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AMP'S Monthly Newsletter

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An AMA Chartered Club



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## President's Plugs by Mike Laughlin

It is hard to believe it is already March, and we have started the year

off running. We have planned and commenced several projects slated for completion in the next several months these projects will make our facility more efficient and enjoyable for all.

We started out with the first major event of the year, our Aerobatic Challenge, which was a great success. I would like to thank Peter Jackson for taking on the responsibility to CD this event, Tony Fandino for coordinating all of the logistics, and Vicar Hernandez for handling the tedious task of tallying all of the scores for each pilot. I also want to thank Scott and Cathy Henry, and Ethel Bishop and many other AMPS members for preparing and serving the great food we all enjoyed the entire weekend.

I also want to acknowledge every-

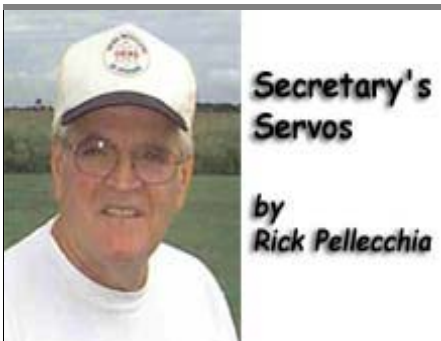
one who worked their butts off parking cars all weekend, and never complained. I can honestly say without any reservation the success of this event was realized because of every individual who volunteered. You are what makes this club GREAT !!!

We are now working on the second major event this year. Our Annual Aerofest Fly in.

This event is Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005. Nick Capone and I look forward to working with all of you to make this event a huge success. This event is only on Saturday and I appreciate all of your support.

I have been contacted by the Bad Boys President Rene Alvarez, regard-

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## Secretary's Servos by Rick Pellecchia

### MINUTES FEBRUARY 2005

- 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 January 2005 was read and accepted
- Introduction of guests

### OLD BUSINESS

EVENTS: IMAC 2005 February

12 & 13 contact person Tony Fandino (305) 273-8614. South Miami Arts Festival February 26 & 27 contact person: Mike Laughlin (786) 337-2100. Aerofest 2005 April 2 contact person: Nick Capone (305) 254-2127. Please call the Event Coordinator to volunteer.

**AEROFEST 2005:** Nick Capone reported that due to a conflict with a jet event at Markham Park, spectator attendance at Aerofest '05 may be adversely affected.

**SOUTH MIAMI ART FESTIVAL:** Mike Laughlin has confirmed that a Booth will be made available to the Club in the children's area.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The 2005 membership cards this year are yellow. The Associate's membership card is green with an expiration date printed. Anyone not displaying a yellow/valid green membership card after January

31, 2005 should be challenged. Members in "Good Standing" list are posted each Friday on the Club bulletin board in the main shelter area. Final list will be posted on March 1, 2005. and updated weekly as needed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**IN MEMORIUM:** Ralph "Doc" Leidner reported the passing of long time AMP's member Frank Abbott.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE:** Bob Cox our new field engineer has contracted to complete the following projects within the next sixty days:

Planting new hedges for the safety barriers along the North/South runway

Pouring concrete slabs, for eight flying stations, kitchen slab, and slab for the portable toilets

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*Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night at Continental Park clubhouse — Starting Time... 7PM!*

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ing a group of jet pilots flying off a new housing construction site just north of our field. The location is approximately 145 Street and 200-206 Avenue. Rene and I attempted to locate this renegade field but did not find any jet model activity this past Sunday morning. They may be flying on Sunday Afternoon. If anyone knows who these people are, please let me know.

Until we confirm their exact location and proximity to our field please use caution.

Well, that's all for now,  
See you at the field!!

**Patches the Trainer**

Here's Ivan Sierra holding the Skyward 60 trainer plane fondly known as "Patches". Ivan has been taking flying lessons from AMPS instructor Tom Caldwell using Tom's venerable trainer. Tom says that Ivan is making good progress and that by the time you read this I v a n s h o u l d h a v e already been cleared to fly solo.

The plane is aptly named "Patches" because of all the covering patches on the plane. The Skyward is an ARF made in Canada that is covered with some kind of off-that has a sticky backing which is

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Impound Area will be given a complete makeover with a new frequency pin board, field rules signage, and a member's bulletin board.

**FIELD RULES CHANGE:** Vice President and Club Instructor, Tom Caldwell explained the expanded change to Field Rule 21. Rule 21 was changed to read as follows: "All flight instruction must be done with the use of a trainer cord system. All initial instruction, defined as all training before a student pilot has been approved for solo flight by a certified AMP's Instructor, must be done pursuant to the official AMP's training syllabus available from the chief instructor. No student receiving initial flight training may solo until approved to do so by a certified AMP's instructor. As long as the aforementioned rules are followed, any competent AMP's member may give instruction to any other AMP's member. All student pilots receiving flight instruction at the AMP's flying field must submit a properly executed **AMP's "release of all claims"** form prior to any flight instruction. Non AMPS/AMA individuals do not have to submit a release when flying with the clubs designated introductory pilot pursuant to the AMA's "Introductory Pilot Program".

