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# SIGNAL SQUEAKER

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THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SIGNAL SEEKERS R/C CLUB

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<b>MEETINGS</b>	<i>Fourth Monday of every month at Maplewood Center Garden City, rm114 at 6:30 PM</i>	

**Next meeting: Monday, July 24, 6:30 PM at Maplewood Center**

Hello, greetings, aloha all fellow members! Hot hot hot! As it has been heard to say: Is it hot enough fer ya? Yes, it is that beautiful time of year when our air conditioners find themselves working overtime. Keep in mind, just six months from now, we'll be all bundled up, scraping windshields, cursing the cold and our snow throwers and furnaces will be working overtime. Just a thought.

We've been gaining some new members as of late, so take note inside this issue. There are two pages of club rules you should all be aware of. Please read them and become familiar with them.

Speaking of new members, We all welcome you. It's always good to have new people on board. Take advantage of all the great advice and tips some of the more experienced flyers can offer you. That's what we're here for.

Also inside this issue is a page advertising our upcoming August annual picnic at the field. Be sure to read all about that and come on down and have a good time.

That's about it for this time around, so come on out, enjoy the field, fly an airplane or two or three, and we'll see you next month. Happy flying.

-Ed

## SIGNAL SEEKERS RC CLUB MEETING

Meeting Date: June 26, 2006

Meeting was called to order by President Bob McDonald and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

### REPORTS:

- The Minutes were approved as written and the treasures report was approved as read.
- Field is in good condition even though there were a couple of moles visiting.

### OLD BUISNESS:

- Bob Kane CD for the pattern contest held on Friday and Saturday has brought a profit of \$115.00 with an eleven pilot event. Nice Job Bob Kane.
- Reminder about the Club Picnic on August 07, 2006. And the Control Line Event on August 19,20, 2006
- Thanks were given for the volunteers that spent there time spreading the mole treatment on the field. A Special thanks to Clayton Hurst for project coordinator and Jay Dunkin for supplying transportation.

### NEW BUISNESS:

- Randy Ryan has announced a sad goodbye to the Club and its Members as he is moving to South Carolina for Employment reasons.
- Darren Covington was appointed to replenish the position as an Alternative.
- Hats with logo's are being researched by Larry Coulson
- Reminder about the meeting starting at 6:30 pm for the months of July and August.

### MONTHLY RAFFLE:

- Great Planes Accu-Throw – Bob McDonald
- Remote Glow Igniter – Floyd Gregory
- Glue – John Brzys
- 12 volt Charger – Bob McDonald
- Volt Meter – Ed White
- Cleaning Brush - Clayton Hurst
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- Cleaning Brush – Darren Covington

### SHOW AND TELL:

NONE AVAILABLE

SUBJECT: SIGNAL SEEKERS R/C CLUB DUES:

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1. THE FOLLOWING RECEIVE FREE DUES DUE TO SELLING 100 OR MORE RAFFLE TICKETS: TIM TOWNLEY, DARREN COVINGTON, KENNETH JOHNSON, KEITH McCRARY, BOB McDONALD, DOUGLASS BEAVER, ROBERT BROOKS GEORGE COOLEY, LARRY COULSON, ROBERT DUNKIN, JIM ESPER, MATTHEW GLADD, FLOYD GREGORY, MARK KNOTE, CHARLES LEE, TOM MELITA, TOM VASILOFSKI, DARYL WARREN. NOTE: CLUB OFFICERS NEWSLETTER EDITOR (JERRY WINO), NEWSLETTER PRINTER AND DISTRIBUTION (MIKE FERGUSON), CHANNEL PIN NUMBERS (DAN ROSS) AND FIELD GRASS CUTTING (DARREN COVINGTON) ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY DUES.

