

The Signal

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Of Special Interest:

- 2004 Member of Year Announced.
- Fashion Show at April Meeting on Monday, April 25th.



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The meeting was held on March 30th and called to order at 8:05pm. We adjourned at 9:20pm.

Attendance: Sal LoSardo, Scott Kean, Sheree Platt, Rich Negran, Marc Julius, Len Ferenchak, Tony Rossi, Jim Vigani, Dave Shields, Joe Melick, Len Cacciatore, Tom Miller, Bill Becker, Paul Brill & Jim Beard.

Ray Matyckas, Marc Vigod and Paul Gentile joined us as guests. We look forward to them joining us on a regular basis.



Len Ferenchak informed the club that he is continuing to work on the new back board for the impound box down at the field. The Park Commission has approved its installation.

The April meeting will be on the 25th (MONDAY) and will be at the Bridgewater Library in Meeting Room D.

A motion was made to open the April Fashion Show to all models of aircraft. Motion was seconded and passed. This is the first Fashion Show the club has had in a number of years... let's all try to bring a model in and make this a great success.



Treasurer's Report

Expenses

AMA Additional Liability Ins.	\$ 60.00
American Cancer Society	\$100.00
AMA Charter & Field Ins.	\$ 90.00
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	\$250.00

Income

January 50-50	\$ 11.00
Dues	\$270.00
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	\$281.00

Balance As of 3/30/2005 \$1,349.08

“2004 Member of the Year...”

Past President Scott Kean made the presentation to the winner of the 2004 Member of the Year. The winner was Marc Julius.

The plaque has the club's logo engraved on it, as well as Marc's name and the year.

Marc thanked everyone and was obviously very appreciative of this honor.

The club voted to continue the Member of the Year for 2005.





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.

Club Discusses New Pin Board System...

The club discussed the frequency pin board down at the flying field.

Currently, the flyer takes a clothes pin with the appropriate frequency number and clips it to his/her radio while flying. Upon completing a flight, the pin is returned to the board when the radio is returned to the impound.

The pins are old and worn out and new pins need to be made. Len C. recommended painting them fluorescent orange so they would be easy to see in the event they fell in the grass. Good idea Len!

A new system was discussed wherein the flyer would leave his/her flying permit on the board when a pin is taken. This would help everyone make sure that only those with permits are flying at the field.

Everyone agreed that policing the field was our responsibility and it was for our own good if we all help out.

"..and now, we're teaching him to put the pin BACK..."



Club Helps Special Children

The club voted to assist with some special children that have daycare at the Park Commission building down at the field. We will show them the planes up close and help them build their own gliders with the AMA Delta Dart program.

More information to follow.

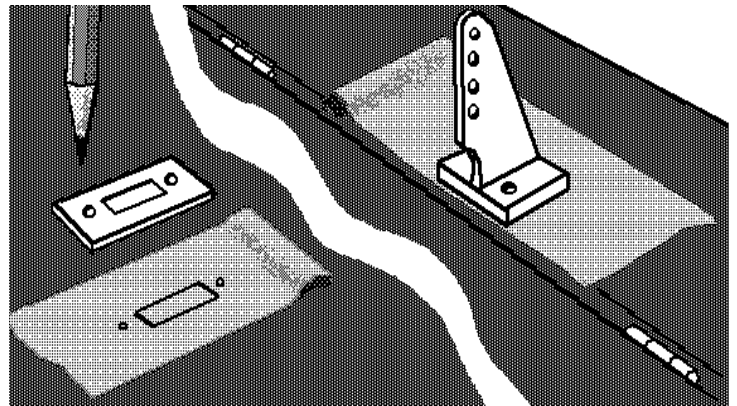
Helpful Hints...

Marking Dark Monocote

Putting any kind of decent marks on monocote is really tough, especially if the monocote is a dark color. This becomes a hassle for you when trying to accurately place control horns or mount a switch to a surface that's already covered.

Try putting down a piece of masking tape in the approximate location. Then line up the horn or switch plate and make your marks on the tape! The marks are quite visible, and you can cut or drill right through the tape. Then you can pull off the tape easily by pulling it sideways over itself; i.e. don't pull straight up or you may lift the covering material.

Bending an end of the tape back on itself before applying will give you a nice "handle" to grab to peel the tape off.



Miscellaneous Club Business

Our first swap meet was a big success. Everyone brought old tools, magazines, plane parts, covering materials, etc. and there were a lot of happy flyers leaving the meeting.

A question came up regarding the ability of Honorary members to vote. This was tabled for future discussion.

All dates for club events for this year were motioned, voted on and passed. See page 4 for complete listing of 2005 Club Events.

Rich Negran will CD our July Glider contest. Tony Rossi will CD our 2nd Annual Electric Fun Fly in August. Thanks fellas.

The 4-H Club will be hosting a 'Cigar Box Glider Contest' with the Air Explorers on

April 23rd at 9am. Rich and Len C. are guest judges. All are invited to attend. Contact Rich or Len C. for more information.

Jim Vigani volunteered to be our demo point person and Bill Becker will assist with the benefit of his vast knowledge. So, if anyone wants to see a particular demonstration or wants to give one, please contact Jim Vigani via phone or e-mail.

A meeting was held with an attorney to discuss converting the club to a non-profit organization. All went well but there is more work to be done on this front. Marc will provide a full report at the April meeting. He promises to keep it short!

A motion to adopt a new logo was made and the club voted not to adopt the new

logo. It was felt that the old logo gave us a sense of the history of the club.



Hats, shirts and stickers with our club's logo on them were considered a great idea by all those present. Jim Vigani volunteered to look into this more and report back to the club at the next meeting.

March 50-50! \$36 was taken in. \$18 went to the club and \$18 went to our guest Marc Vigod.

Congratulations Marc!



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2005 Member of the Year

Who will it be?

The current leaders are Len Ferenchak and Jim Vigani.

Member of the Year is an award given to that member who has accumulated the most points during the

calendar year utilizing the following point system:

Activity Coordinator: 3 pts.
Check Pilot: 3 pts.
Club Clinic (How To's): 2 pts.
Club Committee: 3 pts.
Club Officer: 6 pts. (one time)
Contest Director: 3 pts.
Flight Instructor: 6 pts. (one time)
Fun-Fly Helper: 1 pt.
Fun-Fly Participant: 1 pt.

Meeting Attendance: 1 pt.
Model of the Month: 1 pt.
President's Discretion: 1-3 pts.
Show and Tell: 1 pt.



Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders meet the last Wednesday of every month at 8pm. With the exception of our April meeting, which will be at the Bridgewater Library, in Meeting Room D on Monday, April 25th.
- 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

May 15, 2005

Join your fellow club members down at the field and kick off the flying season at our Opening Day BBQ.

June 13, 2005

Glider Test Day – a fun day at the field to practice for the big Glider Contest on July 30th!

July 30, 2005

Club Glider Contest... Members of Central Jersey, the 4-H and the Air Explorers will compete with us. (*Sanctioned Event*)

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.