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## President's Plugs

by  
Wally Crichton

Well, 2003 ended up pretty good... all things considered. We had a good year at the field, with the grass looking better than ever. The new safety hedges are filling out nicely and have even had their first trimming. We even came in under budget, which is great considering it was our first year to have one. Our new meeting room at Cutler Ridge Mall is working out very nicely.

After meeting at ProScale Models where there was no air conditioning and all those noisy fans running, the new place seems even better.

On the downside, the farmer's late season Okra crop put scores of workers in the field surrounding our runway, which cheated us out of a month and half of flying. In addition, all those heavy truck, tractors and worker's vehicles made a real mess out of the west entrance road. We'll need to address this in the upcoming months.

On a more personal side, my computer blew it's mother board during the Christmas holidays. Which, resulted in this issue of Printed Circuit being published late. As usual, with computers, when the mother board went down it took out the operating system as well.

Fortunately, it didn't hurt the hard drive... all the data is still intact. However, Windows had to be reinstalled, which meant all the other programs had to be reinstalled also. I've finally gotten everything working acceptably and this issue is ready to upload to the web page. I guess the old adage, "better late than never", definitely applies here. The only problem is... it's time to start the February issue! Oh, Mannn!

On behalf of all the Officers, I would like to thank each of you for your vote of confidence in reelecting us for another term. It's an honor to work for, and be affiliated with, such a great bunch of guys and gals. We look forward to another great year and promise to work harder than ever. Again, thank you very much!



## Secretary's Servos

by  
Rick Pellecchia

### MINUTES December 2003

- Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM
- The minutes were accepted as printed in the Club Newsletter.
- Treasurer's report for November '03 was read and accepted

### OLD BUSINESS

**FIELD REPORT:** None.

**MAIN SHELTER REPAIR:** Chip Cipoloto has tentatively set a mid February '04 weekend date to do the roof re-build of the main shelter. Chip has asked that you call him at (305) 274-3835 to volunteer for the work party. We are really lucky to have Chip take the lead on this; let's give him the support he's going to need; yes the Club will feed the work crew.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Safety committee chairman John Mitchell has submitted the committee's review and recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the grievance against Chris Marsh. The BOD will review the safety committee's findings and report back to the membership its decision in this matter.

**ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:** No report.

**MEETING FORMAT:** Bill Bishop will conduct the first workshop after January's meeting; topic will be balancing propellers.

**AEROFEST 2004:** No report.

**2004 OFFICER NOMINATIONS:** Their being no other nominees for the Club Officer's positions for calendar year 2004, the membership unanimously elected the current incumbents by acclamation:

President: Wally Crichton

Vice President: Bill Bishop

Secretary/Treasurer: Rick Pellecchia

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS DINNER:** Mike Laughlin made a motion, seconded by Chip Cipoloto for the club to treat the club officer's and spouses their annual dinner. Motion carried.

**2004 SWAP MEET:** Swap meet

will be held at the AMP's flying field on Sunday, March 7, 2004. Time to start going through your "stuff"; so that you can sell it, and buy somebody else's "stuff".

**TEMPORARY FIELD CLOSURE:** Temporary field closure has been lifted. Just be aware that whenever workers are in the field(s) adjacent to any active runway; that runway becomes unusable, and when there are workers in the fields adjacent to both runways, then the field is closed to all flying activities. Club field rule #10 is the governing authority in these matters.

**2004 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 **2004 AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD** when renewing your membership; include a copy if renewing by mail. **NO 2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PROOF OF CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP.**

2004 dues of \$ 100.00 (\$ 1.00 Junior's) is due not later than 1/31/04

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A \$10.00 surcharge will be assessed for dues not paid in January 2004.

Any member not paying their dues plus surcharge by February 28, 2004 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.

Dues may be paid at the flying field to any Club Officer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP:** A motion was made by Vicar Hernandez on behalf of Loretta Westphal (in absentia) to award life time membership to Vice President Bill Bishop for his past and continuing service to the club. The motion was seconded by Tony Fandino. Motion passed.

