



President's Plugs

by
Wally Crichton

You're in for a treat this month! Not only does Nick Capone organize and run a great event, but he writes a great article also. His AeroFest '04 coverage begins on page three and doesn't end until page eight. It's well written and filled with detail... I know you're going to enjoy it.

Guess what! This July 4th marks our field's 10th birthday. That's right, on July 4th 1994 the first planes began

flying from our runways. Events Coordinator, Vicar Hernandez has already begun planning another gala celebration with food, flying and fun. Since the 4th falls on a Sunday, this year, we'll probably have it that day, but it's not final yet. Watch for the official announcement next month.

Because this month's newsletter is eight pages long, so I made the decision to leave out Doc Leidner's regular column, "Leidner's Roasted Limericks". But, don't despair it will be back next month with all new verses from Doc's magic rhyming pencil.

Have you been to the field lately? If so, you'll notice the sprinkler has **not** been moved back to it's old parking place. Mike Hunt arranged for it to be moved before our AeroFest event and it's still sitting parallel to our east/west

runway. We can only hope it stays that way for a while. Only time will tell!

During AeroFest this year, I had my first chance to see our new flight barriers in action. An aircraft, on landing approach, drifted in too far and was stopped by them. The station wasn't in use at the time, but if it had, the pilot would have avoided being struck by a rather large airplane. To my surprise, the plane suffered no damage and, other than losing a few leaves, the barrier was unharmed also. It's always good to have actual proof that a system works the way it was designed.

Just a reminder, no one cleans up after us. I noticed the field is getting pretty trashy, with paper towels, drink containers and other things scattered around. Let's not turn our field into a pig pen... please keep it picked up!



Secretary's Servos

by
Rick Pellecchia

MINUTES April 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 March 2004 was read and accepted
- Introduction of guests

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD REPORT: None

MAIN SHELTER REPAIR: The new roof has since been completed in time for AeroFest 2004. The Club wishes to acknowledge all the hard work provided by Chip Cipoloto in the design, procurement of materials, and the professional management of this project. The Club also wishes to extend its appreciation to all of those members

who gave tirelessly of their time and labor in getting this project built and completed on time.

MEETING FORMAT: Wally Crichton conducted this evening's workshop, and the topic being soldering techniques. Wally did an excellent job, and I think we all came away with a little more understanding of what we need to do to get that perfect bond. Next meeting John Mitchell will discuss spray-painting techniques.

AEROFEST 2004: CD's Nick Capone and Mike Laughlin recapped this year's event. While the event itself was a real success, and all those in attendance had a really good time, we did not have the attendance we had hoped for. Next year we plan to do a whole lot more advertising to get the word out. The Club wishes to extend its sincere appreciation for all those who volunteered their services in making this a very successful event. We plan on sending letters to the folks over at Wings Over Miami, and the Light Aircraft Flyers Association for their participation in this years AeroFest.

WINGS OVER MIAMI: Jim Beckett advises that Wings over Mi-

ami will be holding it s annual Memorial Day event on the weekend of May 29th and 30th. They are looking for models for a static display and flight demonstration. Wings over Miami participation in our AeroFest '04 has demonstrated their good faith in establishing an equal partnership with AMP's in supporting each Club's events.

NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAWS AMENDMENT: The vote to amend Article 7 passed. Out of a total of 149 eligible voting members the vote was tabulated as follows: 35 Yes, and 7 No.

ARTICLE 7: DUES & MEMBERSHIP...

6. All new members¹ will be required to perform at least one (1) day of Club service² during their first year of membership. Failure of any new member to perform such services³ 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

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

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his/hers current dues refunded at the pro-rated amount for the remainder of that year.

¹ **Exemptions:**

- a. *Non-Resident members living more than fifty (50) miles from the AMP's flying field.*
- b. *New members with a valid medical condition that would prohibit performing Club service with special permission granted by the Board of Directors (BOD).*

² **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.

³ **Options:**

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 12th month of service.

Lap Top PC: President Wally Crichton pointed out the need for the Club purchase its own lap top computer for member information at meetings and to support Club functions. A motion was made by Chip Cipolato, and seconded by Frank DREWANY to budget \$1,800 for the purchase of a lap-top PC. Motion passed.

