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An AMA Chartered Club



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### President's Plugs

by  
Wally Crichton

By the time you read this, our IMAC contest will be history. The planning by Mike Hunt and Chip Cipoloto has been going on for several months and, as of this writing, computing the K Factors is the big project. I didn't realize that the overall K Factor for a complete maneuver is made up of little K Factors for each part of the maneuver. What a chore, but thank goodness the guys are willing to do it. Complete coverage of the event will be in the March issue of Printed Circuit.

At last month's club meeting we discussed the issue of non-members using our flying field. It was agreed that if we all wore our membership badges while at the field we could get

a handle on the situation. The club field rules require that our badges be *on display* while at the field. While that doesn't specifically require that your badge be on your person, we are asking that you do so. If your badge is in your flight box or on the dash of your car, it doesn't clearly identify you anywhere you may be on the flight line.

We would also like to ask every member to help get the word out by challenging anyone not wearing their badge. Just ask, "Where is your badge"? Don't make a big deal about it and if they ask why, just explain what we're up to. If they're not a member (but a member of AMA) offer to let them fly as your guest... this time. Then invite them to join the club. If they're not a member of AMA, it's your responsibility to tell them they can't fly.

I know this is unpleasant, but we need everyone to participate in ferreting out these individuals. Once told, most people will not return. However, if you find habitual offenders, let your club officers know and

we'll take legal action.

Those of you who missed Art's Appreciation Dinner (Roast) missed a fun evening. I had a blast and I thoroughly enjoyed everyone's speeches. See the coverage starting on page three.

I hope everyone paid their dues by the end of January. If not, February is your last month and it's going to cost you an extra ten dollars. I hate to see anyone have to pay a penalty, but each year we seem to have quite a few members who do. Anyway, those of you who haven't paid yet, get your dues in so we can finalize the roster by March first.

I've been making an effort to get out to the field more often lately and the past few weekends have been really nice. It's been blowing a gale during the week, but the weekends... wow, they've been great!

As for flying, I've been doing that on Saturdays and, to keep Art's tradition alive, I've been sitting and talking on Sundays. If I can get my engines running right, I think I'm going to start breaking his tradition.



### Secretary's Servos

by  
Rick Pellecchia

Cox not a meeting. Carry over item for next meeting.

**Big Bird 2002:** April 9 and 10, 2002. IMAA sanction pulled; it will then go to AMA. Mike Laughlin to follow-up.

**Banquet:** Final call to purchase tickets tonight

### NEW BUSINESS

**AMP's Club By-Laws:** Lots of discussion regarding the club's current by-laws. The overwhelming consensus of opinion is that the club has dramatically changed since the by-laws were first written some time ago. A motion to convene a seven person committee to review, update, and to recommend changes as necessary including a complete re-write of the Amp's club by-laws was made by John Blake, and seconded by Earl Smith. The Board of Directors consisting of President Wally Crichton,

Vice President Bill Bishop, and Secretary/Treasurer Rick Pellecchia will be part of the committee. The BOD will select four names from the following members to complete the committee. They are: Frank Drewniany; Mike Hunt; Mike Laughlin; Art Silver, and John Wannamaker. (Editor's note: Wally was able to obtain a sample Club by-laws recommended by AMA. The BOD will review and amend as necessary to address our club's particular needs. Copies will be given out to all committee members at our first meeting.)

**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 re-

### MINUTES January 2002

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

### OLD BUSINESS

**Field Improvements:** Barriers at all flying spots...point person Bob

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**Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night — See You There!**

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newing 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**

No new members were voted in. The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on February 14, 2002: M. Dann; C. Digger; W. Everett; M. Jose; and C. Scoca

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/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 you 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 your affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an immediate revocation of all flying privileges at the field.

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.

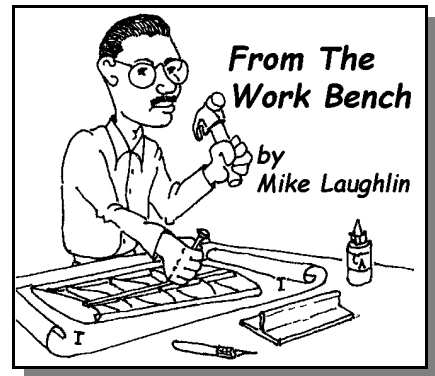
**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**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 84<sup>th</sup> 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.



A few years ago I submitted a review of the Hanger 9 PT-19 ARF. Many Club members gave me good feedback on the article and asked if more reviews could be included in the future. John Mitchell also submitted his three part article on the 40% Carden Cap 232. I am pleased to announce "**From the Work Bench**" is returning to the Printed Circuit newsletter. This column will feature both Kit and ARF reviews, along with a section on the first flight of each project. I would like to kick this off with the first review of 2002.

**The Thunder Tiger Super Decathlon 40 ARF.**

The Super Decathlon is a 40 size sport plane with a wingspan of 64" the advertised weight is 6 lbs and the overall length is 45" The kit comes complete with the hardware. Wheels, fuel tank, plastic wheel pants and cowl.

The first part of assembly is to hinge the ailerons with the hinge point style hinges included, followed by joining the wing spars and joiners with 30 min epoxy. The wing is secured with masking tape and set aside until the glue has cured. Next is the fuselage and tail feathers. They are once again glued together with epoxy and allowed to cure fully. The fuselage top is abs plastic along with the cowl, wheel pants, vertical fin and stab cap which must be cut out and trimmed. Also, the cowl and wheel pants must be joined together. Once all of the plastic is cut and glued together you will need to open the top of the cowl to allow for your choice of engine. This one will have an OS 50 FX installed for optimal performance!!