2. HONORY MEMBER: TO BE DETERMINED.

3. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE PAID THEIR 2006 CLUB DUES:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE PD</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE PD</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
RICHARD SAWICKI	12/22/05	PAUL BEDARD	12/22/05	CHUCK WOOLEY	01/23/05
DENNIS SUMNER	01/23/06	JOSEPH KOWALSKI	01/23/05	QUINTEN RAY	01/23/06
ROBERT LUKASIK	02/27/06	ROBERT DUNLAP	02/27/06	JOHN BRZYS	02/27/06
ED LAICH	02/27/06	STU WECKERLY	02/27/06	JOHN HARTMAN	02/27/06
BILL ROGERS	03/01/06	PERRY TUTSOCK	04/21/06	MIKE FERGUSON (J)	03/25/06
STAN OLESKOWICZ	03/27/06	BOB PENCE	03/27/06	CLAYTON HERST	03/27/06
DANIEL McLALIN	03/27/06	SCOTT GODFREY	03/27/06	RAYMOND BLAKE	03/27/06
JAMES FERGUSON	03/27/06	EDGAR JOHNSON	04/03/06	RANDY JAROIS	04/18/06
RAYMOND MARIO	04/24/06	RICHARD MALIK	04/24/06	ED WHITE	04/24/06
CHUCK SCHWARTZ	04/24/06	SCOTT PASCHEN	04/24/06	BILL PASCHEN	04/24/06
JAMES CUMMINS	04/24/06	WILLIAM CLIFFORD	04/24/06	JAY FROMM	04/24/06
WILLIAM SOPHA	04/25/06	BRYAN MOINER	04/30/05	STEVEN CACALE	04/25/06
TOM POLK	05/22/06	CURTIS NIXON	05/22/06	ROBERT MURDOCK	06/10/06
HOSAM ABDUL	06/23/06	ROBERT MURDOCK	06/10/06	DWAYNE JACKSON	06/29/06
BRIAN E. CLEER	07/08/06	JOHN STEVENS	07/08/06		

NOTE: ANY ERRORS OR OMMISIONS PLEASE INFORM ME. INDIVIDUALS WHO PAY BY MAIL, MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF "06" AMA MEMBERSHIP AND A SELF ADDRESSED/STAMPED ENVELOPE. BARNEY POLZIN (734) 728-3029 07/14/06

# Signal Seekers Radio Control Club

**Club Fun Fly  
August 6, 2006  
Noon-4PM**

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**Fun, Food, Flying**

**Picnic Lunch  
Fabulous Prizes (yeah, right!)  
Bring the whole family**

**Events will include:  
Climb-N-Glide (timed motor run) with Spot Landing  
Closest to 1 Minute Flight  
Sudden Death  
Dice Roll**

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**Lunch includes: Deli tray (make your own sandwich), pop, bread, chips, condiments provided. Grilled burgers and hotdogs  
Bring your shelter and chairs (don't forget a plane)  
See you there**

**For more information contact  
Bob Kane (734) 281-8514**

**SIGNAL SEEKERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB INCORPORATED**  
**(FIELD RULES)**

These Field Rules are an adjunct to the Signal Seeker R/C Club By-laws and Standing-Rules. At such, they shall not interfere or conflict with the By-laws or Standing Rules. Field-Rules may be amended in accordance with the By-Laws, Article XII. However, in cases pertaining to safety or mandated by a Local Authority, this requirement may be waived by the Board of Directors and may implement these changes as soon as possible to improve a safer environment for all personnel involved in all activities held at the Flying Field.

**FR-1. Use the East Road off of Henry Ruff when entering the Field. Speed Limit on Road is 10mph.**

**FR-2. The Pilot of a Model Aircraft must be a bona fide Club Member. Applicants and Visitors are allowed Guest Privilege provided they possess a current AMA Membership (plus FCC Licence if on Ham Band) and are observed by a Regular Member.**

**FR-3. It is strongly recommended that the Flyer must be accompanied by a Licensed Driver or fly in the presence of other Flyers who are Licensed Drivers. Obey all AMA, FCC, and FAA Regulations.**

**FR-4. Flying Hours for all Model Aircraft powered by 2-Cycle, 4-Cycle, and Gas Engines are from 10:00 AM until Dark for each day of the week. (8/23/04)**

