



**President's
Plugs**
by
Wally Crichton

I don't know about you, but I had a great time at our 4th of July party. There was lots of flying, good conversation and, best of all, many families joined the festivities. It's nice to see wives, girlfriends and kids at the field. I wish we could entice them to come out more often. Many thanks to Vicar Hernandez for organizing another very successful birthday party.

At the last meeting we had an unofficial vote about whether to proceed with the proposed pylon race. The outcome, by a narrow margin, was to con-

tinue studying the feasibility of holding a race at our field. Scale drawings of the race course and our field have been made and it looks as though the best location for the course is west of our north/south runway. To meet setback requirements the course would need to be placed approximately 350 feet west of our property line in the farmer's field. Of course, this is contingent on the farmer's planting schedule, albeit getting his permission. The MPPA (Marcum Park Club) has indicated they need at least six weeks to properly promote the contest. That means the earliest we could hold an event is from the middle of September to early October. Unfortunately, that's usually the beginning of the fall planting season. As I see it, the prospects are not looking good. However, so no stone is left unturned, we will attempt to contact the farmer as soon as possible.

Good news, AMA headquarters sent

our Award of Excellence plaque. Included was a nice flag and patches for all of us. I'll bring the plaque and flag to the next meeting, so everyone can see them and will mail the patches with this newsletter. It will cost a little more for postage, but will ensure that everyone gets theirs.

The By-laws committee met for the first time this month and had a very productive meeting. I was pleased with the thoroughness with which the committee worked through each paragraph. Even though we worked over two hours and considerable wording was changed, deleted or added, only about half the document was reviewed. At least one more meeting will be required to get through the entire thing. The changes that were made have been incorporated into the draft and redistributed to each committee member for their review. Another meeting will be scheduled in August.



**Secretary's
Servos**
by
Rick Pellecchia

MINUTES JULY 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 June was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD MAINTENANCE: Frank Drewniansy advises that repairs are needed for the main shelter to replace rotted beams, and to renew the roof using metal panels similar to the ones on the pit area. Frank will obtain quote for materials.

The barrier report was tabled until the next meeting.

EVENTS: Pylon Race: Lots of discussion both pro and con. General consensus is that the club will look into the feasibility after addressing the concerns raised by the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Secretary/Treasurer gave a detailed account regarding the state of our funds. The club has enough funds to cover all accrued expenses through the end of the year including payment of the balance of the mortgage due in December. Because of the recent expenses incurred for field improvements, recurring expenses, and this past picnic, any future expenses need to be carefully considered.

CLUB BY-LAWS: By-Laws committee to meet next Saturday at the field.

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new members: S. Mena, B. Nestok, M. Piotrowski, W. Robbins, P. Valdes Jr.

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on August 8, 2002: C. Donscher, (sponsor: John Deddy), M. Duncan (sponsor: Bill Bishop), R. Yanez (sponsor: R. Vlassick).

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 your affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an immediate revocation of all flying privileges at the field.

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Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night — See You There!

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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: Current members who have not ordered frequency pins need to 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.

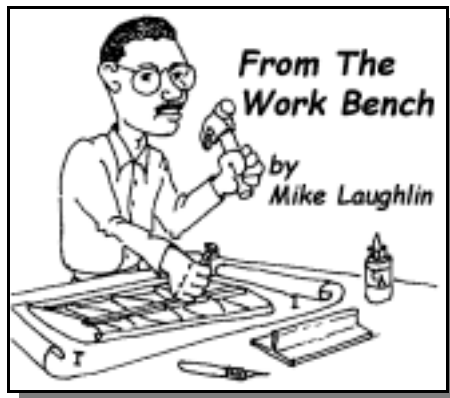
Membership: New members who have been voted into the club must pay their membership dues at the meeting. If not present, but voted in-absentia, a check payable to AMP's must be mailed to me at 15425 Southwest 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33157 as soon as possible after the vote in date. Failure by any new 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.

Rick Pellecchia received this E-mail and felt some of our members might be interested.

Dear Club Member,

I direct a high school non-profit vocational tech. aviation program which includes an RC component. You can learn more about us by viewing our website at: www.aviationed.org

We are raffling off a Sig. Senior and a HITEC electric together to raise funds for our program and are selling the raffle tickets on Ebay at: <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1751193415>.



The Top Flite F4U Corsair

By Mike Laughlin

It's that time again, for another kit review! As promised, I'll be providing you with colorful commentary on the construction, covering, and detailing of this famous WW II U.S. Navy fighter aircraft. We begin our review with the new and improved Top Flite F4U Corsair (.60 sized).