Preliminary 2004 Budget: Secretary/Treasurer gave a preliminary 2004 budget review, and indicated that there would be a modest surplus based on current and forecasted expenses. A formal budget proposal is expected to be presented to the Club at the next meeting on May 13, 2004.

Porto - Let's: As you are aware we have had two portable toilets on the property for the past month as a service to members and guests for the

Swap Meet and AeroFest '04. An evaluation was to be made as to whether or not to keep at least one of the units on an annual basis subject to the usability, and sanitary conditions. It was decided that we would keep one unit at the field. The current terms of our contract with the vendor, Porto-Tech is that the unit would be serviced every Tuesday, and Friday.

MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member(s): M. Alicea, P. Epperson, M. Gonzalez, and S. Matos

The following Associate Member(s) were scheduled to be voted in, but failed to show up for the meeting: M. Miranda, S. Salazar, S. Sastre, M. Torres, and C. Woodard.

The following Associate Member(s) have requested that their probationary period be extended: Jeff and Joseph Gonzalez.

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on May 13, 2004: L. Alvarinas, X. Carvajal, A. Cavada, T. Crichton, P. Diaz, F. Maldonado, I Pellegrino, D. Siddiqui, and M. Verheggen

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 **May 13, 2004** will be: **\$67.00**. 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.

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.

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 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

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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**

AERIAL ACTION OVER AMPS

by NICK CAPONE

Well, another year has come and gone since I last wrote my report on AeroFest '03. How quickly time flies bye! This year AeroFest '04 was scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd. For those of you that attended, I'm sure you departed our field with one memorable experience. For those that could not participate in this festivity, you missed out on one of the best events the Aero-Modelers of Perrine (AMPS) conducted. After all, this is the AMPS showcase event, with our officers and members devoting countless hours for its success.

This year would be different – in many aspects. Not only do we have a brand-spanking new shelter to shade ourselves from South Florida's intense sunrays, but enjoyed the luxury of flying from a runway that was absolutely impeccable. Thanks to the efforts of our field engineer Frank Drewniansy, both runways were in superb condition. Frank's dedication and patience throughout the duration of his "three-year plan" became evident on this special weekend – a weekend all AMPS members should be proud of. R/C Pilots from throughout the state commented on the quality of the runways and our facility in general. In fact, four pilots that regularly fly at the Markham Park field will now be joining AMPS to take advantage of our flying site and what we have to offer.

The other individual that had a huge influence on the success of AeroFest '04 and one that couldn't attend due to work demands is Mike Hunt. Mike's efforts were monumental because he was solely responsible for having that iron albatross called "the farmer's sprinkler" moved! Yes. How many times have we all wished to see that crusty obstacle relocated, at least for this day? Sure enough, it was. Now all we need is for our farming neighbor to remain considerate and leave it parked away from the flying pattern. Wouldn't that be special!

That day has come. The day which AMPS Event Coordinators eagerly



AeroFest '04 was a spectacular event for contestants and spectators alike. There were over 35 breathtaking aircraft that filled the air all day.

anticipated - Saturday, AeroFest '04 has finally arrived! The field is prepared, food purchased, drinks iced, public address system operational, Port O' Johns in place, and event volunteers have their assignments.

Eight AM sharp and dust begins to form around the access road. The pilots and their trailers begin to arrive. This steady caravan of vehicles continued for two hours. By 10 o'clock the majority of pilots were parked and had completed registration in a quick and efficient manner. This task of pilot registration can become a real headache for both the event officers and the pilot. Trust me, after traveling several hours to some strange R/C field, no pilot wishes to encounter a registration area that's occupied by confused and disor-

operated pilot registration like your well broken-in glow engine. Not only did they conduct a "hands-off" operation for me, but also, after every pilot had registered, they organized all the necessary paperwork and materials I need to submit into AMA Headquarters. After their registration duties, they graciously offered to peddle raffle tickets to pilots. I can only hope these two offer their services for future AeroFest events. Speaking of raffles... this year we had two raffles, the pilot's and the public. Paul and Vivian Gast,



Left, Loretta Westphal and (right) Melissa Salony efficiently managing the Pilot Registration station.

ganized personnel. We want to complete those forms as quickly as possible and fly!

