

AMA Charter 1983 - Founded March 30,  
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**- The Plane Facts -**  
March 2002

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, Mar. 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

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

## 2002 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Initiation Fee \$25.00 (New Members)

Hi, folks.. It really won't be long now before we're  
terrorizing the N.E. Ohio *bug* population once again!!  
Don't forget to get that electronic gear checked out -  
make *sure* it's up to standards.

We break for a news flash: Cal Weiss has kindly  
aceded to present a slide show this time around...  
Topic, as I understand, will be the "History of Flight".  
This might not be cast in concrete yet (Cal's topic,  
that is - that's just *construction* talk!) But whatever he  
chooses, do plan on hanging around for the coffee,  
cookies, etc., and listen up on some history!

Also, the Club Electric Contests resume in  
April.. Check Paulie's commentary below for the  
specific dates. Whew.. Does Time fly or wot!

### ~~~~~ - FROM THE BOARD -

#### **American Airlines Gas Model Club** **Minutes Of Meeting February 2002**

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on  
February 1, 2002 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:10  
p.m. with 22 members and 9 visitors present.  
Minutes of the January meeting were read and  
approved.  
The treasurer made his monthly report, which was  
accepted.

#### Reports:

There was a discussion about emergency aid.  
There is a diagram on the bulletin board showing  
location for emergency service. There is a cell phone  
in the trailer that only can get 911. If the battery in  
the cell phone is low it can be charged from a 12-volt  
source.

The budget for 2002 will be presented at the next  
meeting.

#### Old Business:

The changes to the bylaws were reviewed. Motion  
to approve the revised bylaws. Motion was approved  
unanimously.

Some filled out copies of the 2002 questionnaire  
have been returned. Copies are still available for  
those wanting to submit suggestions to the board.

Marv showed samples of signs that could be  
located at the entrance to the field on Rt. 83. A sign  
would also be located just past the barn.

The Spectra ARF will not be available until the  
middle of March.

New members names will be placed in the  
newsletter, starting next month.

The web site now has a member's page.

Jim Knodel has furnished new membership cards  
with no cost to the club.

A newsletter editor is still needed to relieve Larry  
who has been doing it for the last 11 years in a row.

#### New Business:

Phil Hilbert announced the electric contests would  
be starting the middle of April.

There will be a monthly fun fly on the Sunday  
there is an electric contest.

Mrs. Brown the owner has no problem with our  
use of the field. She has been informed we will be  
starting to fly in April. The machinery will be moved.

The Toledo show is April 5, 6 and 7. Motion to  
cancel the April meeting because of the Toledo show.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Paul talked to the Suburban club and they are  
interested in a fun fly on June 22. This will be held at  
our field. Events are to be determined. This event  
may be combined with a family day. Paul also is  
contacting the Mentor club to see if they are  
interested in a contest.

The Buzzard fun fly will be at our field on  
Saturday July 20. Any size plane is allowed if there is  
no giant activity.

The raffle prize was an electric glider kit donated  
by Dick Matejka.

Members of the Suburban Club were welcomed at  
the meeting. Frank Tumbiola, a member of this club  
brought two of his jets and presented an excellent and  
interesting program explaining the operation and his  
experiences with the flying of these types of  
airplanes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jim Knodel, Secretary

**From the Pres...** The Feb. meeting was FANtastic! The "fan" represents the one ducted fan jet aircraft that was present at the meeting. The other jet present was an F-15 that clocks at 200+ mph via a live breathing turbine jet engine! Special thanks to Frank Tumbiola for not only bringing his jets but for a very interesting presentation. Also, many thanks go out to the other Suburban club guys (and gal) who attended our meeting. The President & Vice Pres of the Suburban club were in attendance and they gave us the thumbs up for establishing an annual fun fly picnic event between the clubs. (See the schedule of events below for details). This is NOT a contest event, but a pure fun fly, so EVERYONE will be able to participate. **AAGMC** will host the event this year and the grills will be fired up for lunch, so bring the family and some goodies too. Additional will be published soon. As discussed at the meeting, I sent an email to the Mentor Marks club to see if they are interested in re-establishing our annual power contest, but no news from them yet. Thanks to Rita King, we have some interesting possibilities for the **AAGMC** directional signage for the field. We may have some samples to view by the May meeting. Thank you Rose Matejka for baking those heart healthy cookies! Unlike many non-fat treats, yours are delicious! "May the oven be with you". We need EVERYONE to bring those winter projects to the March meeting. We have plenty of tables to display them. (If you build as slow as I do, borrow a plane from someone else and bring it to the meeting. *No one will know the difference*). Seriously, the theme for the March meeting is "BUILDING TIPS", so bring your best tip with you and you may win a prize! See you at the meeting.

**Since the members voted to cancel the April club meeting due to the Toledo Show**, the Board decided that our 11 year veteran Newsletter Editor is entitled to a one month vacation. Therefore, please note the following: (yea!)

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**NO APRIL CLUB MEETING & NO APRIL NEWSLETTER**  
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**Paul's Events for April:**  
 April 14 (Sunday) Electric Contest 10am  
 April 28 " " " "  
**June 22 Suburban Fun Fly/picnic @ AAGMC field**  
**July 20 Annual Giant Scale Buzzard Air Force Fly in @ AAGMC field**

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**FOR YOUR INFO**

As promised a bit ago, won't you all welcome these folks into the **AAGMC** fold? It's good to see Cap'n Bob & Sheila Ann back in here.. Been a while! Welcome aboard to all a ya...

FOR 2001 Jim Carlton 07-05-2001  
 Timothy Jackson 04-03-2001

James T Suchy 07-30-2001  
 David V Tuyl 05-04-2001

FOR 2002 Ronald Shutt 11-07-2001  
 Stanley P Zupan 12-07-2001  
 William Prince 01-29-2002  
 James D Sperk 02-01-2002

...and returnees [from yesteryear!]:  
 Bob Prince 01-29-2002  
 Sheila Ann Prince 01-29-2002  
 Robert Franklin 02-01-2002

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**FOR YOUR INFO**

We'll only get part of this next piece in here this time!! But those of you who are cultivating an interest in Lithium battery technology, will find it tintillating.. And I haven't a clue what Joe O's last name is.. Email him and find out! Here goes:

"From: joe1@alltel.net (dated Oct. 8, 2001)... I promised about a month ago that I would update my experiments with the new Lithium Ion Polymers as soon as I got them and flew them.

I just finished my first flight with them and to say that I am impressed is an understatement! They are lighter than anything else available. In fact to get my Tiger Moth to balance I had to add an ounce of lead to the nose. It took my TM for a ride! I didn't fly for as long as it would last since it was pretty windy and I wanted to share this with the group. Neither the battery or motor got warm like they do when I fly NimHs.

Let me tell you what I did and you can make up your own mind what you may choose to do.

A couple of months ago while surfing the web looking for info on LiPolys, I ran across a deal at Coolbattery .com. They were selling a cellphone LiPoly along with a charger for \$29.95. I figured that was worth the gamble so I ordered one. All my tests indicated that a two pack of this battery would most likely fly my GWS Tiger Moth. I ordered another one but they were sold out and it took until last Friday to get me another one just like the first."

...We'll finish this in the May **Plane Facts**. The next biggie for Lithium is Polymer... Can't wait!

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Don't forget Cal's history presentation at this month's meeting. Should be enlightening. Hey, and don't forget to get those dues in! Make Henry *chirpy* by getting your dues in here on time... Remember, no meeting NEXT month. Have a safe and productive trip up to Toledo. See ya back here in May... Yep. 8^}