**WORKSHOP:** Bob Cox conducted this month's workshop the topic being "setting the wing incidence on ARF models".

**MEMBERSHIP**

Let's extend a warm AMP's wel-

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**Club Management**

President — **Mike Laughlin**  
 Vice President — **Tom Caldwell**  
 Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellecchia**  
 Safety Committee Chairman — **John Mitchell**  
 Field Engineer — **Bob Cox**  
 Check Pilot, **John Mitchell** — (305) 388-2763  
 Event Committee Chairman — **Vicar Hernandez**  
 Chief Instructor — **Bill Bishop**  
 Newsletter Editor — **Chris Hogan**  
**Web Master** — **Vicar Hernandez**

**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) 971-9113  
 Instructor, **Rey Mesa** — (305) 388-5564  
 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>Wwrick 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 7:00 PM every Second Thursday of each month at **Continental Park Clubhouse, 10000 SW 82 Ave.**

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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sticky all the time. Now that the plane is over 12 years old the covering has become brittle and breaks easily. The other day AMPS member Butch Wenrich, who has been flying with Tom Caldwell for over 16 years, asked Tom, "when are you going to recover that old plane?" to which Tom responded, "I am recovering it, patch by patch".

Tom says that a lot of students have cut their teeth using Patches and that it is the best trainer plane that he has ever flown. Tom estimates that Patches has well over a 100 hours on the airframe and OS .61 engine.

How Tom came to acquire Patches is an interesting story too: It was given to Tom by his buddy Orlando Ruiz at Orange Blossom Hobbies because it couldn't be sold due to major shipping damage and Orlando knew that Tom would use it good advantage at the North Dade R/C Club where he was a member at the time. Sure enough, soon after the damage was repaired the Skyward took to the air and has been going strong ever since. So that students could easily tell the bottom of the plane from the top, Tom put a dolphin figure on the bottom of each wing.

So the next time you are at the field and you see the patched up "dolphin plane" cruising by, say hello to Patches!

**FOR SALE****Club Tee Shirts & Hats**

**Tee Shirts: Small to Extra Extra Large! \$15**

**Hats: One Size Fits All! \$5 & \$6**



See Vicar Hernandez or go to  
<http://www.amps-rc.com/TradingPost/AMPSWear.html>

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come to the following new member: R. Arrese, K&K. Krauth, and P. Roque.

The following Associate Member has requested that their probationary period be extended: F. Basulto.

There are no Associate Members due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on March 10, 2005

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 **March 10, 2005** will be: **\$84.00**. 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 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 Pellecchia has taken over the responsibility in the administration of the Club's frequency pin program.

If you have ordered a frequency pin and have not received it, please contact Rick at (305) 232-4827.

Attention Park Flyers: The new frequency board has spaces for your channel numbers and Rick has "electric blue" special frequency pins. Please call him with your radio info

to receive your pin.

**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.

*Hogan's Hangar  
by Chris Hogan  
Editor, "Printed Circuit"  
HgnHgr@aol.com*

I believe the first IMAC contest at AMPS was in April of 1987. We hosted three in 1988. Our inspiration at the time was the activity of the International Aerobatic Club Miami Chapter. We would often see them flying toward the practice zone west of our Redland flying field. We still do. IMAC was also gaining popularity in Orlando, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale and Coral Springs so soon there was a contest circuit.

The 2005 IMAC Challenge hosted by the AMPS was the best ever! Thanks to Peter Jackson, Tony Fandino and the whole AMPS crew for a friendly, well paced contest. And the most fun of all is making new friends



**Fellow Advanced pilot Jim Neal from Ohio and myself contemplate our unknown round Sunday morning.**



Ralph's New R/C Rhymes

A new Gremlin has picked on Paul Gast,  
And locked up the throttle in fast.  
For over half an hour,  
He flew near full power,  
'Till his fuel was used up to the last.

Fate, set a date, for Paul Gast.  
Either he keeps it, or his ego gets smashed.  
His P-47,  
Is due up in heaven,  
As he knows that it's doomed to be crashed.

Frequent favorite limerick foil,  
Paul Gast,  
Has just all previous crashes surpassed.  
One day at the field,  
His bad luck congealed,  
And left even Paul Gast, aghast.

(The following verse added thanks to Jeff Roberts)

There once was a pilot named Ralph,  
He was smug and quite sure of himself.  
He flew with a smirk,  
And did act like a jerk,  
And left his manners at home on the shelf.



Above, at business meeting February 10th Bob Cox demonstrates the importance of correct wing incidence using a Robart level.



Left, Bill Bishop Jr. runs up his U-Can -Do for some 3D flying on the AMPS north-south.

It was cold...



...and windy!

