
American Airlines

Gas Model Club

- The Plane Facts -

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

December 2007

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, December 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.

2007 AAGMC OFFICERS

President	Paul Bianco (440) 845-5954
V.Pres.	Dick Matejka
Secretary	Ken Stroud
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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2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Open Members	\$65.00/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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Well, another year has passed and we are ready for the final meeting of 2007 already. Paul pretty much covered the news in his column and didn't leave much for me to say other than it has been another great year of flying. The Club has truly blossomed over the last few years. Perhaps not by membership, but certainly in the quality of members. We have an extremely diverse bunch of flyers. And, in each category, be it Power, Electric, Slope, Combat, or Helicopters, we have one or more experts that can assist other members that want to pursue something new. We even have a Submarine expert and as soon as he gets a camera fitted into his ship, we can start salvaging all those lost parts at the bottom of the lake. I see the Club growing into a first class organization in the years to come.

If I don't see you at the next meeting, I'd like to wish a safe and happy holiday to you and your families and a Happy New Year!

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### - FROM THE BOARD -

From the Pres......

Those who attended our November club meeting will understand when I say that James Mullane stole the show with his outstanding presentation about model rockets! As we all discovered, James is certified to build and fly these complicated missiles and his knowledge level and video presentation was unbelievable! This program is definitely worth repeating so make sure you talk rockets when you see James.

Our November Club Elections resulted in one change so please join me in passing along our thanks to our current Club Photographer, Ed Muckley, for his many years of capturing modeling moments at our field. Also join me in welcoming our new Club Photographer.....drum roll please and light the rocket fuse for .....James Mullane!! This should be interesting since James has been known to "hot glue" a video camera to the nose of rockets! Anyway, thanks to James for stepping up as well as the rest of the volunteers who are remaining in club positions for another year.

Since the 2008 Executive Board is now in place, we will soon finalize our discussions about Club membership and whether we will lift the freeze. This will be a difficult decision for the Board, but we all agree that we must ensure that safety prevails at all times. Although Mr.& Mrs. Brown have made us feel like family over the years, we must continue to remind ourselves that we are just visitors and we MUST ensure safety is priority number one. Unfortunately, allowing the club membership to grow increases the chance of safety issues, so we will have to wait and see what the Board decides.

Our December club meeting will welcome another interesting presentation but this time the main subject won't be blasting off the ground. As we all know, Mr. Joe Gross is well versed in the subject area of Spread Spectrum 2.4 GHz radios. As an accomplished helicopter pilot (yeah, he pilots winged birds too) he will bring a wealth of knowledge to us about the 2.4 gig radios and how they are performing. Specifically, Joe will pass along his vast knowledge while comparing J.R. radios against Futaba. This technology is selling out everywhere, so it appears to be the future of R/C transmitting, etc.

On final approach for 2007.... Since it is the holiday season, I reached out to our friends at PARMA HOBBY and boy did they come through! Our members only Xmas raffle will include an item that would totally satisfy any modeler today. Here are a couple hints about the main raffle prize: it has "54" very interesting scale lines

with "electric intentions" (no Henry, it's not a giant scale electric razor) and it has a beautiful scale paint job. This ARF can be yours if the "price is right". No more hints, just come on down to our December meeting and support the raffle while enjoying the winter weather. See you at the meeting.

### **Minutes Of Meeting November, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bianco on November 2nd at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:02 p.m. with 28 members present. Visitors in attendance were Ray Soucek and Kaan Gunes.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his monthly report which was accepted.

#### *Notices and Communications:*

- Pictures by Larry Wiemer and a program from the Gathering of Mustang Legends event at the Rickenbacker AFB in Columbus had 81 P51 Mustangs among other planes were made available for viewing. {I have Power Point presentation of this if you are interested – Ed}
- Mentor Area Radio Control Society announced that the Chagrin Falls Golf Dome electric indoor flying schedule was made available. {See Electric News for link - Ed}
- Sky Masters Radio Control Club in Troy, MI January 9<sup>th</sup> will have a presentation of Spread Spectrum by John Adams, technical director of Horizon Hobby.
- Hobby catalog from Chief Aircraft Company was made available.
- A meeting of the Executive Board was held in November. Business was deferred until after election of the 2008 Board members.

#### *Old Business:*

- Mentor meet has been cancelled for 2007. Considerations are being made to have the event in May or June of next year. Details of the type of event (possibly a fun fly) are yet to be determined.
- Mr. and Mrs. Brown has invited AAGMC to use the field for the 2008 season. Mr. Brown is recovering from some medical issues and is on the mend and doing well. We wish him the best.

#### *New Business*

- The electric contest for 2007 came to an end with Paul Bianco taking first place. Paul had 256 points, followed closely by Don King with 253 and Marv King with 252 points. A new contest director will be needed for next year as Phil Hilbert will be stepping down. Thanks to Phil for his leadership of the contest for the last ten years.
- Voting for the executive board kept the same board from 2007:
  - President Paul Bianco
  - Vice President Dick Matejka
  - Treasurer Jim Knodel
  - Secretary Ken Stroud
  - Sergeant at Arms Mike Gantner
- Volunteers positions:
  - Newsletter Editor Phil Hilbert

- Elec. Media Coordinator Don King
- Web Master Ed Pomitz
- Club Photographer Jim Mullane

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Ken Stroud, Secretary

#### *Club raffle:*

Extra 260 courtesy of Parma Hobbies, High performance RC rocket donated by Jim Mullane, Hanger 9 sealing iron donated by Larry Weimer and an Electric Fly Swatter.

### **Electric news**

As mentioned in the Meeting Minutes, I am going to step down from the position of Electric Contest Director and we will be in need of a replacement for the 2008 season. We normally meet at the end of the January Club meeting and the first order of business will be to select a new Director.

I had to go back through my archives to see just how long I had been doing this job. We began in 1998 with only four contestants and had only three in '99. In 2000 we started with four contestants but only two finished. But in 2001, things really took off with a whopping eight contestants and as electric technology has improved, the contest has grown each year since then. I might add the competition has intensified as well. In 2007 we ended up with 13 contestants. As in any competition, there has been some bumps along the way and there is never a time that everyone is happy. But in the end, I think all will agree that we have had fun. My thanks to all the participants for helping me make this a successful event.

Here is the link to the MARCS Indoor Flying Schedule mentioned in the Meeting Minutes:

<http://mentorrc.com/Indoor%20Flying/What%20you%20need%20to%20know%20for%20MARCS.htm>

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