



President's Plugs

by
Wally Crichton

Well here it is! The first issue of Printed Circuit fully published and distributed on line. If you're reading this it means you were able to overcome the challenges of downloading Acrobat Reader and getting it installed so it works with your browser. It's not difficult and most of the time it all happens automatically. However, a few people are using older versions of Netscape or Microsoft's Explorer and have had problems getting Reader to function properly. If you know someone having this problem just have them follow this

little procedure. *Go to the newsletter section of our Web Site and select the publication you wish to view. But, instead of selecting with the left mouse button use the right mouse button. This will open a sub-menu in Explorer that has an option to "Save Target As". In Netscape the option is "Save Link As". Use this option to save the publication to a location on your hard drive. Then all you have to do is start Acrobat Reader and from Reader, open the publication from its location on your hard drive.*

I was reading an article in this month's issue of RC Modeler (April 2003) entitled, "R/C & Negligence, Twenty-Seven Years Later" by Arthur J. Sabin. It's on page 142 and it's an excellent article for anyone who flies R/C to read. The author is an attorney and he wrote a similar article 27 years ago for the same magazine. He discusses negligence and the legal impli-

cations of unsafe practices on the ground or in the air. In the eyes of the court *Negligent Fault is essentially the failure to do that which a reasonable person would have done under the same or similar circumstances.* If practices are engaged in that are against rules and/or are what most flyers don't do (like taxiing in or out of the pits) and someone gets hurt, which results in a lawsuit, a jury has no choice but to return a verdict of negligence. What's worse the claimants attorney will almost certainly go after the club and its assets as well as those of the Officers. It's clear, unsafe activities, no matter how small, are just not worth the risk to yourself, other members or the Club.

The Secretary/Treasurer has prepared our first annual budget and is presenting it at this month's meeting. He's done an excellent job, so if you would like to see where the money's going this year be sure to attend.



Secretary's Servos

by
Rick Pellecchia

MINUTES FEBRUARY 2003

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

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD SAFETY BENCHES: Four (4) new Flight Safety Benches have been constructed. The club wishes to sincerely thank Mike Duncan in getting this project completed.

AEROFEST 2003 (April 5): Nick Capone advised the membership that "flyers" for the event have been printed

and sent out to the various organizations. Nick will be aggressively promoting the event to the clubs in Naples, Fort Myers, and Port St. Lucie. The event will be published in next month's addition of Model Aviation magazine, and the spring edition of "High Flight" the official publication of IMAA. Again, Nick is seeking volunteers to assist with the event. This is the club's annual showcase event. It's only one day this year; let's support Nick and the Club. Please volunteer!

IMAC 2003: AMP's IMAC chapter has officially cancelled IMAC 2003. IMAC 2004 is in the planning stages at this time, and the IMAC chapter will advise the Club of the 2004 dates.

2003 BUDGET: The Secretary/Treasurer will meet with those committee personnel responsible to prepare individual budgets for their areas of responsibility. The Secretary/Treasurer will consolidate and submit to the membership for approval next month

SAFETY BARRIERS: Field Engineer, Frank Drewniany submitted a proposal to the Club to use planted

bushes in a six (6) foot arc for each flying spot. Additionally new concrete pads will be poured. A motion was made by Chip Cipoloto, and seconded by Bill Bishop to accept the proposal. Motion carried. We can expect planting to begin in another 6-8 weeks when the rainy season begins.

NEW BUSINESS

FIELD RULES CHANGE: Nick Capone has suggested that we amend Field Rule #16 to allow high speed passes from the centerline of the North/South runway to its Western edge and the centerline of the East/West to its northern edge. This modification would comply with the applicable AMA rules governing scale flight maneuvers. This matter has been given over to the Safety Committee for review.

FIELD MAINTENANCE: To address concerns of the membership regarding the cutting of the grass, the Club will be accepting competing bids. Those club members who are in the landscaping business, and are inter-

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Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night — See You There!

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ested in maintaining the property are encouraged to submit their bid to Frank Drewniany. The Club will also be seeking bids from Vendors outside of AMP's.

FREQUENCY PINS: Effective at next months (March '03) meeting, the Secretary/Treasurer will provide the membership with a status report of frequency pins on order by name. At this time, the only outstanding frequency pin issues are those on order for Associate Members just joining the club. There are **no** outstanding frequency pins issues for the rest of the membership. If you are a member who has ordered a pin, and has not received it, please contact Rick Pellecchia (305) 232-4827 to immediately address the problem.

MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new members: **Thomas Caldwell, Ahmid Johnson, and Thomas Wulff.**

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on March 13, 2003: David L. Martinez and Eduardo L. Martinez. 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 in **March 13, 2003** will be: **\$83.00**. 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 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 in the Associate Members 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 member will be voted into the club unless **recommended** by his/her sponsor.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

FREQUENCY PINS: Rick Pellecchia has taken over the responsibility in the administration of the Club's frequency pin program. Rick has already mailed out the backlog of all previously ordered frequency pins to those members. 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 them 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.



AMP'S AeroFest '03
Saturday April 5th

All of us know this event as our Big Bird Fly-In. However, starting this year it has a different name. Nick Capone, the Contest Director and ardent war-bird pilot felt we should have a more distinctive name which would be different from the overused, "Big Bird". So, now it's AMP'S AeroFest!

You will also notice it's a one day event. In the past it's always been two days, but the consensus of most flyers is they prefer flying on Saturday and having Sunday off. One thing for sure, it's much easier to run a one day event!

Speaking of running the event, Nick says he still needs **volunteers** for the following jobs.

- **Parking** — 4 to 5 members working to mid-afternoon.
- **Raffle** — 3 members selling tickets all day.
- **Weenie Wagon** — 4 members serving food and drinks all day.
- **Transmitter Impound** — 2 members all day.
- **Static Judges** — 3 members through mid afternoon.
- **Flight Line** — 3 to 4 members as needed all day.
- **Registration** — 2 to 3 members all morning.

Obviously, the more volunteers we have the less time everyone needs to spend working. So please, E-mail Nick (**NickRC3@aol.com**) and give a little of your time. You'll really enjoy yourself and we'll appreciate it.

Club Management

President — **Wally Crichton**
 Vice President — **Bill Bishop**
 Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellecchia**
 Safety Committee Chairman — **John Mitchell**
 Field Engineer — **Frank Drewniany**
 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, **Carlos Zuniga** — (305) 856-4157
 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

Crown Hobbies 7439 Coral Way (305) 264-3964	Hobby Nut 12679 Dixie Hwy (305) 235-9584
Pro-Scale Models 13912 SW 139th Ct (305) 234-9939	

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 **Pro-Scale Models, 13912 SW 139th Court.**

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**

AMP'S Web Page The Web Master Needs Your Help!

As regular users of the Club Web Site know, we lost our server about a month ago. We're now up and running on the new server, but a number of files (that weren't backed up... shame, shame) were lost. Much time has been spent searching the web for the site where the files were obtained originally, but it doesn't seem to be operational now. Anyway, these files were in the "Download" section and were model airplane oriented utilities. If you've downloaded any or all of these files, and still have them on your PC, please contact the Web Master at wally@amps-rc.com.

- FoilSim.zip
- convert.zip
- TurnRadiusCalculator.zip
- ElectricMotorPerf.zip
- PropSelector.zip
- CLcalc.zip

A new section has been added to the web site called "Lost & Found". Rick Pellecchia suggested it and it's a really good idea. We've all left or found things at the field and need a way to let the membership know. Lost & Found should satisfy that need. Just E-mail the Web Master with the circumstances and a description of the item(s) and it will be posted for all to see.

New ideas are always welcome, so if you have a suggestion or an improvement you would like made, don't hesitate to speak up. The Club Web Site is your internet meeting place and it should be what you want and enjoy. Your feedback is needed and appreciated.

FOR SALE

Club Tee Shirts & Hats

Tee Shirts

Small to Extra Extra Large! \$15

Hats

One Size Fits All! \$5

Contact: Adrienne DiPrima

Capt_adi@bellsouth.net

(305) 382-0989

AMPS, South Miami Art & Craft Festival The "Children's Alley" Addition Was A Great Success

Each year the Red Sunset Merchants Association hosts their two day South Miami Art & Craft Festival. They close off all the streets around Sunset Drive and Red Road and set up tents for artisans and craftsman to display their wares. If you like arts and crafts this is a must see event.

This year's event, held February 22nd and 23rd, sported a new section which was designed to appeal to children (and grownups!). It was called "Children's Alley" and, in addition to our booth, had interactive activities for kids to do. One booth had clay to mold and the kids took their creation with them. Another had beads, of all kinds,

in bowls so neat necklaces and bracelets could be crafted. There were booths with animals and birds to see and in some cases to even touch. One booth, with an Everglades theme, had a one legged pelican who stood patiently on a cardboard box all day both days. He was a real trooper!

