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# American Airlines

## Gas Model Club

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

January 2008

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Will be on Friday, January 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 through May. The AAGMC welcomes visitors at all regular meetings.

### 2008 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.       | Jim Mullane  |
| Newsletter Editor  | Phil Hilbert |

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### 2008 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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Happy New Year to all my fellow aviators and friends in the Club. Let's hope that Santa was good to all you boys and girls and left plenty of toys for this year's flying season. The field and membership are the finest I have known since I joined some twenty years ago and seems to get better every year.

Don King sent an update on field conditions and he says that except for a few puddles, all is well. Don and Mike Gantner cut up and removed the tree that was blocking the drive. Thanks, guys. Don also advised to refrain from driving beyond the trailer until the ground freezes over - lest you get stuck and leave some ruts that will need filling in the Spring.

I am making a resolution to get this letter out more than a few days before the meeting, but my employer will have to give me more help than they have in the last two weeks. I've only had a few days off the entire month and had to cram in a whole lot of shopping and other family activities.

Lastly - and I hate to start a New Year off with bad news..... Paul Bianco received a call from Tim

Bird (Dick's son) stating that his dad has liver and kidney cancer. Dick can accept visitors 24/7 at Southwest Hospice, located on Drake Rd, just past the intersection of Drake and Pearl Rd. It's the first building on the left, room 104 and this is a private room. Dick is on mild medication at this point. Please remember Dick and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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### - FROM THE BOARD -

#### From the Pres.....

From the Pres.....Here comes the new year Henry! Best wishes to all and let's look forward to another safe flying season. On behalf of the AAGMC membership, I would also like to pass along a Happy New Year to Mr. & Mrs. Brown! We are truly blessed with your non-stop support of our club and hobby. THANK YOU!

Before we look forward, I would like to recognize another club member for stepping up and passing along his vast knowledge of our hobby. So, let's all thank Joe Gross for a very interesting and informational presentation about the 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum Technology at our December Club meeting. Our (small) club sure has an extensive knowledge base of R/C and that knowledge base increased significantly when Joe (and Judy) joined our club just a few years ago. For those who didn't know, Judy is an accomplished R/C pilot herself and totally supports our hobby. Thanks to all of our members that consistently SHARE their knowledge and help keep our modeling activities safe.

As for the January club meeting, we are very excited to welcome back our friends from Lazer Toyz! This well know husband and wife team will bring their extensive R/C Park Flyer inventory and we may even be treated to a new product review or two. So, why not kick off the new year by joining us at the January club meeting. (You too Henry....)

### Minutes Of Meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Bianco at the Busch Funeral Home at 8:02 p.m. with 25 members present. The visitor in attendance was Kaan Gunes whose interest is gliders.

The Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his monthly report which was accepted.

*Notices and Communications:*

- Ed Pomnitz took some time to talk about the web site and made gave some information:
  - The web site is attracting 25000 visitors a year.
  - The site is lagging behind in photos on the site. Only club members are allowed to upload
  - Access for the members only area was mentioned.
  - The Forum area is only for club members at this time but the forum could be made public if someone would step up as Moderator to monitor the content. Check with Ed if you wish to help and be the Moderator.
  - The Swap Shop is not being used. The members of the club may take advantage of this function if you have things to sell or items that you would like to acquire.
  - Hobby resource area has information such as other club sites. If the members have ideas other information that would be good to know please contact Ed at:  
[webmaster@aa-gmc.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-gmc.org)
  - Hanger area is intended for useful tips and other information. If you have a good article please forward it to Ed.
  - If you can help with the web site, make your interest known to Don King or Ed Pomnitz.
- The web site is provided to the Club at no cost by Ed Pomnitz, thank you Ed.
- Pictures from the 2007 Pasta Fun-Fly were made available for viewing.
- The program for the January meeting will be a presentation from Lazer Toyz

*Executive Board*

The Executive Board did not meet during the month of December.

*Old Business*

No old business was discussed for the meeting.

*New Business*

Club dues will remain at \$65.00 for the 2008 season.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Ken Stroud, Secretary

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*Club raffle:* E-Flite AT-6 Texan courtesy of Parma Hobby, and a Heat Gun donated by from Larry Weimer.  
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**Electric news**

For those interested in participating in the 2008 Electric competition, we will meet shortly following the regular Club meeting. First order of business is to chose a new Contest Director. The new Director will set the agenda for contest rules and dates for the new season.  
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**Marvin sent this picture to me. I'm not sure if he was looking for some volunteers for a Club project or not. This is one impressive aircraft. The twenty foot C-17 Globemaster weighs in at 250 lbs fueled and is powered by four P-120 turbine engines. Five Futaba receivers command 20 servos. And, if 16 battery packs aren't enough, it also has an onboard compressor for the retracts and flaps. Real-time critical flight info is sent to the ground via a 2.4 GHz data link.**

**I think we will need a sponsor.**

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Your comments are welcome. Send them or any news that may be used in the newsletter to:

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