
American Airlines Gas Model Club

- The Plane Facts -

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September 2004

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, October 1st, 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 from October to May. The AAGMC welcomes visitors at all regular meetings.

2004 AAGMC OFFICERS

President	Paul Bianco (440) 845-5954
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Secretary	Jim Knodel
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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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Summer Wrap-up Edition

Well, fellow flyers, the Summer has come and gone. The Cleveland Air Show is over. If you did not make the show this year, you did not miss too much. The Saturday I was there had the poorest showing of a crowd I have seen in twenty some years. It probably didn't help that the USAF Thunderbirds could not come due to another commitment. The entire show was lacking from the static display on the ground to the show in the sky. The few military demonstration flights were good, but not enough to get my blood up. The weather was the real surprise giving the best three days for the show in some time. A special thanks to all the AAGMC members that staffed the Parma Hobby booth at the show. Yours truly, Larry McFarland, and President Paul did duty on Saturday. Dick and Rose Matejka covered Sunday and Ernie Bertone handled Monday with a friend. Once again members from Parma Hobby and our club did a great job promoting our hobby to the next generation of aircraft enthusiasts. The look of awe and delight that you could see in the eyes of the children made the time spent worth

while. Those children are the future of our hobby and in time our club. I only wish there were more ways to reach out to them during the year. If we could have one out of a hundred that stopped for their own free balsa glider and egg carton flyer eventually become a club member, our membership would be sustained perpetually.

I think I can safely say ditto for this years Buzzard Fly-In. No where near the turn out as we had last year. However, I think the Club still deserves an 'A' for effort. Special thanks to Paul, Joe Toth, Marv and Don King and the entire Prince family for making this another successful event. It just goes to show that "If you build it, they still don't have to come!" See the president's column for more details.

Events in September

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On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Pasta Fun-Fly and Family picnic. The pasta will be served at 2:00. Bring a pasta dish or dessert and something to fly of course. The Club will furnish bottled water, soft drinks, plastic ware and napkins. Some snack items and a bag or two of ice is always welcome. This has always been a fun filled day with great eats and a great time in the sky.

This years Mentor Meet will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Ashtabula County Airport. Practice begins at 10:00 with the contest beginning at 11:00. Paul needs to how may folk will be attending. The Mentor club is cooking (club picnic) and they need to know how many to plan for. IF THE WEATHER IS THREATENING (in Ashtabula) on contest morning (9/25), Paul will call all pilots by 7:15 AM to confirm if it is a go or not. If you DON'T receive a call by 7:15 AM the morning of 9/25, the contest is on. Rain date is Sunday, 9/26  
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- FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres.....

Paul's impression of the Buzzard Fly-In:

I arrived at the field about 3:30. There were only eight registered pilots all day but we had numerous spectators all day. Bob, Sheila and family did the usual awesome job preparing the steak roast. We had one Buzzard guy pull in with an old Cleveland Press truck pulling a 23 foot(?) Travel trailer!!!! (We had him park it way down to the west where Don cut the grass). He spend the night Friday and Saturday along with the Princes and Roger

Maher.

By the way, Friday night Joe and I fixed the pit fences. Joe had me laughing the entire time! The Prince kids and Bob helped us finish. With additional grass cut for extra parking by Don King, the field looked spectacular. Many of the visiting pilots and visitors commented what a beautiful field we have.

Please note my new email address >rcpaul@cox.net<.

Election 2004

October is not too soon to be thinking about who you would like to sit on the board next year. The existing board members are seriously considering stepping down. So, we will need some members to step up as part of the leadership in the coming year. With the possibility of new owners and the chance of loosing our field, this coming year will need good leadership. Plan on being ready for some lively discussion during the upcoming meeting. Some of us have been discussing the options the Club has and it would be good to get some input from the rest of the membership. Do try to make the next two meetings.

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#### **Notice of Communication**

Alan Dunasky called the other night to let me know that he over bought his needs this year and has 4 to 5 extra gallons of fuel. He is going to donate this to the club and it will be raffled off during the meetings starting in October.

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Electric news

The Electric Competition has been interesting this year with the introduction of the F5J event. Try taking your plane in the air, fly around for almost ten minutes, and do a forced dead stick landing with your plane touching the ground at exactly ten minutes. Now do it in a fifty foot spot landing zone and that's pretty much F5J except with the electrics we only allow a two minute motor run time. You would be amazed at how accomplished the pilots have become. I would not have guessed that so many would be coming close to the mark plus or minus a second or two, but they have.

With only one more date scheduled, Marvin King just passed Dennis Kedziora. Dennis and Don King are now tied for second. Should make for an interesting finish again. At the contest today, Don and Marvin each made a Herculean effort to nab the Club Electric record. Both of those guys had their necks crooked back for over an hour and forty five minutes. Marvin finally persevered and ended up breaking his own record with a time of one hour and fifty six minutes. Don had one hour and forty one minutes. Outstanding show of endurance! Oh yeah, and as if that wasn't enough for Marv, he absolutely aced the F5J with a time of 10:00 and 38/100 with a spot landing. Perfect score of 620 points.

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

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