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November 2001

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, Nov. 2nd, 8:00 p.m., in the
North Community Room of the Busch Funer.
Home at 7501 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH.

The **American Airlines Gas Model Club**
meets here on the 1st Friday of each month
during the winter. The **AAGMC** welcomes
visitors at all regular meetings.

2001 AAGMC OFFICERS

President Paul Bianco
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V.Pres. Dick Matejka
Secretary Jim Knodel
Treasurer Henry Horn
Sgt. at Arms Mike Labosky
Club Photog. Adam Snelly
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2001 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Initiation Fee \$25.00 (New Members)

PLEASE NOTE: *Elections 2001 is at
hand! Please make your presence count...*

Did any of you read Louis Joyner's "Free Flight
Duration" column in the September **Model**

Aviation?? (Yep - I'm still behind in the reading
department!!) Anyway, as building season draws
near, Louis' comments strike home as I stare at
my workbench and wonder where anything is!!
It's pretty funny since I wonder how many of us
are in the same boat.. One of these days - gots to
do something about tidying up a bit..

Speaking of *tidying up* - do make it a point to
get to this month's meeting as our **Club's** yearly
election process plays out.. I'm hoping that our
membership will step up and make the
democratic process work by making themselves
available for an officer position - Hey, it's your
Club.. Make it go..

Note: There will be an E-Board meeting at

7:30 prior to the regular business one.

- FROM THE BOARD -

**American Airlines Gas Model Club
Minutes Of Meeting October 2001**

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on
October 5 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:03 with 18
members and 7 visitors present.

The treasurer made his report and it was accepted.
There is \$3,275.11 in the CD and \$1,197.96 in the
checking account. We are \$370.45 in the black for the
year thanks to extra contributions by many members.

Old Business:

~The revised By Laws need to be published.
~The newsletter on the Web seems to be working out
well. Every one is able to access it.
~There are new people living in the house at the field
and they are taking good care of everything. There are
kids there so be especially careful when driving in.
~We need to think about a sign at the driveway. A
permanent sign may encourage people to drive in who
may not respect the speed limit signs. Maybe a sign
only used for special events would be appropriate.

New Business:

~Contact has been made with Cub Pack 439, which
meets at Divinity Lutheran Church, which has boys in
the 5 to 11 year old range. They would be interested
in our club providing an activity for them, which
could include a static show, model building and
buddy box flying. There is also a Boy Scout troop at
the same location, which has over 100 members in
the 11 to 18 year range.
~Elections are next month. The present board is
willing to run again but a new newsletter editor is
needed to give Larry a break from his 11 years of
excellent and dedicated service. Don King will return
as the web master.
~The final results for the year of the glider contest are
attached. At the next meeting the rules for the glider
contest next year will be discussed.
~Volunteers are needed to provide meeting programs.
At the January meeting Parma Hobby will put on a
program.
~Any outstanding bills members have need to be
turned in so the years expenses may be finalized.
~It was suggested the club should build a trainer but
there may already be one in existence. This will be
checked into.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectively submitted.
Jim Knodel, Secretary

Warren Novotny presented an excellent program on making fiberglass parts and Phil Hilbert showed his park flyer.

From the Pres... I have some great news...as I write this...it is cold, windy & the white stuff may fly tonight ...blah!! Lets get back to warmer thoughts. It was GREAT to see Mr. & Mrs. Don Holmok at our October club meeting. For those of you new to the club, Don is an expert builder and has generously shared his (scale) aircraft with other club members. Now, if we can just get him to start installing smoke systems! Before retiring from the meeting, Don handed me a check and asked that I use it for club operating expenses. We are very fortunate that our club is made up of many folks who care and share. Don is one example and we hope to see him and Mrs. Holmok again soon. We thank Uncle Warren Novotny and Phil Hilbert for giving presentations at the meeting. Uncle Warren now creates his own fiberglass parts (giant scale) from scratch using molds, etc. Phil had a "micro" presentation about his park flyer. All was very interesting and I appreciate these guys stepping forward. We need to continue this type of "show & tell" at our meetings. I hope more folks will participate. WE ALWAYS NEED aircraft and hobby related items BROUGHT TO THE MEETINGS!! Keeping on the topic of sharing, soon will be sharing our love of the hobby with a local Cub Scout pack and possibly a Boy Scout troop, too. I am still working out the details, but if all goes well, I will soon need assistance coordinating presentations for Pack meetings. Hopefully, this will result in some kids showing up at our field next spring. Which brings us to the idea of building a club trainer. In my opinion, the club needs to be in a better position to assist newcomers, especially kids. A club trainer may help us get there. Kids may not have the funds up front to purchase their own equipment, etc, and we need to introduce them to the sky while they are interested. Not a new idea...just a good one. Just in case we are all too busy this winter, I already received a generous offer from an ex member to build a trainer plane for us! Let me know your thoughts. We are currently accepting nominations for new board members for 2002. Although the current board members have volunteered to stay in office for next year (thanks guys!), you can still run for a position. If you are interested, please contact me before the November meeting. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to relieve Larry of the Newsletter editor position; therefore, I will take over the job for now. It will be necessary to shorten the newsletter and just cover the basic info. like club news, etc. Larry deserves a rest folks. Eleven years as editor, WOW! Keep in mind that this means I'll have to work closely with Henry "my batteries are dead" Horn!! I'll get over it I guess. Hey! Don't forget those raffle tickets for the scratch

built afghan!! \$1.00 per or 6 for \$5.00. We will raffle off this warm item at our December meeting. Oh yeah, almost forgot. We had 1/3 scale (not 1/4 scale) brownies at the meeting thanks to Rose Matejka's Home Bakery! Man, if she keeps making these yummys bigger, (1/2 scale brownies??) many of us will be on a diet between the meetings! See you at the November meeting. Come fly an indoor R/C blimp!!

PAUL'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

~E- Board meeting preceeding the regular one at 7:30pm.

~Preliminary visit/demo to Cub Scout pack #435 - Nov. 28th from 7:00-8:30pm. More details during the business meeting.

FOR YOUR INFO

Brother Marvin sent this a while back - a very neat impression of the goings-on at the final electric contest of the year (Sept. 29 and 30th). More next time, though. Thought you might find it refreshing, particularly since we'll be mulching leaves rather shortly; Here's Marv:
"Saturday and Sunday had mild breezes?? But were fun flying. Sunday brought out the last glider contest of the year. Somehow the tally board had everyone finishing about where they were two or three contests back. Next year will prove interesting, with the skill level of all the pilots increasing. It has been a fun year with all the wind, rain, and boomers out there. Hope to see you all soon. If you left early you missed some interesting combat flying by yours truly and his brother Don. It seems that we had both zeroed in on the same person's (Mike Who?) streamer. The problem came to be apparent when the two Ugly Ducks met full throttle from opposite directions. It was spectacular but a duck with out a wing does not maneuver very well or for very long. It was raining foam and lite parts in the pits. All the heavy things landed out in the field and were recovered to fly again another day. This kind of ended the season with a bang. See you all Friday at the meeting.
Marvin"

Do participate in the direction of your Club. Hope to see you at this month's meeting, ready to get a move on..

I have to second the comments by Prez Paul - It WAS good to see the old Professor and Shirley at the last meeting. He always sez he's not doin' so hot, but he looks better than I do, and I'm a quarter his age!! (OK OK OK - a 1/3rd..) Keep kicking, you two. Hey! - outta room..

On final...

See ya. 8^}