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# American Airlines Gas Model Club

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

July 2004

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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, October 1<sup>st</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	vacant - TBD

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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

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Web site > <http://www.aa-gmc.org/> <

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Well, after a really soggy and slow start, I think the weather is behind us and the flying season is **finally** in full swing. It was just barely a week ago that the last vestige of high grass was removed from the runway. The second repair of the culvert did the trick too – at least for this season. Careful with the wall on the south side of the bridge if you haven't seen it yet.

President Paul has covered all the upcoming events in his column with the exception of the Buzzard Giant Scale Fly-in that is taking place this Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a nominal landing fee of \$5 for Giant Scale aircraft, but don't let that stop you if you don't do Giant Scale. Smaller models are permitted to fly throughout the day as long as there are no giant scales in the air. The event runs from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. At day's end you may enjoy a steak dinner for \$20. The dinner has always been excellent and well worth the money. Please contact Paul Bianco if you are interested in the dinner so we can give numbers to the Buzzards before Saturday.

Ed Pomnitz, our Webmaster asked that I extend an invitation to visit the club site and check out the Photo

Gallery and Swap shop. I was going to remind him that it was Summer, but what the hey, you can't fly in the dark, so give Ed a visit in cyber space some night.

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## - FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

From the Pres.....last month we lost our long time AAGMC member and friend, Michael Labosky. Michael had been recovering from heart surgery over the past year or so and was recently diagnosed with cancer of the kidney. Since Jan. 2001, Michael volunteered his time to serve on the Executive Board as our club as Safety Officer and Field Marshal. He also coordinated our fantastic club raffles during the winter club meetings. Many of us were blessed with his friendship, both on and off the flying field. We shared many laughs, especially when Michael (and Mrs. Labosky) first shared their now famous "52 meatballs" recipe from the Labosky family recipes. Warren Novotny and I have special memories of Michael since every year the three of us ventured to the annual Toledo Show together. As of last flying season, Michael was on the verge of earning his R/C wings and only needed to practice the landing sequence. On behalf of the entire club, may our endless thoughts and prayers go out to the Labosky family and to Michael.....happy landings my friend.

I had a recent conversation with the owners of the field. Sadly, they will be retiring from the horse stable business and subsequently selling the property in the next year or two. When that time comes, Mr. & Mrs. Brown will advise any potential owner that there is an existing contract with AAGMC and hopefully we will still have a flying field for many years to come. In preparation for the worst case scenario, please note that Mr. & Mrs. Brown do business based upon a hand shake, so if the property changes ownership and AAGMC is not allowed to remain, Mr. & Mrs. Brown will refund our club the appropriate \$\$ amount. We have been blessed to have this field and to know Mr. & Mrs. Brown.

Our summer fun fly schedule is noted in this newsletter and will be posted on our awesome WEB site. Note that we have combined most of our fun fly events into one this summer due to the shortened flying season, (we didn't have the entire runway until July; too wet!) so please note Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and have the PASTA SAUCE READY! This will be the Pasta fun fly / Suburban fun fly / AAGMC Family picnic all in one

event! The Mentor Contest will most likely occur sometime in September and I probably won't be advised of the date until Labor Day at the Cleveland Air Show. This brings me to my last item. PARMA HOBBY needs those foam EGG CARTONS!! Remember, AAGMC will have a table under the main tent at the Cleveland Air Show and we need folks to help out. You don't have to be an R/C pilot or a club member to assist at the air show. Just being there to hand out foam egg carton gliders to the kids is basically all we need. \* I NEED TO KNOW WHO IS COMING TO THE AUG.28<sup>th</sup> PASTA FUN FLY and WHO IS COMING TO HELP AT THE CLEVELAND AIR SHOW\*\*\*. Please drive and fly safely at our field.

### **Minutes Of Meeting May, 2004**

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on May 7, 2004 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:07 p.m. with 19 members and 3 visitors present.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted.

#### *Executive Board Meeting:*

The executive board held an emergency meeting in April to discuss concerns of taking on new members with 40% size aircraft with sound levels above 95db @ 9 feet.

#### *Notices and Communications:*

- Bernie Oldenberg of the MARCS club was at the meeting to present the perpetual plaque to AAGMC for winning the club fun fly last year. They don't have a field yet If they don't have one before it gets too late in the year the contest may be at our field again this year.
- Take note of the dangers of lithium batteries covered in our newsletter.
- The North Coast Lorain County Radio Control Club is having sound issues.
- Marv King reported the owner is getting a backhoe and has the pipe available to fix the road. It may be done this Saturday.
- The owners are getting older and having a problem getting reliable people to manage the property so they may sell it in the next year or two. Mrs. Brown's brother is presently living in the house and taking care of the property. They will see that new owners accept us so we would not lose any money.

#### *Old Business:*

- There will be no electric contest this Saturday because of the wet field.
- The gravel fund stands at \$907.
- Be sure to save egg cartons for the Cleveland Air Show.
- Revision of club by-laws has been postponed until next winter.
- As a result of the board contacting various members for ideas and feedback, the board voted for the sound level to remain at 95db @ 9 feet. This is in accordance with the form signed when dues were paid. AMA suggests the club run a survey of the present noise levels.

- No dates yet for other club events.

#### *New Business:*

- The Buzzards are contributing \$100 to our gravel fund. Their fly in at our field will be on Saturday July 24.
- Mike Labosky got donations from AMA at the Toledo show for our raffle.
- Giant scale racing will be held at the Ashtabula County Airport on August 19 – 22 and assistants are needed.
- The new web site is really great. Be sure to monitor it over the summer for the latest information.
- No meetings until October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Knodel, Secretary

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Parma Hobby gave a presentation of a new manufacturer radio system that is now available.

### **Electric news**

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Like the rest of the season, the Electric Competition got off to a slow start also. The first three sessions were either rained out or rained under. After four competitions now, most of the bugs have been worked out of the new F5J event and I think everyone is having fun with it. That's not to say that the competition is any less fierce. This last Sunday, six out of the eight contestants were within 10 points of each other and two flyers were just one point shy of the maximum score of 620. First place was decided by 57/100 of a second. Don King has stayed up more than a hour in the unlimited event two times now. And he has only been out three of the four events. I wish the Indians could bat with that kind of an average. If you have never made one of these events, come out and watch. It is the one day when there is sure to be lots of flying going on. The competition dates for August will be Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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