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December 2001

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, Dec. 7th, 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 (440) 845-5954
V.Pres.	Dick Matejka
Secretary	Jim Knodel
Treasurer	Henry Horn
Sgt. at Arms	Mike Labosky
Club Photog.	Adam Snelly
Elec. Media Coord.	Don King

2001 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

A very Happy Holiday Season to all AAGMC'rs!!...

Dec. 7th, eh?? Hi, everyone.. 'Tis the season, as they
say. Before you know it, old St. Nick will be making
his rounds - dropping off those long wished for
"toys", assuming of course, that you've been nice this
year... :-). Seriously... Hope you get something you
really like under your Christmas tree this time..

As you'll read below in Paul's missive for this
month, the 2001 "elections" were a non-event once
again. Fortunately, the present board agreed to
remain on for another term. Having said that, I'm still
baffled at the continued lack of participation from
those who've never held office in the **Club!** Just
baffled.

On a much brighter note - as you read this, several
stalwart members will be braving the notion of
presenting model airplanes to a West Side Cub Scout
pack (yepir - screaming 10-11 year olds!!). In my
view, this is quite a challenge.. We compete with a
powerful enemy: the notion of instant gratification.
Most of these youngsters pass their time with
Nintendo game boxes, TV, and heaven knows what
else. To impart the idea of building something (takes
time!) and then learn how to fly it (takes time! Have to
read the instructions - yuk.)... Wow. Quite a challenge.
Probably won't get done in one day.. But if you plant a seed -

mebbe one or more will take root... Probably, ya gotta come
back and water the seed-lings now and then...

Speaking of planting seeds and all that stuff... At this past
month's meeting, the topic of **Parma Hobbies** came up again..
Several members observed that the work Sandy and Bob
continue to do at their shop to get and keep interested, their
younger patrons, is most commendable. And this is modeling in
all its forms. Hey - R/C isn't for everybody.. It's expensive..
Real expensive if you're a youngster doing lawns for a few
bucks a clip.. Many thanks to these two.. And give a thought to
supporting this shop on a routine basis. Pass the word along,
OK?

- FROM THE BOARD -

American Airlines Gas Model Club Minutes Of Meeting November 2001

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on November
9, 2001 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:05 with 19 members
and 4 visitors present.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.
The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted..
The executive board met and the following items are under
consideration.

Moving machinery located next to the runway; Method of
frequency control; Fun fly with the Suburban Club; Member
questionnaire; Pig roast vs. family picnic; and finally the 2002
budget.

Old Business:

The bylaws have been up dated. Motion to make the revised
bylaws available at the next 3 meetings for inspection prior to
an approval vote.

Approved unanimously.

There are good pictures on our web page. This is also a good
place to watch for any late breaking
news.

The treasurer needs to be notified of any change of phone
numbers. A lot of bad phone numbers were found when
members were being called about the change in meeting night.

There was discussion about a driveway sign. Subject was
tabled until next month so the owners may be contacted for
their input.

They're being no additional nominations the present board
was voted in to serve in 2002. The present board was thanked
for there work in 2001.

Paul Bianco will also serve temporally as the newsletter editor.
This may be taken over by Phil Hilbert early next year. Rita
King has volunteered to be the newsletter proofreader.

The club has a trainer plane, which is a Cessna 150. Mike
Friedner presently has it. There is a question if the plane is
equipped with a radio.
The club voted to proceed with the club having a training plane
available. A club trainer is to be built which will be in addition
to the Cessna 150.

Next month will be the raffle of the beautiful blanket made
by Rose Matejka. She has graciously donated this and all
proceeds will go to the
club.

New Business:

Parma hobby donated the items for the monthly club raffle.

Paul has had conversations with Bob Brown, our district VP
and Jack Frost at the AMA headquarters. He obtained
information and material to be used for the November 28
meeting of Cub Pack 439. Paul Neumeyer is the pack leader
and was at our meeting. 20 to 25 boys are expected at their
meeting, which is from 7 - 8:30. Paul Bianco demonstrated
"Priceless Fun" an egg carton flyer that will be the topic of

discussion at the pack meeting. The following members have volunteered to help.

Larry McFarland, Marvin King, Dick Matejka, Al Seidowski, Cal Weiss, Phil Hilbert, Paul Bianco, Jim Knodel, and Mike Labosky. Save foam egg cartons.