**FR-5. All AMA (Even and Odd) Channels from (11) through (60) are allowed on the (72 MHZ) Band. All Six Meter Channel/Frequency equipment is permitted provided User has a valid FCC Licence. NOTE: WIDE BAND RECEIVERS: Users must obtain Pins for adjacent Channels and Pin that is (23) channels away from users primary Channel. Also, Channel 58 could produce interference (Image Response) to Receivers on Channel 12. Also, Receivers can be subjected to interference if Channel 20 is in use and Channel 4 TV Station is close by.**

**FR-6. All Transmitters on the 72 MHZ Band must have a Certified R/CMA Gold Sticker affixed indicating that it was manufactured or modified for operation at a 20 KHZ frequency separation. (except 27MHZ and 53 MHZ). Transmitters on Six Meters must have a Black Streamer approximately ½ to 1" wide to 8" long affixed to the top of the Antenna. Red Streamer on (72 MHZ) Transmitter is optional.**

**FR-7. The Antenna on all Transmitters not in use must be collapsed.**

**FR-8. All 2 Cycle Engines above .051 CID, 4 Cycle Engines above 0.90 CID, and Gas Engines must be equipped with a Muffler/Pipe. During normal flying periods, only one race type model (except Sport Q-500) is allowed to be in the air at any one time.**

**FR-9. All Pilots utilizing the Flying Field should and must (park, pit, start their aircraft, and fly) in accordance with Flying Field Area-B. These areas are define by "Burn-Lines" on the field. It is recommended that when starting of aircraft, that a holding device be employed or that assistance is obtained in holding the aircraft during start-up.**

**FR-10. Only the Club approved Channel (#) Pin for the 72 MHZ and Ham Band (Black Pin) shall be used for Transmitter Identification. The Pin must be on the Channel (Number) Pole before the Transmitter is turned on. Only the Owner of the Active Channel/Frequency Pin may remove His/Her Pin from the Pole.**

**SIGNAL SEEKERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB FIELD RULES: Cont.**

- FR-11. Be considerate of Fellow Flyers! A maximum of fifteen minutes is suggested for each individual flight.**
- FR-12. Fly as Safely as you would expect from others. Flying over the Garden Area, Pilot/Pit Area, Parking Area, and U-Control Area is not permitted. See Flying Field Area-A.**
- FR-13. Taking-off from or Taxing back into the Pit Area is not permitted. All Take-Offs should be near or in the central area of the field and safely away from and in front of all Pilots in the Pilot Area. Pilots should shut-off engine if possible and manual retrieving of aircraft before entering Pilot Flying Area. It is suggested when Hand Launching Aircraft, that it is permissible to walk out and hand launch aircraft in a safe manner. Going out onto the field for any situation should be announced by the individual (LOUDLY) so as to alert those pilots who are flying their aircraft at that time.**
- FR-14. No Flying is allowed when the Field is being mowed to insure the safety of the Mower Operator. Except for Club Sponsored activities, no vehicles are allowed on the Field.**
- FR-15. Engine Break-In in the Pit Area is not permitted. For Engine Break-In, see FLYING FIELD AREA-B**
- FR-16. The Club Training Night is Wednesday during the period of Eastern Daylight Savings Time. The Chief Flight Instructor will have full control and authority governing flights. Club Members not involved in Flight Instruction must clear any flights with the Chief Flight Instructor.**
- FR-17. On Thursday evenings, it is permissible that Pylon Flyers are permitted to use the center of the field for starting and flying their aircraft. It is highly recommended that turning of aircraft towards the Pit Area be avoided. If this is done on other days of the week, it should be in concurrence with all Flyers at the Field.**
- FR-18. All Open Contest will be governed by AMA Regulations and Guidelines, abide by Club Rules, and be directed by an official AMA Contest Director.**
- FR-19. All Flying of Control-Line Models must abide by the Rules set forth by that Activity. In cases of any emergency at that activity, the individual needing any assistance should use the Horn on their Vehicle to alert and get the attention of the people at the R/C Field to come to their assistance as quickly as possible.**
- FR-20. The Flying of U/C Aircraft will be allowed to use the Main R/C Flying Field and the U/C Circle Areas between the hours 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Flying of U/C Aircraft will be permitted after 10:00 AM at the R/C Flying Field Area if it does not conflict with the flying of R/C Aircraft. (8/23/04)**
- FR-21. Flying of Electric Powered Aircraft and Gliders will be permitted to fly from 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM in Flying Area Zone B. (8/23/04)**
- FR-22. Good Housekeeping means all Members must clean their Area before leaving the Field.**
- FR-23. Any continued or willful violation of the above Field Rules could result in the loss of Field Privileges and/or Membership as determined by the Board of Directors.**