The F4U Corsair's Specifications:

Wingspan: 62 in., Wing area: 700 sq. in., Weight: 7-9.5 lbs, Fuselage length: 48.5 in., Radio requirement: 4 to 7 ch. with 4 to 8 servos, Engine requirements: .61 to .90 cubic in.

Voight Aircraft Company began the design process on the full size Corsair's in 1938. The first XF4U-1 left the Voight factory on December 3, 1942 for flight-testing for the U.S. Navy. Numerous versions were built from F4U-1 to the F4U-5.

I have previously built two .60 size Top Flite Corsairs, one covered in fabric and the second covered in monocoque. Both are flight worthy and in good condition.

The Corsair I will be building and reviewing will have Flaps, Retracts, Bomb drop capabilities, a detailed cockpit, and a dummy radial engine (see picture below). The covering will be in fabric with custom graphics.

I will show the building sequence in the next month's article, along with precise photographs detailing all the steps and procedures.

That's all for now! **Remember: SAFE FLYING=FUN FLYING**



The winner gets both models. Tickets are \$5, which gives three chances to win. The Sig Senior comes with a .46 Macoa engine and a Tower transmitter, the Sky Scooter electric comes with everything and can be assembled and flown in fifteen minutes, see info at: <http://www.cdmediacorp.com/shopping/Hobby/skyscooter.htm>

The Sig was built by a team of high school students supervised by four expert AMA builders. It is a beautiful

model and has been flown only twice.

Please forward this e-mail to your membership. It is a great value and helps our students begin a career in aviation. We will ship the two models anywhere in the US to the winner. The Drawing is Labor Day.

Best regards,
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AMPS 4th of July Celebration 2002

Even Though We Had A Little Rain, It Couldn't Dampen The Festivities

What a great time we all had! Our fields 8th birthday celebration was a big hit with members and their families. Attendance was great. We bought food for 100 people and the caterer always allows a 10% overage, just in case. At the end of the day there was very little food left, so we must have had at least hundred or more in attendance. I know there was free food, but we should be having attendance like this every weekend... just for normal flying.

Vicar Hernandez, our celebration coordinator, planned a fun fly event for the morning, but the rain had other ideas. It was a one minute take off and land contest where each contestant had to estimate when their one minute was up. We got about half way through when the rain started. By the time it was over everyone was so mellow we just didn't start again.

We had a swap meet, however not

many people brought things to sell. What was there was good stuff though, I heard several people talking about the great deals they had gotten.

Throughout the day raffle numbers were drawn and gifts were given away. Vicar had been careful to get modeling prizes for the members, but for family members he had selected things like restaurant gift certificates, Block Buster movie rentals, and certificates from local merchants. Nothing was very expensive, just fun things to get. Clark Hopkins, the owner of Hobby Nut, also ran a raffle. He sold tickets for \$5 each and when 20 were sold, a drawing was held. The winner had his choice of any \$100 item from his truck. These items were top quality and well worth the \$5.

Clark also entertained us by flying a very small electric park flyer around the pits all afternoon. This little plane had two engines and, surprisingly, was

not steered using the rudder. Instead, individual throttle controls allowed the plane to be turned by throttling back on the appropriate engine. It flew extremely slow and usually 15 to 20 minutes at a time. It seemed like every time I looked up the plane was poking along, about 15 feet high.

At noon the caterer arrived with the food and had it set up and ready to serve in no time. When the lunch bell rang, nobody was bashful. As you can see in the pictures below, we all piled our plates high and pigged out! Loretta Westphal brought a carrot cake for desert that was very unique. It was decorated like a Microhenrys' cartoon, except instead of a lady watching a man fly his plane it was the other way around. If you would like to see a picture of it, check out our web site.

I can't wait for next year! From the planning I've been hearing, it's going to be the best yet... don't miss it.



Bull sessions were everywhere and on this day it was great to have the ladies join in. Although, I don't think airplanes was the topic at this one.



Clark Hopkins flew his park flyer around the pits all day... what a blast.



No celebration is complete without food, and these guys were lined up to get theirs. We had BBQ ribs, chicken, beans, corn, etc.



Both pit areas were filled with airplanes and bull sessions. As you can see the pavement is wet from the little rain squall we had, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Later, after the rain quit all those planes were back in the air again.



Is that butter dripping from his chin? Vicar Hernandez is really enjoying his corn-on-the-cob.



This is all that's left after Juan Gonzalez's big red bi-plane hit the farmer's irrigation sprinkler.



I love it when instructors send me pictures of their students.
This is student pilot George Verona and his instructor Mike Laughlin. Mike tells me that George has mastered his coordinated flying, doing lazy eights and racetracks with ease. He is now practicing his landing approaches and will soon be doing his first touch down.
George, keep up the good work... we look forward to hearing you tell us about your first solo flight.

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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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