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## AMP'S Monthly Newsletter

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An AMA Chartered Club



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### President's Plugs

by  
Wally Crichton

I can't believe six months have gone by already. They say, the older you get the faster time goes. All I can say is, if it gets any faster, "Stop the world I want to get off!"

This month, we'll be having our six month drawing for the meeting attendance reward. Each month, members at the Club meetings put a ticket in the raffle box hoping to win this prize. The six month prize is \$250 in cash and the

year end prize is \$500. I hope you've attended all the meetings, so you'll have a good chance to win. Remember, you'll never win if you don't attend!

Wings Over Miami Museum held their annual air show over the Memorial Day weekend (see coverage in this issue) and I helped out both days. As usual, many of our members participated by bringing airplanes for display, giving flight demonstrations or working the booths. As always, there was lots of Club related discussions and, without thinking I opened my mouth and told several members I didn't intend to run for reelection next year. The word seems to have spread pretty fast, so I guess I'll make it official. After this term, I will not be seeking nomination for the office of President or any other office. In addition, I will be giving up

the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster positions.

For several years I've wanted to relocate my family to the Smokey Mountains and the time has finally come. The timing for this will probably be next summer, so I'll be able to work with the new Webmaster and Editor to whatever extent they need. If you've had thoughts of holding one of these positions, now is the time to speak up.

I've been a member of AMPS for a little over ten years and, compared to many of our members, that's a drop in the bucket. But, I'm proud to have been part of AMPS and to have had an opportunity to contribute, in a small way, to its ongoing success. It's time for new leadership and fresh ideas... the life blood of any great organization.



### Secretary's Servos

by  
Rick Pellecchia

#### MINUTES May 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 April 2004 was read and accepted  
Introduction of guests

#### OLD BUSINESS

**FIELD REPORT:** None

**MEETING FORMAT:** John Mitchell conducted this evening's workshop, and the topic being Spray Painting Techniques. John did an excellent job taking us through the procedures to produce a "Top Gun" finish, and I know we all appreciated his bringing out to the meeting that beautiful big Desert Aircraft CAP of his. Next week Bill Bishop will discuss setting up computer

radio techniques.

**AEROFEST 2004:** We all want to thank Nick Capone for his really comprehensive article on AeroFest 2004 that appeared in April's newsletter.

**WINGS OVER MIAMI:** Jim 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. 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. Look for E-Mail from Jim with specific information.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**2004 BUDGET:** Secretary/Treasurer gave the final 2004 budget review, and indicated that there would be a modest surplus based on current and forecasted expenses

**2004 AUDIT:** Pursuant to Article 2, of the Club's Bylaws, President Wally Crichton, and Vice President, Bill Bishop conducted an audit of the Club's financial records on May 13, 2004. The audit concluded that the

management of all Club's funds and expenses have been in accordance with sound financial practices, and that all funds, and expenses have been properly accounted for.

**SAFETY:** Club President Wally Crichton discussed the recent AMA safety advisory concerning the handling and charging of Lithium batteries. You can visit the AMA website at: [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) for details.

**JULY 4 PICNIC:** It's official! The Club's annual Fourth of July picnic, and Fun Fly will be held on Sunday July 4, 2004. Menu: Roast Pigs, Chicken, Rice & Beans, Yucca, and desert. All AMP's members and their families are welcome.

**JUNE MEETING:** We will be holding the semi-annual attendance award drawing at this meeting. The cash prize is \$ 250.00.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member(s): L. Alvarinas, X. Carvajal, T. Crichton, P. Diaz, and M. Verheggen

The following Associate Member(s) were scheduled to be voted in, but

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

**Secretary's Servos — Cont.**

failed to show up for the meeting: A. Cavada, F. Maldonado, I Pelegrino, and D. Siddiqui

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 June 10, 2004: E Castro, T Estevez, A Estevez Sr., L Garcia, P Hodapp and M Hodapp.

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 Open Associates being voted into the club on **June 10, 2004** 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 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 privi-

leges at the field.

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**FREQUENCY PINS:** Rick Pellicchia 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.

**AMP'S Bulletin Board, Back In Service!**

When we put the new roof on the main shelter we had to remove the

bulletin board, so it didn't get further damaged during construction. It had already been beaten up badly by vandals (lower left) who broke both doors and set off cherry bombs inside.

AMP'S member Leo Sellos, who was part of the roofing team, decided to take the board home and repair it. Now our bulletin board looks like new again

(lower right) with new clear plastic panels, a new back and new cork. The only thing that's original is the frame.

It's nice to have members who, when they see something that needs doing, take the initiative and make things happen. That's what it takes for a Club to function successfully. Thanks Leo, for a job well done!



