



**President's
Plugs**
by
Wally Crichton

Well, I feel like I'm getting webs between my fingers and toes, with so much rain coming down. As I'm writing this the weatherman is saying the rain will last through the 4th of July weekend. That's our birthday celebration weekend!

Speaking of our field's birthday, it seems I'm wrong about it's age. I thought the field opened on the 4th of July weekend of 1993. Not true, according to official club minutes; it was 1994. I stand corrected!

The reason I was reading the club

minutes is because Mike Laughlin let me use his file of old newsletters. Boy what a hoot! Did you know the club newsletter was once named "Meter Reading"? Mike's collection is not complete, but it seems in February or March, 1991 the name changed to the present "Printed Circuit". I enjoyed reading those issues so much I did a little article, starting on page 2, with some of the highlights. I hope you enjoy it too.

Just a little update for those of you who haven't been to the field lately. The missing runway width has been reclaimed, marking stones have been placed every 50 feet down the west and north boundary lines and both runways have been reseeded with Bermuda grass. A new road has been graded closer to the berm and the major pot holes have been filled in the west access road. In addition, three truck loads of fill have been put into the bog at

Bishop's Bush. With a little luck this will eliminate the Elephant grass obstacle at the northwest corner of our runways. Frank Drewniansy, our Field Engineer coordinated the acquisition of all the materials and getting the work done. Good job Frank!

At the last meeting, John Rullman, a member of MPPA model club of Markham Park, proposed AMPS co-sponsor a pylon race at our field. They have all the equipment (pylons, lights, judge's cages. Etc.) and are looking for additional sites to hold races. They've been to our field and think it's large enough if we use some of the farmer's land. For safety reasons, the course must be 450 feet from the officials and the spectator area, so that pretty well rules out keeping it completely on our property. They're supposed to get back to us with specific plans and a layout showing where the course would be set up... more details at the next meeting.



**Secretary's
Servos**
by
Rick Pellecchia

MINUTES JUNE 2002

- Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 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 was not present to give a report.

Field Improvements: Frank Drewniansy gave a very detailed report regarding roadwork, seeding and run-

way repair. Most of the perimeter road has been filled; road along berm straightened; seeding was to begin on June 13th. Runway boundary markers will be placed along the North side of the East/West runway, and the West side of the North/South runway. The purpose, of course, is to assist our mowing service so that we don't inadvertently give up property to the adjacent field as was done before.

Fourth of July Celebration: Vicar Hernandez has advised us that Redland Rib House will provide "full catering service" to the membership. We have a great menu so mark your calendar for Sunday, July 7, 2002. Just a reminder, the event is open only to Amp's members and their immediate family. Be sure to display your Amp's membership card. The club wishes to thank Vicar for making all the arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Improvements: The leveling of the East/West runway has been a topic of discussion for some time now,

and Frank Drewniansy suggested that we accomplish this task by systematically laying down several loads of sand in quantities that would allow the grass to grow through it. A motion was made by Frank, and seconded by Vicar to purchase approximately 20 yards of sand at a cost of approximately \$400.00. The motion passed. There was also discussion to fill "Bishop's Bush", the general consensus was that this was a good idea. A motion was made by Frank D. and seconded by Bill Lancaster to fill Bishop's Bush after the rainy season ended. \$ 500.00 was budgeted for this project. Motion passed.

Vandalism: The membership has expressed a lot of concern regarding the recent acts of vandalism as reported by President Wally Crichton in his article last month. The reality is that unless the entire property is fenced in (instant airplane catcher) there is no way to keep people off our property whose intent is to access the property and cause trouble. The cost of the runway repair

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(and we wish to acknowledge and thank those members who participated in this project) was just under two hundred dollars for the topsoil. After some lively discussion, it was determined that we would not construct any type of barrier, nor place any kind of impediments on the property to deter vandals. Instead, we would just deal with any future situations as we just did.

Year End Banquet: A motion to establish an annual year end banquet was tabled to a later date in order to better establish in more detail what it is we want to do; what kind of facility it is to be held at, and more importantly to identify costs to the membership and club.

Appointees: President, Wally Crichton announced the appointment of two committee chairpersons:

- Field Engineer: Frank Drewniany
- Events Chairman: Vicar Hernandez

MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member: C. Pressman.

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2002: C. Cambana, N. Capone, S. Mena, F. Miccolis, S. Nasser, B. Nestok, M. Piotrowski, W. Nobbins, P. Valdes Jr., and E. Vasquez.

