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# American Airlines Gas Model Club

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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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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Elec. Media Coord. Don King  
Newsletter Editor Phil Hilbert  
Club Photog. Ed Muckley  
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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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Web site ><http://alltel.net/~don44039/Electrics.htm><  
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I will be resuming monthly publication of the newsletter now that regular meetings have resumed. This first issue will be brief because the flying season is still in full swing and as the days grow shorter and colder I will be trying to cram every decent day into my schedule for the sport and....

It ain't over yet. Here is a re-print of an email sent out in August concerning the rescheduled Mentor Meet and the Suburban/Pasta Fun Fly. I originally forwarded this email from President Paul and other than the October meeting it is the most important news this month. Here is what Paul had to say:

The MENTOR CONTEST AND SUBURBAN/ PASTA FUN FLY will occur on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at our field. Flying warm-ups begin at 10 AM and the contest will start at 11:00 AM sharp.

We need volunteers as Contest timers and counters: We normally need a minimum of 3 folks per club for this

function. Back up folks would be appreciated.

The pasta will be served at the end of the contest or approximately 2:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed for preparing the feast:

We are estimating 40 people at this point, but this number may increase as word gets out. Rita King and Ernie Bertone will be coordinating the pasta & sauce cooking. Remember, 40 or more people, so it's going to take a lot of sauces! We will like to see at least 4 different home-made sauces recipes and will probably need about 5 to 7 pounds of pasta!?!? WOW! I'll be dreaming about this. Anyway, Rita and Ernie can decide that but please contact them (or me) if you can cook sauce or pasta. If my memory serves me correctly, Mrs. Labosky made 52 MEATBALLS the last time we held this event! We will definitely need her support to pull this off! We also need donations of side dishes: salads, snacks, etc. The club will provide all beverages, plastic ware, napkins and have 3 grills going to keep the sauces warm. We hope to have some balloons and balsa gliders for any kids in attendance.

This sounds like a fun day FOR ALL!

IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE GET A HEAD COUNT SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am BEGGING: PLEASE CALL ME TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE! (FLYERS TOO)

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## FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Yeah right, what summer? Anyway, before summer slipped away, AAGMC established a presence at the Cleveland National Air Show. Thanks to PARMA HOBBY (and over 1,000 foam egg carton gliders) we had a successful out coming at the air show! Many thanks to the AAGMC members who volunteered their time. Especially Don King's grandson!! This little guy attracted MUCH ATTENTION at the AAGMC table! He is now our little secret weapon for any future public endeavors. A special thanks to Cal Weiss for covering the event on the rain soaked Monday. Although the air show was cancelled, Cal still had to make an appearance on our behalf. Many thanks to Cal for attending and for volunteering at the last minute to cover for another AAGMC member. Cub Scout pack 439 called me earlier this month and asked our club's support at their pack meeting on

Wednesday, 9/17/03. Not only did we participate, but these little pilots will be coming out to our field someday in the future to watch us fly.

Please note that we have re-scheduled the Mentor contest and pasta fun fly for Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. With both events on the SAME DAY, this will automatically become a family event. Volunteers are needed to assist with side dishes, etc. I have asked Phil to re-print a recent email I published covering this event. I will also discuss this at our Friday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting AND Dennis Kedziora will be sharing his expertise about soldering battery packs. NOTE: in addition to our normal club raffle, we will be auctioning off a used radio to benefit the club. **KEEP SAVING FOAM EGG CARTONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

One other recent event not mentioned by Paul was the Family Picnic of August 17<sup>th</sup>. It was another great event and a special thanks needs go out to the wives that labored preparing the feast of food we had that day. Thanks also to a couple of pilots that showed us that the thumbs can be used just as effectively to flip burgers on the grill as planes in the sky. Great weather helped to make this a good time for all.



President Paul checks prop speed before take off at the family picnic

Electric news:

At this writing there are only two more contest remaining and it looks like Dennis Kedziora has the contest all but wrapped up with 52 points leading the next best score of 37. Dennis and Jim Knodel have been tearing up the competition with their combination of a Mega Motor / 3300 mA<sup>H</sup> NiMH powered gliders. We all thought we had a chance a few weeks ago when Dennis (forgetting what happened to Icarus) flew too close to the sun. He crashed and burned too! But he managed to get another ship together and he's back and better than before.

Don King sent the following concerning indoor flying at the Dome:

*FLYING At the DOME will be On Sundays From 4pm to 10pm September 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19 Check [WWW.thesportsdome.com](http://WWW.thesportsdome.com) Or call 216-447-7878 For other availability.*

With the coming of Fall, you may want to hurry and get

an indoor model ready. Looks like the days are numbered now.

**Did you know?**

The October issue of *Model Aviation* has a very informative article titled Battery Basics. It has a good rundown on the various types of batteries and chargers currently available. Just a few years ago we were limited to NiCad cells and a very limited number of chargers other than the one that comes with your radio. This article has loads of information and if you don't take the time to read it, at least cut it out and save it for future reference. I know that it answered a few question I have had over the years. The real heart of any R/C aircraft is the batteries in the plane and the transmitter and far too little attention is given to these critical components. If you know and understand battery basics, you should never have to take your ship home as a bunch of pieces in a box because of battery failure.

Under the trailer are four lengths of 3/4 inch electrical PVC. If you should find yourself stuck up a tree or in the lake, remember the pipe and give it a try before falling out of that tree or in the lake. I had the miss-fortune of using it twice this year for both plane in a tree and landing gear (don't ask) in the lake. It really works. Use the pipe resting on the inner tube as a snag to fetch something from the lake. The pipe is just long enough to reach half way across.

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

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Marv and Rita King at the family picnic. Marv not only holds the current record time in Electric competition but also the record for consecutive burgers flipped in the Gas event.