I have found a few minor glitches

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with this project and they are as follows:

a. The fuselage covering material is not Monokote or Ultracote, it is a very sticky paper like material. Inside the fuselage the side window area wood has been removed in order to reduce overall weight. This now exposes the sticky material, which attracts all of the plywood dust from drilling holes for the wing bolts.

b. The bolts for the wheels were too short to allow the wheels to be centered in the wheel pants. Longer

bolts were used with great results.

c. The Plastic control horns and clevises provided, due to the metal screws, were too short and some of the plastic clevises were broken.

d. The plastic fuse top is red to match the covering and is located directly over the fuel tank. This plastic material changes the white fuel tank to a pink hue (same color as the Omega pink glow fuel) and could possibly give you the impression you have a full tank.

Overall the kit is a good value and is very easy to assemble in just a

few evenings.

The overall flight performance is excellent and with the OS-50 FX engine it has more than enough power, to be very agile. It also has stable flight characteristics, especially on landings. A good .40 size engine would also fly the Super Decathlon very well!!

If you have a project you would like featured in "**From the Work Bench**" please contact me at: [MALaug83@aol.com](mailto:MALaug83@aol.com) or see me at the flying field Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Roast... Roast... Did Someone Say Roast? Art's Evening Was A Big Success And Fun Was Had By ALL

WOW... did we have a great evening or what. Fifty five of us showed up to honor Art Silver for his 20 plus years of service to the AMPS club. As you can see from the wanted poster below we had a great time at Art's expense. The poster was 4 feet tall by 3 feet wide and was displayed prominently for everyone to see.

The event was held at the Calusa Country Club and when guests arrived they signed the Guest Book and each received a door prize ticket. Once inside, everyone mingled and visited until it was time for dinner. Mike Laughlin and his family made a poster with pictures of past flying sites, pictures of Art and a pictorial chronology of the development of our present site. A poster sized picture of Art (without the mustache) was also on display, and the wording read,

### WANTED



### DEAD OR ALIVE

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**The speaker's table at Art's roast. Art is on the left then Rick Pellecchia, Herb Chutter, Mike Laughlin (standing), Earl Smith, Chip Cipolato and Wally Crichton. Art was in misery, all he could do was sit and listen... not Talk!**

"Our Guest Of Honor". Later, when the roast started, the picture was turned around to reveal the Wanted Poster. Our thanks to John Wannamaker, of ProScale Models for making the posters for us. Hobby Town USA loaned us a radio controlled blimp which everyone enjoyed playing with before dinner.

AMPS member, Paul Gast, is the leader of a small band and they played vintage 40's music both before, and during, dinner. Several members took advantage and danced with their wives. Thanks Paul, for donating your group's time. It added a very special touch to the evening. Rick Pellecchia gave the welcoming speech and then dinner was served.

After dinner, which, by the way, was very good, the roast began. Mike Laughlin was the MC and he kicked things off by having the featured speakers and Art take their seats at

the speakers platform. After a little warm-up talk Mike drew the first of five sets of door prize tickets. We kept the ladies tickets separate from the guys so we could give appropriate gifts to each. The ladies got \$20 gift certificates to Burdines and the guys got airplane stuff.

The first speaker was Herb Chutter who, among other things, gave Art a hard time about moving to north Florida. He stated that with so many members (including himself) moving to that area we would have to start a north chapter of our club called GRAMPS. That stands for "Geriatric Retired AMPS" members.

The next speaker was Earl Smith, who told of the time he found two teen aged boys on the side of the road trying to fly a U-Control model. Their starting battery was dead and he showed them how to use a car

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battery. One of those boys was Art Silver.

Speaker number three was Chip Cipolato. He ribbed Art about not flying and praised him for all the work he had done over the years.

Wally Crichton spoke next, giving Art a hard time about liking to shoot the bull and accused him of being "older than dirt". He gave a few examples of things that happened many hundreds of years ago that reportedly Art had a hand in.

Speaking last was Rick Pellecchia, who gave Art a rubber ducky for being the club's "Quack Doctor". This was a dig at all the doctor conversations Art has had at the field. Rick also related a story about how Art had given him one of his knock off Rolex watches when his was stolen. Rick used the occasion to present that watch to Art, as his retirement "Gold Watch".

Mike Laughlin, as MC, used the

time between speakers to get his digs in. He told of the many new things that Art had introduced to the club. Things like "Hot Stuff" glue before it was commonly known as Zap. He also told of the time Art got Hot Stuff squirted up his nose.

The finale for the evening was when Mike presented Art with a plaque commemorating his many contributions and long service to our club. In return, Art said a few words of appreciation and commented that he had managed to get one more "free dinner" from the club.

**FOR SALE**

**Club Tee Shirts & Hats**

**Tee Shirts** From Small to Extra

Extra Large! **\$15**

**Hats** One Size Fits All! **\$5**

**Contact: Adrienne DiPrima**

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**NOTICE**

If, in the past 60 days or so, you've purchased any model airplanes, modeling supplies or tools from Paul Cornell, Please contact:

**Tom Cornell at  
(352) 527-8308 or**

**Art Silver at  
(305) 248-4047.**

Much of what Paul sold was not his, and the guys who lost their things would like very much to have them back.

**AMPS Club Information**

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Wally Crichton  
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**SECRETARY TREASURER**  
Rick Pellecchia  
**SAFETY OFFICER**  
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Please address inquiries about the club to:

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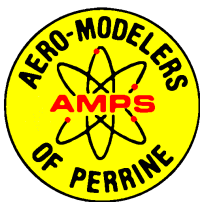
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