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Aero Modelers of Perrine  
An AMA Chartered Club



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## President's Plugs

by  
Wally Crichton

It's been a really busy two months, what with rebuilding the roof on the main shelter, holding our first Swap Meet and planning and holding AeroFest '04. I have to say, it's been a team effort requiring lots of hard work by many of our members and I'm proud of every one of them. The Club is fortunate indeed to have people who care and are willing to give freely of their time to help the Club achieve its goals.

A heartfelt thanks goes to each and every one of you... and you know who you are!

The guys at LAFA (Light Aircraft Flyers Association) have a great web site which also contains pictures of our last year's AeroFest. If you have a chance, check it out at <http://www.lafa.com/Photos/2003-04-05%20AMPS/2003-04-05%20AMPS.htm>. What caught my eye was a question they asked about what the "S" stands for in "AMPS". I've never given it much thought, even though I know it isn't the initial for any word in "Aero-Modelers of Perrine". I guess you could rationalize that it represents a plurality. In that, the Club is not really a single entity, but rather a group of members and the name reflects that fact. Or, you can just accept the fact that saying, "I'm an AMP

member" just doesn't sound right. When you say it in almost any context, "AMPS" just sounds better. So, I say, even if it doesn't stand for anything, It's in our name and I'm glad it is!

I would like to encourage each of you to come to as many monthly Club meeting as you can. We're now having informational seminars after the business meeting and they're really working out well. Tony Fandino gave the first talk and Mike "Chip" Cipoloto gave the second. They were both very informative and I learned a lot. It's good basic information that all of us can benefit from, so make an effort to attend.

I'm giving the talk at this month's meeting and it will be about soldering. If that's something you want to learn more about... come on down!



## Secretary's Servos

by  
Rick Pellecchia

### MINUTES March 2004

- 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 February 2004 was read and accepted
- Introduction of guests

### OLD BUSINESS

**FIELD REPORT:** Reseeding sometime in June. Plan to plant safety barriers on the North/South runway at the beginning of rainy season (May?)

**MAIN SHELTER REPAIR:** Phase 2 should be completed the weekend of March 13/14. Chip advises roofing materials will be delivered to the field on Saturday morning. Wally is going to

send a "blast" e-mail to members; we need volunteers. Our sincere thanks to Chip and the volunteers for all their hard work these past weekends. Special thanks to Scott Henry's wife for providing lunch to the work crews.

**MEETING FORMAT:** Chip Cipoloto conducted this evening's workshop, and the topic being flight-trimming techniques. Chip did an excellent job, and I think we all came away with a little more understanding of what flight trimming techniques are all about. Next meeting Wally Crichton will discuss soldering techniques.

**AEROFEST 2004:** AeroFest 2004 will be a single day event on April 3, 2004. We need volunteers; please contact Nick, Mike or any Club Officer. We expect to the Ultralights again this year, and Jim Beckett will ask for some participation of the pilots of the "Wings over Miami" group.

**2004 SWAP MEET:** We had a pretty nice turnout. We thank Events Coordinator Vicar Hernandez and Loretta Westphal for putting the event together. Thanks again to Scott Henry's spouse for donating some fantastic home made chocolate chip cookies... unbelievably delicious. We plan

to do it again this fall.

**ACCESS ROAD:** We can now access the field from the East via SW 168th Street, and South on the dirt road along the fence to the berm. The farmer (Troy) was instructed by SDWMD he must allow AMP's access to their property. We still plan to begin a dialog with the owner of the East corner (fenced in area) to allow legal access to the field from SW 168th Street directly onto the road along the berm which is currently fenced in.

### NEW BUSINESS

**FIELD ENGINEER:** Field Engineer Frank Drewinany has resigned his position. The Club acknowledges Frank's great contribution to make our flying site one the premier locations in South Florida.

This is a critical position for the management of AMP's, and it is imperative that we fill it as quickly as possible. All interested persons may contact any of the Club officers. As this is a dues exempted position, the successful candidate filling this position will have his 2004 dues refunded.

**WINGS OVER MIAMI:** Jim

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*Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night at Cutler Ridge Mall — Starting Time... 7PM!*

**Secretary's Servos — Cont.**

Beckett advises that Wings over Miami will be holding its annual Memorial Day event on the weekend of May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for models for a static display and flight demonstration. The membership expressed some concerns to Jim regarding problems we had with the Wings pilots and management last year. Jim is going to meet with the Wings people in the hopes we can resolve these issues, so that we can participate as equal partners in the future. Wings over Miami participation in our AeroFest '04 will hopefully demonstrate their good faith.