In order to address this issue in more practical terms, the BOD will assemble a committee of members and officers to draft and amendment to the Club-Bylaws that will address Life Time Membership. Qualifications need to be established in order to quantify, and define by measurable standards what a member has to do in order to qualify for life time membership. Currently, no such standards exist.

**CLUB & AWARDS DINNER:** Some of the membership suggested that we have a year end Club and Awards Dinner. The membership and Club would each pay a pro-rata share of the cost. Check out the website under "members only"... we need your feedback!

**FIELD SAFETY:** We need to coordinate for a timely "911" response for any emergency that may have occurred

at the field resulting in serious injury to any member, guest, spectator, etc. It was suggested that we contact Club member Jim Albright of the Miami-Dade Police Department for assistance in this effort. Once this information is obtained, it will be permanently posted in both pit areas and the main shelter. We are in the process of getting GPS coordinates to kick-off this important project.

***It is strongly recommended that members always bring their cell phones to field in case of an emergency.***

**SPECIAL NEEDS PILOTS:** Vicar Hernandez brought to our attention of how the club can provide for "Special Needs Pilots". Case in point where a pilot has a valid medical condition, which prohibits prolonged exposure to the sun. Discussions that followed suggested that with some conditions, an allowance would be made for these individuals to fly from the covered pit areas. This idea was considered a safety hazard regardless of what precautions that may have been in place. An alternative idea would be to place umbrella insert (s) at some of the flying spots for both runways. Whenever the umbrella was in use, a spotter would have to be used for the full duration of the flight (takeoff to landing). This idea seemed to be the more practical way to address this situation, and the Safety Committee will make its final recommendation; look for a field rules addition.

Your BOD is pleased to say that AMP's is taking a positive responsible action in addressing the requirements of pilots with special needs.

**IN MEMORIUM:** Don Romer has advised the membership that long time AMP's member Norbert (Bert) Marks passed away on November 29, 2003. Bert and Don were always there helping to man the impound area during past club events.

**MAKOS R/C CLUB:** As most of

you are aware, the President of the Mako's R/C Club contacted us when he learned of our temporary field closure. Mako's members graciously offered AMP's members the use of their flying field during this period of time, and whenever our field is not available for any reason. AMP's will be sending Mako's a letter of appreciation and a reciprocal offer to use of field their membership.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member(s): Scott L. Henry, and Wilson K. Wenich.

The following Associate Member(s) were scheduled to be voted in, but failed to show up for the meeting: Issa Abedrabbo

The following Associate Member(s) have requested that their probationary period be extended: Marten Verheggen (March 2004)

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on January 8, 2004: H.L. Alvarez, S.S. Brandt, R.L. Cox, P. Perez, D. L. Valencia. Associate Members being voted into the club are expected to remit their annual dues at that time. Annual dues are prorated for the month an Associate Member is being voted into the club. The prorated dues for associates being voted into the club on **January 8, 2004** will be: **\$100.00**. Dues not received by the last day of the month in which vote in date occurred will result in the immediate revocation of membership, and loss of all flying privileges.

**REMINDER: YOUR SPONSOR IS REQUIRED TO BE AT THIS MEETING IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE VOTED INTO THE CLUB. SPONSORS THAT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MUST CONTACT ANY CLUB OFFICER WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

Any Associate Member scheduled to

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Club Management

President — **Wally Crichton**  
 Vice President — **Bill Bishop**  
 Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellecchia**  
 Safety Committee Chairman — **John Mitchell**  
 Field Engineer — **Frank Drewniani**  
 Event Committee Chairman — **Vicar Hernandez**  
 Chief Instructor — **Bill Bishop**  
 Newsletter Editor & Web Master — **Wally Crichton**

Club Flight Instructors and Check Pilots

Chief Instructor, **Bill Bishop** — (305) 221-7291  
 Instructor, **Scott Driesse** — (305) 254-3517  
 Instructor, **Mike Laughlin** — (305) 234-8200  
 Instructor, **Tom Caldwell** — (305) 638-0050  
 Instructor, **Bob Cox** — (305) 234-2712  
 Check Pilot, **John Mitchell** — (305) 388-2763  
 Check Pilot, **Tony Fandino** — (305) 693-1374  
 Check Pilot, **Mike Cipolato** — (305) 274-3835  
 Check Pilot, **Abraham Horta** — (305) 205-2906

