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An AMA Chartered Club



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President's Plugs

by
Wally Crichton

I had family business to take care of in Oklahoma during June. My wife and I decided, since we would be that far west, we would go on out to the Grand Canyon and see that as well as all the places in between. Well, 26 days and 7,800 miles later, we're back. Just in time for the 4th of July party and thank goodness for that. Otherwise, I wouldn't have had much for the newsletter, other than pictures of the Grand

Canyon.

I hope you didn't miss the party. We all had such a good time and ate until we almost burst. We only had one member who was unhappy with the food. He felt it wasn't traditional 4th of July... hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, etc. He's right, of course, but what we had was "good food". It was the same fare as last year and we had no complaints then. I know you can't please everyone and it's unrealistic to think you can, but Vicar really felt bad that the member was unhappy. The general consensus of opinion is, if you have strong feeling about something the Club is doing, come to the meetings, where the decisions are being made, and speak up.

Be sure to read Dave Brown's, President's Perspective in this month's

Model Aviation. In the wake of 9-11 the whole country is becoming paranoid about anything that could be used as a bomb. The FAA, in an effort to cover all bases, is looking at UA's (Unmanned Aircraft) and our planes are definitely considered "UA's".

AMA is taking a proactive role in representing us in this issue, so we need to do our part to support AMA by acting responsibly in all our flying activities. As you will read, some modelers are doing absurd things like purportedly flying their models at altitudes of as much as 25,000 feet. I have no idea how someone would accomplish this and I know none of us are doing these kind of things, but it shows our hobby is not the wide open frontier it used to be. AMA is taking the lead, but ultimately it's up to each of us.



Secretary's Servos

by
Rick Pellecchia

MINUTES June 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 May 2004 was read and accepted
- Introduction of guests

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD REPORT: We still are looking for someone to come forward to fill the Field Engineer's position.

MEETING FORMAT: Bill Bishop conducted this evening's workshop, and the topic being Setting Up a Computer Radio. We want to thank Bill for conducting his second workshop. Next week Nick Capone will discuss "scratch" building techniques.

WINGS OVER MIAMI: Jim Beckett, on behalf of Wings Over Miami expressed their sincere appreciation to the Club for its participation in this years Memorial Day event.

JULY 4 PICNIC: 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.

6 MONTH ATTENDANCE AWARD: And the winner is: Luis Alvarinas! Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS

CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES: Club President, Wally Crichton has announced that he will not be available next year to seek reelection to the office of President. As you may, or may not know in addition to his duties as Club President, Wally has also been doing the job of the Editor, and Webmaster. In order to ensure, that our website, and newsletter continuity is not affected, the functions of Editor, and Webmaster will be broken out, and individually filled. Your Board of Directors will meet to

discuss this situation and make recommendations to the membership to address this issue.

CLUB DONATION: Club Member Santo Bonanno has donated a Skylark 40 trainer complete with radio, engine, field box to the Club. We plan to raffle it off at the 4 July picnic with the proceeds going to the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new Member(s): Edmundo M. Castro

The following Associate Member(s) were scheduled to be voted in, but failed to show up for the meeting: A. Estevez, T. Estevez, L. Garcia, P. Hodapp, and M. Hodapp.

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 July 8, 2004: D. Albert, S. Brown, and S. Ortega.

Associate Members being voted into the club are expected to remit their annual dues at that time. Annual dues

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

Secretary's Servos — Cont.

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 **July 8, 2004** will be: **\$50.00**. 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 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 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 fly-

ing activities. Reminder: The member sponsoring the guest **must** be present

at the field when the guest is flying.

**AMP'S 2004 July 4th Celebration
And The 11th Birthday of Our Flying Field**

by Wally Crichton



Eleven years ago, (one year after hurricane Andrew) on the anniversary of our Country's Independence, we opened our field for the first official flying and its been going strong ever since. This gives new perspective to the 4th of July... not only is it a National Holiday, but it's a significant date in our Club's History. That's why we pull out all the stops and "party hardy" on this weekend each year.

This year was no exception, and even a few thunder showers couldn't dampen (pun intended) our spirits. As you will see in the pictures, the skies were dark and ominous all morning, but it only rained for a few short periods. We just moved under the shelters and waited it out. When the rain stopped, we resumed flight operations.

Many members just flew for fun, but fourteen signed up and participated in the Fun Fly events. We had two contests to test the skills of these intrepid souls. First was the "Climb and Glide" where each contestant was given 20 seconds to climb their plane as

high as they could, cut the throttle then glide to a dead stick landing. A landing off the field or an engine run longer than 20 seconds resulted it a disqualification. There were a few flights where engines wouldn't shut down or ended up in the tall grass, but most made perfect engine cuts and landings. Every one thought Doc Leidner would take first place with his super light fun fly airplane, so the competition was to see who could get second and third. Much to everyone's surprise, Scott Henry beat out Doc, by 22.8 seconds, with his brand new Ultra Stick. It was powered by a 4 stroke two cylinder engine and it climbed straight up. In 20 seconds it was really high. Doc ended up in second and Mike Hunt took third.