**Club Management**

- President — **Wally Crichton**
- Vice President — **Bill Bishop**
- Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellicchia**
- 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
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- 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
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**Club Sponsors**

- Crown Hobbies**      **Hobby Nut**
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- (305) 264-3964      (305) 235-9584
- 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 7:00 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**

# Wings Over Miami's Memorial Weekend Extravaganza Attracts Enthusiastic Community Attendance

*Model Airplanes Play an Important Role in The Success of The Event*

by Jim Beckett

Whew!! What a Memorial Day Weekend! About a month ago I asked for volunteers to help put on a modeling segment at Wings Over Miami's annual Memorial Day bash. AMPS members came through as usual with static display models, flight demonstrations, and assistance in a children's flight learning experience. I received feedback from modelers, museum staff, airport management and the general public that confirmed our efforts were really appreciated. I want to pass on that thank you to all that helped make it happen.

Planning had actually started months earlier when the museum contacted me to act as a liaison between the museum and the modeling community to be sure that our sport and hobby was again well represented at their show. Well this is where the hard work began. Incidents in prior years had left a bad taste in several club members' mouths and the general feeling seemed to be to NOT participate at all this year. This led to discussions with the museum staff and an offer from the museum back to AMPS. The museum said, "We'll support your AeroFest '04 IMAA event in hopes that you'll support our Memorial Day Activities", and support it they did! On April 3, 2004, the day of the AeroFest meet, the museum arranged to have three Nanchang CJ-6s and a Yak-52 make two formation



*A large display of full size aircraft was lined up on both sides of the taxi way for the public to inspect up close. Most of these planes were part of the air show, doing precision formation flying twice a day.*

flight passes over the field at noon. Modelers, whether quarter scalers or otherwise, love airplanes and can appreciate precision flight control. These fly-overs demonstrated more than that, though. They demonstrated the museum's commitment to working with AMPS. The positive feedback I got from many modelers at AeroFest made me confident that the club would be an integral part of the upcoming Memorial Day Event.

As the planning progressed other clubs were brought into the mix. The Bad Boys R/C Club offered to provide static models and fly demos with some of the club members' turbine powered jets. I also tried to get some control line and helicopter models in the show but it seemed that wasn't going to hap-

pen. The contact numbers I had for the C/L flyers was "not in service" and the members of the Heli club all seemed to be busy. AMPS members and Bad Boys club members came through though. Volunteers for flight demos and static displays came forward readily. Harry Hawthorne put me in touch with the Boy Scouts and we had six each day to help with the stick-model races. I never twisted an arm, but I got great help.

I received data sheets and digital photographs on many of the static mod-



*The static model display in the main hanger was prominently placed so viewers could see the models from every angle.*



*This beautiful F-86 Sabre Jet put on exciting flight demonstrations each day by streaking low over the runway then rolling to knife edge and climbing until out of site.*

els and was able to make up background information placards to hang near them. All of the static models had a placard that at least indicated the model's name, builder and basic dimensions. Sam Matos provided four of his electric war birds and Alex Martinez brought a pair of quarter scale beauties. Others that brought multiple models included Bob Cox, Scott Henry and Wally Crichton. In all, over thirty

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 models were part of the static display and I want to thank everyone who took



**Bob Cox's Super Stearman ARF from Great Planes. If this plane flies half as good as it looks... twice, accompanied by the time to bring one out.**

Flight demos were flown on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. This year the weather was perfect and the 10:00 am. time slot meant that the winds were moderate and down the runway. On Saturday, the show was started by Rene Alvarez of the Bad Boys Club flying his L-39C Czech turbine jet. Other featured pilots were Leo Sellos and his Laser 200 and Sal Bottari and his 40% Raven. We kept the public's attention and the show



**The L-39C Czech turbine flown by Rene Alvarez of the Bad Boys Club. This plane flew on Saturday morning, but had mechanical problems and didn't fly on Sunday.**

moving by fitting some electric flights in between the bigger planes. Scott Henry flew a Zagi and Sam Matos flew a Spitfire and Corsair. Mike Ball from the Bad Boys club also got in a flight with his Ryan STA but we had to scrub the second jet demo when mechanical problems kept the Eurofighters on the ground.

Sunday's fliers included Leo Sellos, Scott Henry, and Sal Bottari, who flew twice, accompanied by Bob Cox and Peter Perez, who gave a demonstration of R/C combat with their Zagis. Speaking of combat, the president of the Miami-Dade C/L club found me on Saturday, gave me a good contact number, and offered to help on Sunday. Well, Angel Alvarez and Francisco Martinez (and others) showed up Sunday morning and treated spectators and R/C fliers alike to a stunning taste of control-line combat. The Sunday demos were wrapped up by Alex Villareal flying one of the Eurofighters that had been grounded the day before. We didn't have big crowds on the field when we were flying but I got reports later that we were being watched from the parking lots,



**Control line combat being flown by two members of the Miami-Dade C/L Club.**



**Top, Leo Sellos prepares to start his 1/3 scale Laser 200 for his flight demonstration. Bottom, 15 year old, Sal Bottari, restrains his 40% Raven as he waits for his turn on the flight line.**

ticket-sales area and gift shop area.

