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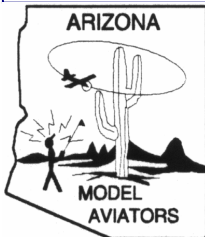
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Next Club Meetings

May 1 and June 5, 2007
 Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Viewpoint Golf Resort
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May meeting In the Room by the ball field (Hawes Road) and June Meeting in Green Room
 To view map visit our website:
www.azmodelaviators.com

President's Corner

Larry Nichols, President
Arizona Model Aviators



There will not be President's Column Included in this month's Newsletter as Larry has not been able to find the time of the subject matter. At the May 1st Members Meeting he let those that were in attendance know that he did not want to hold up the Newsletter any more, so this is coming to you as hot off the press as it can be.

Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

Jim Compton reported that the 25 size race on April 15 had 9 entries (many of the normal entrants were absent, maybe because of the breezy weather forecast) but the racing was very close and only one model was damaged by the wind when it caused a bumpy landing but even that landing gear problem was fixed before the next race. There was a mid air, but both models landed safely. After 5 rounds of racing there was a tie for first with 19 points between John Mangino and Scott Compton. During the fly off Scott crossed the line first but he made the only cut of the day so handing first to John. Lewie Kear came in third with 17 points. Jim wants to thank Allen Jones, Dave Balch and Ronald Saum for helping run the event. The last race of the 2006-2007 season will be on May 20th. Next season begins in September.

Recently the 6MM FLYRC web site ran a contest for 3 topics. One was for the Best "Why I build" article and the other two were Best Pictures and Best Crash story. Well it turns out our own Davis Fiedler won for his "Why I Build" submittal. Davis was kind enough to provide us with access to the web site and I have included a copy of it here for all to see.

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It's the CHALLENGE!

I started building little plastic airplanes (I remember a Mooney Mite) when I was in fourth grade. By sixth grade I was building the stick and dope rubber powered WW-I and WW-II fighters. Start with plans, balsa formers and balsa sticks. The glue was the thick gooey stuff that took forever to dry and would peel off your fingers if you were lucky.

Everything was held together with straight pins and you would wait at least 24 hours before moving on to the next big step. Safety razors were the tool of choice in those days. No Xacto

knives yet. And yes, I still remember my first really bad cut. I learned young to **respect** those sharp razor blades. I also put together my share of model cars in high school. I still have a red 66 fastback Vette and a 66 Ford Cobra. Back in those days Radio Control was for rich people, not a poor kid in the PA sticks, but I always dreamed.

In 1971 I joined the Air Force. I was stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico and in 1974 I bought my first R/C airplanes and "equipment." My first radio was an OS in a blue metal box. There were no ARF's in those days, but now, at least there was CA glue. My first builds were an Ugly Stick, a Phaeton, a Sweet Stick and a Falcon 56 among others. I still have the Ugly Stick Wing and the Sweet Stick Wing AND the Phaeton. I quit flying in 1987. My girlfriend at the time bought me a Goldberg Eaglet. The kit lived in my attic until 2003 when I got the bug again. That was my first kit this time around. It was like Rip Van Winkle waking up. More frequencies, more powerful motors, PCM and electric motors that worked. I kept building because I like to build. I have a rep at the field for taking home the crashes and giving them new life. Phoenix or Zombie, take your choice. My latest is an 80" Yak. It flies great and I love the plane.

At the last electric festival we had here in Arizona at the AMA field, I caught the bug for a 6mmFlyRC jet. I bought the kit later from some one that won it because they were gracious enough to donate some kits for prizes. When I looked at the kit I thought it would be impossible to make all those flat sheets into a jet. The instructions were good and I have an F-18, which I modified to a ducted fan, awaiting its first flight.

