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November 2002

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, Nov. 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)

Just a reminder to all AAGMC'rs that this month's
meeting is most important in that next year's officers
will be voted for/ selected, and the Prez will have an
important questionnaire circulated as was done a year
or so ago. In short - do make it point to get your voice
heard, and hopefully, volunteer yourself for an officer
position...
Make it happen...

- FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres...... I hope everyone noticed that the
newsletter was sent via U.S. Mail last month. This
was accomplished at no expense to the club and its
main purpose was/is to gather the membership
(guests too) to our last three club meetings this year.
We have many important issues to discuss/vote on
and some fantastic raffle prizes too! In addition to
raffling off another airplane kit, the November
meeting will include a voting ballot that puts some
significant decisions in the hands of the membership.
If you would like to cast your vote, but are unable to
attend the November meeting, just contact me and I
will ensure you get the voting document before the
meeting. Again, all board positions are available but
NOT the Newsletter Editor position!!! Thanks to
PHIL HILBERT, Larry can finally rest after serving

as Newsletter Editor for the last 12 years!! THANKS
PHIL! (aka: Mr. Electric Contest Director, donut man,
Ford Motor man and a title he earned this
year...."HFF" which stands for "Helium Fuselage
Flyer). Phil ran away with the Electric Contest points
early this year so we had to come up with some
reason for his long flights. Other than his expert
piloting skills, the "HFF" title is all we could come
up with. Great flying Phil! Larry's last Newsletter
will be next month. If anyone would like to pass
along a message of thanks, etc., to Larry in the
December Newsletter, just let me know. Please
support the club by attending the meetings.
Remember, we usually have some mouth watering
homemade bakery from Rose Matejka's kitchen! See
you at the meeting.

American Airlines Gas Model Club

Minutes Of Meeting October 2002

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on
October 4, 2002 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:07
p.m. with 19 members and one visitor present.
Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.
There was no treasurer report.

Reports:

A hole in the driveway was reported.
The executive board has agreed a newsletter is not
required on a monthly basis.
There will be a voting document at the November
meeting to cover a number of items.
We will continue to have monthly meetings from
October through May. We need to start looking for a
new mower now while the present one is still
working. Maybe we can get one donated. The present
mower has been repaired for the second time.
Club membership dues will not be changed for 2003.

Old Business:

Outstanding projects for this year include (1) a sign
for the field by the barn and (2) frequency
identification enhancement.
The 'Pasta Cook Out' was held with 17 people
present. It would be nice if even more people would
attend.

The Mentor meet will be at our field next year. There
is a chance it will be in June again.
Parma Hobby was at the Cleveland air show and they
are really committed to kids.
Mrs. Brown is very pleased with our use of the field.
There is no activity at the pond that is a threat to
our losing the field. She said we are doing a
good job driving slowly back to the field.

New Business:

Phil Hilbert has volunteered to be the new
newsletter editor. The newsletter will probably
be published every other month. We would like
to get away from paper and the mailing expense
by utilizing the Internet. For critical items phone

calls may be made.
Every one needs to remember to fly safely due to the activities at the pond.
Kits will be raffled off each of the last three meetings of this year.
Nominations are open for club officers for next year. More members need to volunteer and be involved.
Suggestions are needed for programs for the November and December meetings. Parma Hobby will do a program in February. They would like to know what we would like to see. It is time for any budget thoughts next meeting. A membership survey is being considered.
Thanks to Phil Hilbert for his great job as our electric contest director.
Our club will have a swap and shop in December. The Suburban Club may be invited.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.
Respectively submitted. Jim Knodel, Secretary
Mike Labosky presented an interesting program with lots of pictures covering his week stay at the EAA Fly In at Oshkosh this year.
Henry Horn won the kit raffled off.

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**Have You Heard?**

Remember last month we discussed the Civilian Space eXploration Team's attempt for a civilian model rocket altitude record? Well, I read very recently (again on the web) that their record still awaits!! Their rocket choked somewhere after takeoff.. Bet they keep having a go at it...

Bring old model items to the December meeting's "Swap Shop"... Bet ya get some bites.

Yes... Looks like ye old editor is finally headed for "retirement".. As you read in Prez Paul's column, Mr. Hilbert has stepped forward and acquiesced to be your new editor, come the January issue. We'll get a wrap-up in here next time to do a proper job of handover. Meantime - I have a lot of paper to round up and stuff. And... if this dumb house ever gets done...

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HAVE YOU SEEN??

When you get the chance, check out the Dec. '02 issue of *Flight Journal*; In it is some superb pix of the famous Wright Flyer. Lots of background information plus rarely seen photos showing the brothers' early trials both at Kittyhawk and in Dayton! All the NASM photos also in the article are what *you* would take if you could, for detailing that 1903 Wright Flyer

you're building for next year's festivities... Plus... For the jet fans, how's about some piccies of the F-86A as deployed in Korea. Beautiful color stuff.. The real reason I got the mag, tho', was the super neat article on the early Flying Tiger P-40's.. Guess what - color pictures, that had to come from private sources. Color pics in WWII were rare... And in China, yet?? Love that airplane... (Think *Flight Journal* is an Airage publication!)

Speaking of Air Age, their Aug. '02 issue of Model Airplane News has some superb coverage of the 2002 Top Gun world class scale competition. This took place way back in April, but the article's detail of the models fielded in excellent - not to mention the color pics... Most impressive for this writer is the scale helis which competed: This is not what one can call an overdone area!! The helis at Top Gun are just superb, and technical achievements of their own!! Yea... Like to do 'dat, too, if I ever get the loot... Then there's this thing called a *Viper*. Imagine a Zagi with two motors - there's a Field and Bench in this issue... They say it goes fast! Might have my name on one...

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Hope to see you at this month's meeting. As meetings go, it's this one which can set the tone for all the ones that follow - support your Club... Other reminders of note: **Member dues in to the AMA**, and hope you didn't forget to mail off that ballot card!.. And on the 5th, it's time to do the national election thing once again. As bob says, with these "transitional" economies being what they are, this is no time for complacency... (Ya gotta luv that adjective for the fix we're all in!) Do vote -

Next to last touchdown, Claudia. 8^}