REMINDER: YOUR SPONSOR IS REQUIRED TO BE AT THIS MEETING IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE VOTED INTO THE CLUB. SPONSORS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MUST CONTACT A CLUB OFFICER WITH HIS/HER 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 contact your sponsor, the Secretary/

Treasurer or any other club officer, will terminate your affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an immediate revocation of all your 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 sponsor.

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 them 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.

**PALEO AMPS,
A Trip Back in Time**

by Wally Crichton

Well, maybe it's not prehistoric, but it is all the way back to 1989!

Those of us who know Mike Laughlin know he keeps everything! And club newsletters are no exception. Although, His collection isn't complete, (through the years some issues have slipped away) what he does have gives a pretty good picture of club activities over the years.

His oldest newsletter is the **February 1989** issue and we see attendance for meetings is getting so large they're looking for a bigger meeting room. Planning is underway to hold two IMAC contests during the year. Bob Knight will CD a fun fly on March 16th and the glider port members are invited. There was discussion about creating a family membership for \$100 per year, (\$50 was the regular membership fee) but the motion was tabled. Trash on the field is a problem, there is a plea for everyone to police the area when they leave. Apparently, at this time, there are four field marshals: George Duncan, Dennis Cox, Homer Barton and Richard Parcell. Their section in the newsletter is, "From the Desk of Matt Dillon, U.S. Marshal, Tombstone, Arizona". Their concerns are: frequency flags, 1989 membership ribbons and Bob Hoover and Marion Cole flying inverted over the main runway.

The next newsletter is postmarked **August 9, 1989** and is one page of large type on legal paper. This issue has no name and was written by the "Pasture Pilot". It seems he was on vacation and missed the club picnic on July 16th, but all went well. Under "Bits and Pieces" Bobby Blynder lost both elevators on his Christian Eagle in flight. Mark Theriault's stab broke off in flight on his new IMAC ship. Joe Lawrence's P-51 did a split S into the ground at full bore. Harry Levokowicz torque rolled his J-3 Cub on take off. Pat Townsend, one of the lady pilots is back in the air after eye surgery. Dave Woodin test flew his Bud Nolsen 102 inch trainer. And George Spencer is opening a hobby shop in homestead.

January, 1990 brought a whole

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new slate of officers. Dave Woodin, President, Homer Barton, Vice President and Chris Hogan Secretary/Treasurer. Dave writes:

Fellow Club Members,

As we end the old year, and begin a new year, we can look back with pride on all of our accomplishments. The field has been well kept, the mower maintained and we have a very good transmitter impound container. We had a good Jumbo fly-in on the first weekend of June, a couple of club fun-fly's and our club picnic in July.

This year we have already planed a fun-fly for all and we have the Sanction for the Jumbo set for May 26-27, Memorial day weekend. We are going to review and up-date the club By-Laws and field rules.

I hope that all members will abide by the club rules and common curtesy. They are there for your Safety and flying enjoyment. Try to help others and our club and don't be too quick to Criticize!! HAPPY NEW YEAR... Dave Woodin.

The Section, "From the Desk of Matt Dillon" talks about the Field Marshals completing their first year. George Duncan has been reassigned as head Marshal and he has named Deputy Marshals (with titles no less), Sharp Shooter, Dennis Cox, Excellent Marksman, Paul Cornell and Double Barrel Shot Gun, Harry Lewkowicz.

It's now **March 1990** and AMPS is hosting a Flying Demonstration and Static Display at the Homestead AFB Open House on April 7th. Bill Bishop is to be the CD and flying will be from 9 AM to Noon. A club picnic is planned for March 11th at Larry and Penny Thompson Park. Marshall Dillon has appointed Mike Laughlin as a Deputy Marshal, replacing Double Barrel Harry who resigned.

There was a great article written by student pilot, Colin Harden:

R/C Flying

There is nothing like flying remote control. It is your opportunity to put that little airplane through the most radical maneuvers that you can possibly imagine.

When I first started flying, about three years ago, I was afraid I was going to crash and burn, but my instructor, Homer Barton taught me everything the right way. He took up a lot of his time with me and never gave up,

even when I did something stupid. Homer is a retired Marine, so you know how tough they can be. He taught me a lot of respect for both him and my airplane.

Every Sunday my parents would drive me out to the Club Field. Not only was I learning to fly, but I would get to eat lunch with my other friends like Jerry, George, James and Harry. We have had a lot of great times that I will remember all my life.

I also like watching all the scale aircraft fly because they look so real. Flying R/C is for all ages and it's really great to see a young kid out there flying with the big boys.