**BY-LAWS AMENDMENT:** Nick Capone has proposed that our Club By-laws be amended to require that all new members be required to perform one (1) day of Club service during their first year of membership.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 10: AMENDMENTS (1) of AMP's Bylaws, this will serve notice to the membership of the proposal to amend ARTICLE 7: DUES & MEMBERSHIP by adding paragraph 6 as follows:

**ARTICLE 7: DUES & MEMBERSHIP...**

**6.** All new members<sup>1</sup> will be required to perform at least one (1) day of Club service<sup>2</sup> during their first year of membership. Failure of any new member to perform such services<sup>3</sup> prior to the end of his/her first twelve (12) months of membership in the Club will result in termination of their membership. Any new member in good standing whose membership is terminated under this amendment will have his/hers current dues refunded at the pro-rated amount for the remainder of that year.

**<sup>1</sup> Exemptions:**

Non-Resident members living more than fifty (50) miles from the AMP's flying field.

New members with a valid medical condition that would prohibit performing Club service with special permission granted by the Board of Directors (BOD).

**<sup>2</sup> Club Service:**

Club events such as but not limited to: IMAA, IMAC, Fun Fly's, Swap Meets, Picnics, and any other Club sanctioned event(s).

Work details such as construction, clean-up, and other field maintenance support.

**<sup>3</sup> Options:**

a. A new member may have the option of declining any request(s) for service for any reason; but in doing so, must ensure that a day of service is accomplished prior to reaching his/her 12<sup>th</sup> month of service.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member(s): No members were voted in this evening.

The following Associate Member(s) were scheduled to be voted in, but failed to show up for the meeting.

The following Associate Member(s) have requested that their probationary period be extended: Marten Verheggen (5/13/04)

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on April 8, 2004:

M. Alicea, P. Epperson, J. Gonzalez, M. Gonzalez, J. Gonzalez, S. Matos, M. Miranda, S. Salazar, S. Sastre, M. Torres, and C. Woodard.

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 April 8, 2004 will be: \$75.00. 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 RECOMMENDA-**

**TELL THE LADIES!  
We Now Have a Permanent  
Port-a-Potty on The Field.  
Encourage Your "Significant  
Other" to Accompany You  
When You Go Flying.**

**NOTICE 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 (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 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.

**Club Management**

President — **Wally Crichton**  
Vice President — **Bill Bishop**  
Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellecchia**  
Safety Committee Chairman — **John Mitchell**  
Field Engineer —  
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, **Tom Caldwell** — (305) 638-0050  
Instructor, **Bob Cox** — (305) 234-2712  
Check Pilot, **John Mitchell** — (305) 388-2763  
Check Pilot, **Tony Fandino** — (305) 693-1374  
Check Pilot, **Mike Cipoloto** — (305) 274-3835  
Check Pilot, **Abraham Horta** — (305) 205-2906

**Club Sponsors**

<b>Crown Hobbies</b>	<b>Hobby Nut</b>
7439 Coral Way	12679 Dixie Hwy
(305) 264-3964	(305) 235-9584
<b>Warrick 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 8:00 PM every Second Thursday of each month at **Cutler Ridge Mall, 20505 South Dixie Hwy.**

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**



## LEIDNER'S ROASTED LIMERICKS

*Doc Says, "They're not  
Chestnuts, just plane Nuts...  
and I just may have used  
your Name too!"*

Now how 'bout the plight of Tom  
Schur,  
Who wanted a flight sweet and  
pure?  
But the old engine quit,  
And poor Tom had a fit,

Which turned his plane into manure

While a student Loretta Westphal,  
Barely avoided a very close call.  
Were it not for her Buddy,  
The tail would be muddy,  
And the wing would be in the trash  
haul.

Here's a tale 'bout old Wally  
Crichton.

Built a Cub that he took great de-  
light in.

He controlled it Mode One,  
And it sure was Plane Fun,  
'Cause he first put a careful pre-  
flight in.

Most senior pilot, Santo Bonanno,  
Plays his TX just like a piano.  
With some plastic type pipe,  
He scratch built a bipe,  
That can challenge you, "Mano a  
Mano".

Emeritus member Herb Chutter,  
Constructs airplanes so well, others  
mutter.

They're fitting examples  
Of flight museum samples,  
And never have aileron flutter.

There once was a guy named Keith  
Nyman,  
Who wished to be known as a Fly-  
man.

He'd loop and he'd spin,  
And wouldn't give in,  
Till he practiced knife edge while  
climbin'.