My apologies goes out to all members for an Improper posting. Please read this carefully. Also see field rules. In this newsletter.

## To Properly Clear a channel.

### **Never turn on a Transmitter until your channel has been cleared.**

Make sure you use the radio set up for the craft you are going to fly, many of us have several different crafts on several different channels, make sure to mark the one you are using.

## Primary Rule Must be obeyed at all times.

You MUST use an approved channel marker if you do not have one there are 2 guest (grey) channel markers at the field. These are basically a square of Lexan (plexi-glass) with a RED background for 72Mhz, a yellow background for 27 Mhz and black background with no number for 6 meters. They all have with the channel number on them glued to a clothespin so that it can be clipped onto our channel board.

**After arriving at the airfield and before flying,** check the channel board on the pole, to see if the channel you are using is empty. If the channel number is empty then clip your channel marker on the board. If it's being used check the back of the channel marker for the owners name located on the clip portion of the marker or ask around then take your turn when it's not in use. Please limit your use to 15-20 minute Intervals.

This was printed out of context in last months Newsletter My apologies goes out to all members for this Improper posting and please do not confuse this to be our rules the above print (Primary Rule) is the only process that the club recognizes.

Only AS A SECONDARY safety measure to insure that someone has not miss-marked a channel marker!! After and ONLY After your channel marker is on the channel board then you may clear your channel a second time to further assure that no one might had marked the board incorrectly or not at all. To further clear your channel, If there are a lot of planes in the air may I suggest turning on your transmitter for a few seconds then turn it off, while watching airborne craft to see if one might go out of control.

Again this is only after your channel has been marked.

Safety.

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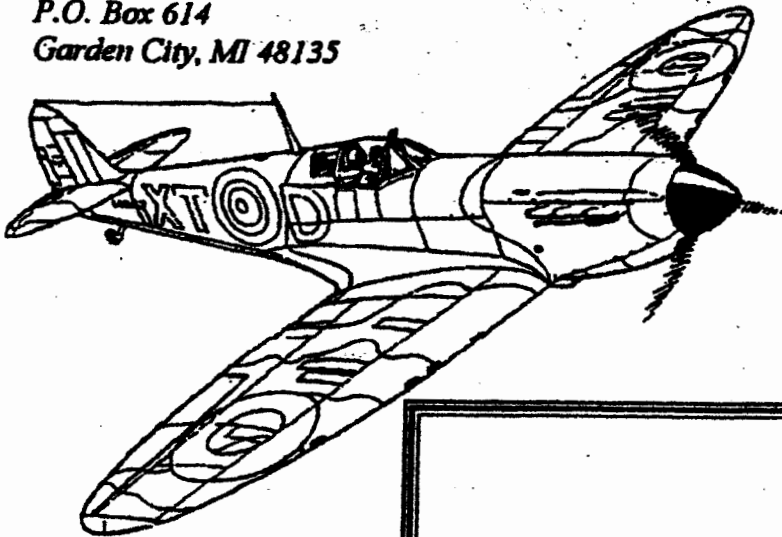
### Recommendations:

When Taking off we should safely hand carry the aircraft 3' to 5' past the Pilots line then start taxing out for flight. When taxing in we should steer towards an unoccupied side or end of the field and do any turning from an unoccupied area or end of the field.

As a general suggestion When Flying or Taxing we should always try to avoid directly pointing any (gas or electric) aircraft at any persons when near the 25' rule, (See rule # 7 of the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Codes.)



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