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February 2002

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, Feb. 1st, 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.

2002 AAGMC OFFICERS

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2002 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Initiation Fee \$25.00 (New Members)

Greetings... February is upon us, and fortunately -
it's the shortest one! And Spring isn't that far away..
As is the Toledo Show.. Hey - it's looking up. Please
keep in mind that dues for 2002 should be in Henry's
hands by the March meeting.

On a more practical note, have any of you read Gary
Shaw's "*Safety Comes First*" column in the Dec. 2001
Model Aviation? The discussion is about first aid
kits being kept at the field.. Knowledgeable members
being able to use them.. All that stuff. I believe it's
been a subject a time or two at our meetings. Gary
even touches on the serious aspects of "first aid"
when he mentions severe hand injuries, a heart
attack, treating shock... I hope you all get a chance to
read this. I see a problem: Nowhere is there a
consideration of litigation! Given today's lawsuit-
happy climate, shouldn't we be aware of what might
happen if we provide less than stellar first aid
services to an accident "victim" out at the field? I'd
kinda like to hear from some of you on this..

Take a moment and look over the results of the
activity "voting document" which was circulated at
the January meeting. In case you weren't there, see if
your interests made the tally list...

- FROM THE BOARD -

American Airlines Gas Model Club

Minutes Of Meeting January 2002

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on
January 4, 2002 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:10
p.m. with 19 members and 5 visitors present.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and
approved.

The treasurer made his monthly report, which was
accepted.

Reports:

Dennis Kedziora said he and Jim Knodel were
going to order parts to make an on board glow driver
that automatically senses the glow plug temperature
and turns it on if it gets too cold. Also available
would be normal glow driver and servo reverser.
Please contact if interested in a parts kit or an
assembled unit. Price would be \$20 for a kit and \$30
assembled.

A reminder was issued about the dangers of
chemical vapors. E-mail on this subject is attached.

Old Business:

The frequency control system needs to be
improved. This is necessary to enhance safety and to
better get to know and identify members. Since there
are no volunteers for this project Paul Bianco will
head up this project.

Revised bylaws are still available for review.

There is no volunteer to build a larger club trainer
so the existing Freedom 20 will be the club trainer for
now. Bob Puzsik has volunteered a radio for the
trainer plane.

Member survey sheets are still available for feed
back. This is a good way for the members to let the
board know their desires.

Signs for the field were discussed. A 12-inch
square sign laminate would cost \$10 and an engraved
one would be \$50. Both would be weatherproof. A
sample of what would be on the sign is still needed
for approval by the owner. Marvin King will be
responsible for the sample.

The beautiful afghan made by Rose Matejka was
not claimed by the holder of the raffle ticket pulled in
December so a new ticket was pulled and the lucky
winner was Jim Knodel.

New Business:

It was suggested we have fun fly's next summer
after the electric contests since so many members are
at the field then. A spaghetti dinner could also be had
along with a fun fly.

In the future new members will be recognized in

the newsletter.

The club is purchasing a Spectra ARF, which is of balsa construction with monokote covering. The club will raffle this off when enough tickets have been sold.

Motion to keep the same rules as last year for the electric contests. Approved unanimously. Contests will start in May and be every other Sunday.

A voting document was passed out to all members and the results are as follows:

In favor of scheduling monthly fun fly events and consider inviting other area clubs to participate.

In favor of a family picnic rather than a pig roast.

In favor of hosting the annual Buzzard Air Force giant scale fun fly.

In favor of establishing an electric or power contest event with another club.

In favor of keeping the club's savings balance invested in CD's.

For the February meeting Frank Tumbiola will be talking about his turbine powered jets.

The program consisted of Sandy, Chris and Bob of Parma Hobby showing a lot of new equipment mostly of the miniature size for park flyers. Also members built toothpick-flying models, which were really unique.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

Jim Knodel, Secretary

From the Pres... Another monthly club meeting is in the books and again I must thank the many members and visitors that have contributed their time and talents. Sandy, Bob and Chris from PARMA HOBBY put on a great presentation. Chris brought a dozen or so products for a show and tell and Sandy put on a building clinic! Yes sir, we actually built and flew some planes at the meeting! I guess you could say they were stand off scale, but don't stand too far off cause the fuselages were made from toothpicks! That's correct and when you add some paper flying surfaces...presto, a toothpick flyer. Interested? Stop by Parma Hobby and Sandy will review the article she found about these tiny flyers. Cal Weiss came through again and brought in another one of his masterpiece paintings. More and more members are bringing planes and other hobby related items to the meetings, subsequently; R/C conversations are consistently going past 10 pm on meeting nights! Let's keep it going cause this is what it is all about. As you know, we now have a club trainer and thanks to BOB PUZIK, we have a radio donation to make it fly. By the way, if anyone is in the market to buy / sell a home, please consider contacting Bob since he is a realtor. *DO NOT MISS THE FEBRUARY*

MEETING! We have a special guest, Mr. Frank Tumbiola, who is bringing his TURBINE powered R/C jets! This is going to be good. (Mr. Puzik & Mr. Hilbert are shaking in their shoes right about now...cause they got'um jets in them there hangers). If you remember from last year, we invited our flying neighbors, the Suburban Club, to one of our meetings. Well, come one, come all, they are being invited to the February meeting so please come welcome them. As always, we have yummy snack items from Rose Matejka's home bakery. (Sorry, no drive thru window at her house yet...believe me, I check once a week). **Please don't forget to renew your membership dues.** Henry gets mad when folks don't give him checks. Finally, if word hasn't got around, our raffles are becoming very interesting. For the February meeting, our V.P, Mr. Dick Matejka, is donating an electric kit for the raffle! Drive safe and I hope to see you at the meeting.

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**FOR YOUR INFO**

There's a Byron Originals Cap 21 kit down at Parma Hobbies that's looking for a new home! It is unbuilt, has an 80" span, and Bob sez an offer around \$300 ought to claim it! And, it's all there..

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Don't forget Frank Tumbiola's tech discussion about turbine jets at this month's meeting. Should prove interesting. Frank is a member of the Suburban Club for those who missed him from a past meeting. Hey, and don't forget to get those dues in! Make Henry happy... (sic?) **8^}**