Well, I must say Loretta Westphal and Melissa Salony couldn't have made this process easier. These two gals, professionals in their personal careers,



As in past years, Kelly Mitchell, ran the pilot's raffle and did a superb job.

with Marilyn Hogan, managed the public raffle, while the pilot raffle was the sole responsibility of Kelly Mitchell. Daughter of AMPS member John Mitchell, Kelly has performed this raffle duty for years and does a fabulous job. What a great kid. Thanks Kelly!

With pilot registration winding down, those registered pilots were now given the opportunity to have themselves and their airplane photographed. Nearly all pilots took advantage of this offer, which kept Richard,

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Maribel and daughter, Stephanie Ferrer busy the entire day. I hope many of you got to see the quality work this trio performed in producing these digital snapshots. The process of digital imagery is extremely time consuming – positioning the subjects, adjusting for several lighting and focus parameters, color enhancement, cropping the image, importing of various logos and labels, printing, then cutting and trimming each photo to fit the frame. Quite a



Maribel Ferrer working with the computer to generate the Pilot Award pictures. Everything was done at the field.

task indeed! A task that involves hours of photo software testing, then determining which is practical for this particular application. In addition, to expedite this photography process required them to transport and set up all of their computer hardware at the field. Fantastic job Richard, Maribel and Stephanie! Your efforts are to be commended.

Also guys and gals, when was the last time any of you've seen this pilot photo service performed at an IMAA / AMA Sanctioned event? Its one of those special efforts we do to insure those pilots don't forget our event the following year.

During the pilot photo session, our very own AMPS President, Wally Crichton, began warming up his vocal



One of the ultralights making a perfect landing on our runway.

records over the Public Address system. For those of you who haven't attended our flying functions in the past, Wally is usually the voice behind the microphone.

With his ability to verbally paint a picture, Wally elegantly explains all field activities in a manner that keeps everyone's interest peaked. Of course none of our P/A communication would have been possible if electrical power hadn't been provided through the efforts of Mike Piotrowski and Pete Epperson. Again, as in past years, Mike loaned his superduper, Mega-watt generator for our use. Due to family commitments, Mike was not able to deliver, set-up and monitor his electrical equipment. AMPS member Pete Epperson to the rescue! Pete stepped up and assured delivery, operation and the safe return of the generator. One big task to say the least!

Wally's initial announcement was the formation of a group of ultralight aircraft approaching from the South, directly towards our field. Known as the Light Aircraft Flyers Association (LAFA), this local group of ultralight and experimental aircraft pilots regularly attend many aviation exhibitions throughout South Florida, displaying their aircraft and promoting the flying of these highly specialized machines. What a sight to see; a string of seven planes all setting up for their landing approach. One at a time, each pilot majestically touched down. AMPS isolated a parking area, so spectators could approach each aircraft up close and converse with its pilot.

Model flying quickly got underway. As in past years, several warbird modelers, representing the Condors R/C club in Coral Springs, showed up in full force and immediately took to the skies. Paul Rice flew his Top Flight P-47 Thunderbolt like some of your average Sunday sport planes. I think Paul burned two gallons of gasoline by the end of the day. You've got to love his aggressive style and participation! We then had the privilege on watching Doug



This plane is always a show stopper anywhere it goes. It's Doug Smith's 148" B-17 bomber and its rigged with several special effects that made it exciting to watch. See text for details.

Smith fly his 148" B-17 bomber, while Paul flew an escort mission with his P-47.

Those of you that attended AeroFest '03 may remember a Top Gun pilot by the name of Dean DiGeorgio, who flew a Ziroli Skyraider like it was possessed! Well, this year, Dean, again, drove down from Port St. Lucy to contribute in the success of AeroFest '04. Dean thrilled the audience with a mag-



One of the beautiful P-47's flown at this years AeroFest.

nificent scale flight of Doug's B-17 Bomber. I must emphasize "scale". If anyone has read or viewed the actual occurrences of B-17 missions during the European campaigns of World War II, you know many bombers returned to their English home bases with one or more of its four engines disabled, landing gear that never extended and/or various flight surfaces inoperative due to enemy flak or Axis fighter plane attacks. Through some innovated engineering, Doug replicated some of these failures with remotely independent landing gear and a smoke generating system on one outboard engine. As Dean turned on final approach, he would activate the smoke, and then extend only one side of the model's landing gear. With smoke now bellowing out of one engine and only one gear down, he skillfully brought the plane in for a simulated emergency landing on

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one wheel! Talk about flying ability! Dean then slowly throttled the engines up, and gracefully regained altitude. Only he could have performed this simulation and make it look so real. Dean is truly one of the most gifted R/C pilots I have had the pleasure to associate with.

