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Aero Modelers of Perrine  
An AMA Chartered Club

## AMP'S Monthly Newsletter

June 2002

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### President's Plugs

by  
Wally Crichton

Did you read Jim McNeill's District V Report in the July issue of Model Aviation? If you didn't, go to page 163 and read all about the AMPS Club being named Club of the Month for April. This is a real honor for us, but that's not all! Jim also nominated us for AMA's Award of Excellence. This is the highest award AMA grants clubs for outstanding achievements and the Executive Committee unanimously endorsed our nomination. See page 3 to read Jim's letter to us and our reply.

By now most of you know that van-

dals did a fair amount of damage to our east/west runway. They apparently had a Saturday night beer party and ended up doing donuts, with one or more vehicles, on our runway. It appears that one vehicle (probably a pickup) rolled over during the process. There was broken glass, coins and other debris strewn all over the field Sunday morning. Saturday, June 1st we had a work party and put 50 bags of top soil in the ruts. After that has a chance to settle, the plan is to put down another 75 to 100 bags. That should make a really good repair and be excellent soil for the Bermuda grass seed to root in. I want to thank all the guys (and gal) who showed up and pitched in. We had the 50 bags unloaded, placed and tamped down in a little less than 30 minutes. Thanks for a great job! See page 4 for pictures.

Vicar Hernandez Emailed me the other day and suggested that some-

thing be added to the web site that will show "what's changed" when updates are made. He said he usually has to go through several pages searching for the changes and always wonders if he found them all. As a result, I've enlisted the aid of a small character to show where the changes are. It's a little green worm who pokes his head out of a hole and looks around. When you see this guy next to a link, you know something has changed down stream. Check it out!

I have one gripe. The white tables in the main shelter are for food service/preparation...not modeling tables. Some members take them down and use them to assemble their planes on. They dribble fuel all over the tops and don't even bother to wipe it up afterward. This makes a goeey mess and those members who have to clean and repaint them would really appreciate you refraining from this practice.



### Secretary's Servos

by  
Rick Pellecchia

#### MINUTES May 2002

- Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM
- The minutes were accepted as printed in the Club Newsletter.
- Treasurer's report for March & April '02 was read and accepted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Field Improvements:** Barriers at all flying spots...Mike Hunt made the final presentation. After discussion, Mike Hunt made a motion, to accept the permanent Barrier proposal. The motioned passed

**AMA:** AMA selected AMP's the Dis-

trict V club of the month. District V Vice President Jim McNeil sent an award of "excellence" to Wally Crichton.

**Field Improvements:** Frank Drewniany advises that work begins first week in June by three contracted vendors to grade and seed the "reclaimed" areas of our property. One of the other vendors will begin filling in potholes with recycled asphalt.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Fourth of July Celebration:

Frank Drewniany made motion to budget \$ 1,500.00 for this year's festivity. Mike Laughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Reminder this is the opportunity to clean out your workshop so that you can sell your stuff and buy someone else's stuff. This event is only open to club members and their families/guests.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member: A. Alberto, J. Blinco, M. Ferrer, M. Floyd,

D. Rivero, and R. Salinas.

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2002: Raul L. Cejas, Allan A. Perrault, and Christian M. Pressman

**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/Junior Member who is scheduled to be voted into the club on their designated meeting date, but is unable to attend that meeting, must notify their sponsor, and call the Secretary/Treasurer at (305) 232-4827, and you will be represented for the purpose of being voted into the Club. Failure to your sponsor, and to contact the Secretary/Treasurer or any other club officer, will terminate your affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an imme-

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**Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night — See You There!**

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diate revocation of all flying privileges at the field.

Effective June 1, 2000, prior to being voted into the club, an associate member must have a sponsor who is a flying member in good standing. The sponsor is also expected to be at the meeting when the associate is to be voted into the club. If this is not possible, the sponsor is requested to contact any of the club officers prior to the vote in date with a recommendation as to whether or not the associate should become a member. No Associate/Junior member will be voted into the club unless recommended by his/her spon-

sor.

