



**President's
Plugs**

by
Wally Crichton

Just a reminder to all members. Sunday, July 6th if our field's 10th anniversary and we're having our usual birthday celebration. Loads of good food, soft drinks, flying... just an all around good time for all. Don't miss it!

I was talking to Art Silver and he said Troy told him that he didn't close the north entrance road. He said the owner of the fenced area at the corner did, because someone kept damaging

his fence. I didn't use that entrance very often, but the few times I did I saw no damage. If there was, I don't think any of our member did it. Also, according to Art, Troy is trying to get the owner of the sprinkler system to remove it. That, at least, sounds encouraging, although I'll believe it when I see it.

I've had several members ask how to purchase Club hats. At the present time we're out, but we're getting our order in and should have plenty in the next few weeks. Adrienne DiPrima was handling the sale of tee shirts and hats, but that dubious honor has now gone to Loretta Westphal. She says she plans to be at the field almost every Sunday and will bring a full selection with her each time. So, catch her there if you need some new duds. If you can't be at

the field, call or E-mail her (see her display ad on page 4) and she'll ship you what you need.

Let's see now... we started talking about pilot's flight station barriers over a year ago. Our first plan was to put up metal posts and swimming pool netting, but somehow that didn't jell. Along the way it was suggested we plant hedges and that caught on. But, time went by and nothing happened. Finally, Frank Drewniany, our field engineer, took the bull by the horns, got pricing, obtained a landscaper and commissioned the job. Now, as of Friday, June 6th the barriers are in place (see pictures on page 4). It looks like our timing is perfect too, with rain almost every day, they will get a good start. The landscaper said it should take about 9 months to get really full.



**Secretary's
Servos**

by
Rick Pellecchia

MINUTES MAY 2003

- Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM
- The minutes were accepted as printed in the Club Newsletter.
- Treasurer's report for April was read and accepted

OLD BUSINESS

WINGS OVER MIAMI: This year's event will be held on Memorial Day weekend at the Tamiami Airport. The facility was formerly that of the Weeks Air Museum. They would appreciate AMP's participation in providing aircraft for static display. Additionally, there will be flight demonstration; Nick Capone and Bill Bishop will be participating. R/C flights will commence at 2:00pm until 2:30pm. Please contact

Vicar Hernandez or Mike Laughlin if you are interested in participating.

LET'S BE GOOD NEIGHBORS: Wally re-confirmed that we really must do everything possible to keep our aircraft to the East side of the power lines, and to minimize noise produced by engines/propellers.

FARM NEWS: The farmer has closed off the East entrance to our property (he's moved two trashed boats to make his point). Use the West (Power line) entrance. Enough said. Mike Hunt is going to speak to the farmer again in the hopes of getting him to move his irrigation machine since there are no crops being planted at this time.

FIELD REPORT: Field Engineer, Frank Drewniany will have the barriers planted by next month. Repairs (new roof) for the main shelter will be postponed until next month. Chip has his dance card pretty much full in May. We also plan to reseed in June.

NEW BUSINESS

IN MEMORIUM: It's our sad duty to report of the passing of long time AMP's member Ulad Marsh. A motion was made by Tom McGraw, and sec-

onded by Bill Bishop to make a donation of \$100.00 to the Melanoma Cancer Fund in Ulad's name. Motion passed.

FIELD REPORT: Wally reminded the membership of the hazards concerning the planting of the "tall grass" by the farmer. This grass grows very tall, and has razor like saw blades on its edges. You better be dressed "head to toe" if you have to retrieve an aircraft. And you also should have a very accurate fix on where the aircraft went in because you may never find it!

MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member: Leland Eglan

The following Associate Members were scheduled to be voted in, but failed to show up for the meeting: Athbi Alsabah, Alexis Rua, Alex Martinez.

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on June 12, 2003: K. Blount, J. Guarch, F. Heredia, J. Heredia, K. Key, R. Lopez, B. Lopez, N. Mazzarello, P.C. Pando, P. F. Pando. Associate Members being voted into the

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Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night — See You There!

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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 **June 12, 2003** will be: **\$58.00**. 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.

Any Associate Member who is scheduled to be voted into the club on their designated meeting date, but is

unable to attend that meeting, must call the Secretary/Treasurer at (305) 232-4827, and you will be represented for the purpose of being voted into the Club. Failure to contact the Secretary/Treasurer or any other club officer, will terminate in the Associate Members affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an immediate 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 member will be voted into the club unless

recommended by his/her sponsor.

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.



Wings Over Miami's Memorial Day Extravaganza!

AMP'S Static Display a Big Success, But Our Flight Demonstrations, Both Days, Were a Wash-Out!

by Wally Crichton

Early Saturday morning this big beautiful P-51 taxied up the main ramp and parked just outside the museum hanger doors. And then, it sat all day! We kept expecting it to join in the fly-bys by the Yaks, T-6's and other military/civilian aircraft, but alas, it just sat there. Not that it was bad, mind you, we got to give her a close up inspection; checking to see how close some of the scale models conformed. After seeing the real thing, I was impressed with how scale John Wanamaker, of ProScale Models, made the aluminum exhaust manifolds for the

Fiber Classics P-51 kit he's building. But, I'm ahead of myself!

Wings Over Miami's event staff contacted us several months ago and asked if we would support their Annual Memorial Day event. Vicar Hernandez, our Events Coordinator, brought it up at the next club meeting and it was decided we would do so. As the time grew closer Vicar sent out several rounds of E-mails to all members requesting their assistance in providing static display models and working in the AMPS booth.