The adrenaline rush for me is taking a box of balsa, or a set of plans, or Depron foam, or an abandoned plane out of the dumpster and knowing that I can resurrect it and make it fly again. My planes are unhappy on the weekdays when they sit in the workshop. They live for the times that they leave the Earth and risk all to fly free through the sky. The first flights, when you have NO IDEA how the plane will fly, or if it will fly at all is the RUSH. You taxi the new project down the runway, check everything again for the hundredth time, give it the throttle and hold your breathe. A little up elevator and away it goes slewing right or left or up down as you fight the trim to keep the plane in the air and finally it settles down and away it goes, after that the landing is easy, usually!

Why do I still build? The CHALLENGE!!! Because when the project is done and flying I know that I started with nothing and created a beautiful flying airplane.

Davis
Mesa , AZ

If anyone wants to view the web site and the winners from the other categories they can be found at :
<http://www.6mmflyrc.com/flyblog/2007/3/31/winner-winner-chicken-dinner.html>

The word from our Membership Chairman Don Manchester is that we have had 9 new members since last month which corresponds to 65 new members since Oct 1 last year and this includes one late renewal. The most recent since the last newsletter are:

Jerry Bauer Shoaib Bokhari Thomas Clarke
Michael Donovan Orlis Howe Brad Johnson
Carl McNutt Gary Polinski Jeff Vanderwell

For the last time this year, Don again asks that everyone deposit their old gate keys in the daily pay slot at the field. They can be recycled and save the Club some money. Also the laminator will be at the next meeting if anyone wants their badge laminated, costing \$1.00.

Although this Newsletter is the normal size, we are still interested in receiving any material you would like to provide like the material provided by Davis. If anyone has any news of interest that they want included in the Newsletter, send it to me as any help in getting interesting topics in the Newsletter is welcome. See you at the field and don't forget to check out our Web site at www.azmodelaviators.com for all the latest news.

April 3 Club Meeting Minutes

President Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:08. Four new members were present and introduced themselves. Melvin Ventura, Darryl Allen and Carl Barshop have been members for a short while but this was their first member's meeting and Tom Clark joined before the meeting started. Larry asked if there were any corrections needed in the Secretary's minutes of the last member's meeting as reported in the Newsletter. Hearing none he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Geoff Hughes proposed acceptance and the proposal passed.

Don Hartdegen then gave the Treasurer's report. He reported that the account balance was close to the level that existed at this time last year with a small growth.

Don Manchester then reported on the status of the current membership. It now stands at 278 with Tom Clark's signing up on the day.

Larry next reported on the upcoming events at the field. There was to be a 25 size race on Sunday April 15. As always help is always welcome. The Rim County Fun Fly in Rye will be held on April 28th and it is hoped to have about 25 members go up and fly at what has been renamed The Peterson Field after Larry Peterson who was killed last year in a motor cycle accident.

Larry reported that John Mangino has agreed to step into the position of Contest Coordinator but he was willing to step down if anyone else wanted to take over the position. Paul Goldsmith then reported that the Fall Auction has been set for the second Saturday in November.

Under Safety Paul reported that there had been a session of spraying weed killer that morning to keep the

vegetation under control. If the Roundup spraying works, more of the areas will be treated. Paul recommended that if you have a crash, please deposit the remnants directly into the dumpster rather than in the barrels, it makes the effort a lot cleaner.

Dave Dunn then reported on instruction. He indicated things have been quiet recently but are starting to pick up. One Instructor is available during the week and two are available at the weekend, so please contact Jim Compton if you need instruction. Dave Balch reported that Jim and Dave had been registered with the AMA as Instructor Pilots and he was requested to have Jon Hamilton added to the list. Instructor Pilots can give instruction to non AMA members so that they can see if they might be interested in taking up the hobby before investing in an AMA membership.

It was reported that member Bill Smith had donated a new DVD to the Club Video Library which shows all forms of flight from birds all the way up to the Thunderbirds. He has also volunteered to convert our Video library into DVD versions. This will be quite an undertaking and his offer is accepted with gratitude with the promise that any out of pocket expenses will be covered. This cost will not be trivial as we have a large collection of VHS tapes. Bill later suggested that when his effort is complete, he will provide a list of the titles available which can then be added to the material on the Web Site so anyone interested in taking out a DVD or VHS will know what selections are available.

