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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, August 4th, 8:00 p.m., at our flying field located at 3050 Avon Lake Rd - Litchfield, OH. The **American Airlines Gas Model Club** meets here on the 1st Friday of each month during the summer. The **AAGMC** welcomes visitors at all regular meetings.

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Open Members \$50.00/yr.
Senior (17-18) 8.00
Junior (<17) 5.00
Initiation Fee \$25.00 (New Members)

Greetings... Another month has literally flown by (no pun!). An upfront reminder for everyone - the **AAGMC Pig Roast** is set for the **26th** of this month.. Please put it on your *ToDo* list on the refrigerator... I haven't been able to exact a ticket price yet, but a quick phone call to Sheila Ann ought to clear it up. She's at (216) 476-3523. Keep in mind that the proceeds help our Club's coffers significantly! As a point of reference, last year's ticket price was \$15 per head, with a raffle ticket only of \$5... It makes for a pretty nice afternoon - and do bring a bird or two for some flight time.

From Mr. Hilbert, for the electric contest chaps: **Aug. 13th at 10:00am, and again on the 27th, also - 10:00am.**

At the last non-meeting (July's), amidst some neat electric flying (Mike's *FMA* Razor is rather neat in action!), a discussion of chargers came up - and I'd like to throw this out in case anyone is in the market for same: I got hold of *MaHa's* C-777 NiCd/NiMH charger about a month ago. It was designed primarily for the radio amateur crowd, however it's being used by more and

more electric slow flyers (which is how I got tuned in to the device)... Well, I have had some occasion to use it on my one year old Sanyo 600AE, 7-cell packs, and I believe I've found a winner. I've never had the ability to charge a pack to 100% and head out to the field and fly before now! And I have tried a few chargers.. Enter the C-777. Been out twice with these two old packs after cycling/peaking them and I can finally put the battery pack in, put on the wing, and fly! Neat. Cycle and charge the day before (takes about an hour and a 1/2), peak them before I leave. I got the thing off the web at <www.thomasdistributing.com>, or their phone is (800) 821-2769. Part number there is: MH-C777. When I ordered mine, it was \$44.90. Operates off AC (wall adapter), or a cigarette lighter plug in the car.

Still no word regarding the annual Mentor Meet! Most fascinating... Mebbe no show this year??

HAVE YOU SEEN?

This month, on page 2, I thought it might be worthwhile for those tinkerers, to include some details for building your own NiCd charger - parts for which you'll find down at your local Radio Shack! It's a very simple, constant current circuit; to which one can add all sorts of goodies, like meters, plug adapters, etc. What you'll have is a variable current; pick a cell-count (depending on the A-C transformer you get) pack charger that will also work off the 12-volt battery in your vehicle. It's cheap and simple, and makes a very good overnite unit.

"I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather. Not screaming in terror like his passengers." - Unknown...

The **Pig Roast** is this month! Tickets can be had from any of the ocifers I believe...

Comin' down now, over... 8^}

**Make plans
for the AAGMC
Pig Roast...
August 26th...**