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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The *American Airlines Gas Model Club* has suspended its Club meetings until October. This newsletter and our AAGMC web site will however, continue to apprise the members of **Club** related activities and news.

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)

Remember: The **Club** will not be meeting until next month - October (when it'll be back to Busch's)! For the interim, we'll continue shipping out the *Plane Facts* on a regular basis, and Don's AAGMC Web site will keep folks up to date on scheduling changes, etc.

Prez Paul re-visits some *old* issues in his column this month - namely that of our upcoming elections for the **Club**, and not least... Getting a new newsletter editor in this place! Speaking of newsletters, Paul's commentary got me to thinking: Does this **Club** really need a printed (and mailed) newsletter on a monthly basis?? Perhaps the by-laws specify the notion, but I can't really recall. My thinking goes like this.. The changes that are going on all around us, the electronic access to information provided by the *infamous* Internet, have had an immeasurable impact on the printed media of all stripes! Magazines are all struggling to survive - as are newspapers. These venues have had to resort (if you'll forgive the editorializing!) to the sensational to hang on.. News has become secondary to selling ad space.. Are web pages and

electronic mail lists the answer? Mebbe - for the time being. Until something new comes along. In your editor's opinion, this newsletter has become a dinosaur, and that fact quite handily whizzes by me (and others!) on many an occasion. News that's specific to coming events and perhaps member related stuff could (and **is** as we speak!) be dispatched on a web site. Whether its Don King's or someone else's.. For those few folks without Internet access, special steps could be devised and used. It's time to revise the by-laws if necessary, and specify that our membership be kept apprised either by the web, or by an electronic mail list, or something *electronic*! And further, the membership should periodically revisit **WHAT** that media will be... Why do I suggest periodic re-visits? Does anyone recall magazines on a CD? I thought so.. Seemed like a good idea. Sure did bomb tho...

While I'm up here, it might also be a good notion to rethink how often we formally meet! Monthly is the pits in my estimation.. But that's me. Quarterly seems reasonable. Semi-annually is stretching it. Have bigger raffles on a quarterly basis, Michael! And Ms. Rose's cookies would definitely be better (absence makes the heart, and all that!). Hey... We went all summer long without a meeting. Didn't hear any crowing from here. Didn't get one phone call complaining about it.. Mebbe Paulie did.. Bet he didn't, tho!

I'll turn it over to the prez... Give this stuff some thought. Do plan on making it to the October meeting. Think the train is leaving the station! Time to climb aboard..

- FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres..... I hope everyone had a safe summer and is looking forward to our last fun fly of the year. We will have our *Pasta Fun Fly* on Sunday, September 29th, immediately following our electric contest. I guess we could call this "Plane & Pasta Sunday" or "Plane Pasta Sunday" or maybe I should stop dreaming about pasta and get on with the newsletter.

Anyway, if you have a dynamite pasta sauce and would like to share it, just cook up a couple quarts or so and bring it out to the AAGMC field by 1 PM. We will have three grills available to keep the sauces warm and to cook the various kinds of pasta. Since the initial planning for this event occurred during our Suburban Fun Fly earlier this year, we may even taste some "Suburban" made pasta sauce too! Please note: I NEED TO KNOW

HOW MANY FOLKS ARE COMING and WHO IS BRINGING PASTA SAUCE! This is critical since I personally need to sample each sauce prior to the event! (Dreaming again). For those not into creating homemade pasta sauce but would like to assist, we always need some volunteers to bring salad, bread, side dishes, etc. We will either have a 50/50 raffle or we will raffle off an airplane kit. So, please call me or send me an email by Sept. 15th to confirm your attendance at the Pasta Fun Fly.

Now, lets start thinking about next year. This Newsletter may contain a comment from our newsletter editor about his FINAL notice concerning his retirement as editor. For the record, Larry gave us notice two years ago, but ended up staying on since no one has been able to step up. In my opinion, we may need to re-think some of our club operations / By-laws if members can't volunteer based upon personal commitments, family time, etc. It would be a shame if we had to cut back the newsletter to every other month, but if we have a member(s) that would like to volunteer, but can't commit to a monthly deadline, we may need to discuss the idea. It may be time to make some changes. Anyway, I will be presenting my opinions at the next Executive Board meeting to be held sometime in September. If you want to join us for this meeting, please call or email me for the details. We have not agreed upon on a date, time, or location yet, but many subjects will be discussed. Food for thought: What if the King brothers said they would like a couple years off from cutting the grass/maintaining the field? Or better yet, what if they asked for some other members to take over this task? Since they have been performing these tasks for 15 - 20 years (?), I think they would be entitled to a break. It wouldn't take a great deal of effort for five different club members to take turns cutting the grass. Again, these are just my thoughts and opinions. Club members should NOT feel guilty about stepping down after one year or countless years of serving this club. I know this is a difficult subject for a club of our size, but we may need to start sharing certain tasks so we do NOT BURDEN ANY ONE MEMBER. This entire discussion is leading up to our club elections at the November meeting. If any changes are on the horizon, the Board will present them at the October meeting for membership review and discussion, then the MEMBERSHIP can VOTE at the November meeting. Also note, as of this

writing, no one on the existing Executive Board has committed to run for re-election. So, please plan on attending the last three meetings this year at Busch: Friday, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st and Dec. 6th. The Nov. & Dec. meetings will include some significant raffle prizes so we need plenty of folks to support the raffle. Before signing off, a big AAGMC thank you goes out to Uncle Warren Novotny for not only having our lawn tractor engine repaired (machine shop repaired intake valve seat) but he refused to accept club funds for the repair! You never see coupons in the paper of this magnitude!

Final approach....I need presentation ideas for our last three meetings. If you have an expertise / topic you would like to share, please contact me ASAP. Thanks!

Paul's Events for September:

Electric open contest~

Sunday	1 Sept.	10:00 am
Sunday	15 Sept.	10:00 am
Sunday	29 Sept.	10:00 am
(Sund.	13 Oct.	10:00am)

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**Have You Heard?**

...from the Ezone web news pages - [March 2002](#):

**Model Airplane News** (and their other magazines) has a Consumer Alert on its site that reads:

" A company doing business under the names "Publishers Services Exchange" and "United Publishers Network" out of White City, Oregon has been identified as an UNAUTHORIZED subscription agent for this magazine. It has been confirmed that some of our subscribers have received an invoice from this company, presented as a "Notice of Renewal" of their subscription. Some of those that have responded to this offer have reported that their checks were cashed but the orders were not forwarded to the Publisher. DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS COMPANY'S MAILING. Our Renewal notices for your subscription will include a pre-addressed envelope to our subscription service bureau in Mt. Morris, IL.

If you have recently responded to this unauthorized offer, please send us a letter with copies of the invoice and your cancelled check so we can investigate further. Forward to: Air Age Circulation Department, 100 East Ridge, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

THANK YOU! "

On doing a search for Publishers Services Exchange, it seems they are doing this with quite a few magazines. I thought I would mention this for anyone who is renewing their MAN magazine subscription or just in case you receive a letter from these un-planeworthy folks!

Bruce van-S

<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/>

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My apologies for the lack of decent editing here.. Our house is undergoing some *radical* renovation! So for quite a few more months, this will be a bit disheveled.. Be careful out there.. Please - support your **Club**...
Comin' in now. **8^}**