The second contest was three touch and goes in three minutes. Concentric circles had been painted in the center of the runway and a touch in the smallest circle resulted in 10 points then 6 points for the next and 3 points for the last. A touch anywhere on the

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Club Management

President — **Wally Crichton**
 Vice President — **Bill Bishop**
 Secretary Treasurer — **Rick Pellecchia**
 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
 Instructor, **Scott Driesse** — (305) 254-3517
 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
 Check Pilot, **Tony Fandino** — (305) 693-1374
 Check Pilot, **Mike Cipolato** — (305) 274-3835
 Check Pilot, **Abraham Horta** — (305) 205-2906

Club Sponsors

Crown Hobbies 7439 Coral Way (305) 264-3964	Hobby Nut 12679 Dixie Hwy (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**



Rick Pellecchia (left) and Vicar Hernandez reading the stop watch to score the contestant's flight.

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runway outside the circles earned 1 point and that's where most touches occurred, but not all. Tony Fandino was the only pilot who put a wheel down in the inner circle. With a 6 and a 1 on his other touches he won the contest with 17 points. Tom Caldwell took second and the intrepid Mike Hunt came in third in this event also.

We were still flying the final rounds of the second contest, and I was doing the scoring, when the food arrived. Everyone else jumped in line ate up all the food before I had a chance to get any. No! That's not true. We had enough food to feed an army and we all ate until we were miserable. Clark Hopkins had at least ten helping of roast pork and only stopped because he ran out of holes in his belt! You

could tell from the grin on his face he really enjoyed it. On the menu was whole roast pig, baked chicken, moros, yucca (with mojo... umm) and chocolate chip cookies for desert. After everyone had eaten their fill there was still lots left, so anyone who wanted took food home with them.

We're always pleased to have family members join us at the field, and this event is designed with them in mind, so much to our delight, we had a great turn-out. Wives, girlfriends and kids were all present and seemed to have a good time. Maybe we can get them to come out more often.

Several of Cathy Henry's "Wing Dings" hats were seen around, so it looks like they're gaining in popularity. If you don't know what a "Wing Dings" hat is, go back to last months newsletter and look at it in the Wings Over Miami article, also see page 4.

Vicar Hernandez is the Club's Events Coordinator and is responsible for seeing that all events sponsored by the Club are properly scheduled and that there are budgeted monies available. He is not responsible for running the events only seeing that those who do, follow Club procedures. However, the 4th of July party is the one event he personally runs. He does all the planning, arranges for the food and designs the fun fly events including procuring the prizes. This year Clark Hopkins of Hobby Nut

worked closely with Vicar to obtain them.

Every year Vicar says he won't do it next year, but he does. As usual he did a great job again this year, and as usual he's saying he won't again. We'll just have to wait and see. All I can say is, he's done a great job every year and I hope he continues. On behalf of all the members, Thank you Vicar! Your hard work and dedication does you proud and we're all grateful for it.

Let's hear it, "Three cheers for Vicar!!!"



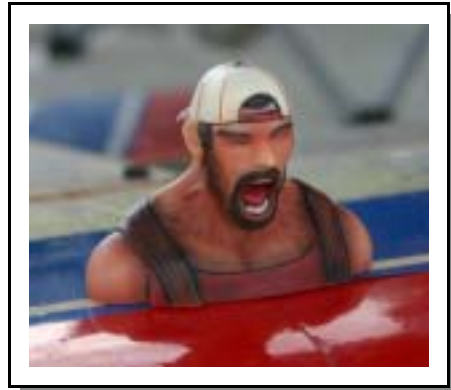
Tom Caldwell is concentrating on flying his plane as slow as possible so he can extend his glide time. The plane with the longest time is the winner.



Mike Hunt executes his landing approach while trying to stretch the glide. Mike took third place in both events, but left without picking up his Prizes.



Left to Right, Luis Garcia, Tom Caldwell, Vicar Hernandez and Nick Schur. Nick has just retrieved his plane from the farmer's field and is all scratched up from the weeds. Everyone else is watching the flight in progress.



This is a close-up of the pilot figure sitting on the wing of Scott's Ultra Stick (left). It's not installed yet, but will be along with a new windshield.



Above, Scott Henry's new Ultra Stick that won the climb and glide contest. Note the 4 stroke 2 cylinder engine on the front.

Left, the ladies are all decked out in their "Wing Dings" hats. They were designed by Cathy Henry and were first seen at the Wings Over Miami event. It looks like they've become all the rage and the ladies look really sharp in them.

FOR SALE
Club Tee Shirts & Hats
Tee Shirts: Small to Extra Extra Large! \$15
Hats: One Size Fits All! \$5 & \$6



Contact: Loretta Westphal
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(305) 451-3332

June 5th was the day when Butch Wenrich,
Saw the last of his old Sweet & Low Stick.
He watched it descend,
And as it neared its end,
The dead radio was performing its last trick.

There once was an AMP named Bob Derry,
Who flew R/C to keep himself merry,
But he took on a job,
Where they needed old Bob,
And free time flit away like a Fairy.



LEIDNER'S ROASTED LIMERICKS

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

Whatever became of Chuck Rossi?
His plane, if grounded too long,
would get mossy.

The engine in it,
Could rust if let sit,
So perhaps he'll try his first Rossi.

Our President's son, Teddy Crichton,
Thought the day perfect to get a great flight in.
He drove all the way here,
With a vintage Lanier,
But his idear the engine kept fightin'.

A young flyer named Johnny Rudd,
Arrived at our field with his "Bud".
The sky was quite chalky,
The engine quite balky,
And the landing made quite a thud.