten the load. Please contact Tony and tell him what you can bring or what you can do to help out. See you all on the 20th!

Call him at (732) 545-3811 or e-mail him at p510851@hotmail.com.

Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet the last Wednesday of August at 8pm at the Bridgewater Library in rooms A&B.
- 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

August 20, 2005

Our 2nd Annual Electric Fun Fly. (*Sanctioned Event*)

September 18, 2005

Closing Day BBQ... bid a fond adieu to the lazy days of summer.