Any member that has any thoughts about next years budget, please let a board member know.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

Jim Knodel, Secretary

From the Pres... Although it is mid November with temperatures in the 60's, we must face the facts...another flying season is slowly coming to an end. Then again, maybe we can talk Phil into having an electric contest during the winter? The batteries would not provide the same flight time but it would be warmer than having glow fuel on your hands. Anyway, based upon the votes cast at the November meeting, you have re-elected the current board members to another term. On behalf of the board, thank you for your support during 2001 and please stay tuned as we take the club in a new direction by sharing our love of the hobby with the Cub Scouts. In case you forgot, the board asked the members to complete a member information questionnaire last year in December. Well, this is where the Cub Scout idea came from. Who submitted the idea? Hint: for the last eleven years he has sent each club member a monthly gift in the form of a newsletter. Thanks for caring Larry. Important stuff: please note the comments in the November meeting minutes (below) concerning the By-laws. The holidays are upon us; therefore, our December meeting will offer some interesting raffle prizes! Hope you can make it. With the year 2001 almost behind us, I would like to send a message to Mr. & Mrs. Brown (owners of the field) on behalf of the club. The members of AAGMC want to THANK YOU for allowing us the opportunity to enjoy our hobby at such a beautiful location. We appreciate your continued support of our club events and look forward to another great year. Our warmest holiday wishes to you both. Hey! Don't forget to bring an airplane or other hobby related item to the meeting. Snap roll...I'm coming in for pasta and fuel. Later...

PAUL'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

-Preliminary visit/demo to Cub Scout pack #435 - Nov. 28th from 7:00-8:30pm.

FOR YOUR INFO

Finally, the commentary from Marv King re- the last competition for the year!! We'll get the end of this in here next time, as well as a run-down of the electric competition results from Phil Hilbert. Here's Marv:

A Weekend in September

Saturday 09-29-01 and Sunday's 09-30-01 mild breezes - 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts out of the north - provided for some fun flying.

Saturday was a good day after finishing my chores. I went to the field to meet Harry Wagner and his father-in-law for some flights. Harry brought out a ZEN 30 with a Rossi 45 on it. Boy is that my kind of plane - tracks straight at about the speed of sound. I put in three or so flights on my trusty not so Slow Motion. Did a little explaining and demo for Cody, a young man Jake brought out to the field.

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 ago. My Sunday at glider flying went well - ok very well. I managed a 22 plus-minute flight in the first round to take the first-place points. This also turned out to be the long flight of the day. I got pushed out of the points in the second round by some good flying by the other contestants. The third round is limited engine run and after getting beat by someone's Zagi (Paul) in the last contest, I

pushed hard and did manage to get third and beat the little flying wing, but not by much. 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 next season with some 2 meter gliders out there. Packing up the gliders and pulling out the power planes about 1:30 as the wind picked up, Paul with his Florio Stuntwagon and Don, Mike, and I picked our Ugly Ducks to fly. All four of us proceeded with our first flights that proved to be all-out-low-left turns and fast. We mixed in a few touch-and-goes in line, in pairs, and staggered and such with all four of us in the air. The third or fourth touch ended my flight with the loss of the landing gear. I think I found the only hole out there, Don said, "I picked on his no-flair landing style." About ten minutes later the gear was fastened back on with the addition of a streamer. Every plane was down for fuel and ready to go. The aforementioned all departed the runway within seconds and a few feet of each other. If you have not seen or experienced combat, it is fast, nerve-racking, attention holding, and is sometimes dangerous to the longevity of the plane. If you left early, you missed some interesting combat flying by yours truly and my brother Don. It seems that we both zeroed in on the same person's (Mike who?) streamer. The problem became apparent when the two Ugly Ducks met full throttle from opposite directions. It was spectacular, but an Ugly Duck without a wing does not maneuver very well or for very long. It was raining foam and light parts in the pits. All the heavy parts landed out in the field and were recovered to fly again another day. This ended the season with a bang!...

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Outta room again, but as we head out of 2001 (1st year in this brand new century), please join me in a round of thanks to Paul, Dick, James, Henry, and Mike for all they've been through this go-round.. And definitely don't forget the Brown's for allowing this **Club** to fly out back!! All in all - with all its warts, 2001 was a good year. Please - a prayer for those very close that had to go... Fair winds at their backs...

Merry Christmas... Happy New Year! 8^}