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President's Plugs -by Tom Caldwell

AMPS has chosen Saturday May 30 and Sunday May 31, 2008 for its 50 year anniversary blow-out celebration to be held at AMPS' Silver Field. It was also decided to hold AMPS' Aerofest event at the same time. Last year Aerofest was held in October; some have concluded that having an Aerofest

event this coming October, in 2008, and then again only 7 months later in May of 2009, would be too much to do in such a short period of time, especially since AMPS will presumably have another IMAC competition in February of 2009.

The suggested solution is to skip the Aerofest event for 2008 and focus the Club's resources on the big 50 year event. Nick Capone, who in years past has helped to organize Aerofest events, agrees with this idea and I do too. I will therefore ask the membership at the next meeting to approve skipping Aerofest in 2008.

I want your ideas about what AMPS should do to make the 50 year anniversary celebration one to remember. Nick and I have already discussed some ideas including hav-

ing some top ranked flyers put on flying demonstrations. Perhaps Mack Hodges with his huge B-29 would be a crowd pleaser as would a demonstration of aerobatics, helicopter and jet flying. But we also contemplate setting aside time for general flying so that all AMPS members will have a chance to do some flying. Bottom line: Think about what AMPS should do at this very special event and share your ideas with Nick Capone and me. Then go mark your calendar so that you will be sure to be available for this very special event.

I just finished spending the entire weekend manning the AMPS' booth at the South Miami Rotary Art Show held on Sunset Drive in

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Secretary's Servos -by Bob Cox

FIELD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MARCH 13 CANCELED DUE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TO BE HELD AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting February 14, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7: 12 pm

Welcome guests and members attending for the first time.

The Minutes for the January Business meeting where accepted as printed in the club newsletter.

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

Old Business

IMAC report: Tony Fandino
There are currently 51 pre-

registered pilots for the February 23rd and 24th event. All raffle prizes have been received. Supervisors are up to speed and ready for the event. Tony still needs volunteers to help with the event.

South Miami Art Festival: Tom Caldwell

The club will have a 10 ft. x 20 ft. booth at the Art Festival. The club needs volunteers to man the booth on both Saturday and Sunday. The festival will be held on February 23rd and 24th.

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the heart of South Miami. My thanks to Gary Schneider, Harry Hawthorne, Lynne Olsen, Nick Capone, Carlos Icaza, Carlos Icaza Jr. and Mrs. Icaza for helping to “man” the booth. It was a good event to help promote AMPS and the hobby of model aviation. We handed out a lot of flyers and answered a lot of questions such as, “These planes don’t really fly do they?”, “How much do they cost?”, “How high will they fly?”, “What kind of fuel do they use?”, “Do they ever crash?” and “Where do you fly your planes?”. Many people said, “Wow, these planes are so big. I always thought model planes were little things”.

While I was at the art show the Club was having its annual IMAC competition event at Silver Field. I’m told that the event was a major success with 58 registered pilots. In contrast to some other years when it was windy and bitterly cold, this year the weather was quite good but hot as in 89 degrees Fahrenheit on Saturday. I’m also told that unfortunately 2 of those big beautiful IMAC planes had a midair collision resulting in the destruction of both. Kudos to VP Tony Fandino and everyone else who worked hard to make this event a success.

On a different subject, as you know clubs like the AMPS club rely almost entirely on volunteers to function. In order to recognize the efforts of those who have contributed significantly to AMPS’ success,

primarily in the year 2007, the Club is going to have a dinner in the near future at a local barbecue restaurant for those who did significant work for the Club. I will be making a motion at the next regular business meeting on March 13 for approval of this dinner. There may be some who did significant work for the Club that I don’t know about so please let me know of anyone whom you think should be invited to this dinner since we surely don’t want leave out anyone who deserves to be there.

At the last meeting the Club also approved the field committee’s recommendations for changing the field to use the additional land that the Club got in its lease with the South Florida Water Management District. Look for some very positive changes at the field as the year progresses.

Well, that’s it for this month. I hope to see you at the field one of these days and good flying!

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Tom Caldwell Mr. Gomez has recommended three CPA’s to file the clubs taxes. Tom recommends hiring one of these CPA’s to do the clubs taxes. It is felt that hiring a CPA that will work with is known by Mr. Gomez to do the club’s taxes would be to the club’s advantage.

Tom Caldwell made a motion to hire one of the CPA’s recom-

mended by Mr. Gomez. The motion was seconded by McCord. A vote was called for. The motion was passed.

The Field Improvement Committee has recommended changes to the club’s flying facility as noted in Printed Circuit in the Presidents Plugs. The membership was shown plans with the recommendations.

