



The Signal

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Of Special Interest:

- Warbird Day At Branchburg
- Next Club Meeting on **Wednesday**, November 29th at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Room B.



The meeting was held on October 25th and called to order at 8:03pm.

Attendance: Patrick Aanstoos, Lyn Alford, Jim Beard, Bill Becker, Paul Brill, Carl Claesson, Greg Clarke, Chris DeBlass, Dan Edelman, Len Ferenchak, Alvaro Guerrero, Ken Hoeg, Ray Jajko, Marc Julius, Richard Levesen, Rich Negran, Tony Rossi, Dave Rollino, John Samtak, and Jim Viganì.

The club was happy to welcome our guests: Paul Bernard and Frank Vitelli.

And the club is very happy to welcome our 40th member: Jeff Randolph! Welcome aboard Jeff!



Club Turkey Fly...

Come out and brave the cold on Sunday, November 19th for the club's first annual Turkey Fly!

Len Ferenchak has volunteered to bring a vat of his homemade chili which should keep us plenty warm.

And the club is donating a Simple Series Bi-Plane as a raffle prize. So come out and you could go home with a new plane to build over the winter.



Treasurer's Report

Expenses

Marc J, Closing Day Picnic, Ck #1547	\$ 146.03
Rich Negran, Closing Day Picnic, Ck #1548	\$ 19.51
Tony Rossi, Closing Day Picnic, Ck #1549	\$ 37.39
Marc J, Postage Stamps, Ck #1550	\$ 15.60

	\$ 218.53

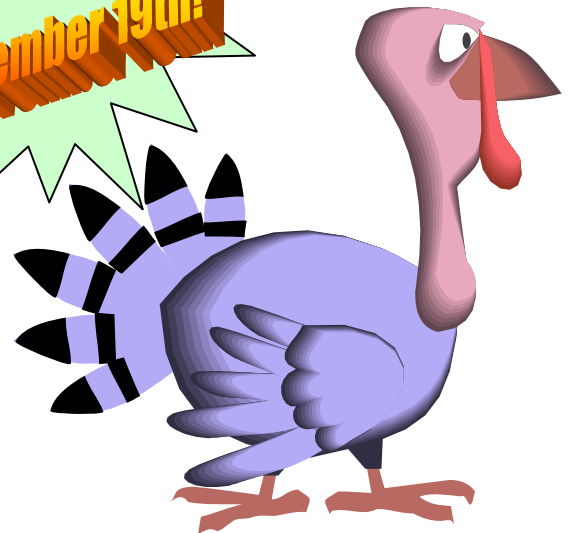
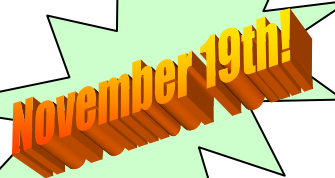
Income

September 50-50	\$ 30.00
Miscellaneous from 8/15/06	\$ 20.00
Vinyl Decals	\$ 25.00

	\$ 75.00

Balance As Of 10/25/2006

\$ 1,362.54



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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.

2007 Club Events...

A discussion was had at the October meeting regarding future trips and events for the club members. One idea was a BBQ at a Patriot's Game in Somerset. Everyone thought this was a great idea. We also discussed a variation on our ongoing build class, lead by Jim Vigani. The idea was to have a repair night. Everyone has a plane or two in need of some fixing, so this would be a great opportunity to bring along your planes and your questions and get some expert advice.

What else are you looking forward to in 2007? We'd like to hear from you, the members, what you liked about 2006 and what you'd like to see more of next year. What didn't you like? What would you like to see less of?

You can talk to any of the current officers or the Member-At-Large, Ray Jajko.

Remember – it's what you put into the club that affects what you get out of it.

From the light side...



Call For Articles...

Any writers in the club? Anyone want a chance to share their knowledge about RC airplanes, radios, covering, flying, crashing, cooking, welding, or anything else with the club?

This is your chance! I'm offering column space to anyone who would like to write an article for an upcoming newsletter.

There's lots of years of experience in our club – it's time to share the wealth guys. I'm sure everyone has a story to tell... now's your chance.

Contact the Newsletter Editor.



Warbird Day At Branchburg...

(submitted by Ray Jajko)

As we looked out our windows that morning, we saw a beautiful sunny day with hardly a whisper of a breeze. The leaves on the trees were motionless, as if at rest. But Mother Nature can be quite deceptive. As we approached our field the winds came out of hiding, and flying was only for those with great courage and skill. It was a day with strong gusty winds... a lesson in understanding the true meaning of “wind-chill factor”.

In spite of the challenging conditions a very nice crowd showed up, although some of us chose not to fly in the gusty winds. The event seemed to be dominated by P-47 Thunderbolts, with P-51 Mustangs coming in a close second. “Continental John” was there with his giant P-47 “gasser”, which seemed to totally ignore the wind. Dan Edelman flew his P-38 Lightning, and Dave Rollino went up with his P-51. At one point we had three P-47s flying at once although formation flying was not a good idea with the wind conditions.

Many “Non-Warbird” planes were on the flight line. Dan had his “Long-E-Z” and my own U-Can-Do made its debut with Tony Rossi taking it up for its maiden flight (for once I used good judgment and did not try flying). Len Cacciatore had his big Biplane which he flew later in the day with the precision only experience can produce. Len also brought out his Dual Ace twin engine model.

Tony Rossi had his Contender, which is a “cross-over” between the “Warbird” and “Non-Warbird” categories. Unfortunately his receiver batteries failed and the aircraft never took to the skies. It did, however, give a few people something to do trying to figure out what was wrong... they probably didn’t want to fly in that wind anyway.

The food was great... picnic style with sandwiches from Wegmans and side dishes lovingly prepared just for us by our club members and families. Calmly sitting and eating really brought on the “wind-chill factor” causing a lot of folks to pull up their sweatshirt hoods. Tony bravely wore his Jets sweatshirt, and as a matter of fact, the Jets managed not to lose that day.



A Lot of People Showed Up!



Rich and Connie enjoy some lunch.



Some very impressive Warbirds!



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Miscellaneous Club Business

September 50-50: The club took in \$31. First place (\$20) was won by Jim Beard and 2nd place (\$11) was won by Carl Claesson.

If you would like a club T-Shirt or would like to order a polo shirt or sweat shirt, please contact the club fashion coordinator, Jim Vigani.

Paul Brill brought in order forms for anyone who wants to purchase Fox products at a deep discount. The order has to be placed by the end of November, so if you're interested, contact Paul or see him at the November meeting.

Jim Vigani, as head of the Election Committee, presented the current slate of officers for next year. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November meeting if anyone wishes to run for one of the officer positions.

Nominations for Member-At-Large will be accepted only from the floor at the November meeting. If you have questions regarding the election process or an officer's position, feel free to talk with Jim or any of the current officers.

Got an idea for a future demonstration? If you have something in mind, why not let Jim Vigani or Bill Becker know about it. They are putting together the 2007 calendar of demonstrations. I'm sure they'd love the suggestions.

Club Holiday Party

The club voted at the October meeting and the date of our holiday party has been set for **Friday, January 5, 2007!** Mark the date on your calendars.

At the November meeting we will be voting on where to hold it. We have several excellent choices this year, so come on out and voice your opinion.



Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet Wednesday, November 29th at 8pm at the Bridgewater Library in Meeting Room 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 19, 2006

Turkey Fly – Come out for Flying, Len's Chili & a Chance to Win a Plane!

January 1, 2007

New Year's Day Fly

January 5, 2007

Somerset Signal Senders Holiday Party