Club Sponsors

<b>Crown Hobbies</b> 7439 Coral Way (305) 264-3964	<b>Hobby Nut</b> 12679 Dixie Hwy (305) 235-9584
<b>Warrick Hobbies</b> 7676 Peters Road Ft Lauderdale (954) 424-0605	

Annual dues are \$100 for Open Members, \$25 for Non Resident 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 every Second Thursday of each month at **Cutler Ridge Mall, 20505 South Dixie Hwy.**

Please address inquiries about the club to: **Aero-Modelers of Perrine, 15425 SW 84th Ave, Palmetto Bay FL 33157-2113, Or Call (305) 232-4827**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**FREQUENCY PINS:** Rick Pellicchia has taken over the responsibility in the administration of the Club's frequency pin program. If you have ordered a frequency pin(s), and have not received it, please contact Rick at (305) 232-4827. 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.



*As you can see in the two pictures above, the Okra crop in the surrounding farm field is gone. Plowing is underway and a new crop (not Okra) will soon be planted; probably squash or green beans. We don't have any inside knowledge here, just a guess. The main thing is, we don't have pickers in the field every day, so it's back to flying as usual. Notice the safety hedges... Bill Green trimmed them the other day and now they're nice and manicured. Bill says they're cut to about 32 inches above the ground. In the future we'll probably have the lawn service do this.*



**LEIDNER'S ROASTED LIMERICKS**

Doc Says, *"They're not Chestnuts, just plane Nuts... and I just may have used your Name too!"*

The "Saga Of Big Ernie Reuther",  
Is a sad one, to tell you the truth  
sir,  
He was lined up just fine,  
But hit the west power line,  
Then you never heard language un-  
couther.

We all have a friend in Paul Gast,  
A member from out of the past.  
As a musician,  
He's quite a magician,  
But he can't make an Air-O-Plane  
last!

New man on the roster, Jim Beckett,  
Prayed hard for his plane, not to  
deck it.  
But one morning 'round nine,  
While on the Flight Line,

A scare, from the air, made him  
wreck it.  
  
One of our top flyers, Joe "J.R."  
Gleason,  
Is not active now, for good reason.  
The kid is no fool,  
He went back to school.  
Perhaps, we'll all see him next sea-  
son!

One fine day, "Big" Ed Salettel,  
Thought his Stick was a French  
Dalotel.  
His new flying goal,  
Was to do a slow roll,  
But, gravely, he dug a new well.

Doktor "Matador" P. Codina,

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Had a model that soared, "muy fina".  
But a tree, as he neared it,  
Reached out and speared it,  
Dead as a bull in an arena.

On the far runway stands Mickey  
Yates.

As a top 'copter pilot, he rates.  
But his story turns sad,  
'Cause a servo went bad,  
And sent "Whirly", to the Old Pearly  
Gates.

Advanced Waterman Steve Salony,  
(Let's hope he's not spouting Balo-  
ney).

Said he, unabashed,  
"I've never crashed",  
Do you think this guy could be a  
Phony?



Above, Alex Martinez with his brand new Kange Models Monocoupe ARF. It's powered by a Moki 1.35 and Alex says it's a little more power than it really needs, but, other than that, it flies great.



Remember, Your 2004  
Club Dues Must be Paid  
by January 31st to  
Avoid the \$10 Penalty!

**FOR SALE**  
Club Tee Shirts & Hats  
Tee Shirts: Small to Extra Extra  
Large! \$15  
Hats: One Size Fits All! \$5 & \$6



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LWestp5576@aol.com  
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These pictures were submitted by Chris Hogan as examples of what an aviation "Bad Day" can really be like. Kind of makes our little mishaps look small by comparison. Although, sometimes they seem this bad.