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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 Garden City Log Cabin at 7:30 PM</i>

**Next meeting: Monday, June 26, 7:30PM at Maplewood Center**

Greetings, fellow aircraft enthusiasts! Here it is, June already, and July is even peeking its head around the corner already. Not to harp on how the time seems to be flying by...but it sure as heck is! Before you know it, we'll be singing our Christmas carols. Well, enough of all that.

I don't know if any of you heard about this, but the authorities in Washington D.C. are implementing a program which involves flying drones with cameras over the city to keep an eye on crooks and other evil doers. Not to mention law abiding citizens. From what I've read, these aircraft are nothing more than giant scale R/C planes with video cameras attached. I wonder what frequency they intend to operate on. This is said to be a model for other major U.S. cities to look at for their own similar undertakings.

Be sure to take note inside the minutes in this issue regarding the Signal Seekers' upcoming field events such as the Club Picnic, the Pattern Contest, and Control Line Contest. In fact, there is a dandy little flyer on the Control Line Contest which we are including inside this issue. It has all the details you need to be aware of about it. Thanks to Barney for getting that to me. And thanks to Curt Nixon, CD, and John Bryzs, Combat Event Coordinator, as well as all worker volunteers and everyone else involved with putting the show on. If you want to volunteer to help, call one of the phone numbers on the flyer and see if you can help.

Also inside is a page on safety information for electric flyers and 72Mhz models, so take note if that applies to you. Happy flying! -Ed



## SIGNAL SEEKERS RC CLUB MEETING

Meeting Date: May 22, 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's Report was approved as read.
- The field is in good condition but wet.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Room update: Maplewood Center is not going to be closed. It looks like we will continue to have our meeting room. However, there are alternates in mind if need be.
- The Pattern Contest will be June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Club Picnic is August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Control Line Contest will be August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob McDonald reported on the Strathmoor Control Line Contest held at Rouge Park on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Bob Kane reported that two people were killed in Budapest, Hungary during an airshow by a model plane. Please be careful!
- Jay Dunkin is checking into grub control chemicals.

### MONTHLY RAFFLE:

- .Great Planes Piper Cub kit (20 size):- Ed Johnson.
- Glo-driver:- Floyd Gregory.
- Fuel:- Floyd Gregory.
- Jacket:- Clayton Herrst.

### SHOW AND TELL:

- Floyd Gregory brought in his Swap Shop special, a Waco biplane.
- Kieth McCrary showed his plans built Pizazz CL model.
- Clayton Herrst built a free flight plane called the Varsity in 1950. It "flew" once and has been moved around for the last 50+ years. He gave it to Quinten Ray, who spent the winter rebuilding it using an Ohlson 23 ignition engine. Very nice work.
- Mike Ferguson Jr. showed off his new FF helicopter.

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	CURTISS NIXON	05/22/06	ROBERT MURDOCK	06/10/06

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.

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## Safety for June 2006 Important Information About Electric Flight, and 27Mhz Models

Hello Members, recently several of the members have been bringing out some Electric planes that are ready to fly type and there are a few things You Need to know about these crafts. Below are a couple of things you need to know about them.

1. Arming the craft, most of these planes have an arming feature built within the speed control. The way the arming safety works is a non functioning motor for safety reasons. Here's how most of them work first turn on your transmitter and push your throttle to full blast, then plug in your battery (most common is Li-Po packs.) into the plane, then verify your controls without moving the throttle stick, once all appears to be OK and once your ready to launch the plane, clear the prop area, then pull back on the throttle stick until its all the way down at a certain point you should hear some beeps, at this point your aircraft should be armed and ready to fly, however test the throttle , then launch. Check your manual for information.
2. These models are usually on a 27 Mhz band if so this shall be Identified with a YELLOW streamer and not a RED streamer, the RED is for 72 Mhz Band ONLY. The Club will supply A YELLOW CHANNEL PIN to identify these channels they are channels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. This will be a YELLOW TAG with the corresponding channel number, and pinned on the top upright rod also marked 6-METERS in black. If you are one of these pilots please get your channel pin from Mike Ferguson Or Barney Polzin. And until all members have them please clear your channels before flying !!!!!

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We all need to take a step back and take a careful look at our habits and our models, did we do a spring check on our models.

Motor/Engine mounts, Landing gears, a pull check on the surfaces to check for loose hinges, and so forth.

Several crafts have been downed already this year, and some of them have been preventable incidences.

Also, another good Idea is to carry a basic First-Aid Kit and some water in your vehicle.

Consider bringing some bug spray in your vehicle.

Consider bringing a cell phone with you.

There are phone numbers and directions to emergency locations in our area listed on the WEB SITE

Every spring there are some things that we need to verify on each model we are going to fly. And we need to be a little more safety conscious. Listed below are some good solid common sense things.

Some Recommendations are listed below. Just keep them in your mind while modeling.

### At home

1. Verify that the Motor/Engine Mounts and systems are properly tightened.
2. Clevises: Are they worn at the pin, are the threads stripped, the push-rod is not bound up.
3. Landing gears are properly mounted and tightened. Do the screws need replacing?
4. Frayed wires or ware spots in the jacket, loose connectors in the wiring system.
5. Dead cells in the receiver packs.

