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# American Airlines Gas Model Club

*- The Plane Facts -*

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

January 2004

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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</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.

## 2004 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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## 2004 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://home.alltel.net/don44039/><  
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Here's wishing you fellow aviators a Happy New Year! Let's start the next 100 years of flying powered aircraft better than the anniversary flight that really didn't happen. Pretty phenomenal when you come to think of it. The wind was down at Kitty Hawk that day by a mere 7 mph and they couldn't get the original Wright flyer in the air. Heck, a wind factor of plus or minus 7 mph usually means nothing to us. But then most of us are flying 50 to 60 inch wing spans with one or two horse power engines. Some of the quarter scale stuff has engines that rival the original eight H.P. one used by the Wright's. I imagine just a few short years ago that most would never have imagined the things we are doing with electric flight as well. So anyone that does not have a great year in 2004 just isn't really trying!

A special thanks to Norm Strobel from the Valley City Club for the presentation of his Ornithopter to our club.

Anyone that missed the December meeting as well as the quarter scale fly-in last Summer, totally missed their chance to see a real flapping winged ornithopter. The meeting room was a bit too narrow to give a demo flight, but when those wings were pumping at full throttle, you could feel the air at the back of the room. Very impressive aircraft (?) and very cool. Norm also brought a plane outfitted with LED's for night flying which created some interesting discussion.



*Norm Strobel demonstrate his Ornithopter*

After the program was finished, shop talk with the Valley City boys turned to Zagi's. Turns out that the Valley City Club has quite a following of Zagi craft. It was suggested that we consider another inter-club Fun Fly between us and the Valley City Club with Zagi competition as the theme event.

## - FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

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President Paul was all tied up playing Santa and didn't have time for his usual column. He sends his well wishes for the New Year and asked that I make mention of the program for the next meeting. The January meeting will feature two full scale Pilots that were invited to speak on making the transition from R/C to full scale Pilot. If you have ever considered getting your pilot's license this will be of interest to you.

**Minutes Of Meeting December, 2003**

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on December 5, 2003 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:13 p.m. with 14 members and 2 visitors present. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted.

*Executive Board Meeting:*

The club dues will remain at \$50.00 per year for 2004. The budget for 2004 still has to be put together.

*Notices and Communications:*

Mike Labosky is now home from the hospital where he had two kidney stones removed. Parma Hobby made a mailing, which included pictures of our part at the air show. The Canton model club is having a swap shop on January 25.

Stanley Zupan is going to be relocating.

*Old Business:*

Be sure to save egg cartons for the air show next year. Remember to make the cutouts ahead of time. You may give them to Parma Hobby at the February meeting. Remember the gravel fund. Adam Snelly has made a \$50.00 donation to it.

Presentations are still required for the March and May meetings.

The participants are discussing the electric contest rules for 2004 and Phil has obtained a good agreement.

Comments received with last months voting included providing a glider winch and combining events that were approved.

*New Business:*

The Toledo Weak Signals show is scheduled for April 2, 3 and 4. Motion to cancel our April meeting. Passed unanimously.

The new president of the Valley City club is Steve Richards. He will be contacted concerning a time for our fun fly with them. It still has to be determined if it will include any competition.

For the program in January two full-scale pilots will tell us what it is like to transition from RC to full scale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Knodel, Secretary

The program was by Norm Strobel from the Valley City Club with his ornithopter and dome flyer.

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*Club raffle:*

The raffle prize was a Sears scroll saw which was won by Keith Vanover  
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**Electric news**

I am planning to have a preliminary schedule for the 2004 Electric Competition at the January meeting. I will try to have a draft of the rules for 2004 including the new time for points event for discussion and approval as well.

At this writing there was no new sessions scheduled for indoor flying at the Dome. Don King normally keeps us posted but you can keep an eye out yourself at:

< <http://www.thesportsdome.com/aviation.aspx> >

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

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*Jeez, Don! Let me know next time the back of my head is in the way. I had no idea that shiny spot was so prominent. (ed.)*