



The Aero Fest is over. There were 48 registered pilots on Saturday and 13 on Sunday for a total of 61 pilots. There were lots of planes in the air being watched by a very good crowd of spectators. Everyone enjoyed the hamburgers sold in the concessions. The club even managed to make a profit on the event. Generally speaking the Aero Fest was a success.

Unfortunately, it may be the last Aero Fest held at the AMPS field. What's the problem you may ask? If it was a success, why not have another?

It's become apparent that the membership in general does not care to have such an event. Other than a very small group, there was no membership participation and an even smaller group of members willing to volunteer their time to help during the event. Preparations before the event were handled by two or three people and workers during the event were limited to only twelve or thirteen people. It's just not possible to host an event as large as Aero Fest with such a small number of workers. Most people involved with Aero Fest this year want nothing to do with having the event again.

### President's Plugs -by Bob Cox

What's the solution to the problem? We all know what the solution is, but the solution just will not work in this club. The membership is not willing to participate and there is nothing that will change that fact. After so many

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### Secretary's Servos -by Chris Hogan

Minutes from 9/10/09 approved as published in "Printed Circuit".

Summary Treasurer's report read and approved.

President's report: AMPS billed \$150. for repair to mower.

#### Old Business

Bob reported that long time member Mike Dickenson died after a long illness and model airplane effects of his estate sold by Mike Laughlin at the swap meet.

AMPS member and educator Angel Toledo will bring his class to Silver Field for a trainer flying day during November. Angel will need volunteers to bring trainer aircraft with buddy boxes. Tony volunteered to help with frequency coordination. Further consideration will be given to a date and transportation details.

Business Meeting October 8, 2009

Call to order 7:22 PM.

Guests welcomed.

Vicar reported that a Boy Scout troop has volunteered to conduct the flag display at Aerofest.

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years of trying, those of us that do work the events have finally accepted the reality of the situation.

There are other events coming up in the first couple of months of the New Year. I can't even begin to imagine how those will turn out. More than likely, a very small number of people will work their tails off to make these events a success.

To those few who have helped and those who will help, Thank You.

There were a few members who made a very impressive contribution to the club. There are six new park benches at the field now. The benches are beautiful and look like brand new. These benches were donated by George Brod. They were a bit rough when we got them. They needed sandblasted, painted and varnished to bring them up to usable condition. Thanks to donations and work by a few members, the benches were re-furbished at no cost to the club.

George Brod donated the benches.  
Jim Blinco and Elio Mendoza each donated \$100 for re-furbishing.  
Cliff Root transported the benches for sandblasting and priming.  
Mike Ball donated his time to paint the metal parts.  
David Massey varnished and assembled the benches.

The next time you see any of these members, thank them for their contribution.

Thanks everyone for your help and contribution.

**Pride and Disappointment  
-by Vicar Hernandez**

The 2009 Aerofest just finished and in my opinion it was a great success. For those of us that worked hard at making it happen it was an extremely satisfying experience. Some of us could barely get out of bed on Monday but, I am sure I speak for the other volunteers; we feel a great sense of accomplishment.

For me Saturday was the highlight. The number of pilots and planes of all kinds was a great sight. The war birds, the jets, all other models were excellent examples of craftsmanship. To hear the compliments from the visiting pilots gave me an incredible amount of satisfaction and pride.

To see the kids come out on the runway to get candy dropped from model airplanes was the other item of pride. One of the models was my own creation. A couple of weeks of struggling with gear and radio almost left me without this opportunity. In the end it all worked out.

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<u>Club Management</u>	<u>Flight Instructors/Check Pilots</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
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Annual dues are \$150. 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.  
Please address inquiries to Aero-Modelers of Perrine 6925 SW 65 Ave. South Miami, FL 33143-3246 (305) 666-2126.



## Leidner's Roasted Limericks

AMPS once had a member named Wayne,  
Whose intent was to be its' first to fly his plane in the rain.  
He had an umbrella, and used it,  
But the weather abused it,  
And everything ended up, down the drain.

A pretty young blonde named Dolores,  
Showed off her new ARF right before us.  
She flew to a song,  
But did it all wrong,  
And crashed, after reaching the chorus.

There once was a rich blonde named Nancy,  
Who bought an R/C plane, much too fancy.  
When it came time to solo,  
She flew it so slow,  
low,  
That every one watching got antsy.

