
American Airlines Gas Model Club

- *The Plane Facts* -

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December 2004

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, December 3rd, 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
V.Pres.	Dick Matejka
Secretary	Jim Knodel
Treasurer	Henry Horn
Sgt. at Arms	Phil Hilbert
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Elec. Media Coord.	Don King
Webmaster	Ed Pomnitz
Newsletter Editor	Phil Hilbert
Club Photog.	Ed Muckley

## 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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Ho ho ho! And happy holidays to all! Where did the year go to? Well looking back, it was a good year in spite of the flooded field resulting in a somewhat shortened flying season. Unless someone has been out to the field more recently, Paul Bianco, Bob Radvansky, and Joe Toth officially finished the season last Tuesday, the 23rd. I heard a lot of whining about the runway being wet and having to use a putty knife to remove mud and grass from the planes, but I also heard they had a lot of fun. If anyone makes it out later, let me know and also what the conditions are.

The votes are in and the members have spoken. The 2005 club officers are:

Paul Bianco, *President*  
Dick Matejka, *Vice President*  
Phil Hilbert, *Secretary*  
Jim Knodel, *Treasurer*

Mike Gantner, *Sergeant at Arms/Field Safety Officer*

Notice that the new officers are the same folk as 2004 with the addition of Mike as Sergeant at Arms and a shift of responsibilities due to the loss of Henry as our Treasurer. No one can quite remember when Henry took

on the duty of Treasurer, which is a testament of how long he has held the post. Be sure to give Henry your thanks for his many years of service. I might add that as well as Treasurer, Henry has acted as the Membership Chairman - keeping the roster in order and Postmaster - mailing the newsletter to those who still want a hard copy sent to their home. He is leaving a huge hole for Jim Knodel to fill and will be missed.

Congratulations to Mike Gantner, who will act as our new Sergeant at Arms. Aside from selling raffle tickets at the meetings, Mike will assume the important task of Field Safety Officer. Mike is a very accomplished pilot in all areas of fixed wing aircraft and has demonstrated flawless safety when flying at the field. Aside from midair collisions when doing combat with Don and Marvin King, Mike is a well mannered and extremely safe pilot. Of course, I did say our field. I'm not sure we will extend Mike's duties to Slope Flying at either Edgewater or Canton. You see, Mike gets overly excited when flying the slopes and has this annoying habit of knocking transmitters out of peoples hands - while they are flying! Since this is not at our field we will let the City of Cleveland and Joe Toth worry out that.

Seriously, if you have any questions or comments regarding safety at the field, Mike is the one to address. Safety must always be the first and last thought in our sport and Mike will be there to guide us.

If you make any meetings this winter, the next two are the ones to make. Paul has managed to secure some gift certificates from both Parma Hobby and Hobby Town USA of Strongsville. Hobby Town USA also gave Paul a price he could not refuse for two Hangar 9 ARF kits that will be raffled off in the next two meetings. The December meeting will feature a 3-D 40 size kit. Our thanks to both Parma Hobby and Hobby Town USA for their continued support. Be sure to support them!

## - FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

Attention owners of "ARF" and "RTF" R/C aircraft! Our December club meeting presentation will feature our own Electric Contest Champion, Dennis Kedziora, who will discuss airframe preflight checks for these "almost ready to fly" and "ready to fly" aircraft. As usual, Dennis has spent many hours researching just how safe (or unsafe) some of these assembly line built planes are. There have been a few horror stories about poor glue joints, etc., so, if you own one of these aircraft, please bring it to the

December club meeting. We will also have our annual XMAS raffle with some interesting R/C items and possibly some gift certificates from area hobby shops. A big HELLO comes from one of our long time members and friend, Mr. Dick Bird. I called Dick recently and he sends his best to all. Dick PROMISED to bring out a certain giant scale Cub next spring, so I am publishing that promise in the newsletter to put more pressure on him! It was great talking to you Dick. If anyone knows of a current or past club member that we haven't heard from recently, please consider giving that person a call and pass along a big AAGMC hello! Speaking about communicating, please keep our club membership goals in mind as you meet and greet folks. Hey, you never know when a conversation may bring about a new friendship, a new club member or even a future flying site! The best reason for coming to our December club meeting concerns our long time club Treasurer, Mr. Henry Horn. Henry is retiring from the Executive Board, so this will be his last Treasurer's report. Please take a moment to say THANK YOU to Henry for his numerous years of service and dedication to our club. Lastly, please join me in thanking our field owners, Mr. & Mrs. Brown, for their unending support of our hobby. We especially want to thank Mr. Brown (and his neighbors) for repairing the culvert pipe (twice last spring) so we could have access to the flying field. Maybe Mother Nature will redirect some of the spring rains so we can actually fly in May and June next year. As always, our thoughts go out to Maxine and Lisa Labosky and all other AAGMC family members during this holiday season. Peace. See you at the meeting.

#### **Minutes Of Meeting December, 2004**

Meeting called to order by president Paul Bianco on November 5, 2004 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:09 p.m. with 23 members and 2 visitors present. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The treasurer made his monthly report, which was accepted..

#### *Notices and Communications:*

- Parma Hobby sent a note thanking the club for the assistance at the Cleveland Air Show. They think 2000 egg cartons will be required for next year.
- Mike Labosky's wife is selling his pick up truck. Any one interested should contact her.

#### *Old Business:*

- Paul talked to mister Brown and he advised that any shooting by the neighbors should be reported immediately to the sheriff.  
{Lorain County Sheriff @ (440) 329-3709 }
- The web site can use pictures.
- As the result of the FBI talking to Paul he is trying to get them to put on a program for the club and to also maybe invite other clubs.
- There was preliminary discussion about drainage for the west end of the field. This would require renting a trencher along with tile and gravel. The most work may be back filling the trench. We would have to talk to the owners if we think we would like to do this.

- The electric contest-planning meeting will be held in January.

#### *New business:*

- Carl Harris asked if our club is interested in running a flea market in place of the one the Cleveland Club used to run? It would take 12 people to staff and would take one day. This would be held in mid October. Carl will make some preliminary investigations.
- Model magazines are available free for the taking.
- Early November is the last cleaning of the trailer toilet.
- The following members were nominated for the board positions:  
Paul Bianco, President  
Dick Matejka, Vice President  
Phil Hilbert, Secretary  
Jim Knodel, Treasurer  
Mike Gantner, Sergeant at Arms/Field Safety Officer
- Motion to elect to the board for 2005 the members nominated. Passed unanimously.
- Parma Hobby will be putting on a show for the February meeting.
- Raffle prizes for the December meeting will be gift certificates from Parma Hobby, Hobby Town and fuel donated by Alan Dunasky.
- Aerial pictures of our field were shown at the meeting. Keith Vanover took these.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Knodel, Secretary

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Club raffle: Raffle prizes were a Futaba servo, 30-minute epoxy and 4 bottles of CA donated by Parma Hobby and a digital multi tester donated by Dennis Kedziora. Ed Muckley, Joe Toth, Adam Snelly, Don King, Marv King and Mike Gantner won these items.

Electric news

As noted in the new business of the minutes, there will be a short meeting following regular meeting to discuss the format for the 2005 Electric Contest. The popular goal is to reduce the overall contest time while allowing a contestant to attempt breaking the contest record time. Marvin King has pushed that goal to one hour and 56 minutes. Bring your ideas and be ready to make a plan. I will take all the ideas and compile them for the following meeting and we can vote on a format for 2005.

Did you know?

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