



**President's Plugs
-by Bob Cox**

Being President of a club, there will be times I will have to take the brunt of complaints if some thing goes wrong, but I will also receive the complements when things go right. I'm prepared for both and look forward to hearing from the membership in either case. When things happen that result in the complements it does cause a certain amount of satisfaction on my part, but only if I feel I've done something to deserve the complement.

The IRS has made their decision on our request for a change of tax status for the club. The club was seeking to have our status changed from a 501 (c7) non profit social club status to a 501 (c4) non profit civic club status.

I'm happy to announce that against the odds, the IRS has decided to allow the change in the club tax status. Not only have they allow it, they have made it retroactive back to the year 1976.

I had only hoped that they would allow the change in tax status but had never expected them to allow the change to be retroactive. If they had only allowed the change in tax status, we would have had to pay taxes on the sale of the club property to the state. With their decision to make it retroactive, we no longer have to worry about the \$135,000 + in taxes that the club expected to pay. This change also relieves the club of the 35% rule. Before

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**Secretary's Servos
-by Chris Hogan**

Minutes of meeting Feb. 12 accepted as published in "Printed Circuit".

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Old Business

Bob Cox reported the AMPS 2009 IMAC Challenge was a success. Special thanks to Mariano Barrios for duty as co-Contest Director. Positive feedback from contestants noted: unhurried atmosphere and excellent food concession.

Bob reported no news on AMPS pending tax status change application. Noted that although climate seems to be in our favor, application is still pending.

Business meeting March 12, 2009

Call to order 7:30 PM.

Introduction of guests.

Field improvements: The parking configuration is complete. Rudolpho Fernandez donated palm trees for landscaping. Gary Schneider volunteered to check out local post hole driller in which to plant palm

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the change, the club could not earn more than 35% of its income from non club related activities or from interest.

I would like to take credit for this change but I can not do so. It was our last president that had the foresight to look into the benefits to the club if our tax status was changed. Although the membership at a business meeting voted to spend \$10,000 to pursue the change, spending the money was unpopular with many club members.

Thanks to the foresight of past president Tom Caldwell, the club will not have to pay \$135,000 or more in taxes. Thanks Tom!

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trees and to keep them watered. There are new donated signs about to be installed.

Bob reminded the membership it is important to wear your membership badge at the flying field.

Aerofest report from Contest Director Nick Capone given by Bob in Nick's absence: \$45. approved for Aerofest display ad in "Model Aviation" magazine contest calendar. AMA sanction application will be applied for this month with finalized dates.

Report by Bob on AMPS 50th Anniversary Celebration/Fourth of July picnic: The legendary "Reverend" hired as caterer. \$2500. will be available for catering, bounce house and generators. How much money is needed depends on how accurately attendance can be forecast. If you receive an email invitation asking for RSVP please respond and you will be provided tickets necessary to get food.

A short discussion of future Southern Cross Astronomical Society star gazing/night fly at the AMPS field; Bob will collaborate with SCAS and AMPS member Herm Perez; should happen before mosquitoes rule the night.

New Business

Bob Cox reported overwhelming positive comments on field improvements from members.

Steve Steinbring reminded the membership that an AMPS pattern special interest group is forming.

<http://www.amps-rc.com/PatternCorner/PatternCorner.html>

Mike Cipolato plans to replace the frequency board soon.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 PM.

50-50 raffle won by Stan Roque and Dunkin' Doughnuts.

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Annual dues are \$150. 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. Please address inquiries to Aero-Modelers of Perrine 6925 SW 65 Ave. South Miami, FL 33143-3246 (305) 666-2126.



Leidner's Roasted Limericks

A ditzzy dumb blonde named Rene,
Flew her plane at our field one day.
She lost control,
While trying a roll,
And turned spectators' hair to light gray!

There once was a dumb blonde named Belle,
Who never could fly very well.
It was not her goal,
To dig a deep hole,
Yet it now serves our club as it's well.

Irene was a Blonde from Racine,
Who brought out her flying machine
Both concave and convex,
It got into great wrecks,
By far the worst that you've ever seen.

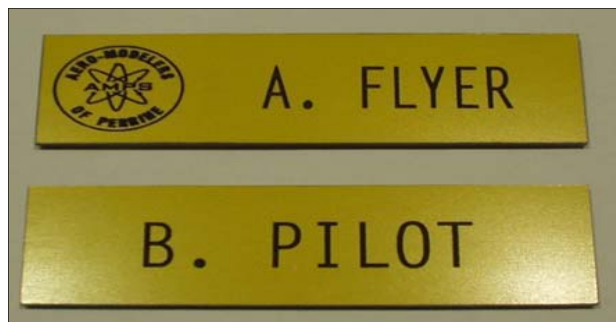
A careless old Blonde named, "Marie,
Flew her plane from the shade of a tree.
But a limb blocked her view,

And she broke it in two,
With an accompanying pile of debris.

A gem of a blonde known as Jewell,
Flew her plane in the yard of a school.

Alas the doomed thing,
Had a weakly built wing,
And the date of the flight?....April Fool.

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 ordering directions.



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