My most exciting moment was when I soloed for the first time and Homer cut off my shirt tail, he signed and dated it and I will save it forever. I felt so good and proud of myself. As I said in the beginning, there truly is nothing like flying R/C Airplanes.

(Colin soloed on his 13th birthday)

Skipping forward to the **May 1990** newsletter we find AMPS has just completed the first of their two IMAC contests. The weather was great, four sequences for four classes were flown and 25 contestants showed up. Of the names I recognize, Bill Bishop took second in Sportsman and Oscar Cesepedes took third. In Advanced, Doc Leidner and Joe Lawrence tied for first place after two rounds and had to have a fly-off. Doc apparently just edged out Joe and took first place.

The "William Phinney Memorial" Jumbo Fly-In (what we now call the Big Bird Fly-In) was getting close and Pete Hendricks wrote a great article describing Bill Phinney's life as a modeler and aviator. Here's an excerpt from Pete's article:

Serving as club President several times, Bill led us through times. In fact, an old time member once said, "If not for Bill Phinney, the AMPS club would have ceased to exist". Some people looked askance at Bill because of his blunt, undiplomatic and usually irreverent way of expressing himself, but whether or not you liked it, you knew what he thought about you.

The **June 1990** newsletter described "The William Phinney Memorial Flood". The Memorial Day weekend event had been a disaster with heavy rains and "forty + winds". The prevailing conditions allowing just enough flights to award the plaques.

Renee Alvarez took Best Civilian with his 1/4 scale Chipmunk and Pete Mas took Best Military with Pete Hendricks's old Folker DR-1.

In this issue we get the first hint that all might not be right in paradise. The club has been flying at Lindbergh's Landing for some time and the local residents are getting tired of the noise. They have filed a zoning appeal asking that the property be restricted for all types of aviation. All flying events open to non-members have been suspended and the runway has been moved to prevent flying over any homes or buildings.

October, 1990 and the worst has happened. *The AMPS field has been closed until further notice! This is the result of two factors. Engine noise and the action of two club members toward a property owner at the field.* There was no mention of what the members did or said, just a statement that, "Action would be taken against then at the next meeting". Other items of note: the By-Laws were ready for membership review before final approval and only gold stickered transmitters would be allowed at AMPS after December 31st.

November, 1990, the October minutes (as printed in this newsletter) record that President Dave Woodin gave an update on negotiations to reestablish a flying site at Lindbergh's Landing. The revised By-Laws were accepted by the membership and a motion vindicating individual members from blame in the loss of Lindbergh's Landing passed. A flying site committee chaired by Stanley Shur was formed.

Paraphrasing an article by Dave Woodin:

HOORAY!! A new flying site has been found, thanks to Karl Sickle and Art Silver. It is 50 feet wide, 800 feet long and runs north and south. The address is 14195 SW 320th Street. All it needs is a little cleaning up and it will be ready to go... we just can't fly higher than 200 feet because the airspace is controlled by Homestead AFB.

December, 1990 has discussion about flying field rental verses ownership, the Potato Patch site and mower storage.

Elections were held and Art Silver was elected President, Chris Hogan, Vice President and Tom Cornell, Secretary/Treasurer. Outgoing President,

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Dave Woodin wrote a farewell article, part of which follows:

It has been a pleasure to serve two terms as President of AMPS, also V/P for two years and in 1971-72-73 as Secretary/Treasurer. Total members at that time was 33.

Lillian and I have sold our house and will be moving up state near Leesburg as soon as our new house is built. Early next year, February or March. What is it with our more mature (I didn't say old) members and up state Florida?

As Walter Cronkite used to say, "And that's the way it was!" At least at AMPS anyway... back in "prehistoric" 1989 and 90.

Later issues, written around the time we acquired our present flying site were very interesting and the numerous accounts of club flying activities made for great reading. Maybe, in future articles, I'll recap those years for you also.



This is what's left of Bishop's Bush at the northwest corner of our runways. If you look close you can see three piles of fill ready to be pushed into the hole. This will be done as soon as the ground dries enough for a tractor to get in. The farmer said he would plow the area, to level it out, when were finished. With a little luck, this should be our last encounter with this elephant grass hazard. Now, if we can get the sprinkler moved. Left, Frank Drewniany tries to step out of the picture, but I got him anyway!

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Please address inquiries about the club to: Aero Modelers of Perrine 15425 SW 84th Ave Miami FL 33157 Or Call (305) 232-4827	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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