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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

February 2005

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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, February 4<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     |
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| 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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In a few more days it will be February. So, cheer up all you Fly Boys (and Girls)! Only one more month until March and that means Spring is almost here. If you haven't noticed, even Easter is way early this year so a good part of the clergy is predicting an early demise of Winter too. Maybe I am a tad optimistic, but time does fly.

I started cycling my batteries last weekend. I normally start a round robin discharging and charging a pair of packs (one Rx and one Tx). I record the capacity after two cycles and move on to the next pair. In about a week's time I will have all the packs cycled. I let the packs set a week then I start all over again. I'll do this three times well before the season begins so I have plenty of time to get some new batteries installed if I detect a weak pack. Weak packs get disposed of. I don't believe in isolating the weak cell and repairing the pack. The odds are that another cell is ready to die right after the first. If you perform no other maintenance to the equipment, at least check out those batteries.

For those who have not checked yet, the Toledo Show will be Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> thru Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

We will have the usual vote on whether we have a meeting in April or not in the February or March meeting. For info regarding the Toledo show go to <http://www.toledoshow.com/flashindex.html>.

As for me, I'm hoping to catch the show in Cape Coral I wrote about last year. It is hosted by the Cape Coral R-Seahawks and they draw a crowd of thousands. I will be sure to bring pictures for all to see as well as a great tan.

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## - FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

Mother Nature is really doing "snap rolls" with the weather these days. Although it's early in the year, if this trend continues, the flying field will only support R/C submarines and boats. I wish I was joking about this, but I am not. During the last three or four years, we have NOT had access to the entire runway until late June or early July. And even then, the middle of the runway remains wet well into July. We may need to find a secondary field, even if it's for electric aircraft only, so we can start flying in May. We lose two months of flying in the spring! Also, what if the culvert pipe keeps washing away due to the spring rains? We can't expect Mr. & Mrs. Brown to keep dropping everything and come to our rescue. They are very busy in the spring. I wish we could afford a narrow strip of blacktop for the runway. Well, there are much more important issues....the recent flooding and other weather events from around the world. Our flooded flying field means nothing compared to the families who have lost their homes and/or loved ones. Hopefully, some of us have been able to extend a helping hand to these people.

ATTENTION owners of "ARF" and "RTF" R/C aircraft! Our February club meeting presentation will feature 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 meeting.

Members who have attended the last two club meetings are well aware of the awesome raffle items we have had. I wonder what is in store for the February meeting? You won't be disappointed! See you at the meeting.

## Minutes Of Meeting January, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Paul Bianco on January 7, 2005 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:12 p.m. with 23 members and 1 visitors present.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his monthly report which was accepted.

Visitors present included Mrs. Gantner.

### *Notices:*

- Don King has delivered to the field a dozen empty cable spools that may be used for plane tables.
- Central Penn Aeromodelers Assoc. Radio Control Flea Market will be on March 12 in Lebanon Pa. For info, call (717) 960-8170 or visit <http://www.cpaa.us/>.
- AAGMC received a Christmas card from Mrs. Labosky with thanks for the club's support.

### *Old Business:*

- Correction made to the previous announcement for the Lorain County Sheriff. The correct office to contact in an emergency is the Medina County Sheriff at (330) 725-0028. This number will be posted at field and on new membership applications.
- Frequency channel interference on 11,34,35, 36.
- FBI presentation update – we are on the list.
- Cleveland Club Swap – discussion on hold until Carl Harris' return.

### *New Business:*

- President Paul gave a short safety talk regarding Radio Fail Safe systems that can be retrofitted into FM receivers. Discussion was based on article by Casey Rowe, I.M.A.A. Safety Director. Casey makes a case for outfitting all RC aircraft .40 and larger with a failsafe device. Several large events are incorporating this as a requirement to the rules this year. Our Safety officer, Mike Gantner was asked to review the information and make a recommendation. We will have further discussion of this in the next meeting.
- Paul followed up with a short roundtable discussion regarding radio tune-up. Radio tune-up went by the wayside since we lost the service of Terry Barton. Don and Marvin King had all radio sets turned by D&M Electronics Service. Prices run from \$25 and up, although, the gold sticker check is only \$5. Contact D&M Electronics at: <http://www.dnmelectronics.com/> or call (330)877-1445. They are located in Hartville, Ohio.
- 2005 budget items need to be submitted.
- Website updates: Contact information has been changed.

President Paul made an introduction for the evenings program by Don and Marv King – Electrics Part II by exclaiming the excellent job done at the last meeting - Electrics Part I.

This meeting's raffle will include a Hangar 9 Mini Funtana – Electric 3-D ARF, courtesy of Hobby Town USA, and a hinge slotting tool courtesy of Robert Radvansky.

The program for the February meeting features a talk on ARF kits by Dennis Kedziora.

The program for the March meeting will be the annual Parma Hobby show and tell.

We are still waiting for news from Al Dunasky regarding the fuel he intended to donate to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Phil Hilbert, Secretary

### *Club raffle:*

Bob Radvansky won the Mini Funtana and immediately auctioned it off to Marv King. Dick Turocy won the hinge slotting tool.

### Electric news

Be sure to give the discussion we had at the last meeting some thought as well as the sample scoring I sent out. We will make a final decision on the contest format and scoring at the February meeting. That should give me time to type up the rules and a preliminary schedule for this season.

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

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