Besides the flight demos and static displays, the AMPS club, along with about a half dozen Boy Scouts or Venture Scouts each day, managed to sell over 40 rubber-powered stick models,



**AMP'S member, Paul Gast, manned the balsa stick model sales booth both days. Kids bought the models and then flew them in a distance contest. many of which were flown in simple distance races by the kids who bought them. Wally Crichton and Paul Gast manned the sales booth for these planes almost continuously for the entire show. Nicole Moreira was the**

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*Left, Scouts assembled the balsa stick models for the kids who needed help. The Scouts also ran the distance contests the kids competed in with their models. Right, as you can tell from the big smile, this is one of the winners.*

*The kids had a ball flying the Real Flight simulator. It was running on the Club's new laptop computer.*

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overall winner with a flight of over 66 feet but ALL of the participants went away with a plane, a certificate of participation and, most importantly, a smile on their faces.

The two-day event took a lot of effort from a lot of people and I want to assure all of them that their involvement was appreciated whether their name made it into print here or not. I'm looking forward now to more cooperation between the museum and the modeling community (AMPS in particular). If you have any ideas of events or activities, please let me know.



*Twice a day, both days the big war birds thrilled us with precision formation flying. The streaming white smoke against the deep blue sky and the roar of their engines made this part of the show particularly exciting.*



*Angie Perez, left, and Cathy Henry are modeling the latest in ladies flying field headwear. The words, "Wing Dings" and a small airplane is embroidered on the front. Cathy is the clever designer and both ladies are member's wives.*

*Right, one of the AT-6's is fired up and waiting for taxi instructions. Shortly after this picture was taken all six of them taxied out to the runway and took off. Within minutes they formed up and flew in formation over the field (see above). This plane was one of the primary trainers of WW II.*



*Scott Henry is one of AMP'S members who flew a plane in the morning model flight demonstrations. He flew his Zaggie electric flying wing. This model is highly maneuverable and very stable even in high winds. On Sunday vintage aircraft behind them. It was a nice contrast of full size and model aircraft all morning they had a combat contest located in the same area. This was a wonderful show where you could see both.*



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## LEIDNER'S ROASTED LIMERICKS

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

How many of you know Billy Chestoks,  
Who flies in the skies, with the best folks?

He made the name "Panic"  
As famed as "Titanic",  
To live on, even after the goat croaks.

Now take hobby pilot, Don Lovern,  
Who tries hard, his airplane to govern.

But the craft got a shredding,  
When it took a wrong heading,  
On a runway direction too southern.

Careless fellow, Marco Villegas,  
Did not keep his eyes where his plane was.

His poor bird got hurt,  
When its nose hit the dirt,  
And the mess, made us guess,  
where his brain was.

Have you met Jeff "Beau Brummel" Roberts,  
Who wears all those flowery sport shirts?

Full of daring and dash,  
And a flowing moustache,  
What woman refuses, when he flirts?

How does one describe Jeffrey

Roberts  
Who'd never be found wearing short skirts  
He's one of those jocks,  
That sports very long sox,  
Held up by garters that used to be Gert's.

Novice Limerick author Jeff Roberts,  
Is composing new offerings in spurts.  
He tries to write faster,  
Than his Lord and Master,  
But he's really just one of the new squirts.

A new phase has come over Mike Laughlin,  
Flying Combat over fields of fresh farmin'.  
While having a bash,  
In mid air, a crash,  
Showed good sense using streamers of Charmin.

This time we'll tattle on Scott Henry,  
He tried to guide his pride as in Falconry  
But a head made of Mutton,  
Kept his thumb on the button,  
That snapped his plane into the masonry.

Please pause a moment for Mike Cipolato.  
He forgot the R/Cer's first motto.  
With your whole heart and soul,  
Preflight check each control,  
Or you're playing "Russian Roulette" or plane Lotto.

Around the world pilot, Jim Finocchiaro,  
Strove to fly his Ultra Stick straight as an arrow,  
Alas the poor clown,  
Flew straight up, and straight down,  
And crushed it straight down to the marrow.

A "BIG STICK" was first pick for Rick Yanez,  
But, "it had a sad day", the "Fly

Spy" says,  
Poor Rick, wasn't too quick  
To flick the TX's stick,  
So the STICK dug a canal far deeper than Suez.

Do you remember the tale of Paul Gast?  
(The musician who can't make an Air-O-Plane last).  
As solemn as the Sphinx,  
He claimed that was the Jinx  
Which sent three more planes to their past.

Meet and greet "Concrete Pete" Epperson,  
Who heard flying R/C would be fun.  
He pretty near,  
Wrecked a Sig Kavalier,  
When a control horn broke as he gave it the "gun"

I've had great fun publishing Leidner's Roasted Limericks, but, as of now, this is the last of Doc's creations. As a final tribute, I've written this little ditty in his honor.

T'was once a pilot named "Doc",  
Who hid his Limericks in a sock.  
Tho he kept them in sight,  
One night they took flight.  
So, he hocked his planes for a lock!

## FOR SALE

### Club Tee Shirts & Hats

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

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