
American Airlines

Gas Model Club

- The Plane Facts -

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

May 2003

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, May 2nd, 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

Elec. Media Coord.	Don King
Newsletter Editor	Phil Hilbert
Club Photog.	Ed Muckley

2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Open Members	\$50.00/yr.
Senior (17-18)	8.00
Junior (<17)	5.00

Initiation Fee \$25.00 (New Members)

Web site ><http://alltel.net/~don44039/Electrics.htm><

Well, Spring was a bit late in coming but it is here and I hope you are farther along with the build season projects than I am. The flying season is here and from the looks of it, it will be a good one.

A short field report from Don King says the field is a bit wet in the low areas but otherwise in good shape and useable. The new engine is on the tractor and running great. Don has already cut half the field.

Joe Toth and I were out a month ago flying our electrics and found the culvert for the creek caved in and the road was impassible. The owner has since filled the ditch in with gravel – an interim fix and it's totally passable now. More on this I'm sure.

Please pay special attention to the President's column that follows. Sandy from Parma Hobby will be at the May meeting with 300 egg cartons. Be sure to bring some scissors and templates if you have them for the Penny Flyers. Henry is supplying the pennies.

- FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres.....

Please take a minute to read the March issue of Parma Hobby's Newsletter (www.parmahobby.com). They had many kind words to say about our club and specifically talked about our upcoming involvement in this year's Cleveland Air Show. **PLEASE collect as many FOAM EGG CARTONS as you can and bring them to our May Club meeting.** We will set up an assembly line and begin creating the foam gliders. We just need a few members to bring scissors for cutting them out. Keep in mind that we need 1000 gliders for the air show! For the benefit of our new members, the topic of our May meeting is always safety. If my records are correct, this will be our 8th season / year at this field! The only reason we are invited back every year is because of our **EXCELLENT SAFETY RECORD.** From the time your tires hit the driveway at the field, you represent our club and our club's safety record. If one person exceeds 5 MPH on the driveway back to the field, not only does that person put the entire club at risk, but they also increase the chance of an accident. Our drive back to the field passes a residence and horse stables. At any time of day / evening, there may be children, pets and horses on or around the driveway. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!**

Well, the Toledo Show has come and gone again. Those ARF's are difficult to pass up considering all the building time they save you. Anyway, while I was walking down the middle isle of the show, I ran into Alan Dunasky and he gave me his AAGMC 2003 membership dues. (Alan is a very busy guy and can't make the meeting, etc). We talked for a minute and went our separate ways. About 10 minutes later, I ran into our beloved Treasurer, Mr. Henry Horn. Guess what he said to me? And I quote, "Paul, give me Alan's membership dues, I don't trust you with the cash!" Now, normally I would have given Henry a hard time, but he had the ultimate leverage on me that day - he drove. If you have egg cartons and can't attend the May meeting, you can drop them off at Parma Hobby or call me and I'll pick them up. (Better yet, call Henry...he likes collecting things!!). Fly and drive safely.....

Minutes Of Meeting - March, 2003

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on March 7, 2003 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:07 p.m. with 22 members and 4 visitors present.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted.. The interest rates are so low now the savings money has been placed in a 2 month CD.

Notices and Communications:

- Mike Labosky had triple by-pass surgery on Thursday February 21. He is home now and doing great.
- The executive board has prepared the budget for 2003.. The AMA has raised the yearly fee from \$40 to \$90 and \$400 has been budgeted for gravel to spot treat the driveway.

Old Business:

- The club ended 2002 in the black. Contributing to this positive result were such things as \$400 from donations, \$200 from raffles, Don King not turning in mower gas bills and other contributions by many other members such as Don King's time and effort maintaining the field. Just as important is the time members have been willing to contribute to the club.
- The driveway signs will be up for the flying season.
- There will be no April meeting or newsletter because of the Toledo show.
- The lawn tractor fund as the result of the raffles and donations totals \$937.
- Henry Horn has been working with T&S Mower to obtain a new mower engine. There are only 5 engines left in the country to fit our mower and no more will be made. The cost is somewhat higher than it was previously. Motion to purchase a new mower engine for \$1,546.25 including freight and tax. Motion passed unanimously.
- Remember to get on the list if you need a new nametag.
- Foam egg cartons are still needed for the Cleveland Air Show with Parma Hobby.
- The fun fly with the Suburban Club might be on a Saturday in July.
- There will be a 50/50 raffle at the Mentor meet.