Herb Chutter from Spring Hill, Florida, drove down and flew his beautifully crafted model of a Stinson SR-9 Reliant. As with all of Herb's airplanes, his latest creation is a work of art. Included is a scale cockpit, equipped with actual upholstered seats, rib stitching and a flawless fabric-covering job.

Charlie Driggers flew his handsome Ryan STA-M powered by an OS 90 4-cycle engine. This particular model started life as the civilian red/white version which many of you are familiar with. Offered as an Almost Ready to Fly (ARF) plane, Charlie quickly changed that status! Utilizing his many modeling skills, he literally stripped all the plastic covering off, eliminated one of the two cockpits, re-skinned the airframe with balsa, and then covered the assembly with the more realistic fabric finish. Sprayed with automotive basecoat paints and scale vinyl graphics, he successfully transformed an "ugly duckling" to a gorgeous swan! Nice job Charlie.

Tom Caldwell followed the flight pattern with his attractive clipped-wing Piper Cub. At 86" and utilizing an OS 120, this model really hauls the bacon! Tom won an award last year for his craftsmanship and flying abilities with this model.

We had another Cub participate this year, which was built and flown by our very own club Secretary/Treasurer, Rick Pellecchia. Rick and his son, Rick Jr., took to the controls of their 1/4 scale version of this popular Piper design and did a superb job with a shifting wind pattern. Those of you who fly

Cubs know this is one model that is best left on the ground during those windy days. It will get you in trouble fast!

Scott Henry demonstrated the flight capabilities of an attractive 1/4 scale Taylorcraft. Equipped with a Saito 182 Twin four-cycle engine, it really propelled this plane with authority, while sounding as sweet as a 4-cycle twin does!

Coral Gables Senior High Principal and AMPS member Alex Martinez commanded his 100" Monocoupe through the skies. She's powered with a Moki 1.35, which appears to be an excellent choice of engine, offering lightweight and tremendous power. Alex also brought with him his new Navy Peashooter. Because of constant wind changes, he chose to leave it grounded for AeroFest 04'. Smart decision Alex.



The smell of hot dogs and hamburgers cooking filled the air. Steve Salony, "Kept them coming!"

Next time you see him, maybe he'll have his Peashooter airborne and will give you that flying demo. Believe me, she's an attractive airplane, though I'm curious of its flight characteristics. They do have a reputation of being a handful because of their short-coupling, narrow wheelbase and high wing loading.

With noontime fast approaching, the concession area really started to heat up! Charlie Driggers, Steve Sa-



Ransom Fairchild (left) and his 40% Voltex pose with Mike Laughlin. Ransom wowed the crowd with his spectacular noon time show.

lony and Frank Drewniani manned the grill, slinging those burgers and dogs for a hungry crowd. Ethel Bishop, Henrietta Pellecchia and Stephanie Ferrer distributed all the food, beverages and snacks. By 3:00 this cooking team sold hundreds of burgers, hot dogs and a variety of beverages. Great job everyone!

With noontime festivities now underway, AeroFest commentator, Wally, and co-Contest Director Mike Laughlin shared the announcing of activities to an anxious public. New for this year was a helicopter demonstration performed by Kevin Murray of Broward County. Kevin flew a scale rendition of an Augusto 109. The quality of Kevin's flying, along with a diversified selection of maneuvers, kept everyone's attention. Quite surprising is the fact that he has been flying R/C helicopters for only 1-1/2 years!

