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January 2003

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Will be on Friday, January 3rd, at 8:00 p.m.,  
in the North Community Room of the Busch  
Funeral 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.	Ed Muckley
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)

**Happy New Year. Here's hoping for a great  
flying season in 2003 ...**

As your new Editor for this newsletter, I would first extend my personal thanks to our last Editor, Larry McFarland, for all the time and effort he has given the club over the last 12 years. I can only hope to approach his standards of excellence in as many years as he did the job. I do not know the total club history, but Larry holds the record for longest time in a club position in recent history. We will miss Larry's style, wit and humor now that he has retired from this post.

As of this writing our President had not announced a program for the January meeting. If nothing is announce before then everyone can bring their stocking stuffers from Santa and we can have an impromptu show and tell. I'm not about to bring and explain the lump of coal that I got, so it will be up to everyone else to

entertain..

**- FROM THE BOARD -**

**From the Pres**..... Happy New Year fellow R/C folks! Let us all sit up and give this newsletter a special read over! This is the first publication from our new Newsletter Editor Mr. Phil Hilbert! Again, we thank Phil for taking on this responsibility. Please ensure that you read the minutes from our December meeting paying particular attention to the raffle results. We have some fantastic folks in our club and here is another example. While we were selling raffle tickets, Mr. Adam Snelly stepped up and presented us \$10 but refused to take his raffle tickets! If this keeps up, maybe we can afford to buy Don an A/C unit & cab for the lawn tractor! Speaking of grass cutting, we have another donation to note: a big AAGMC thank you goes out to Mr. Dick Matejka for donating a 21" self-propelled lawn mower for field. Speaking of our field, last year I received permission from the owners to allow us to construct a temporary shed to store our lawn tractor. This has been discussed, but never put into action. So, we would like to hear from any carpenters or 2x4 experts out there that would be willing to handle this project. Probably a 10 x 10 shed would accomplish or goal, but we could build bigger if we like. I know of one member that has some wood left over from a garage tear down, so we may be able to construct this at a low cost to the club. Since there is a possibility that we may assist Parma Hobby at the next Cleveland Air Show, please pass the word to family/friends to save FOAM EGG CARTONS. You can bring them to our meetings or drop them off at Henry's house by setting them on the hood of his (?) 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix! Lastly, don't forget your 2003 AAGMC dues, otherwise our friendly Mr. Treasurer (that be Henry again) gets very, very grumpy! Thanks and see you at the meeting.

**American Airlines Gas Model Club  
Minutes Of Meeting December 2002**

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on December 6, 2002 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:12 p.m. with 19 members present.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted.

At the executive meeting two shows were discussed which will be covered under new business.

Old Business:

-Signs for the field are still an open issue.  
-There is no decision yet on the tractor. Jim Sperk may have a 16HP engine that may be suitable for the tractor we have. Any connections a member may have for a new tractor would be helpful. So far \$240 has been contributed to the tractor fund.

-For the February meeting Parma Hobby will cover the subject of electric flight. An indoor flying site is a possibility.

-Any suggestions of items needing to be included in the 2003 budget please let the board know.

Loads of thanks to Larry for his 12 continuous years as our newsletter editor. Now he will be able to be at the field flying all the time. Phil has agreed to take over as the editor.

-The final tabulation for this last summer's glider contest has not been completed yet.

New Business:

-There was a question if the club owns a sailplane winch. The club does not own one.

-Any one needing a club name tag please sign up with Paul. Wing status and name are needed. These will be ordered in the spring.

-The Cleveland National Air Show has asked Parma Hobby to increase their activity since it has been so popular the last three years. AAGMC may participate heading up a table with "egg carton flyers" showing the kids how to build and fly them. Members assisting would receive free admission/parking.

-Paul talked with Sandy at Parma Hobby about a mall show or a show in a gym. There is also a major train show coming up at the Convention Center and Sandy will inquire about its availability for an R/C show or indoors flying. The Mentor Club has been contacted to determine which month next year we will have our contest with them.

-Club videotapes are available to be borrowed.

-Starting December 30 the Out Door TV channel will start a new program covering R/C.

-A program is still needed for the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Knodel, Secretary

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Club raffle: Here is another example of the type of members we have. Of the 19 folks that were present at the December meeting, we sold more than \$100 of raffle tickets for the ARF KADET!! If that isn't enough, the winner of the Kadet (who

asked that his name not be mentioned) DONATED THE KIT BACK TO THE CLUB with instructions that it is raffled off AGAIN at the January meeting!! This member created another way to help contribute to our lawn tractor fund!

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Electric news:

I'm sure that all the participants in the 2002 competition will agree that we had loads of fun and some serious competition. With the advent of lower cost (and higher performance) brushless motor systems as a standard now, I expect even closer scores and more fun next season.

Final 2002 Electric Competition scoring:

- Phil Hilbert - 67 pts
- Joe Toth - 40 pts
- Jim Knodel - 31 pts
- Mike Gantner - 30 pts
- Don King - 29 pts
- Paul Bianco - 27 pts
- Marvin King - 23 pts
- Bob Radvansky - 23 pts

A curious note is that Paul Bianco is the only one still running the stock 05 motor and still managed to get the longest duration time of 49 minutes. He also set the Club Electric record of 58 minutes with the same combination. How well you fly still counts for something. I will try to have the schedule for the 2003 season by the February meeting.

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**Did you know?**

I inherited the newsletter archives with the job of editor. From the archives –

Twenty years ago, two new pilots were receiving their Red Wings Award. Marvin King and Joe Toth. Congratulations guys.

I also discovered that before 1984 the position of newsletter editor was held by the Club Secretary. Jack Haren was the first official editor followed by Larry McFarland. I thought I was next in a long line of editors, only to find it was a list of two. If Jim Knodel gets any better in the Electric competition, I may have to return the newsletter to him as a distraction (just kidding, Jim).

Hope to see you all at the January meeting and if you haven't done it yet, get those skis on the plane.

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Your comments are welcome. Send them or news I can use in the newsletter to:

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