### Before flight.

1. 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,
2. Do a range check on the TX/RX system.
3. Are the batteries charged? Do a voltage check before every flight or two.
4. Verify that you plugged the Aileron servo wires in correctly. Left is left and right is right.
5. Use a stationary device to keep your plane from moving towards you during startup, and engine rev.
6. Announce your Take-offs and Landings.
7. Verify your field of travel and the runway is clear before releasing your craft.
8. Verify that the Prop Area is clear of wires and debris before starting your craft.
9. Are your tires free rolling?
10. Try to store your fuel away from direct sunlight and away from anything that could cause a spark.
11. Clear the prop area when inserting a battery for the electric crafts

### During flight.

1. Do NOT fly over the pit area.
2. Do NOT fly over vehicle areas.
3. Do NOT fly over the control-line area when it's occupied.
4. Do NOT fly outside of your control.
5. Do NOT fly outside of the fields boundaries. (Fly Zones)
6. Do NOT smoke in the areas of gasoline (petroleum) crafts.
7. Do NOT fly any closer than 25' (feet) of any other pilot or the public.
8. Do NOT take off from the pit areas.
9. Do announce your intentions when entering the field areas. This means going on and coming off.

### After Flight

1. After each flight did you turn off the Tx?, did you turn off the power to the craft?
2. turn off your craft or unplug your battery for electric crafts before turning off your TX.

Remember folks its safety first not fly first. So take 1 or 2 extra seconds to check things out.....

# MICHIGAN C/L CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 19-20, 2006

Hosted by

Michigan Signal Seekers  
Westland, MI



## Saturday

## Sunday

- NEW Profile Stunt—No BOM,  
No Appearance Judging  
Bring it—Fly it

- Old Time Stunt—PAMPA  
Rules

- Classic Stunt—PAMPA Rules

- NEW PAMPA Stunt—Beg, Int, Adv, Exp—  
JSO

- NEW Combat is Back! —Speed Limit,  
AMA, F2D

Stunt Entry Fee

**\$10.00 for first event, \$5.00 for second. \$20.00 for all events**  
**Spectators are Free**

- All events flown from three manicured grass circles
- Food will be available on-site
- Only 5 miles from Metro Airport
- Plentiful lodging and restaurants nearby
- Prizes through 3<sup>rd</sup> in each stunt event

**No un-muffled flights before 10:00 AM**

Muffled practice open at 8:00 AM

Official flying begins at 10:00 AM

Valid AMA card required

All AMA Safety and Conduct rules will be enforced

### Bring the Whole Family

*Stay an extra day and Play!  
Plenty to do and see in the area*

Toledo zoo, COSI science center 1hr  
Greenfield Village/Henry  
Ford Museum 15min  
Yankee Air Museum--15min  
Kelloggs--Battle Creek 1.5hr  
Detroit and Windsor Casino's 30min  
Historic Rouge Park C/L site 20min



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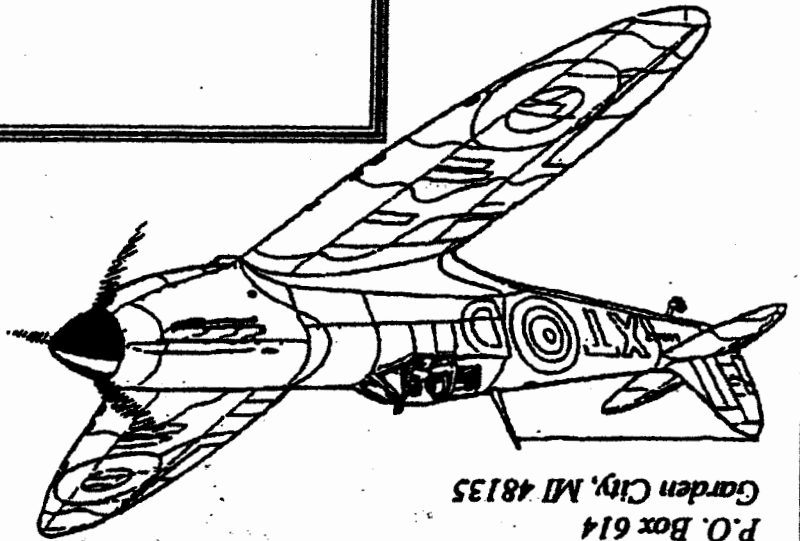
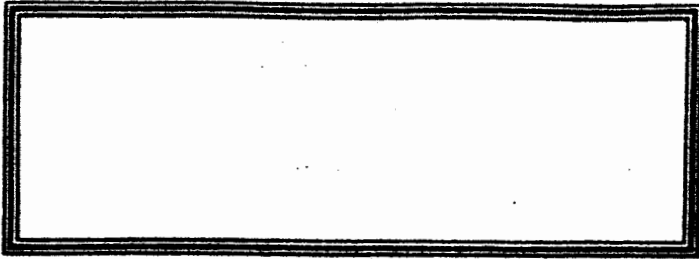
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