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**THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWLETTER OF THE
SIGNAL SEEKERS R/C CLUB
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**Meetings: 4th Monday of every month, Maplewood Center:
Maplewood West of Merriman, Garden City, MI.**

******* Next meeting at the field, Monday July 27th 5 ish for flying and short meeting around 7pm. Plan on doing a simple but fun, fun fly. Don't worry about your skill level. I will be glad to help anyone out that thinks they need it.**

Upcoming events:

June 29th through August 2nd: "The Nats", AMA national flying site, Muncie, Indiana, . Our president Bob McDonald (control line), and former VP Bob Kane (precision aerobatics) will be flying. Go to modelaircraft.org to get the schedule.

August 2nd (Sunday): Annual family picnic and funfly. .

August 15th and 16th: Control line contest

Happy July to everyone. Some scary and strange things happened a couple of weeks ago. Kurt Nofz finally got out to the field to finish up working on the road. He was working on draining the corner

of the road when the farmer or Ford Motor company came out. They had issues with draining anything to the wetlands.

Ford contacted Bob McDonald. I believe it was the next day, and we had a meeting with them at the field.

It was discovered there was no licensing (lease) with Ford since 2002. The ball was dropped somewhere along the line and Ford was unhappy to say the least along with our "landscaping" we were doing. A stern letter was emailed to us with the request to repair the "damage". This was done on the 3rd of July by Kurt. Inspection was completed on the 6th of July and we had a licensing agreement emailed to us the next day.

Myself and Bob McDonald spent many hours that week wondering what was going to happen, meeting with Ford etc. I posted signs closing the field and had John Brzys post what was happening on the website. Ford did not want anyone using the property at that time. Someone removed the signs from the gate and the pole that I had tie wrapped up. It wasn't kids because every tie wrap was gone. Enough said about that.

Bottom line to this. The property is a Ford wetlands mitigation site. Per our agreement we have no right to modify the property in any way except for cleanliness and safety purposes without written permission. I asked about Plymouth Pilgrims type improvements and was told it could be a possibility. Ford also owns their field. Please be good citizens while on the property, our club depends on it.

*******IF ANYONE ASKS TO USE THE PROPERTY FOR OFF ROAD VEHICLES, DO NOT, I REPEAT DO NOT SAY IT IS OK*****IF YOU DO, OUR CLUB IS GIVING THEM PERMISSION THROUGH YOU AND IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER******

Along with the scary part of the situation, some good came of it as well. I believe Ford likes us occupying the property. They will be installing ground asphalt to the road in the next couple of months. Steve Bathersby has stated they can work around our contest schedules.

Activity at the field has been decent recently and the grass is in decent shape although growing way too much for July.

Meeting Date June 22, 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Bob McDonald and the roll call was taken.

REPORTS:

- 1 The Minutes were approved as printed and the Treasurers Report was approved as read.
- 2 The field is a little wet but in great condition.
- 3 The road has had work done on it and the mud hole at the l curve is in great condition, from the gate to the curve still needs work.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4 Fun Fly and Picnic on August 2, 2009.
- 5 Control Line Contest August 15 & 16, 2009

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6 It was proposed to have a meeting at the field for July or August at 5:00 PM with a fun fly or demo of some kind prior to the meeting. Bring chairs

SHOW AND TELL:

- 7 Rich Sawicki brought in his control line Classic AG1 powered by an electric motor that he scratch from plans from a magazine.
- 8 Scott Paschen showed his Diamante 25e powered by 32 electric motor and a 3 cell battery.