Another popular haltime attraction was national IMAC competitor Ransom Fairchild, who drove down from Delray Beach to perform in our event. Ransom really thrilled the crowd with his 40% Voltex, which sports a 118" wingspan and is powered by a 3W-150 twin-cylinder gas engine. How 'bout those torque rolls at ground level!

Following Ransom's demonstration was my favorite spectacle - the ever-exciting warbird gagle. For those of you that may have never viewed this skit, this gagle is basically a follow-the-leader or crude formation flying in which warbird pilots attempt to mimic the flying characteristics of our World War II aviators. What makes this demonstration interesting is the amount of warplanes that become



This is Scott Henry's 1/4 Scale Taylorcraft that won the "Best ARF" award.



New this year, Kevin Murray gave a helicopter demonstration during the noon time show.

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Top, LAFA member Bob Musgrove pilots his Ultralight over our field to drop 20 pounds of candy for the kids (bottom). As you can see they eagerly gathered up the treats.

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airborne together. Us AMPS members are only used to viewing four models airborne at any given time - now we have 10! For 12 minutes we had the skies over our field filled with Corsairs, B-17's, P-51 Mustangs, P-47 Thunderbolts Stukas and a L-19 Bird Dog. All planes landed safely.

Next on the halftime agenda was our candy drop. As with last year, LAFA member Bob Musgrove performed the honors of candy dispensing from his ultralight aircraft. With Mike Laughlin at the microphone, several dozen youngsters were directed to line up along the pit area, and as the ultralight flew by, 20 lbs. of treats were



Noon time saw spectators on the field viewing the many planes up close.

dropped. Once the plane cleared, Mike gave the kids the OK and the rush was on! I'm confident every kid received his or her share of goodies. After all, twenty pounds of candy is one heck-of-a lot of sweets! All of this was made possible through the generous donation of AMPS member Kees Bouwkamp. For several years now, Kees has cashed in many favors from his previous employer and provided our event with several dozen pounds of candy. Thanks Kees!

We finished our halftime activities with the spectator viewing of all models. Pilots were asked to wheel their aircraft out to runway center. This serves two purposes; one, the public is now given the chance to observe these miniature aircrafts up close, and two; they vote on which model is their favorite. Similar to last year's AeroFest event, the judging criteria

for the People's Choice Award includes a voting ballot that spectators fill out. Information is entered such as pilot name, number and their choice of favorite model. These ballots are then dropped into the ballot box and later tallied by Chief Judge Rick Pellecchia and his staff of judges. It's a system that has worked well.

The flying portion of AeroFest '04 now resumed and continued into late afternoon. Our very own Event Coordinator Vicar Hernandez flew his beautifully modeled 1/5th version of a Pilatus Turbo Porter. Built

from a IKON WEST kit, it sports a 98" wingspan, powered by a OS 120 4-cycle engine and is equipped with functional flaps. Vicar flew it in a very scale fashion, considering the winds were gusty and often changed directions. Flying a light wing-loaded model (especially top wing, cabin style) in these conditions can be very tricky. Vicar made a perfect wheel landing, but as the model slowed, wind lifted one wing panel, steering the plane to-

wards the pits. It safely parked itself into the pilot station with no damage to the model. (Good call there Frank D. - on the pilot station shrubbery. They performed as intended.)

Veteran AMPS member Chris Hogan flew his 35% CAP232 airplane like he still competes in IMAC Competition. Chris has been modeling for 40 years and it clearly shows in his quality of craftsmanship and flying abilities. With a wingspan of 105" and powered by a BME gas engine, this model really performed with authority.

One of the youngest fliers to participate in our AeroFest events was 8-year-old Brandon Dunlop, son of Keith Dunlop. I have flown with Keith for years and figured he'd involve his son into this wonderful hobby at an early age. Early indeed. Young Brandon flew his giant-scale PT-19 very well. Dad has so much confidence in Brandon's ability, we may see the youngster flying Dad's 100" Stuka in next year's war-bird gagle! No easy task to say the least.