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**  
**Club Standard Frequency Pins:**

Any member who does not display a standard club frequency pin must order one. Contact Mike Laughlin at 234-8200. 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.

**Membership:** New members who have been voted into the club must pay their membership dues at the meeting. If not present, but voted in-absentia, a check payable to AMP's must be mailed to me at 15425 Southwest 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33157 as soon as possible after the vote in date. Failure by any new member to pay their membership dues by the end of the month in which they were voted into the club will result in the immediate revocation of their membership, and all flying privileges.

## Come On Out!

We Are Celebrating Our Flying Field's 9th Anniversary on Sunday July 7th!

### It's Our Annual All Day 4th Of July Party

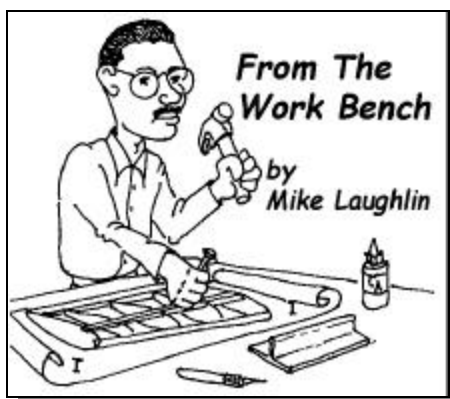
- For AMPS Members Only -

- Free Food!
- Free Sodas!
- Fun Fly Events!
- Swap Meet!

All Members and their immediate families are invited to attend. Please wear your club badge so party crashers can be identified.

If you have old modeling equipment or supplies you want to sell or trade, bring them along.

**Be Sure and Bring a Plane to fly too, Because The Fun Begins at 9 AM and Goes Until... You Drop!**



A Few Months has past since my last ARF review, so here is a recent project "From the Workbench".

#### The Kyosho Skymate 15 ARF Trainer

The Skymate 15 is a 15-size trainer with a wingspan of 48.8". The advertised weight is 2.8 lbs and the overall length is 36". This small trainer does not require special size servos. Standard size are recommended and fit very well in the narrow fuselage. Like all ARF airplanes the instructions should be reviewed before any assembly is started, especially for beginners in the hobby.

The Engine used was an OS .15 LA. This setup worked very well, with ample power especially for a grass field environment. I do strongly recommend one half size larger wheels on the Skymate 15.

The Wings come in two halves with a center plywood joiner and a small wood dowel to align the trailing edge of the wing. Dry fit the parts together before gluing and once again after some minor sanding of the ply joiner. Start with one side of the wing using 30 min-

ute Epoxy glue. Make sure you've determined the center of the Ply joiner and marked a line so, when you do glue it into that half of the wing, you have your joiner centered between both halves. Tape the wing on both sides with Masking tape and set aside allowing the glue to fully cure overnight.

The Tail feathers are attached using the completed wing as a reference to properly align the horizontal stabilizer. Once this alignment is made draw a line on the topside of the horizontal stabilizer using the fuse as a guide. Cut away the covering material using care not to cut into the soft balsa wood. Once this material is removed you may glue it to the fuse using 30-minute epoxy. The same process applies to the vertical fin. Once this is completed all control surfaces can be hinged using the supplied cloth type hinges using thin CA glue. Make sure you glue both sides of the hinge and in both the trailing and leading edges of the control surface.

The remainder of the model goes together fairly easy as does the radio installation.

The Final weight was only a few ounces more than the advertised weight. The flight performance is awesome in such a small package, and is a thrill for both beginner and intermediate pilot. A Great Little Plane that fits in the back seat of your Volkswagen.

