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### President's Plugs -by Tom Caldwell

Happy New Year! I trust that your holiday season was a good one and that you got all the RC gifts that were on your wish list. The AMPS club is set for another good year at Silver Field. Starting right out the box on the morning of January 13 the Club will host Angel Toledo's school class providing

each student with the opportunity to fly a RC trainer aircraft and to have lunch on the Club. If you can help with this activity contact AMPS VP Tony Fandino for more information.

On the afternoon of January 13<sup>th</sup> the Club will have its annual holiday party featuring a lot of flying and free dinner for AMPS members and immediate family. Recall that the Holiday party was scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> but the Club decided to postpone the party to January 13<sup>th</sup> due to a strong cold front that passed through the area on December 16<sup>th</sup> leaving rain and heavy winds in its wake. AMPS has invited the folks from the Southern Cross Astronomical Society to join us for the holiday party so we expect some SCAS members to attend with their powerful telescopes. It should be a lot of fun.

January 13<sup>th</sup> seems to be a popular day for RC related activities since I'm advised that the folks at Markham park are having an RC flea market on the morning of January 13<sup>th</sup> so if you need to sell something or if you didn't get all the RC items that you needed over the holidays you might want to head up to Markham park.

It is about time for AMPS to have another RC swap meet but in order for one to happen a few people need to volunteer to organize and put on the event. If you would like to volunteer to help put on a swap meet please contact me so that appropriate plans can be made.

Speaking of volunteers, a group

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### Secretary's Servos -by Bob Cox

#### Business Meeting December 13, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7: 05m

The Minutes for the November Business meeting where accepted as printed in the club newsletter with the following changes. The IMAC event will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Not February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as reported in the November minutes.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Vicar Hernandez. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

#### Old Business

The South Miami Art Festival: The club needs volunteers to man the booth. The festival will be held

on a Saturday and Sunday. Club members can volunteer for one or both days. Please contact Vicar Hernandez or Tom Caldwell if you wish to volunteer.

#### Club Holiday Party:

The weather forecast for the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> is for rain and wind. The Southern Cross Astrology club has already stated that they will not attend do to the weather. The membership was asked what they feel should be done about the party. Should the club continue as planned or should the party be postponed until a later date? After some discussion, Bill Bishop made a motion to postpone the party until January 3, 2008. The motion was seconded by

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of AMPS members headed up by new AMPS member Steve Steinberg removed the old rusted fencing material around the AMPS pit areas and replaced it with new fencing. See the article elsewhere in this edition of the Printed Circuit for more information on this project. Steve Steinberg, a former C-130 pilot in the Air Force, was a member of AMPS in years past and has now rejoined the Club. To Steve and all the rest of the volunteers who participated in the fencing project, a hardy thank you from all the rest of us at AMPS!

At the December business meeting Tony Fandino was reelected as AMPS vice president for 2008. Congratulations to Tony. Butch Wenrich has agreed to be the safety committee chairman for 2008 taking over the reins from John Mitchell. Mariano Barrios has agreed to be the Club's chief instructor for 2008 taking over from Rey Mesa. Vicar Hernandez, treasurer, and Bob Cox, secretary, will continue in their respective post for the coming year. Thanks guys for your service in 2007 and for your work in the coming year.

Coming up soon is the IMAC aerobatics contest on February 23 and 24 at Silver Field. This is always an exciting event with lots of large beautiful aerobatic scale aircraft flown by superb pilots from many parts of the State and beyond. This event is headed up by Tony Fandino. There is always a need for

volunteers to help with this event so if you can assist be sure to contact Tony.

The field improvement committee will resume its meetings right after the next regular business meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of important decisions to be made and a lot of work to do so please participate if you can. We value the opinions of all AMPS members.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the AMPS membership unanimously voted in Ralph "Doc" Leidner as a lifetime member of the AMPS Club. Congratulations to Doc! We are proud of you! That's it for now. Good flying and I hope to see you at Silver Field one of these days.

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Chip Cipolato. A vote was called for. The motion passed unanimously.

The party will be held in conjunction with a Trainer day already scheduled on January 13. Don Crissey has donated a 4 channel radio and a trainer kit to be raffled off to the students attending the event. The club is in need of Instructors and trainer airplanes for the event. If you wish to help at the event, contact Tony Fandino.

Taxes: The Board of Directors is currently exploring the clubs options in trying to reduce the amount of taxes the club will be

required to pay from the sell of the club property. One option the club has is to try to change it's non-profit status with the IRS. With out the change and if the club does nothing with the money, it will be required to pay as much as \$150,000 in taxes. Another option is to reinvest the money in more property to be used as a flying field or other club activities. The estimated property taxes on five acres of land are thought to be \$10,000 or more a year. One consideration is that the likely hood of finding five acres the club can use to fly from is very unlikely.

If the club can get it's non-profit classification changed it stands to reduce it's tax responsibility greatly reduced. Tax lawyer Ivan Gomez has advised President Tom Caldwell that the club has at best a 50% chance of changing it's non-profit status. He also advises that if the club does get its status changed, it is no guarantee that the IRS will make the change retroactive. This would mean that even with the change in non-profit status, the club would still have to pay the high tax bill.

