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President's Plugs by Mike Laughlin

It is hard to believe that summer is over and September is just around the corner.

Many of you who have kids are

sending them back to school this week, while some still have some time before you get your well-deserved break.

The Laughlin household will be one less this September as my oldest daughter Catherine heads north to Hanover New Hampshire as an incoming freshman at Dartmouth College, while my son Dante has two years of high school remaining.

I can finally now say, one down, one to go!!!

I have spoken with Cliff Root a few weeks ago about the grounding rod project and Cliff has confirmed the grounding of all metal roofs has been completed. I hope this will resolve the interference issues. I have not had any complaints about frequencies involved previously. I would like to again thank Cliff Root, Bob

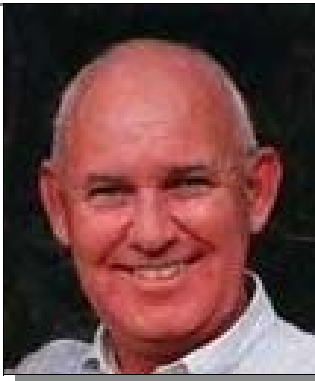
Cox, Mike Cipoloto, Vicar Hernandez and many others for helping with resolve this problem.

I have not been able to get out to the field in several weeks and enjoy our great facility.

I am going through a major career change and this has taken up most of my time.

As many of you know I have spent the last 10 years in the contract office furniture industry as an account executive. This Industry has been on a roller coaster ride for the past year, with mergers, takeovers, and many account executives bouncing around to different dealerships. I have also been moving around looking for the best situation, but have only found more of the same.

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Secretary's Servos By Tom Caldwell

MINUTES JULY 2005

At 7:12 P.M. President Mike Laughlin called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the June 2005 meeting, as published in "Printed Circuit", were approved by the member-

ship.

Treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership. This is the last treasurer's report from Rick Pellecchia.

Presentation of a plaque was made to Richard Pellecchia for 10 years outstanding service as the secretary/treasurer of AMPs. In his farewell remarks Rick said that if a Club member was not a part of the solution then he/she was a part of the problem. He also implored every member to come to the meetings to help with the business of running AMPs. Rick will be greatly missed by all AMPs members. We wish him luck in his new endeavors.

Introduction of guests: Robert Gray was introduced as a guest.

OLD BUSINESS

Report of July 4th Picnic by Vicar

Hernandez: Cost was \$1215. Everyone had a great time and the food was very good. One sour note reported by Harry Hawthorne was that his girlfriend, who accompanied Harry to the picnic, had valuables taken out of her purse during the picnic.

Tony Fandino took first place in the sportsman class at the Nationals at AMA headquarters in Muncie, Indiana and also was awarded the Bennett Cup for averaging a score of 8.7 per maneuver, the highest of any contestant.

Radio Interference: Cliff Root gave a report. Investigation into causes of interference is underway. It may be coming from the metal roofs on the AMPs property. Data collection program is underway. A motion made by Chip Cipoloto that signs be posted for data collection program and that specific information be obtained was sec-

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Thursday Night is Club Meeting Night at Continental Park clubhouse — Starting Time... 7PM!

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I am now looking forward to getting out of this labor-intensive industry, and working for a local private high school, as a Director of Development. This would provide more time to thoroughly enjoy our wonderful hobby.

I look forward to seeing you all at our August business meeting

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unded by Scott Henry. Motion passed. Another motion was made by Chip Cipolato that \$350 be allocated for the installation of grounding rods for the metal roofs at the AMPS field was seconded by Scott Henry. Motion passed; Cliff Root will install seven ground rods with the funds allocated for the cost of the materials to do the job.

Field Engineer Report: Bob Cox reported that he will try to have the parking lot mowed more often in the summer months. He reported that the pilot station hedges had been trimmed to 30 inches. A motion made by Chip Cipolato that a new chain link fence be put off until 2006 was seconded by Scott Henry. After discussion, the motion did not pass.

A motion made by Tony Fandino to determine the cost to refurbish the existing fence was seconded by Chip Cipolato. Motion passed.

President Mike Laughlin appointed a committee of Chip Cipolato, Bob Cox, Vicar Hernandez, Tom Caldwell and himself to investigate fence issues and

to make recommendations to the Club. Bob Cox called a committee meeting for Sunday July 17th at the AMPS field to discuss fence issues and to make trip to examine fencing materials which a club member has offered to donate to the Club. Report on the findings is to be made at the August meeting.

