
American Airlines Gas Model Club

- The Plane Facts -

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

September, 2005

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, October 7th, 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 through 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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2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Open Members	\$55.00/yr.
Senior (17-18)	8.00
Junior (<17)	5.00

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Well, If you have not made it out to the field this year, you have missed a stupendous season. The field has never seen a better season. The flying has been outstanding also. OK, except for a couple of planes that landed in the lake without floats and that rare occurrence of the tree that jumped in front of the plane.

And, if the sheer pleasure of flying and fresh air wasn't enough here is another reason to come out before the season closes.

This years Mentor meet and Pasta Fun-Fly will be on Saturday, September 24th. The meet will begin with practice at 10:00 am and the contest starts at 11:00. We expect the contest to be finished by 2:00 pm at which time the field will be open to whatever you bring. Paul is hoping that what you bring is pasta and he intends to finish his day of flying doing touch and goes at the pasta bowls. The club normally furnishes hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and ice for this event. The members furnish the pasta dish of their choice and there is always enough to go around for all. And, don't forget Mrs. Matejka's cookies. That almost makes the event worth coming to in itself. As in any good party, the more the

merrier. Hope to see you there.

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## - FROM THE BOARD -

### From the Pres.....

It will be October soon and that means time to start thinking about elections again. There will be several positions open this year. Phil has announced that he can not possibly hold three positions with his current work schedule. He is currently traveling extensively and will likely miss a few meetings in the following year. For the good of the club it would well if someone runs for the office of Secretary.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting. There will be much to discuss.

### Minutes Of Meeting May, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Paul Bianco on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:01 p.m. with many members and two visitors present.

Henry Horn was stood in as Secretary in the absence of Phil Hilbert who was out of town.

The Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his monthly report which was accepted.

Two visitors were present and introduced to the club as well as one new member.

### *Notices and Communications:*

- 2005 USA F3A Aerobatic Team is looking for support. They will be in France August 16<sup>th</sup>
- Shelby Giant RC Air Rally will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- Westlake Club is sponsoring a Military Fun Fly on August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Former member Steve Lehuta has many RC items for sale

### *Executive Board Report:*

- It is estimated that the Club will finish the year in the black
- Our gasoline expenses have increased (no surprise there and that was May ed.)

### *Old Business:*

- Parma Hobby will not participate in the 2005 Cleveland Air Show this year. WVIZ has taken the whole tent this year. They expect to be back at the show in 2006.
- Giant Scale safety cut-off to be covered during the program portion of the meeting
- Patches for the AAGMC are still not available.

- The Club CD (Certificate of Deposit) will be renamed as the Club Tractor Fund
- Still no fuel from Al Dunasky

*New Business:*

- Marvin King has brought in more RC magazines for the taking
- Ed Pomitz gave a pitch for the Cleveland Control Line Club. They are looking for new members. A short discussion followed about possibilities at our field for Control Line. Consensus is that our field does not have enough room to accommodate a flying circle.
- Septic service at the field will resume at the end of May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Phil Hilbert, Secretary

*Club raffle:*

Me 109 Electric ARF Park Flyer donated by Phil Hilbert was won Ed Pomitz' son.

The CGB 40 size "Wild Stick" 3D ARF courtesy of Hobby Town USA of Strongsville was won Roy Abbott Jr.

*Program:*

I was not at the meeting to see the program went. The program consisted of members sharing their personal experiences and safety tips. Any good tip was awarded with one free raffle ticket.

**Electric news**

This has been one great season for the electric contest. There is nothing like close competition to get one's heart pounding and this year has been just that. The scores are posted out on the board at the field, but in a nutshell, there are at least four contestants that are within 14 points of each other. That means that the top honors is still within reach for anyone of them. A close look at the scores show just how intense the flying is. I'm still amazed at how many heats are decided by one second or less time after a ten minute flight. We actually have to record the time in hundredths of a second to prevent ties and if this wasn't all for fun, we would have to hire some officials to work the stop watches. Come out and watch the fun sometime. The mornings have been gorgeous.

**Beeware!**

For those of you that have been flying the entire season, you should know that there is a tractor at the far west end of the runway. It is pretty much hidden by the tall grass now. A week ago, one of our more distinguished pilots took one of his electric speedsters up for a test flight. I won't mention any name, but let's call him Don for this story. I don't know how many times this distinguished pilot has looked at us sternly and scolded the offending pilot for not checking their control throws before take off after something has gone wrong. Well, Don apparently forgot to check his throws on this flight. A lesser pilot would have crashed and burned immediately if the

ailerons were reversed. Not Don. Heck, we didn't even know anything was wrong until he powered back and made a gentle turn to the left as the plane approached the end of the runway.. As Don made that gentle turn we could tell that he was going to set it down in the grass or at least that was the plan. But, you would have thought that tractor had a magnet in it or something. No matter how Don fought the controls, the plane kept going straight for the tractor. It ended in a blink of an eye with a really loud bang for such a small plane. But the loud bang was immediately followed by a loud DAMN IT!

This distinguished pilot is better left alone when he is mad. So, we watched him walk out the to the tractor, pick up his plane, look around for something else, and pick that up too. He stood there inspecting the plane for a short time and all of a sudden the plane is tossed in the air and he comes running out as fast as he could with an even louder DAMN IT! Turns out that, that little plane had hit the tractor so hard, it knocked the seat clean off the tractor. But as luck would have it, the seat had been the home of a colony of bees for most of the summer and boy were they mad at that plane.... and anything near it. The pilot must have gotten a dozen or so bites and was really mad as he walked back to the pits.

And remember, this could have been any pilot, we just called him Don for the sake of the story.

So, even though, I missed the last meeting, I'm going to offer this story as several safety tips. Always check your control throws before take off, and never do combat with flying tractor seats. And, of course the final tip is that tractors make excellent bee hives, so beware.

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

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