
American Airlines Gas Model Club

- The Plane Facts -

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

March 2003

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, March 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.

2003 AAGMC OFFICERS

President	Paul Bianco (440) 845-5954
V.Pres.	Dick Matejka
Secretary	Jim Knodel
Treasurer	Henry Horn
Sgt. at Arms	Mike Labosky

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2003 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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Almost March, but you wouldn't know it this winter. Unless your plane is touting skis and you are packing lots of lighter fluid, I don't imagine you are getting in much flying lately.

If you were not at the February meeting, you missed an excellent presentation by Parma Hobby covering most everything you would want to know about getting into Electric flight. They brought a huge amount of electric flight goodies that they carry at their store including aircraft, motors, gear boxes, batteries and various accessories. They even had some sample print outs of software they have available for sizing your electric motor and prop. Very impressive all around and they deserve our thanks for taking time to visit our meeting and share their knowledge with us. They are worthy partners in our hobby.

On a more sober note... Our Sergeant at Arms, Mike Labosky is recovering from a triple bypass he had on February 20<sup>th</sup>. His wife called to let us know

he is home and doing well. Our best wishes go to Mike and his family. Remember, in the unlikely event that Mike should make it to the March meeting, don't give him a big slap on the back of congratulations. Those chest stitches really hurt for a long while.

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- FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres.....

From the Pres.....I hope everyone can attend our March club meeting. Our presentation for the evening will be from a special guest, a FULL SCALE PILOT, who will share his flying experiences and show a video that has spectacular views from a camera mounted on a plane! With this in mind: Attention Mrs. Rose Matejka!! Since this meeting involves full scale, we were wondering if you would bake some FULL SCALE BROWNIES and COOKIES? Anyway, this will be an excellent presentation and we'll back it up with some raffle prizes geared toward the flying season. Please don't forget your 2003 AAGMC dues!

Minutes Of Meeting February 2003

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on February 7, 2003 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:07 p.m. with 25 members and 4 visitors present. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted.

Notices and Communications:

- A new organization called UMA has been organized as an alternate to AMA. Copies are available.
- A list of the exhibitors for the Toledo show is available.
- The golf dome has been reopened but they want \$200 per hour for off time so schools will be looked at for indoor flying.
- Polk has a new radio available that searches frequencies and has a 99-model memory. They are making one available at the cost of \$180 for every AMA club. The board does not believe the club can afford this so the board has approved the purchase of the radio and then sell it to the King brothers at cost for all of their hard work.
- The financial statement for 2002 and the budget for

2003 will be presented at the March meeting.

Old Business:

- There has been no success in obtaining a new lawn tractor at cost. Motion to authorize Don King to purchase a new engine for our present tractor at a cost not exceeding \$1,500. Passed unanimously.
- There will be no April meeting due to the Toledo show.
- It appears our club will be part of the Cleveland Air Show by helping Parma Hobby in their booth, with egg crate flyers.
- Be sure to sign up if you need a new nametag.

New Business:

- The CD is due. Investment opportunities will be investigated.
 - The Mentor meet will be at our field on Sunday June 22. The glider contest scheduled for the same date will be moved back one day to Saturday June 21. After the glider contest, field work will be done in preparation for the Mentor meet.
 - The fun fly with the Suburban Club still needs to be scheduled.
 - The web site that has been used lately will no longer be used because there will be a charge for the use. As the result we will return to our previous site, which is: www.alltel.net/~don44039
 - Egg cartons may be dropped off at Parma Hobby. Grocery stores may also be a source for them. The flyers will probably have to be cut out ahead of time.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Knodel, Secretary

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 Henry Horn contributed a model kit for the club raffle and Parma Hobby contributed three bottles of oil. The kit was won by Warren Novotny and the oil by Fred Miller Sr., Jim Knodel and one other whose name didn't get written down.  
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Electric news:

As mentioned in the Feb. Minutes, the competition on Sunday, June 22 was move to Saturday, June 21 due to the scheduling of the Mentor meet on Sunday. Mark your calendars. I will send a new mailing out before the first competition in April.
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I got this in the mail from Marvin King a few days ago. Lots of good advise here for all and I though it would be nice to share with the whole club. As I explained to Marvin, I do not consider myself much of an expert in this hobby so you will not get a lot of advise from this editor. But when Marvin has something to say, most everyone listens.....  
 The following is from Marvin:

Hi All

As near as I can tell there will be no flying this week again! But, building is happening here. I actually finally got the new motor installed in my Rascal. Now, I just need a day with wind speed lower than its flying speed. I am about two rolls of tape and two control rods away from having a slope Zagi together. The garage is starting to clear out, The over flow from the basement is slowly making its way to the attic and the trash man.

Its time to start thinking about giving all your fly machines a good once over. Check all the linkages for play, (we do not want to hear Mr. Flutter team up with Mr. Murphy and ruin our first day back out at the field).

Batteries - If you have our friendly Ni-Cad's, it will do them good to be cycled. By this, I mean charge them up to full then run them down to about 1.1 volt per cell. 4.4 volts for the 4-cell packs and 5.5 volts for the 6-cell packs. That's what a battery cyler will do. With out one you can sit in front of the TV and wiggle everything until it starts to slow down. All the transmitters are 8-cell packs that I have seen. These can be done with out a cyler if you have time to watch them. All of them have some type of meter. Most come with a 600 mA pack. These run about 2.5 to 3 hours before the voltage drops to the recharge point. The newer Futaba computer radios actually give an audible beep before they shut down. They also have a diode that makes it a little harder to use with a cyler but it can be done.

Clean up everything and look real close at anything that might be a problem. Now is a good time to find you problems. If you have airplane that you do not normally take apart, take it apart now. Are all the servos still screwed in tight? Is that nail polish still on them? Clean up those engines. Are the mufflers still on tight?

Well that's enough rambling for one night.  
 Hope all is well,

Uncle Marv

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