Swap Meet: Vicar Hernandez reported that he is still trying to get approval to have the swap meet at Coral Gables High School. School board approval is needed. School Principal Alex Martinez is working on getting the approval.

A motion by Chip Cipolato to not install a cutting guide on the bushes at the pilot flying stations was seconded by Scott Henry. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Plaque for Wally Crichton to be placed in the main pavilion at the AMPS field was brought to the meeting by Mike Laughlin and will be installed at the field.

Fence committee will address issues related to getting signs up at the field concerning the designation of the field as "Silver Field" in honor of former long time AMPS president Art Silver.

A discussion started by Vicar Hernandez about changing the dues for senior and minor Club members. A motion by Chip Cipolato that dues be left as they are now was seconded by Scott Henry. When pointed out that a change in the amount of the dues would require a bylaw change the motion was withdrawn.

Voting in of new members: Ed Macia was voted in as a new member of AMPS.

Raffle: Won by Chris Hogan.

Airplane on exhibit: Scott Henry brought his beautiful new Dave Patrick 1/4 scale Super Cub powered by a Saito 182.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP

Let's extend a warm AMP's welcome to the following new member: Ed Macia

The following Associate Members were scheduled to be voted in, but failed to show up for the meeting: G&G Martinez, A. Pascual, and G. Soto. These individuals, having not contacted any of the Club Officers nor their sponsors, are dropped from the membership roster and will have to reapply for membership at a later date if they choose to re-join the Club:

The following Associate Members are due to be voted into the club at our next meeting on August 11, 2005: A. Acevedo, C. Bonachea, C. Czencz, L. Diaz, M. Herum, T. Khan, G. Oviedo, J. Rivas and C. Root.

Associate Members being voted into the club are expected to remit their annual dues at that time. Annual dues are prorated for the quarter an Associate Member is being voted into the club. The prorated dues for associates being voted into the club on **August 11, 2005** will be: **\$50.00**. Dues not received by the last day of the month in which vote in date their designated meeting date, but is un-

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<u>Club Management</u>	<u>Club Flight Instructors and Check Pilots</u>	<u>Club Sponsors</u>	
President — Mike Laughlin	Chief Instructor, Bill Bishop — (305) 221-7291	Crown Hobbies	Hobby Nut
Vice President — Tom Caldwell	Instructor, Gus Garcia— (305) 255-9425	7439 Coral Way	12679 Dixie Hwy
Secretary Treasurer — Vicar Hernandez	Instructor, Mike Laughlin — (305) 234-8200	(305) 264-3964	(305) 235-9584
Safety Committee Chairman — John Mitchell	Instructor, Tom Caldwell — (305) 971-9113		
Field Engineer — Bob Cox	Instructor, Rey Mesa— (305) 388-5564		
Check Pilot, John Mitchell — (305) 388-2763	Instructor, Juan Vallejo— (786) 293-6278	Warrick Hobbies	
Event Committee Chairman — Vicar Hernandez	Check Pilot, Tony Fandino — (305) 693-1374	7676 Peters Road	
Chief Instructor — Bill Bishop	Check Pilot, Mike Cipolato — (305) 274-3835	Ft Lauderdale	
Newsletter Editor — Chris Hogan	Check Pilot, Abraham Horta — (305) 205-2906	(954) 424-0605	
Web Master — Vicar Hernandez			
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 Continental Park Clubhouse, 10000 SW 82 Ave.			
Please address inquiries about the club to: Aero-Modelers of Perrine, 6925 SW 65 Ave. South Miami, FL 33143-3246 or call (305) 666-2126			



Associate AMPS member Ozzie Bermudez's official AMPS Club Instructor is Ray Mesa but on this day Chris Hogan will be Ray's substitute.



Landing gear problems cause an aborted first take off attempt so off they go to retrieve Ozzie's trainer. BUMMER!



On the way back to the pits Ozzie and Chris discuss what needs to be changed.



Chris and Ozzie attempt to adjust tail-wheel overtravel before remembering steering wheel is actually in the nose.



"If at first you don't succeed try, try again!" Ozzie (right) flies his new trainer. Ozzie Bermudez is a musician who plays his instrument while reading from a music score so he already has great eye/hand coordination. R/C flying comes naturally to Ozzie!

Pics by Marilyn Hogan, thanks!