One of the final flights performed



The pilot's raffle was especially good this year with great prizes that any modeler would love to have. Above, is the GWS Spitfire ARF kit from Hobby Nut.

on this balmy afternoon was by our very own IMAA District Director Rod Gier, with his 1/3 scale Balsa USA Stearman. This is one huge biplane folks! Spanning over 120" X 2 wings, she's powered by a 3W -150 twin-cylinder engine w/ smoke. This model is extremely striking, both on the ground and in-flight. Rod drove south from Cocoa Beach (a 5.5 hour drive) to participate in our event and to witness for himself one of the largest and most successful R/C clubs in his District. Rod's jurisdiction resides throughout 5

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states, so his comments on our facility, member professionalism and event organization were really appreciated.

With 4 PM now approaching, AeroFest Officials announced for all flying to cease in preparation for the award ceremony and the raffling off of our tremendous selection of pilot and public prizes.

I must say... this year our club was very, very generous in both quality and quantity of prizes. Much of this was due to the diligent efforts of several



More goodies for the pilot's raffle. Notice the three carbon fiber props on top of the PT-22 ARF Kit.

AMPS members, who negotiated either complimentary donations or largely – discounted items through various hobby distributors and manufacturers.

This year we had Frank Tiano donate a boatload of modeling adhesives and discount certificates for FTE Enterprises products. Frank has always been extremely kind in his offerings for our events. And his products, well guys, they are the best! Trust me on this one. I've tried all the brands of adhesives. Zap Products certainly lead all competitors in terms of quality and performance. Give them a try for your next project.

Robart Manufacturing contributed with more adhesives, transmitter trays,



Contest Director, Nick Capone (left) presents Scott Henry his award for "Best ARF"



Ex-AMPS member (center), Herb Chutter received the "Best Civilian" award for his Top Flight Stinson SR-9 Reliant.

packages of their Pointy Hinges, discount certificates and a dozen of their unique all-purpose wrench. In case you haven't seen these, it's a dog-bone shaped wrench that incorporates both SAE and Metric sizes. Talk about a handy tool for the flight box!

Carden Aircraft was kind enough to



Vincent Giuffre's Cessna L-19 Bird Dog received the award for "Best Military" aircraft.

donate an extremely valuable gift certificate that you IMAC guys would drool over, and Desert Aircraft contributed greatly with three carbon fiber props. Both Carden and Desert Aircraft's offerings were a direct result of club member John Mitchell's efforts. John also donated a generous gift certificate towards his company's products – Aero Protect. Anyone in need of high quality hardware for their model, contact John. He's got some really neat stuff!

Through Mike Laughlin, Warrick Hobbies located in Broward County, stepped up to the plate with a huge assortment of both pilot and public raffle prizes. The main pilot prize, a giant-scale PT-22 ARF model, was Warrick's primary donation.

Clark Hopkins, owner of our local Hobby Nut, contributed like he has every year with a selection of adhe-

sives, rulers and deep discounts on several raffle prizes, including some GWS warbird models and a Great Planes G2 Flight Simulator! Some quality prizes, aren't they? Give Clark a visit sometime. He's got his hobby shop packed with all sorts of interesting items and can quickly get you whatever you may need for your next project. Let's support our local hobby shops guys!

Crown Hobbies donated several of their shirts and caps. And finally, veteran members Chris and Marilyn Hogan, along with Vicar Hernandez offered unique prizes this year. Chris and Marilyn donated a beautifully framed, limited edition, wildlife photograph while Vicar contributed free car wash coupons from the Busy Bee Car Wash on South Dixie Highway. Again, Thanks everyone.

This year, AeroFest '04 offered seven plaques to those pilot who scored highest in specific categories. Best Military was awarded to Vincent Giuffre for his efforts in flying his Cessna L-19 Bird Dog observation plane. Paul Rice took home our Sportsman Award for the magnificent flying of his P-47 Thunderbolt. The Best of Show award was presented to Doug Smith for his scale rendition of the Boeing B-17 Super Fortress. The new category this year was the Best ARF (almost ready to fly). This was presented to Scott Henry, who

did a fabulous job on his Hangar 9 Taylorcraft. Selected for Best Civilian was

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IMAA District Director Rod Gier (left), poses with Co-Director Mike Laughlin, after receiving the "People's Choice" award.