A vote was called to approve the Field Improvement Committee’s recommendations. The vote was unanimous in favor of making the changes.

Mike Hunt has talked with Mr. James Humble. Mr. Humble is the club’s liaison to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). Mr. Humble states that the SFWMD has no problem with the clubs use of the land and sees no reason for the club to be concerned with loosing it’s lease or the property becoming unusable in the foreseeable future. Mr. Humble will try to arrange a meeting with a representative of the SFWMD and an official from AMPS to discuss concerns and answer questions the club may have.

50 Year Celebration: Tom Caldwell

Tom Caldwell announced forming of an event for 2009 to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of the AMPS club. Tom suggests having an event for the celebration the weekend of the 30th and 31st of May, 2009. This is Memorial Day weekend.

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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

Our Tony Fandino deserves a salute,
For happily donning, the CD's flying suit.
He ran the event,
That helped pay the rent,
And gave us all a good time to boot.

At AMPS Aerobatic Challenge Two thousand eight,
Sergio Schinoff, fell victim, to that which we hate.
His plane, on the level,
Was plagued by the Devil,
When Kleinubing's model from a Loop, tried to mate.

Perhaps when you parked, you met Angel Toledo,
Who did not don an official Tuxedo.
He collected two bucks,
From both cars and trucks.
As to help support AMPS, was his credo.

The P. A. system was manned by Tony Fandino
When at break time we all watched the Air show.
A CD he did play,
For the Aerial Ballet,
As he once, was a Dee Jay You know?

There were 55 entrants, and each brought a plane,
From Canada, New York, New Jersey, and Maine.
From Georgia, Florida, and of course Tennessee,
Came talented flyers, just, with us to be.
And the weather was perfect, with no sign of rain

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 order-



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Tom Caldwell made a motion to set the date of the celebration on May 30th and 31st of 2009. The motion was seconded by Harry Hawthorne. The vote was unanimous in favor of the dates.

Tom Caldwell made a motion to set the budget for the celebration at \$7,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mike Hunt. A vote was called for. The motion passed.

Trash at the field: Ralph Leidner

Ralph would like to clarify the rule for the disposal of trash at the flying field. He feels it is unfair to expect Cliff Root to continue to clean up the trash at the field. Cliff also removes the trash in the garbage can and takes it home with him. Cliff stated that he really doesn't mind doing it, although the rules states that every club member is responsible for the disposal of his/her own trash and is required to take any trash home with them.

New Business

A life time membership award was presented to Ralph Leidner. Ralph was given Life Time membership at the December meeting in recognition of his many contributions and years of membership to the club. Ralph was given a plaque to commemorate his membership status.

Rule clarification: Bill Lancaster

There was an incident at the field concerning the starting of a model engine under the pit shelter. Bill would like to have a clarification of any rule that would not allow the starting of an engine under the pit shelter. Bill states the Tony Fandino became upset with the person starting their engine under the pit shelter and proceeded to become belligerent with that person and after the person would not agree to start his engine in front of the shelter, Tony pushed the plane out of the shelter.

Tony states that the size of engine being started presented an unsafe condition for those persons seated under the shelter as they were in line with the swinging propeller and could have been injured if the propeller had broken. He also feels that he did not become belligerent with the other person and that he did not mishandle the plane when he pushed it out of the sheltered area.

The Board of Directors will take up the matter in a special meeting to discuss the incident and decide if there should be any disciplinary action taken.

Membership fees: Chip Cipolato

Chip recommends raising the club's membership dues to \$200.00 He feels that by raising the clubs income will allow the club to keep more of its interest income from the bank accounts containing the moneys from the sale of the club property.

Chip made a motion to raise the clubs membership dues to \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Tony Fandino. A vote was called for. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 4.

Handicapped accessibility: Cliff Root

Cliff feels that the club should have handicapped accessible restroom facilities. The recommendation is to replace the current port-a-potty with one that can be used by persons in a wheelchair.

Vicar Hernandez made a motion to rent a handicapped accessible port-a-potty for the IMAC event and after the event the club will retain the handicapped accessible port-a-potty and have the smaller port-a-potty removed. The motion was seconded by Tony Fandino. A vote was called for. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Cox won \$14.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Aerobatic Challenge 2008

-by Tony Fandino, C.D.