By far, the biggest attraction was the Bungee Jump. This thing looked like a big spider with bungee cords between each leg. Once the kids were strapped in they could jump over 20



This is a view toward the front of the I-Max Theater in the background. The tents you see are on Sunset Drive and you're standing in front of our booth looking at visitors headed our way.

feet into the air. Some of them were naturals, they did forward and backward flips and some even did doubles. Oh, to be young again!

The Merchant's Association provided AMPS with a nice tent (at no charge) which was located at the main intersection in front of the I-Max Theatre. We couldn't have had a better location in proximity to Sunset Drive and to bring the people in. Our display contained a 3 x 4 foot poster telling people about AMPS and our history.

Of course, we had model airplanes too! Bill Bishop provided his scale Japanese Zero, a trainer fuselage (fully equipped) and a transmitter. Kids could work the transmitter and watch the servos move inside the fuselage. Mike Laughlin provided a trainer "in the bones" so the internal structure could be easily viewed. Wally Crichton brought his Ugly Stick which was hung from the rafters. We had applications for

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AMP'S booth at The South Miami Art & Craft Festival. Jerry Arcia (left) and Mike Laughlin are ready to discuss modeling. You can see the models and the way they were arranged. The fuselage on the easel let visitors see and test the inner workings of a trainer type aircraft.

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anyone who was interested in joining the Club and we handed out flyers for our AeroFest '03 event. Lots were given out and if the interest we saw is any indication, attendance at AeroFest should be good.

Mike Laughlin and Wally Crichton set up Saturday Morning and Mike manned the booth until noon. Vicar Hernandez and Frank Drewniany held down the fort for the afternoon. Mike broke down the display Saturday night and helped set it up again Sunday morning. Jerry Arcia and Wally Crichton worked the booth all day. That evening Mike Laughlin and Bill Bishop arrived and helped break down. Thank goodness for Mike and his "topper equipped" truck. He was "mister moving man" that weekend and we couldn't have pulled it off without him!

In a letter, written to us after the event, the Association wrote, *"According to exit interviews, the Children's Alley at last weekend's South Miami Arts & Crafts Festival was a great success, thanks in no small part to the participation of your organization. We had hoped to combine educational venues with fun for our young visitors and we were very pleased with the results. Please thank your members for their help and enthusiasm."*

"It is not easy to give up a Saturday and Sunday for such a venture, and we truly appreciate your decision to join us. The children (and grownups!) obviously enjoyed the interaction, and it appeared that your group was able to publicize your work and explain your goals. Given the opportunity, we expect to do this again next year and will contact you when the planning begins."

Talking modeling with kids of all ages is always fun, and being part of a prestigious event like this one is a very rewarding experience. But, it's not always about what we give to others. Sometimes, it's about what others give to us. This weekend was no exception.

On Sunday, two older gentlemen, obviously friends, came by the booth and were intrigued by Bill's model of the Zero. In the course of the conversation we learned that each was a veteran of World War II. One served as Crew Chief for a P-51 squadron stationed in England. He said he was a Connecticut Yankee living in Florida and a collector of World War II memorabilia. With a sly smile, he told of re-

cently purchasing a video tape about World War II, and while watching it, was shocked to see himself, a very young soldier, walking up the boarding plank onto a troop ship bound for England.

The other man was born in Germany, raised in Hitler's Youth Movement and in time inducted in the German Air Force. He flew FW-190's and was eventually captured by the Americans and then turned over to the Russians. After months in a Gulag he became very sick and was released. Years later he came to this country and became a US citizen.

It's ironic, at one time these men were bitter enemies, ready to kill one another. Now, their good friends spending a Sunday afternoon talking airplanes with us. They hung around the booth for quite a while, telling wonderful stories and ribbing each other good naturedly. We just listened and they obviously enjoyed themselves.

As an AMA Charter Club, we are expected to work within our community and be good citizens. This event affords us a way to accomplish this and enjoy ourselves at the same time. If given the opportunity, we should do this again next year.



FA Aviation news magazine, in their January/February 2003 issue, used the cover picture from AMA's December 2002 issue of Model Aviation for their cover page.

Their cover story, "All a Matter of Scale" is about FAA regulations and how they apply to unmanned aircraft, which our models are. The FAA definition of an aircraft is "a device used for flight in air". Nowhere does it say it has to be manned... interesting, huh?

Get a copy and read it, you'll find the articles very pro-modeling.



John Mitchell wrote the article about getting rudder authority on giant scale aerobatic planes published in last month's newsletter. This is his Carden 40% Extra 330S he designed the Direct Connect Rudder Assembly for and was detailed in the article.