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Herb Chutter, with his Top Flight Stinson SR-9 Reliant. Again, what a gorgeous job Herb did on the construction and finishing of this model. Best of Sport was awarded to Ransom Fairchild who performed those thrilling flights with his 40% Voltex aircraft. Finally, the People's Choice Award was won by Rod Gier, who campaigned that absolutely stunning 1/3 scale Stearman. The Public certainly chose a deservng model.

In conclusion, no event could ever be successful if club members do not participate in some way or fashion. Those several dozen members who selflessly devoted their entire Saturday for the cause are really to be commended, especially the parking crew of Rafael and Steve Labarga, Juan Carlos Vallejo, Luis Alvarinas, Kees Bouwkamp, Marco Alicea, Sam Matos and Harry Hawthorne who, like in previous years, collected all the trash and disposed of it in a proper manner. All thankless jobs, but accomplished by these dedicated members. Thanks guys and gals!

Can we top the success of this year's AeroFest event? You bet! Let's all make that our club goal. Come join me for AeroFest '05. Together, though the effort of everyone, we can make it happen once again for our nationally recognized club and one that other clubs envy.

See you at AeroFest '05!

Wings Over Miami's Memorial Weekend Extravaganza!

AMP'S member, Jim Beckett is coordinating the modeling activities for Wings Over Miami in preparation for their Memorial Weekend Event on May 29th and 30th. AMP'S is one of the major players, so Jim wanted us to be aware of the planning, as it stands right now. He sent this E-mail to update us.

1. *Though AMP'S voted it down, model flying WILL be a feature of the event. I have secured the window from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. Saturday and Sunday and the Bad Boys RC Club (the jet jocks at the glider port) have*

volunteered to fly jets and quarter scale type stuff. These flights will be from the taxiway north of the Museum. The Miami-Dade Helicopter club has also volunteered to do flights from within the motorcycle race track. The timing of this is uncertain for now, but it may have to be simultaneous with the jets [with strict frequency control, of course]. The planes and choppers being flown may be scale or not. The 10:00-10:45 slot was chosen because all of the full-size planes' pilots have been told to be in and parked by 9:45 am for a pilots' briefing to start at 10:00 am sharp.

2. *The Bad Boys Club and the Miami Assoc. of RC Helicopters will be providing Scale static display models and I am seeking more of the same from the AMP's Club. I want to present the models in more of a craftsman/museum quality light even though museum quality finishes nor scale accuracy will be required. However, I plan to ask for digital photographs of the models in advance so that I can prepare a "fact-sheet" for the model and its full-size prototype and hang this sheet from the ropes near each model. Each data sheet will include a line like "If you have questions about this model, or modeling in general, stop by the AMP's table in the main hangar." We will be targeting the placement of the static models between 9:30 and 10:00 am. Modelers providing data and a static model will receive a free pass to the event. Fliers will get two passes - one for themselves and one for a pit-crew member.*

3. *In addition to the RC flying and static displays, the Museum wanted me to do something to get kids involved in aviation. Amps will have a table [which we will need to have manned by volunteers] positioned where we can watch over the static displays. From this table I expect to sell Guillows' "Jet Streaks", a simple stick and 1/32" sheet balsa, ROG-type, rubber-powered model. For each one we sell [@\$4.00/ea.], the AMP's treasury will net about \$1.40. However, we will be doing more than just selling them. We will be registering the purchaser in a "Kids Flight/Learning Contest". We get name, address, and contact number and assign each plane a registration number tied to the personal data. At 11:45 am and 3:45 pm each day there will be distance races (one try per registrant) and prizes for first and second in each of these "heats" with a*

grand prize winner for the best distance in any of the 4 heats. The prizes and planes will be provided by the museum.

There are still quite a few details to work out but it looks like a full event with significant cooperation between the museum and the modeling community. Amps volunteers will be needed to make it successful and I need to get this message to as many potential volunteers as possible.

*Thanks,
Jim Beckett*

We'll be discussing this at the next meeting, as well as putting together a list of workers and those bringing display models. Please be prepared to volunteer.

If you need assistance getting a digital picture of your plane, let us know. We have several members with good digital cameras.

Did You Buy A KAOS Kit at AMP'S Swap Meet?

If So, Please Contact Harry Hawthorne At: hhawthorne@Miami.edu

He has the plans, which were inadvertently left out of the box.

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