



**President's
 Plugs**

by
Wally Crichton

Well, here I go trying to fill Art's shoes as President of the AMPS Club. It's not going to be easy, but I'm going to do my very best.

As Editor, I'm happy that I no longer have to bug Art, each month, to send me his article so I can finish the newsletter. Without his article I never knew how much other stuff could be put in. And his was almost always the last piece I got. Now I don't have to... but wait, that means I have to write those articles myself! Hmmm, I'm not sure I came out so good on this one.

Art served for 20 years and we, as members, have had consistent leadership from one year to the next. Now there's a new guy in the office and some people are asking, "What changes is he going to make?"

I've been a member for 8 years

now and I'm happy with the direction the club has been going. It is my intention that we should continue to enjoy the camaraderie that being an AMPS member brings and to meet each challenge as it comes. With the capable help of the membership, I don't think there is a single problem we can't solve together. I've seen us do it in the past and I know we can in the future. As I've said before, Art trained us well! However, that doesn't mean I don't have a few thoughts.

One, our By-laws need to be updated and published so they can be referred to when needed. At the last meeting we had, a By-law question came up (see Rick's minutes) and no one present could answer it. I will make this one of my first action items.

Two, flying field improvements. There are several initiatives here, with continuing access road improvement, runway maintenance and mowing. In addition, the transmitter impound/frequency control area needs a complete rework. Including, getting rid of the graffiti. You'll be hearing more about this over the next few months.

Three, Safety Officer is a new po-

sition in the club. I know we've had a Field Marshal, but as far as I know this is the first time for Safety Officer. My feelings are, Mike is not the Field Policeman. His job is to access safety problems and make recommendations for the club to act upon. A job description will be written for this position and presented to the membership.

Four, an ongoing problem we've had for sometime, and will only continue to get worse, is non-members using the field. Recently, we had an AMPS member harassed by a non-member who was flying as a guest of another member, who, as it turns out, wasn't a member at all. We have the means to control this. Each year I spend a lot of time printing, cutting, laminating and mailing membership cards to every member. Our rules require that we wear our cards while at the field. If we all do, then non-members will stand out like a sore thumb and we can approach them on the spot.

Well, that's about all I'm going to get into this month. I've almost pushed poor Rick's minutes off the bottom of the page. I'll try not to be so long winded in the future.



**Secretary's
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by
Rick Pellecchia

DECEMBER 2001 MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM
- The minutes were accepted as printed in the Club Newsletter.
- Treasurer's report for November was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

2002 IMAC Contest: Mike Hunt briefed the membership on the contest. The date has been moved up one week to February 2nd and 3rd 2002 due to scheduling conflicts with other contests in South Florida. This year a new Intermediate class has been added, so we will be having five classes being flown. Mike said that they were going to need some volunteers to help at the event.

2002 Big Bird: Nothing new to report at this time. Nick Capone requested that Mike Laughlin work with him in planning the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Problem: Bob Cox reported that another aircraft had

nearly hit him and his student while they were flying their plane. The problem being there are no permanent safety barriers around our flying stations. A motion was made by John Blake and seconded by Bill Bishop that Bob come up with a design, including cost, for safety barriers and present it at the next meeting. The motion carried.

Mike Cipolato made a motion that the safety netting we normally use at our annual events be put up until a permanent barrier can be installed. Mike Hunt seconded it, and the motion carried.

Legal Issue: Frank Drewniany asked if the By-laws make any provisions for dispersing the club assets in

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Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night — See You There!

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the event the club ceases to exist. A copy of our Bylaws was not available, so the question could not be answered. In general it was felt that they don't address this situation. It was agreed that a lawyer should be consulted and wording drafted that would have the assets donated to a charity or, better yet, to AMA. This will be an ongoing task for the new administration.

Election of Officers: the nominee for the office of President was Wally Crichton and the nominee for the office of Secretary/Treasurer was Rick Pellecchia. Both nominees were running unopposed and were elected by acclamation. The nominees for the office of Vice President were Mike Laughlin and Bill Bishop. The nominees left the room and the election was held by a show of hands. Bill Bishop received the majority of the votes and was elected Vice President.

Safety Officer: There were no nominations for this position. However, both candidates running for Vice President had volunteered to fill this position, in the event they don't win. Therefore, Mike Laughlin is now our new Safety Officer. The duties of this office will be put in writing and published for the membership.

New Life Time Members: Art Silver, in his last official act as President, proposed that Rick Pellecchia and Wally Crichton be made Life Time Members of the AMPS Club. By a unanimous show of hands the membership present accepted his proposal.

Banquet for Art Silver: The event will be held Saturday evening, January 19th, 2002 at Calusa Country Club. See additional information elsewhere in this newsletter.

