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President's Plugs -by Tom Caldwell

Next month, in November, the nominations for officers will be taken in advance of the election to be held in December. Of course I'm talking about AMPS now, not the U.S. presidential elections. They do have one thing in common though and that is that both AMPS and the country will have a new

president once the elections are over. I submit to you that making a wise choice for president is important for both AMPS and the country.

Hopefully there will be more than one person running for the office of president of AMPS so that all members will have a choice of who to vote for. The same goes for the other positions that will be voted upon, namely vice-president, treasurer and secretary. If you have enjoyed the great sport of building and/or flying radio controlled aircraft I encourage you step forward and accept a nomination for an office of the Club. Our great hobby and the AMPS club in particular will survive only if interested persons with talent and ability give back to the hobby by volunteering to serve in a leadership position.

I have some ideas of the type of persons who would make good leaders for the AMPS club. They include leaders who will represent the interests of all members of the Club, not just one group or another. AMPS has members who come from many countries and have many members who favor one type of flying such as sport, IMAC, scale or helicopters. In my opinion your new officers for 2009 should be dedicated to serving all segments of the AMPS club, not just what interest them the most.

Your 2009 officers in my opinion should have as their number one goal the long term viability of the AMPS club. As you know,

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Secretary's Servos -by Bob Cox

Business Meeting September 11, 2008

Vice President Tony Fandino called the meeting to order at 7: 10 pm.

New members and guests were welcomed to the club meeting.

The Minutes for the August Business meeting were accepted as printed in the club newsletter, "Printed Circuit".

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Vicar Hernandez. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. The Treasurer's report can be viewed by club members on the AMPS web site at <http://www.amps-rc.com>

Old Business

The Silver Palm Classic

Bob Cox states that preparations for the pattern event are well underway. He has been getting positive feedback from likely contestants on the R/C Universe web site forum as well as from club members. He does say that he is in need of volunteers. If any member would like to volunteer they should contact Bob. Pre-registration available at <http://www.seniorpattern.com/contests.htm>

Entrance Gates

Tony Fandino has constructed gates for the club field and they have been installed. Every member should have received a post card from the club with the combination

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for the lock in order to gain access to the field. Members are reminded to please close and lock the gate if you are the last person to leave the field. This should be done no matter the time of day.

IMAC Event

Tony Fandino is considering making the event a three day event. He has delayed applying for sanction until a decision has been made.

Field Improvement

Vicar Hernandez made a Power Point presentation to the membership concerning the options for field maintenance. There are three options to be considered.

Option 1: Maintain the new runways and pit areas the same as the current runways.

Option 2: Maintain the new runways with shorter manicured grass while maintaining the remainder the same as the old runways.

Option 3: Maintain all of the new runways and pit areas with shorter manicured grass.

Vicar's presentation included the necessary equipment to maintain the field based on the options. After much discussion, Don Crissey made a motion to follow the recommendation of the field committee and maintain the new property based on Option 2. Rene Molina seconded the motion. A vote was called for. The motion passed.

Option 2 would require the new runways to be cut to a height of 1 inch or lower. In order for the grass to be cut that low it will require the use of a reel type mower. The field committee has located several used mowers suitable to the clubs needs at costs ranging from \$4,500 to \$8,500 for a self powered riding mower. The committee also had recommendations for a tow behind type reel mower costing \$1,300 to \$2,000.

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AMPS turns 50 in 2009. May it have another 50 years of continuous operation! Going into 2009 however, the Club must deal with the fact that it no longer owns the property where the flying field is located but rather has a lease with the South Florida Water Management District which allows the District to cancel the lease for any reason, or no reason at all, with 6 months notice. The improvements which have been made to Silver Field are very nice but will the Club have enough funds held in reserve to get a new field if the District forces AMPS to move? Be sure to speak with the candidates for the 2009 elections about this important issue. Ask the candidates how much money has been spent on field improvements to date in 2008 and would AMPS have enough funds after all currently planned field improvements are made to move to another field if required to do so?

Of course your officers should set an example for other members of the Club which means at a minimum they should respect and follow all the Club bylaws and rules (yes, this has been a problem in the past). I submit that you should also try to elect officers who will get along with one another since if they don't the business of the Club suffers.

I think you get the picture: The upcoming elections are important and deserve your attention and your participation. So please inform yourself about the issues, the candidates and then vote as you think best. Doing so will help ensure the long term success of the AMPS club. Good flying and I hope to see you at the flying field one of these days.

<u>Club Management</u>	<u>Flight Instructors/Check Pilots</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
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Annual dues are \$100. for Open Members (\$200. first year only), \$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 the second Thursday of each month at the historic Dice House on the Southeast corner of S.W. 82nd Ave. and 100 St.		
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Leidner's Roasted Limericks

A REHASH OF DOC'S TRASH

Part three in the "Woes of Paul Gast".

(You'd think by now, he'd be gassed).

A golfer yells, "Fore",
But Paul cries, "Four More".
He just isn't learning too fast.

As a novice, new fan, Richard Goodman,
Wished to pilot R/C, if he could man.

But his buddy box guy,
Picked the wrong bird to fly.
So what's left is a wreck, that's no good man.

Chris Hogan and Sergio Schinoff,
Had a meeting, they can not spin off.

One Sunday the pair,
Had a mid-air,
Of which both were lucky to grin off.

European import, Wolfgang Murlbach,
Wished to become an American Jock.
While doing his thing,
He put the "DING" in landing,
Coming in so hot that it knocked off his sock.

Wish "Luck" to returnee, Horace Entin'
He flew here a lot 'fore he went in.
But 'Good Luck" and Horace,
Soon got a divorce,
When three planes "Bought the Farm" he was rentin'.

Club required frequency pins are now available with or without the club logo. The standard pin is \$5.00 and it includes your first initial and last name. Now available also is the one with the club logo which can be engraved with your first initial and last name for a cost of \$10.00. Please email the club treasurer for ordering directions.



Jets Over The Cape

COME JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF JETS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH AND 12TH 2008

Cape Coral R/Seahawks presents:
"Jets Over the Cape"
2nd Annual event



For information

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*R/Seahawks Air Park
WWW.rseahawks.org for
directions and information
on the park.*

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A vote was called for to decide which type of mower should be purchased. The results where:

Tow behind mower: 2

Self powered riding mower: 12

Don Crissey made a motion that the field committee purchases a used reel mower with a budget not to exceed \$8,500. Mariano Barrio seconded the motion. The motion passed

Other maintenance equipment and items needed are as follows:

Sand, seed and fertilizer spreader.

A lawn tractor or other towing type vehicle.

A second storage container.

A lawn roller.

Canopies for the new pit areas and frequency board.

The club voted to approve the following items.

Spreader, roller and the container.

The towing vehicle and canopies where tabled until a later date.

New Business

As there was no new business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.