Next was a voluptuous blonde named Patrician,  
Who could not out fly a dead fish. On Approach number two,  
She turned her plane into goo,  
And the runway, to a holey condition.

An inept blond pilot named Lilly,  
Flew so willy nilly, she looked silly.  
So Lilly begged an instructor,  
To coach and conduct her,  
But the question remains, namely,  
"Will he?"

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.



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Now to the other side of the expression, disappointment; I am disappointed that AMPS members did not support the event. Very few members came to watch the show, even less came to fly, and almost none came to help. The two day (three if we count Friday) saw approximately 10 members plus a few other family helpers working really hard. It got so bad that Nick Capone, the Event Director, ended up doing the lunch cooking on Sunday.

Is it worth it? I am beginning to think that given the apathy of our members there is no reason to hold these events. Every one tells me that every club is the same; about 10% of the members do all the work. AMPS must be the exception, 10 out 240 is less than 5%....

In conclusion, I am proud of the club and those individuals that work hard to make it what it is. I am disappointed in all of you that do not seem to care beyond having a place to fly and someone to complain to when things are not the way you want.

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Swap meet report by Bob: High attendance and robust sales the order of the day! Excellent administration by Rene, Juan and Xavier. Kudos to chef Abraham who worked very hard. All resulted in \$415. profit to AMPS. Members noted many buyers and sellers from outside AMPS.

Aerofest report by Nick: Flyers have been distributed to hobby shops and Markham Park. Discussion of PA system: pros and cons of ownership vs. rental. Tony will help with rental; Tony has technical expertise to choose correct equipment at the right price and professional contact with vendors offering the most modern equipment. Chip's motion, seconded by Nick, for AMPS to purchase PA system failed. Frank Drewniani noted logistical and qualitative advantages of system rental. Steve Steinbring suggested AMPS rent PA for Aerofest then review this experience when considering future purchase. Bob recommend rental option to stay in budget guidelines. Chip's motion, seconded by Roger Gonzalez, that AMPS rent a \$150. PA system for Aerofest passed.

Winter picnic report by Bob: Date will be second weekend of December. Vicar will find out if Jaime Cuesta wants to provide catering.

Silver Palm Pattern contest report: Jim Woodward has obtained AMA CD license.

No report on 2010 AMPS IMAC Challenge.

Florida City Osprey's R/C club has been informed of AMPS invitation to use Silver Field as guests November 14<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> when their field is closed for the NASCAR event.

Trash cans will be removed from the field October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

Bob reported an accumulation of thatch on parts of both runways that impede grass mowing. There was a discussion of sweeper attachments for mower. Roger Gonzalez' motion, seconded by Chip, to buy a lawn sweeper was tabled until next month.

Bob recommended that members use locator devices to help retrieve airplanes lost in long grass. Bob has good information on these devices.

Vicar reported on progress to promote AMPS to AMA Leader Club rank. This status ranges from bronze to gold. Tony, our AMA District 5 Asst. Vice President, noted this AMA status demonstrates desirable community involvement. Following a vote by the members present, Vicar said he would pursue promotion of AMPS to gold

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AMA Leader Club rank.

Grievance filed by Humberto Zambrano against Wilfredo Bernabe and Isidro Rodriguez alleged on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 PM Willy and Isidro interfered with Humberto cutting the grass on the runways. In filing this grievance Humberto noted that he had been endangered in the past by flying activity when he was cutting the grass. Bob was called to the field by Humberto to arbitrate this dispute and determined Willy and Isidro were in the wrong. Bob recommended the BOD and members present vote for Willy and Isidro to be expelled from AMPS. Isidro, present at the meeting, apologized to Humberto for endangering Humberto and showing disrespect for Humberto's volunteer contribution to AMPS. The BOD voted against continuing an expulsion process for Isidro by the members present but noted the grievance would remain on file. Willy was not present to answer Humberto's grievance against him despite being notified by AMPS of the possible consequences for not coming to the meeting. Several members present noted past confrontations with Willy. The BOD unanimously recommended the members present vote for or against Wilfredo Bernabe's expulsion from AMPS. The subsequent vote was in favor of expulsion. The gate lock combination and password to the "members only" AMPS web site page will be changed.

50-50 raffle was won by Vicar.

Meeting adjourned 9:27 PM.