I am in process of working on the New Great Planes Extra 330 in the Patty Wag staff new color scheme. I am also a great way along with a 60 size Top Flight F4U Corsair with all of the goodies, flaps, retracts, bomb drop, etc. The Corsair article will be done in four

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## AMPS... District V Club Of The Month For April 2002 And Recipient Of AMA's Prestigious "Award Of Excellence"



April 23, 2002

TO: The AERO MODELERS of PERRINE RC Club  
FROM: Jim McNeill, District V Vice President  
COPY: Doug Holland, Executive Vice President

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

Your Club has been selected to receive our District V "CLUB OF THE MONTH" award for April, 2002. Of more than 330 clubs in the District, your club has been chosen because your club members have exhibited a remarkable ability to survive and prosper under difficult circumstances.

We want to applaud your achievements as a club and honor you in this manner. You are a good example for other clubs to follow. On behalf of the Academy of Model Aeronautics we want everybody in the AMPS Club to know how proud we all are of everyone of you.

All due best wishes for your continued successes in modeling.

(Signed by)  
Jim McNeill,  
District V Vice President

### **Aero Modelers of Perrine** *South Florida's Premier R/C Club*

June 2, 2002

Jim McNeill, District V Vice President  
617 South 20<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Birmingham AL 35205

Dear Jim,

On behalf of all the members of the AMPS Club, I wanted to tell you how thrilled and delighted we all are to have been selected Club Of The Month for April 2002. The wonderful plaque you made for us and the excellent article you wrote in Model Aviation was very much appreciated by all.

Being selected Club Of The Month had us all beaming and holding our heads high, but when you called and told us you had nominated the Aero Modelers of Perrine for the prestigious AMA Award of Excellence... well, our feet still haven't quite touched the ground yet. A few days later, AMA headquarters called and said they were sending the award and individual patches for every member of our club. This is indeed a great honor.

Jim, through the years you have always supported our club and, when there were issues pertaining to South Florida, have sought the council of our past president, Art Silver. This recognition is in no small part, a result of the support you've given and the excellent leadership provided by AMA headquarters.

We are truly grateful for these honors and for your confidence in us.

Yours very truly,

(Signed by)  
Wallace Crichton  
President, Aero Modelers of Perrine

cc:  
Dave Brown, AMA President  
Doug Holland, Executive Vice President

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segments in an effort to explain the building sequence in as much detail as possible, I will also have photos for you to view as well.

Well that's all for now I look forward to hearing from anyone who is working on a project and is willing to have it featured on "Form the Workbench". Please e-mail me at MALaug83@aol.com or see me at the field on Saturday Mornings.

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*As you can see, many club members turned out to help repair the ruts left by vandals in our east/west runway. There were two main areas of damage and this shows the area to the west. We put down 2000 pounds (50 bags) of top soil and could probably have used twice that much. The plan now, is to allow this to settle for one week and then put down another 3,000 or 4,000 pounds. Any soil left over will be used to fill other low areas. The cooler was filled with cold drinks and was compliments of Vice President, Bill Bishop.*

*From the evidence left on the field it appears that one vehicle flipped while doing donuts on our field. Club member Jim Albright is an officer in the Miami Dade Police Department and collected evidence from the scene. We look forward to his report.*

AMPS Club Information

PRESIDENT  
**Wally Crichton**  
 VICE PRESIDENT  
**Bill Bishop**  
 SECRETARY TREASURER  
**Rick Pellecchia**  
 SAFETY OFFICER  
**Mike Laughlin**

Please address inquiries about the club to:  
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 Or Call (305) 232-4827

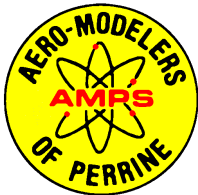
Designated Club Flight Instructors

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**Carlos Zuniga — (305) 856-4157**

Club Sponsors

<b>Crown Hobbies</b> 7439 Coral Way (305) 264-3964	<b>Hobby Nut</b> 12679 Dixie Hwy (305) 235-9584
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Annual dues are \$100 for Open 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 on every Second Thursday of each month at **Pro-Scale Models, 13912 SW 139th Court.**



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