Flight instructor, Carlos Zuniga,  
Covers all steps, Alpha, to Omega.  
The last plane he flew,  
Was not very new,  
In fact 'twas an old Lockheed Vega.

And then there is young Alex  
Mazer,  
Who arrives with his wife, dog, and  
Laser.

While flying keeps him busy,  
His spouse throws a Frisbee,  
For the dog to chase and amaze  
her.

## AMP'S Main Shelter... Completed Just In Time For AeroFest '04

We worked at this project for six straight weekends and more than a few week days, but it's now finished. Everyone who's seen it so far agrees it really looks good. Somehow it looks larger inside (not including the new addition) and it really shouldn't. It's basically the same size, just a different pitch on the roof and different shaped ends. If you haven't seen it, you need to take a trip out and look it over.

The pictures on page 4 show the lathe strips being added and the metal panels being put up. The wind was blowing a gale during this time and we had to be very careful working up there. Handing the panels was especially dangerous since the edges are very sharp and the wind kept trying to take them out of our hands. We were fortunate, with only had one close call when Scott Henry was almost blown off the ladder. Of course, that's not counting all the times Chip Cipolato almost slid off the roof because his shoes wouldn't grip the metal surface. He finally wore a different pair of shoes and that stopped that nonsense.

The Board wishes to thank the many members who gave so freely of their time to complete this project. Especially, Chip for conceiving the idea, designing the building, drawing plans and supervising all us "duffers" for all those weekends. Without his skills and abilities we wouldn't have a shinny new shelter roof.





*Last month's newsletter showed the demolition of the old roof, the fabrication and installation of the tie beams and the placing of the rafters. Here we see the continuation of the project to the finish including remodeling the frequency control area. It's been quite a project which lasted six weeks (weekends) from start to finish.*

*Upper left, the rafters are all in place and the lathes are being attached. Top right, is a view from below showing Chip, with the chainsaw, ready to miter the lathe ends to fit the hip. Mike Hunt (middle) is fitting a lathe and Nick Capone (right) is nailing one in place. Middle row left, shows the roof with all the lathes in place. Middle row right, the sheet metal roofing has been installed on the east and north sides. The new roof is now beginning to make shade and we're all getting excited to see what it's going to look like. Bottom right, a view of the finished roof from the inside. You can see the rough sawn beams and the clear open interior.*

*With the roof completed, we then removed all the rotten wood in the transmitter impound area and replaced it. After giving both sides two fresh coats of white paint we installed three 8 foot long wire closet shelves. They're angled out (see picture at bottom left) so the impounded transmitters can be laid side by side. The angle at the bottom keeps them from sliding off. Look guys and gals, no more hooks!*

## AeroFest '04 — Full Coverage Next Month!



Here are some pictures... just to hold you over until next month. This year's AeroFest was lots of fun with excellent flying, beautiful airplanes and good weather. What more could you ask for?

Top left, one of the seven ultralights landing at our field first thing in the morning. They land and take off from our runway without using any more room than our planes. Actually, when you think about it, they're really just big models anyway. Middle and bottom left, one of the ultralights drops candy on the main runway and the kids swarm over the field picking up the tasty morsels. This is a regular event each year and is hugely popular among the kids and their parents.

Middle and bottom right, shows both pit areas. The ultralights are parked on the north/south runway where they can be inspected up close. The pits on the east/west runway were filled with pilots and their models. Middle bottom, is Kelly Mitchell who did a great job running the pilot's raffle, as she does each year.

### FOR SALE

#### Club Tee Shirts & Hats

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

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



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LWestp5576@aol.com or Call  
(305) 451-3332

# AMP'S Swap Meet '04

Our First Annual Event Went Rather Well... Next Year Should Be Even Better!



*This event is the brainchild of Loretta Westphal who, with the help of Vicar Hernandez, planned and organized the whole thing. We usually combine the Swap Meet with our 4th of July party and only open it for members. This year it was made a stand-alone event and it was advertised all over south Florida. Because of this we pulled sellers and buyers from all over Broward County.*

*Top left, a beautiful T-Craft for sale to the right buyer. Top right, Loretta has club tee shirts and hats on display for members and other buyers to inspect and purchase. Middle left, Bill Bishop in his comfy lawn chair is ready to strike a deal. Middle right, John Mitchell, of Aero Protect Corp., has his wares set up in front of his trailer.*

*Bottom left, Rick Pellecchia (left) and Ethel Bishop (middle) ready the concession stand to feed the hungry shoppers. Loretta (right) makes sure they have the resources they need. Bottom right, Art Silver slaving over a hot grill... his usual job at our events.*