We had been told the show was go-

ing to start at 8AM and that we should be there ahead of that time. Most of us showed up well before 8, but no one from the museum was around. Finally the hanger supervisor showed up and told us that the show didn't start until 10. We asked if we could start setting up, but he said we would have to wait, so we swatted mosquitoes and gnats for about 30 minutes until he finally let us in.

Once inside, we began to place the models around and under the full size

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Club Management

President — **Wally Crichton**
 Vice President — **Bill Bishop**
 Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellecchia**
 Safety Committee Chairman — **John Mitchell**
 Field Engineer — **Frank Drewniany**
 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
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Club Sponsors

Crown Hobbies 7439 Coral Way (305) 264-3964	Hobby Nut 12679 Dixie Hwy (305) 235-9584
Pro-Scale Models 13912 SW 139th Ct (305) 234-9939	Warrick Hobbies 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 **Pro-Scale Models, 13912 SW 139th Court.**

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**

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aircraft on display in the museum. When we finished we had all the available space used up and were having to squeeze them closer and closer as more



AMP'S static model airplane display was arranged under the full size aircraft in the main hanger. Before the day was over we had models bunched up much closer than shown in this picture. The full size plane shown here is a Ryan P-22 "Pea Shooter".

models arrived.

At this point, Vicar was placing his model under the full size Cessna 195 RS when he inadvertently struck the plane's wheel pant with his wing tip. As it turned out, the owner was standing right there and he proceeded to bless Vicar out for being so careless. Needless to say, Vicar was humiliated. He had barely touched the Cessna and if anything was going to be damaged it would have been Vicar's wing tip! We were later told by the museum staff that the guy was, "Just that way". But, they tolerated his behavior, because he provided lots of support, at no charge, for the museum.

In addition to the static model display, AMPS was to provide a flying



For those who could afford it, rides were available in the PBY-5A "Super Cat" flying boat. It made many trips over the country side both days. In this picture one of the air show planes trails smoke as it flies over the American flag.

demonstration, each day, from 2 to 2:30PM. On Saturday, Nick Capone arranged for the Warbird pilots from Broward County to bring their planes and do a thirty minute gaggle. All the

guys, including Nick, showed up, and were prepared to put on a spectacular demonstration. Spectators had been eyeing the big warbirds all day and were keen to see them fly. About 10 minutes before show time it started to rain and it poured for about 30 minutes. As the rain began to let up, it was decided we could still pull it off, so the guys began to walk their planes to the runway. The "Follow Me" truck was to escort us out, but

when the driver checked with the tower, he was told they hadn't been notified and by the time we got that straightened out the rain began again. The guys, soaking wet and disappointed, decided it was a lost cause, packed up and went home.

Sunday didn't fare any better. Vicar had arranged for Sal and Reggie Bottari, flying their big Raven, and Bill Bishop, flying his Tiger Moth, to put on an aerobatic demonstration. In an almost identical repeat of Saturday, the rain began falling in torrents at exactly one minute after 2:00PM. It was accompanied by ear piercing peals of thunder and a lightning strike so

close that there was no delay between the flash and the thunder. Once the rain began letting up, most of the spectators made a run for their cars, leaving the place almost deserted. Clearly, the show was over, so we began packing our models for the trip home.

The air show was pretty good though. A large assortment of aircraft made repeated fly-bys



Salvatore Bottari sits, waiting for the rain to stop so he can demonstrate the aerobatic capabilities of his "Raven". However, it wasn't in the cards; by the time the rain stopped the air show was over.

each day. Some flew in formation, others by themselves. They even had jets, although most were propeller driven. All the planes were on static display between flights, so you could inspect them up close.

On Sunday, Vinnie Tirado, Manag-



On Sunday, the P-51 stole the show by doing repeated high speed low passes over the main runway. It made the hair prickle on the back of my neck to hear and see this legendary airplane for what may be the last time. Starting next year the plane will be on permanent display in an English Air Museum.

ing Director of WOM, was flying his Yak 52 in the air show and lost his right wheel and tire during the flight. He landed the plane on the brake drum which provided some not-so-usual excitement to the day. Vicar and I helped push the Yak back to the hanger after the flight.

One of the sponsors of the show was a local motor cycle club and their contribution was sprint racing all day. The

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constant roar of the engines, for two days, got to be annoying.

After a great deal of discussion, over the weekend, about the way the Club was treated we've pretty well decided we don't want to participate next year. It's probably too soon after the event to make a decision like that, but most of the members who worked were pretty upset. We'll give our report at the next meeting and see how the membership feels about it.

FOR SALE

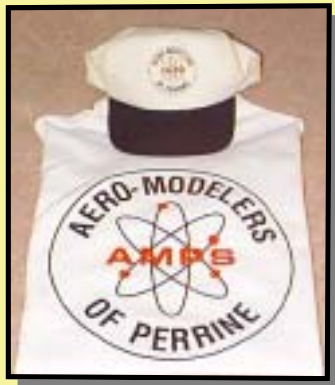
Club Tee Shirts & Hats

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The New Pilot's Flight Station Barriers Are Now Installed



Top left, the grass was removed to form a semicircular bed and the location of each plant was marked with white spray paint. Next (top right), holes were bored using an auger equipped tractor. Bottom, the finished planting. Each new station is in line with the old one, but is closer to the pits. AMA published guidelines were used to determine the placement. The old concrete pads will be removed and we plan to pour new ones inside each new station.

It's Our Field's 10th Anniversary!

So, We're Having Our Annual Birthday Celebration

On Sunday July 6th!!!

— 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 also.

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