
American Airlines Gas Model Club

- *The Plane Facts* -

AMA Charter 1983 - Founded March 30, 1938 - Cleveland, Ohio

February 2003

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, February 7th, 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)

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February already. The early birds will be getting ready to go out to the field in another six weeks or so and the first Electric competition will be here before you know it. I always wait until about now before I start my projects and always find myself in a mad race to finish up by the time flying season arrives.

And that is why my part of this newsletter will be brief this month. I have a pretty ambitious build schedule going and I hate to build when I should be flying. Did I mention my wife has a pretty ambitious build schedule too and my schedule always follows hers?

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- FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres...... The nice folks from PARMA HOBBY will put on a show and tell at our February meeting. The main topic will be electrics with concentration on goodies that we

can use at our electric contests. We have had many discussions during the last couple of meetings concerning purchasing a new lawn tractor or a new lawn tractor engine. Initially, it was our hope to find a new lawn tractor through a contact in that industry, but admittedly that was a long shot. So, now it is time to put this issue to bed. At the Feb. meeting the board will recommend that the club allow Don King to go forward with an engine purchase.

Heads up! Here is some important information about the March & April meetings. This is not in concrete just yet, but our March meeting program may be the BEST this board has presented since taking office in 2001. I don't want to leak all the details just yet, but I have located a full-scale pilot (certified instructor with multi-engine rating, commercial rating & glider rating) that has a video that will knock our socks off!! Hopefully, his busy schedule will allow him to share his vast knowledge of the full-scale world and this awesome video. Stay tuned.

Now, as for the April meeting, "I don't think so Tim"! No April meeting due to the Toledo show that weekend. ****News flash**** another kit has been donated for our club-meeting raffle! Mr. Henry (Grand Prix has salt on it) Horn is donating a low wing sport kit (.40 - .46 size engine I believe), so please come join us for the raffle and Mrs. Matejka's home baked goodies!

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Minutes Of Meeting January, 2002

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on January 3, 2003 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:01 p.m. with 19 members present.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted.

Notices and communications:

- The Toledo show will be April 4, 5 and 6.
- There will be indoor flying at the Bowling Green University field house on April 6.

Old Business:

- Hard copies of the newsletter are available for those who don't have e-mail.
 - The results of the 2002 budget year along with the proposed 2003 budget will be presented at the March meeting.
 - Club videotapes are available to borrow. The late Don Holmok donated the Wings video series to the club.
 - The Out Door channel will be having 26 episodes covering RC.
 - Driveway signs will be up before flying time.
 - The frequency identification system improvement will be canceled if no one volunteers to do it.
 - The best choice appears to be to buy a new flat head engine for our present mower. The cost will be approx. \$1300. This needs to be decided by next month so it could be purchased while they are still available. Henry will check out the details.
 - Parma Hobby will put on a program at the February meeting.
 - Be sure to sign up for a nametag if you do not have one. Your name and wing status are required.
 - Save foam egg cartons and bring them in.
- New Business:
- Dick Matejka has donated a 21" self propelled lawn mower to the club.
 - Paul has framing lumber and roof shingles to help construct a shed for the mower. Phil will prepare plans.
 - There will be no meeting in April because of the Toledo show.
 - Don't forget to pay your dues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Knodel, Secretary

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Club raffle: Jim Knodel was the winner of the club raffle. We finally got someone to take the old Sig home.

Electric news:

To date, there are no changes to the rules for the Electric Competition. An informal survey pretty much gave a consensus that the rules remain the same. There were a few strong opinions of insistence that they remain the same after considerable expenses were made last season to upgrade to brushless motors. Aren't you guys glad I started something? I was actually amazed at how quick everyone jumped on the band wagon with me. If I didn't know better, I would have thought you were out to get

me with a vengeance. Here are the dates for the 2003 AAGMC Electric Competition:

- Sunday 04/27/03
- Saturday 05/10/03 (Mothers day is on Sunday)
- Sunday 05/25/03 (Memorial day weekend)
- Sunday 06/08/03
- Sunday 06/22/03
- Sunday 07/06/03 (Fourth of July weekend)
- Sunday 07/20/03
- Sunday 08/03/03
- Sunday 08/17/03
- Sunday 08/31/03 (Labor day weekend)
- Sunday 09/14/03
- Sunday 09/28/03
- Sunday 10/12/03

I should have time to get the rules and dates typed and printed in time for the next meeting.

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Did you know?

Check out this news from Don King:

- To all: In one of the recent MA magazines I found a place to get the Anderson Powerpole connectors and the good 64 strand 12 awg wire. www.westmountainradio.com

Price for 25 pair of connectors is \$19.95 and wire is \$0.29 per foot. (quantities less than 100 ft. with discounts for larger quantities) I will be placing an order later this week. If anyone is interested email or call me.

- If you are interested (and have the time) to start cutting your own foam wings or vacuum bagging other parts, Don says to check out this site: http://www.charlesriverrc.org/articles_foam_vac.htm#Vacuum%20Bagging

Don and Marv King are the only two modelers that I know who are accomplished in this art and even if he wasn't, his recommendations are usually good as gold. I checked the site out and it looks like a good place to go if you are just starting out or have been doing it for years and could still use some expert advise. Me, I'm still waiting for enough time and Don already owes me a foam wing.

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

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