**New R/C Rhymes
Leidner's Roasted Limericks**

For openers, Bill Oberpriller,
Shot a landing that was a near
killer.
His thumbs, in a tizzy,
Made the onlookers dizzy,
Who all agreed, "'twas a
thriller!"

There once was a Garcia named
Gus,
Who would stand by his model
and fuss.
On a very nice day,
He would clean it and say,
That he "soon would be flying,"
with us.

AMPS' tech minded
member Cliff Root,
Is wearing his new de-
tective suit.
He has club clearance,
To track down inter-
ference,
And find a solution to
boot.

The Amphibian of Reynaldo
Mesa,
Was "Jinxed" at AMPS air
base. A
Tip float, then two,
Fell off, as it flew,
So the "landing" was quite a
disgrace, Eh!

A new kind of surprise for Paul
Gast,
Who's encountered good fortune
at last.

The elevator clevis broke loose,
Yet did not cook his goose,
As he landed the P-51 safely,
and FAST.

On morning, Entin, Bonanno, and
Green,
Formed the saddest trio you've
ever seen.

Each guy in turn,
Did a slow burn,
When he crashed his flying ma-
chine.

To start the summer, Teacher
Angel Toledo

Taught his airplane the old
"Mashed Potato"
While doing his "Thing",
He smashed the whole wing,
Which bled, just as red, as to-
mato.

R/C Helicopter pilot Aramis Ro-
mero,
Flies by limits of the old
straight and narrow.

But one day he skirted,
The rules while inverted,
Then took the wreck home in a
big wheelbarrow.

A M P S w a n n a b e e ,
Johnny "Dollars and" Czencz,
Has a tough name to spell, or
pronounce (no offence).

So please take the time,
To study this rhyme,
And you'll find that it makes
perfect sense!

Harry Hawthorne's guest at our
picnic, Charlotte,
Suffered a theft that will not
be forgot,

The perp thus earned a curse,
For picking her purse,
And we know where this culprit
shall rot..

As a Comedian, Bill Oberpriller,
Tried to outdo Phyllis Diller!
His judgment went wrong,
His landing went long,
And the runway's east end
stood up like a pillar.e

At the AMPS Flying Field, Earl
Smith,

Told his son in law, a very
slight myth.

In describing Aerobatic life,
He told of a "Rolling Knife",
A maneuver no one else agreed
with!

FOR SALE

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



See Vicar Hernandez or go to
[http://www.amps-rc.com/
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Airspeed, altitude
and brains. Two
are always needed
to successfully
complete the
flight.

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This month I'll write something I seldom do. I'd like to relate my experiences with a particular piece of R/C equipment which in my opinion raise a safety issue. I have no scientific evidence to back up my opinion but have heard over 10 anecdotes which do.

The Futaba R-127DF receiver is what comes with most Futaba radio systems of seven or fewer channels. I have owned two and both were, from day one, the most interference vulnerable solid state receivers in my R/C experience. You may never get a glitch out of yours! But mine would glitch badly, even predictably. I knew in what part of the airspace we use to expect trouble (yep, the west approach to the east-west and most of the northwest quadrant). I returned my R-127DFs to both Futaba's Hobby Services and Tony Stillman at Radio South but no flaw was ever found. In the air the "repaired" receivers continued to glitch getting progressively worse with use. Any of this sound familiar?

My solution was to replace the R-127DFs with Hi-Tec or FMA equivalents with which I never had an unexplained glitch at our field. As I have never had this problem with any other Futaba FM receiver.

None of what I've said has any technical basis. Maybe the latest R-127DFs are OK. I have been using Futaba radios since the days when they were actually made in Japan (sigh). But I will never use a Futaba R127DF receiver in my planes.

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able to attend that meeting, must call their sponsor, and the Secretary/Treasurer at (305) 666-2126. **RE-MINDER: 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. The Associate Member will thus 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 Member's affiliation with AMP's, and will also result in an immediate revocation of all flying privileges at the field.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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.

Editors note: Marilyn and I can only make it out to the field several Sundays each month. We really need a few more pictures, especially from those of you that are active Monday through Saturday. If you don't have a digital camera use a cheap disposable camera. The developer can put your images on a compact disk and provide very acceptable files. Action shots. Naturally, airplanes in flight are best! Please remember to include a brief text caption with names of people and equipment. Humor accepted! **THANK YOU Send to HgnHgr@aol.com**