The membership was asked to consider the facts and decide whether the club should retain Mr. Gomez and seek to change the clubs non-profit status. The cost to retain Mr. Gomez will be \$7,000 and the cost to petition the IRS for the change may

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<u>Club Management</u>	<u>Flight Instructors/Check Pilots</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
President: Tom Caldwell	Chief Instructor: Mariano Barrios (305) 383-6239	
Vice President: Tony Fandino	Instructor: Rey Mesa (305) 388-5564	Crown Hobbies
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Annual dues are \$100. for Open Members (\$200. first year only), \$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 7:00 PM the second Thursday of each month at the historic Dice House on the Southeast corner of S.W. 82nd Ave. and 100 St.		
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## Leidner's Roasted Limericks

New convert to electricity, Andy Reyes,  
When asked if he liked it, said to-day, "Yes."  
Though he burned out the rotor,  
And needs a new motor,  
Still he sings its' praises, from up on the dais.

A new type of control called Spread Spectrum,  
Saves planes, where old radios wrecked 'em.  
They give us the clearance,  
To avoid interference,  
So now we don't cuss, we respect 'em.

A close call just called on Tom Caldwell,  
But this time bad luck has befallen well.  
The shaft of his servo,  
Broke off with the nerve o'  
An impotent Devil, trying to take his airplane to Hell.

Well, it just happened to Mariano Barrios.  
Who committed a pilot error quite gross.  
He failed to pick,  
A spot to "Dead Stick",  
And the bush that he chose, wasn't close.

Newcomer G. Ciammaricone, and his Cub,  
Took off and made quite a flub.  
Seeming out of control,  
It did a snap roll,  
And crashed like a Klutz coming out of a Pub.

Club required frequency pins are now available with or without the club logo. The standard pin is \$5.00 and it includes your first initial and last name. Now available also is the one with the club logo which can be engraved with your first initial and last name for a cost of \$10.00. Please email the club treasurer for ordering directions.



Thanks to the AMP's Fencing Crew!

-by Steve Steinbring

On Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> a work party of AMP's members assembled to replace club's the pit area fencing which was long past its service life. Your work crew members were Bob Cox, Cliff Root, Paul Gast, Tony Fandino, David Wallace, Eduardo Macia, and Steve Steinbring.

The project proceeded smoothly with all sections of fencing being replaced in about 4.5 hours complete with the doorways installed and signs re-hung. David Wallace gave the project a head start by pre-pulling a massive amount of staples earlier in the week to save time on the day of the pull. Leaving only enough staples in place to keep the existing fence in place for safety reasons until the new was installed.

After the old fencing was removed Steve Steinbring with the help of Paul Gast and Eduardo Marcia new fencing was pulled and nailed. Bob Cox and Cliff Root took on the unpleasant problem of cutting in and tying off the doorways.

Tony Fandino arrived in time to be the cleanup hitter installing a much suggested wider gateway so the larger airplanes can be assembled in the parking area and brought into the pit areas. Tony also volunteered for the task of taking the old fencing to the dump. I sincerely appreciate the work party's effort in making the fencing project a success and easier to accomplish

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be as high as \$3,000.

Tony Fandino made a motion to allocate \$10,000 to retain Mr. Gomez and petition the IRS for a change to the clubs non-profit status. The motion was seconded by Bill Bishop. A vote was called for. The motion passed.

Steve Stienbring will be working on the safety fence Friday December the 14<sup>th</sup>. He will be replacing the old wire fencing with new.

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### **New Business**

Tom Caldwell has asked the membership to consider a lifetime membership for Ralph (Doc) Leidner. Doc's Bio was in November's newsletter. Tom made a motion to make Doc a lifetime member. The motion was seconded by Harry Hawthorne. A vote was called for. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Caldwell made a motion to allocate the funds necessary to purchase herbicide to treat the extra acreage the club is leasing. It will be used to kill the grasses and weeds prior to starting construction of the clubs new runways. The motion was seconded by Chip Cipolato. A vote was called for. The motion passed

Cliff Root presented the Board with a proposal from Instant Storage for the cost of purchasing a used 20ft. container. The container

includes paint and a lock box for security. The cost will be \$1,900. Don Crissey made a motion to purchase the new container. The motion was seconded by Butch Wenrich. A vote was called for. The motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws change to the club rules: Currently the rules state that Spread Spectrum radios do not need to place a frequency pin on the frequency board. Tom Caldwell made a motion that states that all pilots are required to use a frequency pin. The motion was seconded by Tony Fandino. A vote was called for. The motion passed.

A new section will be added to the Frequency Board to accommodate the Spread Spectrum radios.

Tom Caldwell also made a motion to change the rule concerning the active runway. A copy of the change was sent to each club member. The new rule will read: A majority of the AMPS members present who are flying airplanes shall decide on the active runway for airplane operations. The motion was seconded by Chip Cipolato. A vote was called for. The motion passed.

Voting for the election of the club vice president was held. After tallying the vote the club has re-elected Tony Fandino as vice president.

Vicar Hernandez nominated Butch Wenrich to be the new club Safety Officer. Butch accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Tom Caldwell. A vote was called for. The vote was unanimous. Butch is the new Club Safety Officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Luiz Bosch won \$22.50 in the 50/50 raffle.