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## **- The Plane Facts -**

December 2000

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Will be on Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month during the winter. The AAGMC welcomes visitors at all regular meetings.

### **2001 AAGMC OFFICERS**

President Paul Bianco (440) 845-5954  
V.Pres. Dick Matejka

Secretary Jim Knodel  
Treasurer Henry Horn  
Sgt. at Arms Mike Labosky  
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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**)

Greetings to all.. I sincerely trust you enjoyed a great Thanksgiving, and are settling into yet another building season! An awful lot has transpired since last we talked: If you glance over this month's marqui above, one can't help but note that Bob and Sheila, Mary, and Roy Abbott, Jr. have finally received a well earned "retirement". Thanks to the persistence of our new prez, we can at last give a warm THANKS to these folks as they set about about doing "other" things besides running the AAGMC! Like flying, building, and all that... As these folks begin their EBoard life, out of the main line-of-fire, as it were, leave us not forget Don King and his work out at the field and Dick Matejka at each of the meetings.. And Henry

who's still stashed in office, also getting these blessed newsletters out every month, behind the scenes. Congratulations to the incoming board - and to those moving out, thank you... And most of all - thanks to Pauley for taking

the initiative to make it all happen by the November meeting. Hey if you missed it - you missed democracy in action. Florida should get it going so well! ;-t (OK - that's off topic.. Incoming...)

Lots and lots to pass along to you all this time, including some thoughts from Paul. Do take note of the RF interference possibilities noted below. It most likely won't affect us out at the field. but for those of us who fly out in the "back yard", etc., when the opportunity permits, please take heed. I used to think our only "hits" came from pager sites and bandits...

### **FROM THE NEW BOARD**

In a recent email from Paul B., note the following quote: "...the 2001 Executive Board met last night (three of us; a majority) and we all agreed that the dues structure should remain the same. We also discussed the lawn tractor improvement project and came up with a few new ideas...well, at least they sounded good.."

Speaking of mowing tractors.. (I was?), Paul sent this along before, so some thought here:

"In case I forget...we have started a lawn mower / tractor fund based upon Mike Labosky's donation. I want to thank Mike in the newsletter and announce that we will "deposit" certain revenues ( ie., club raffle income) to the tractor fund. Some day we will need a new one."

Following last month's meeting and then a subsequent EBoard meeting with the outgoing crew, the new AAGMC prez sent the following:

"Well, the first order of business is simple, a huge THANK YOU to the out goin~ Board members. I believe that hubby and wife team served 10 straight years! Uncle Marvin has been serving forever it seems, either on the Board or assisting in maintaining the field. (He burns more gas flying planes than most of us do driving the family the car!) Our Treasurer, Henry

Horn, was re-elected in a close race and our Sergeant at Arms, Roy Abbott Jr., has opted for a well-deserved rest. (Will Roy's last order of business be to raffle off a new Futaba 6 Channel Computer Radio? Come to the December meeting and get your tickets..it may happen if all the tickets are sold! We also need to pass on our thanks to the folks behind the scenes. Dick Matejka provides our meeting refreshments & yummy doughnuts! Larry McFarland creates our most welcome piece of mail, the monthly newsletter and Henry Horn handles the printing and mailing. Finally, our beautiful flying field is maintained by the King brothers... I am not sure about this, but I think these two guys are responsible for installing a tuned pipe on the lawn tractor!! All kidding aside....thanks to all.

*After the 2001 Executive Board takes over at the December meeting, we will immediately entertain discussions regarding the Member Information Questionnaire (MIQ) and the 2001 budget. The questionnaire, enclosed with this newsletter, is an attempt to gather input from all members, especially those who may not attend the December meeting. Please participate and return the MIQ on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks. Speaking of budget issues, a special thanks goes out to Mike Labosky for his generous donation to the lawn tractor improvement project. His donation has generated some thoughts of a new lawn tractor someday and we will continue this discussion at the next meeting. Thanks Mike!*

*Hope to see you at the December meeting,"  
..Check..*

## HAVE YOU SEEN?

A couple quik thoughts before **I get to the** serious stuff: That picy of the Avro Lancaster over on page 1 is that of an electric, 103" span scale model which has begun to do some serious scale competition work. It's powered by (check this!) 4 model car motors!. Weighs 21 pounds **or so! The pie on** this page shows you GWS (Pico!?) LiteStick guyz what your next Litestick is gonna look like. Should be out before Christmas, they say.. **The chap on** the left is Mr.

GWS! The chap on the right is Sandy Frank, the District VP of 8 (?) (Texas and that area..).

## INTERFERENCE?

**Now for the nuts/bolts stuff: I've recently** been reminded that **the use of the** 72 Mhz bands is a shared proposition. Meaning, there are industrial users, and then there is us! Modelers are seconday users (ie- we yield right-of-way), and the industrial folks are primary users. This is all spelled out in the FCC's reulations for frequency allocation -FCC 47 CFR 90.257. If you have web access, go to

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/naralcf/waisidx\\_98.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/naralcf/waisidx_98.html)>. One of the biggie users is the country's railroad companies.. They can transmit a lot more power than we can, and their frequencies are within a few Khz from ours. Cranes and the like are well known to our members, but train tracks can be problematic. A scanning of our bands might be in order next Spring?! **More on** this next time..

Some useful reminders... Members should leave the field with their own trash - don't leave it for someone else to remove! The containers out there are for event use, not yours. And **DO** watch the posted speed limits, please. As we finally leave the *twentieth century*, from all of us here at the McFarland house - have a **VERY HAPPY** Holiday season - and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Comin' down fmally... b") -