New Business:

- Dates still need to be established for the family picnic and for the pasta picnic. These will be scheduled on a Sunday after an electric contest.
- The Buzzard fly in will be on Saturday July 19 including a steak fry with the rain date of July 26.
- The Parma Hobby 2nd annual Sail Plane & Electric weekend will possibly be the first weekend in May Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Knodel, Secretary

Club raffle: Henry Horn contributed a Great Planes Spectra RTF Electric and Parma hobby 2 gallons of fuel for the raffle. The plane was won by Gene Kenny and the fuel by Marv King and Keith Vanover. Keith Vanover presented an excellent program discussing full scale and showing a video of his glider flying in Hawaii.

Electric news:

Sunday, April 27 was the kick off for the 2003 Electric Competition. And, what a kick off it was! The field was good, the weather was perfect and the contestants were simply unbelievable. Three of the flyers beat the Club record of 58 minutes held by Paul Bianco since May, 1999. Dennis Kedziora is now the top Electric pilot with a time of one hour and twenty minutes. That is a long time to stare at a tiny dot in the sky. Marvin King was a close second with one hour and eleven minutes. We all thought Marvin was the new record holder until Dennis forgot to come down. Jim Knodel followed with one hour and six minutes. Congratulations to all three for a very fine job. The season should prove to be quite interesting.

If you are interested and don't have the rules and dates, check the club web site or send me an email. Don't worry about missing a session or two. The rules call for three days (of your choice) to be discarded each season. The next two competitions will be Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 25. Competition begins promptly at 10:00 am - if Phil is on time!

I don't have the latest info on indoor flying at the Dome but Don and Marvin King do and they had a good time there. Good enough that they are planning to both make the next meeting and fly at the Dome next Friday.

I talked with Paul Bianco briefly today and our club is all set to fly at the Dome. All you need is your Club and AMA membership card, a suitable indoor model and \$10. I will keep you posted on this as I get more information as a regular part of this column.

2003 Toledo Weak Signals Show

I didn't get to go to Toledo this year, but from what I have heard there was a great assortment of new gear with lots of emphasis on ARF and Electrics. Marvin King sent me a word document of his impressions of the show which I will append to the newsletter.

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

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The Toledo Show 2003

The yearly visit to the Seagate Center and the Toledo Weak Signals RC Show began at about 7 a.m. on Friday morning at Don's house for the drive up to Northwest Ohio's largest city. There were no big (?) surprises as the e-mail sales kept us informed of most of the new items that were being produced. The over all show attendance seemed a little light this year, except for when you were standing in the long line to get into the show. Security proved to be the issue that caused the wait in line to be so long – this showing the state of affairs even stretches into the hobby world.

As always, I went with a list of RC items I was looking for – servos, receivers, and, of course, an aerobatic electric airplane. An overview of the show points out the trends we see in most of the magazines. There are more little airplanes being made– both electric and glow. In addition, with a big showing (pun), the aircraft builders of the T.O.C. planes were showing off their 30% to 45% sized offerings as kits, partial kits, and ARF's. These are big planes and the engine manufacturers were there with some beautiful engines for powering them. Overall, I think it is getting just a little to big for my taste.

There were many different Turbine manufacturers present with their wares. The kits and ARF's for the turbines are at a premium cost. These last two areas are just a little to rich for me. Some of these plane and motor or turbine combinations run high enough to cover the cost of real airplane kits with motors.

Gliders, trainers, ARF's, and some neat little .18 powered ducted fans were being shown for a price that is about one fifth to one tenth of the cost of just a turbine. The static display models were all so clean and smooth. The time that it takes to create these models has to be enormous.

In addition, for those of us with wider interests, the trains and automobiles were on display. The trends that were exhibited at the show seemed to cross all areas and are more toward ARF (Almost Ready to Fly), ARC (Almost Ready to Cover), RTR (Ready to Run), ARTR (Almost Ready To Run). These are becoming the norm such that regular kits are now marked U-Build-IT!! Within the forty, sixty, and one-twenty size aircraft it is hard to pick a normal kit when you can get an ARF for less than the additional cost of covering and extra hardware you would need to finish the kit.

So how did I do? I ended up with new landing gear for my Spin Sensation and a Vertical RC Katana (verticalrc.com) with a hacker motor and all the things to make it fly once assembled. This show has become a yearly event and I do enjoy it, but it is just not quite the gleam in my eye of excitement that I used to get. The excitement of finding something new at the show is gone, anything new or coming out has already been displayed online or in the catalogs. So go ahead and buy that ARF but pick something up that is a U-Build-It also. Let's enjoy a safe summer and great flying season.

Uncle Marv