55 aerobatic pilots have descended on to Silver Field in Miami on Feb. 23 and 24 for the Aero Modelers of Perrine annual Aerobatics Challenge. The pilots traveled from as far away as Canada and all over Florida and Southeast US. The weather for the weekend was nothing short of spectacular with temps in the high 80's and a light breeze from the south. Pilots started to arrive early Friday morning and throughout the day to try to get some practice flights in and get used to the flying field. Saturday Dawned and at 7:30 pilot registration opened where Butch Wenrich, Laura Fandino and Vicar Hernandez helped getting all the pilots checked in. The Club used an automated web registration system to collect all pilot information and this saved a great deal of time in the morning and gave them the ability to have the pilots welcome packs prepared before the pilots actually arrived. 8:30 the pilots meeting was started with Don Hamilton and Jim Woodward giving some judging pointers, Tony then followed up explaining the field rules and explaining the schedule for the event. Flying promptly started at 9am. with Basic and sportsman starting out first. Just as things were flowing a



large bang was heard and then the realization that two airplanes had just had a mid-air collision. I heard the collision but when I looked up all I saw was confetti and heard the voice of Sergio Schinoff having a turrets moment. The other pilot Pierre Kleinberg was also in state of shock as he watched his airplane fall from sky. Flying promptly resumed and all the pilots worked their hardest to be ready and get started and in the air before the previous competitor was out of the aerobatic airspace. The club had some great food all weekend and all in attendance did nothing but rave. The prizes also were just off the hook. All day Saturday and Sunday contest director Tony Fandino just kept calling pilot names and there were a bunch of happy faces. The club also had several spectator raffles with the grand prize being a

Hobbico Superstar 40 trainer which was raffled off on Sunday. Flying on Saturday ended at about 5:30pm about an hour before sunset which gave the pilots a bit of time to unwind with a bit of open flying.

Sunday dawned and the buzz was what a great time everyone had had at the Hamilton's dinner party the night before, honestly I wanted to attend but was too exhausted, having been awake for 41 hours by Saturday night. The pilots meeting promptly started at 8am and the guys were flying by 8:30. The day started with the pilots flying their unknowns, unlimited led off the action with sportsman getting underway on the other flight line. Here are the details of the flights. These pilots flew a grand total of 534 judged sequences.



Leo a/k/a Chuck Wise won Basic. There were 13 pilots in Basic. The winning order was: (1) Leo a/k/a Chuck Wise, (2) Mariano Barrios Jr., (3) Philip Bederka, (4) Carlos Bonachea, (5) Stephen Day, (6) Carlos Bonachea JR, (7) Luiz A. Bosch, (8) Jerry Gleicher, (9) Lorenzo Garcia, (10) Jesus Castaneda, (11) David Alvarado, (12) Oscar Cespedes, Sr. and (13) Pierre Kleinberg. They flew 5 known sequences (3 rounds). The scores ranged from a low of 1,066.3 to a high of 3,960.6 (a range of 2,894.3 points).

Oscar Cespedes won Sportsman. There were 16 pilots in Sportsman. The winning order was: (1) Oscar Cespedes, (2) Forrest Waller, (3) Matt Scott, (4) John Nelson, (5) Gary Willis, (6) Ramon Dezubiria, (7) Kevin Wilson, (8) Ernest Meredith, (9) Alvaro Yanguas, (10) Richard Lewis, (11) Tony Bonanno, (12) Butch Hall, (13) Mark Wesson, (14) Gregory C Baggerly, (15) Thomas Heller and (16) Sergio Schinoff. They flew 4 known sequences (2 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 1,768.8 to a high of 3,981.7 (a range of 2,213.0 points).

Mike Remsberg won Intermediate. There were 10 pilots in Intermediate. The winning order was: (1) Mike Remsberg, (2) Rick Kroeze, (3) Tom Reifsnnyder, (4) Monty Huff, (5) Gerry Dale, (6) Juan Romero, (7) Alexander Bruhn, (8) Curtis Cozier, (9) Don Hamilton and (10) Peter Jackson. They flew 4 known sequences (2 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 3,233.6 to a high of 3,951.7 (a range of 718.1 points).

Brian Luckett won Advanced. There were 7 pilots in Advanced. The winning order was: (1) Brian Luckett, (2) Jim Woodward, (3) Ben Selock, (4) Michael Elder, (5) Pedro Jordan Jr., (6) Bill Lairsey and (7) Chris Ho-

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gan. They flew 4 known sequences (2 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 907.6 to a high of 3,923.2 (a range of 3,015.6 points).

David Moser won Unlimited. There were 9 pilots in Unlimited. The winning order was: (1) David Moser, (2) Ivan Christensen, (3) Stephen Hamilton, (4) Don McClellan, (5) Steve Dionne, (6) Ransom Fairchild, (7) John Schroder, (8) Denis Plante and (9) Andy Kane. They flew 4 known sequences (2 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 3,175.6 to a high of 4,000.0 (a range of 824.4 points).

The tightest competition was for 7th place in the Basic class, with only 1.3 points difference between Luiz A. Bosch and Jerry Gleicher.

Thanks and see ya next year.

