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# American Airlines Gas Model Club

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

January 2005

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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, January 7<sup>th</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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month from October to May . The AAGMC welcomes visitors at all regular meetings.

## 2005 AAGMC OFFICERS

President	Paul Bianco (440) 845-5954
V.Pres.	Dick Matejka
Secretary	Phil Hilbert
Treasurer	Jim Knodel
Sgt. at Arms	Mike Gantner

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Elec. Media Coord.	Don King
Webmaster	Ed Pomnitz
Club Photog.	Ed Muckley
Newsletter Editor	Phil Hilbert

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## 2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Open Members	\$55.00/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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And, a very Happy New Year to all. I hope Santa was as good to you as he was to me. I also hope you will have patients while I learn to play my new toy. If you hear some squeaky sounds like a bearing ready to blow coming from the pits this year, you may look around and find me trying to play my harmonica. I've been begging for one for years and my wish finally came true. The deal is that I can only practice out at the field since my wife finds the noise at least as annoying as running up an engine in the front yard.

If you didn't make it to the last meeting, you missed a great one. Don and Marv King did an impromptu fill in for Dennis Kedziora who recently hurt his back. The program was to be a primer in electric flight, but went waaay beyond basics and the members that were there loved it. They brought several hand built foam models that were in various stages of completion and gave a very good presentation of motors, batteries, and chargers that are now available. Then it got really interesting as Don went on to explain how to build your own brushless motors from scrap parts found in most

any CD player and an inexpensive armature winding kit available on the Web. Throw in a totally programmable speed controller from Castle Creations and you are getting about as scratch built as you can. They will be back for Part II at the January meeting with some more interesting "how to's" for electric flight. You are all invited to bring your favorite electric model or project for show and tell.

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## - FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

Thanks to Don and Marvin King, we continue to set records at our monthly club meetings! This time, most of us didn't leave the meeting until 11:10 PM! You see, Don and Marv stepped up to cover for Dennis Kedziora and although they were originally scheduled to present their "electric" program at the January meeting, they discussed electrics and kept us all amazed late into the evening!

Since Dennis wasn't feeling up to it, we have rescheduled his ARF presentation for the February meeting and pushed the Parma Hobby presentation out to the March club meeting.

Our January club meeting will still be an "All Electric" meeting. I am sure Don and Marv will entertain additional electric questions that may have been unanswered at the last meeting.

And best of all, thanks to Hobby Town USA, our raffle item for January will be an "E-flite, Mini Funtana 3D" electric ARF! This is a beautiful plane!! Don't miss your chance to win it! Safe New Year to all .....see you at the meeting.

### Minutes Of Meeting December 3, 2004

Meeting called to order by President Paul Bianco on December 3, 2004 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:19 p.m. with 25 members and 3 visitors present. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his monthly report which was accepted. During the Treasurer's report, President Paul took the opportunity to announce that Henry Horn is resigning the post after seven years of service beginning in 1997.

*Executive Board Meeting:*

A meeting of the Executive Board was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Dick Matejka's house. The following business transpired:

- Club dues will be increased to \$55.00 for 2005. A \$10.00 late fee will be imposed for members who do not renew by the March meeting.
- Web Site club contact info to be updated ASAP
- Although he is retiring from the board, Henry Horn has agreed to continue to handle the Newsletter mailing.

*Visitors:*

Bernie Oldenburg and Ken Page of the Mentor Club were present. They presented the Winners Plaque to the AAGMC for the 2004 Mentor meet. Many thanks to Bernie and the Mentor Club as gracious hosts and congratulations to the AAGMC members continued dominance of this event.

*Notices and Communications:*

- Paul Bianco made an announcement regarding an upcoming R.C. car competition.
- Reading from a recent email from Dennis Kedziora, Paul passed on some facts that Dennis researched concerning other RC Club rules:
  - No 3D flying permitted over the runway.
  - One club was required to pay \$1400 for a "Field Biology Report" assumingly searching for toxins in the soil from fuel.
  - Another mention regarding the recent Giant Scale accident that severely injured a pilot.

*Old Business:*

- Lorain County Sheriff phone number is in the December newsletter and will be included in the field rules and posted at the field next spring.
- Paul Is still attempting to negotiate a presentation by the FBI during one of our meetings.
- Discussion of ongoing drainage issues at the field.

*New Business:*

- 2005 Officers were introduced and took their place at the table. Henry Horn was thanked again for his service, verbally abused , and took his seat with the members.
- Field report - the field is wet and muddy
- 2005 year Budget items need to be submitted
- A list of proposed 2005 year Events was distributed to the members. A vote was taken and all events were accepted. The events include:
  - Buzzard Air Force Giant Scale Fun Fly
  - AAGMC Family Picnic / Pasta Fun Fly

- Annual Mentor Meet
- Continued participation by AAGMC at the Cleveland Air Show Kiddie Hawk Tent
- Establishing an inter club Electric Fun Fly.

Bernie Oldenburg gave a short discussion regarding a recent Electric Fly-In event he attended in Westerville, Ohio. This event included nine hours of flying time and 500 plus flights. The event had a large Factory sponsorship that donated some very impressive prizes. Something to watch out for next year. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Phil Hilbert, Secretary

*Program:*

Marvin and Don King gave an excellent introduction to Electric flight.

*Club raffle:*

Ed Pomnitz won the Hangar 9, 40 size ARF "Twister" courtesy of Hobby Town USA. Ed Pomnitz and Mike Gantner won a \$20 and \$15 gift certificate from Parma Hobby. Tony Lacerda and Henry Horn each won a \$15 gift certificate from Hobby Town USA. Don King and Jim Knodel were each recipients of a bottle of glue.

**Electric news**

We will have a short meeting following the program to discuss the rules for the 2005 Electric Competition. If you are planning on participating or are just interested, please make sure you stay for this meeting. The goal will be to choose preliminary events for this season. I will consolidate the recommendations for a final vote at the February meeting.

**Notice**

An error was made concerning the procedure for contacting the local law enforcement agency. Our field is in the jurisdiction of the Medina County Sheriff's Dept. not Lorain as mentioned in *Old Business*. The Telephone number for the Medina County Sheriff is: (330) 725-0028.

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

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