2002 Club Dues: For those of you who will be renewing their membership for the first time, and those of us that need reminding, your membership renewal goes like this:

- You must have a **2002 AMA Membership Card** when renewing your membership; include a copy if renewing by mail. **NO 2002 membership renewals will be accepted without proof of current AMA membership.**

- 2002 dues of \$ 100.00 (\$ 1.00 Junior's) is due not later than 1/31/02
- A \$ 10.00 surcharge will be assessed for dues not paid in January.
- Any member not paying their dues plus surcharge by February 28, 2002 will have their membership revoked.
- For those members having their membership revoked under the aforementioned circumstances can be reinstated into the club by first becoming and paying an associate member fee, and repeating the new membership process.
- Please avoid any penalties, and renew your dues on time.

MEMBERSHIP

Lets extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Ricardo Bigai, Robert Deliere and John Landrum.

The following Associate Member is due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on January 11, 2002: Marino Guzman.

Reminder: your sponsor is required to be at this meeting in order for you to be voted into the club. Sponsors, who are unable to attend must contact a club officer with a recommendation for membership.

Any Associate/Junior Member who is scheduled to be voted into the club on their designated meeting date, but is unable to attend that meeting, must call the Secretary/Treasurer at (305) 232-4827, and they will be represented for the purpose of being voted into the Club. Failure to contact the Secretary/Treasurer or any other club officer, will terminate their affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an immediate revocation of all club flying privileges.

Effective June 1, 2000, prior to being voted into the club, an associate member must have a sponsor who is a flying member in good standing. The sponsor is also expected to be at the meeting when the associate is to be voted into the club. If this is not possible, the sponsor is requested to contact any of the club officers prior to the vote in date with a recommendation as to whether or

not the associate should become a member. No Associate/Junior member will be voted into the club unless recommended by his/her sponsor.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Frequency Pins: Current members who have not ordered frequency pins need to contact Mike Laughlin at 234-8200

Please be reminded that Club Rule #6 was amended to require that all members are mandated to use the **AMPS STANDARD APPROVED CLUB PIN.**

Guest Pilots: All members are encouraged to brief their guests to familiarize themselves with the Club's posted field rules, and to have their AMA card displayed prior to any flying activities. Reminder: The member sponsoring the guest must be present at the field when the guest is flying.

Membership: New members who have been voted into the club must pay their membership dues at the meeting. If not present, but voted in-absentia, a check payable to AMP's must be mailed to me at 15425 Southwest 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33157 as soon as possible after the vote in date. Failure by any new member to pay their membership dues by the end of the month in which they were voted into the club will result in the immediate revocation of their membership, and all flying privileges.

Art's Special Evening

More RSVP's, with checks, have been coming in almost everyday. It looks like this affair is shaping up to be a hum-dinger. We're going to have so much fun (at Art's expense) that it's almost going to be sinful.

The evening will begin at 7:00 PM on the 19th of January at the Calusa Country Club. The address is 9400 SW 130th Ave — Miami, Florida 33186. To get there, (see map below) take SW 88th Street (Kendall Drive) to SW 133rd Avenue (that's two stop lights west of the Home De-

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pot). Turn South and go to the stop sign. Turn left onto Country Club Drive and follow it to the parking lot. Park anywhere you like then come in the front doors and the Banquet Room will be on your right.

When you arrive we would like you to sign the guest book and then find where you and your party would like to sit. Other than the guest of honor's table there is no assigned seating.

Although, we don't usually encourage the consumption of alcoholic beverages at our functions, this time we're making an exception. If you would like to partake there will be a cash bar where you can purchase something alcoholic. Children will be present so we ask you not to over indulge.

A three course sit-down dinner will be served around 7:30 and between 8:30 and 9:00 the Roast will begin, *and I do mean Roast*.

At the time of this writing, Herb Chutter, Mike Cipoloto, Earl Smith and Wally Crichton are the featured

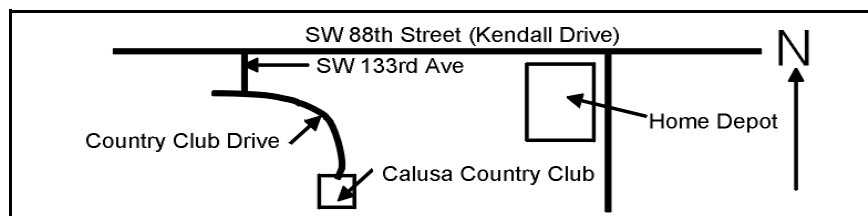
speakers with Mike Laughlin keeping the action going as Master of Ceremonies. And in addition, we will be passing the microphone around to all the tables for those who wishes to make an informal speech or comment. Be thinking of what you'd like to say, so you'll be ready when the microphone comes your way.

We'll be giving away door prizes during the course of the evening and the grand finale will be when Art draws the winning ticket for the Club Cub. This is the airplane the club has been building, at ProScale Models, since last June. The winner will be one of the members who have participated in the construction process and, if present, will receive the model that night.

This article is being written in

December and by the time you read it, we will have given the final dinner count to the Country Club. Regrettably, it is too late to add any more attendees, so, if you haven't already signed up, don't send any money or just show up. The Country Club is only preparing enough food for the count we've given them.

This is a one time special event to honor Art for his 20 year's as president of AMPS. However, maybe we should consider, something like this, as an annual dinner to honor all our ladies, who put up with us and our modeling all year long. Most large clubs around the country have an annual banquet and there's no reason we shouldn't also. What do you Think?



The 2002 AMPS IMAC CONTEST

New Date Is Set For February 2nd & 3rd

by Mike Hunt

WHAT IS IMAC?

IMAC is the "International Miniature Aerobatic Club". IMAC is a world-wide group of RC enthusiasts that compete in different skill level classes by flying precision aerobatic sequences that are linked into sequences in a judged format. The sequences flown try to closely emulate the sequences flown by full-scale IAC (International Aerobatic Club) pilots. The classes flown in IMAC consist of Basic, Sportsman, Intermediate (new for 2002), Advanced and Unlimited. The different classes progress in level of difficulty and provide opportunities for pilots of similar skill levels to compete with one another.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A typical contest is a two day event that draws pilots from different R/C clubs both near and far. The first day involves registering the pi-

lots who have come to fly, establishing flight orders for each class, explaining the format in which the contest will be run, reviewing any rules unique to the hosting club's location and assigning judges that are usually selected from the pilots themselves. On the first day the "known" sequences are flown. The known sequences are published on the IMAC web page www.mini-iac.com at the beginning of each year and will be flown at each contest throughout the year. Each class gets it's own sequence. As each class flies each contestant will typically fly two complete sequences per flight. Each maneuver is scored on a 1-10 basis with 10 being perfect (you do not see many of those). As each pilot completes his/her flight their score sheets are given to scoring personnel for entry into the scoring program. Usually, several rounds of known sequences are flown on day one by each class. The lowest sequence(s)

scores of each pilot are dropped (hey, everyone has a bad moment) according to a formula based on the number of total rounds flown.

At the end of day one the field is typically closed to flying and the "unknown" sequences are distributed to each pilot. The unknown sequences are ones that are generated for each class and have not been seen by the pilots until they are distributed. The pilots are not allowed to practice these sequences with their airplanes before they are flown in front of the judges. That is why, if you have ever been to an IMAC contest, you see all these guys running around flying little toy airplanes all over the place. This is the only practice they get for the unknowns.

Day two of a typical contest is the day the unknowns are flown. The Basic class does not fly unknown sequences and will continue to fly their known. Unlike the known sequence

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where each pilot will fly two sequences per flight, in the unknown each pilot flies one sequence only. If you flew it twice the second time it would no longer be an unknown. The scores from the unknowns are combined with the scores from the known rounds using a weighted formula that drops the lowest known rounds to determine the finish order in each class.

At most IMAC contests there is a separate freestyle event flown. This event is open to all contestants and is the event where the pilots really wring it out. Often flying to music, the contestants in this event fly the extreme maneuvers you dream about in a choreographed routine. In this event the pilots are judged not only on precision but also on things like originality and choreography. This is the WOW stuff.

When the flying is done the winners of each class are presented with awards acknowledging their accomplishment. The satisfaction of being the best (or at least having fun) on this given day is worth the effort.

I IMAC; DO YOU?

For anyone wanting to improve your flying skills and have a good time in the process IMAC might just be for you. If you think you might have an interest get the Basic sequence, practice and show up for the contest. There are a number of club members that will be happy to help and I can almost guarantee you will have fun.

For those of you that still do not want to fly or for club members that would just like to hang out and help the club run a successful event "come on down". It takes a lot of effort to run an event, and though often overlooked, the people behind the scenes

are just as important as the people that come to compete.

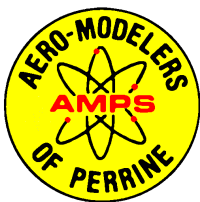
WILL YOU HELP?

Running a successful event comes down to membership participation and we need your help. At the next club meeting we will be twisting arms (or you can volunteer) for help in important areas like radio impound, registration, scoring, field management, food service and flight line management. If you do not plan on attending the meeting to volunteer, call Wally Crichton, Mike Cipolato or Mike Hunt and we will sign you up. We will welcome your help. With enough participation from the membership everyone can put in a little time and hang out to enjoy the flying and fellowship.

SEE YOU FEBRUARY 2-3!

"May Your New Year Be Happy and Prosperous" — editor

<u>AMPS Club Information</u>	<u>Designated Club Flight Instructors</u>	<u>Club Sponsors</u>	
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SAFETY OFFICER Mike Laughlin	Lou Cubillos — (305) 554-7272	HobbyTown USA	Pro-Scale Models
	Chris Marsh — (305) 388-0455	12608 SW 88th Street	13912 SW 139th Ct
	Viani Naverrete — (305) 254-2777	(305) 273-7803	(305) 234-9939
	Carlos Zuniga — (305) 856-4157		
Please address inquiries about the club to: Aero Modelers of Perrine 15425 SW 84th Ave Miami FL 33157 Or Call (305) 232-4827	Annual dues are \$100 for Open members and \$1 for Juniors — Club Approved Frequency Pins are required and cost \$2.50 for each channel used. Meetings are held at 8:00 PM on every Second Thursday of each month at Pro-Scale Models, 13912 SW 139th Court.		



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