Don Hartdegen reported that we have again been approved by the Corporate Commission to operate in 2007 as a Non Profit Organization.

Austin Goodwin gave a report of the One Eighth Air Force rally. It was a great meet and they had 71 registered pilots and about 100 models, which was a little down from usual. This may be due to the weather forecast and the fact that the Parks Department does not now allow R/V parking overnight. Due to the system of rotating the event to other area flying sites the event will not be back with us until the fall of 2010. Austin reported that he used his fire extinguisher for the first time on one of the models (an electric powered SE-5A). The event made more from parking than the 1/8th Air Force had made from any previous event they have ever held, over \$1700.

Larry Nichols reported on the Open House which was conducted at Williams Gateway Airport. We were invited to show a static display of scale models and to answer questions from anyone interested. It was a great success with a lot of people seeing the models, asking questions and commenting on their experiences with the full scale versions. We expect to be invited back next year where we hope to have a roped off area (so models do not get damaged by people squeezing them) and maybe even an opportunity to do a flying demonstration.

As a Show and Tell Allen Jones (who you may remember at the January Member's Meeting asked about the facilities to break in a new motor and when told of the limited facilities we have, offered to fabricate a break in test stand) gave a talk on his new break in stand that he has fabricated for use by the Club. He explained the various features on the stand and asked if there were any suggested improvements that could be made. The unit is very substantial (fabricated from wood) and well finished so should stand up to the weather and usage very well.

John Mangino mentioned that one of the items up for the raffle was donated and the other prizes were obtained at cost from Hobby Town on Gilbert Road. He urged all those that go into Hobby Town to thank them for their support.

Paul McDevitt moved to close the meeting at 8:05 and Larry called the meeting adjourned.

April 17 Board Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:20. The first order of business was to continue the discussions on the proposed changes to the Field Use Management Agreement with the Park Department. Since the last Board meeting, Board Members Mike Currier, Gary Bailey and Bob Franklin had met with Jennifer Johnston (Parks Supervisor) and Tom Timmons, her Supervisor. The feedback from the meeting was more positive than we had expected with the Parks people being very impressed with the activities at the field. They complimented us on how we have been keeping the field in shape thanks to the many volunteers in the Club. Neither of them want us to leave which is good and somewhat counter to the tone of the draft agreement. However it appears the agreement between the Arizona Parks and the U.S. Department of the Interior is close to expiring and they explained that some of the amendments in the draft agreement are coming no matter what. The Parks people requested that we respond to the draft agreement by the second week of May. Although some of the requirements in the draft agreement are somewhat harsh, it was explained that everything was negotiable. Interestingly, whatever we agree with Parks will form the basis for negotiations with other Model Clubs in the area that are working under the same agreements. To help in making the agreed to changes in things like insurance, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to check with Parks to see who they are comfortable working with and then seeing if that source would work better than our current provider. It was also agreed that we should talk to the Land Management People to get a dialog going there so we understand their general criteria for approvals on any topic, especially so we can get something going as far as correcting the overnight R/V parking ban.

One of the elements required by the Parks was a balance sheet for income and expenses for each year. In support of this, Don Hartdegen presented a run down of

these details for the 2 years and 4 months that he has been Treasurer. The sheet shows that we meet the criteria of a Non Profit organization as the overall change in the Club Treasury over that time period was less than 2.5%.

Moving on to more normal Board topics. a safety issue that was brought up by Paul Goldsmith, is that if someone experiences a failure of their Li-Po batteries, please take them home and dispose of them properly there. Apparently this requires waiting 2-4 hours with the batteries in a safe fire proof location and then soaking them in salt water before disposing of them. Do not just dump them in the trash at the field as has happened. Also under safety it was reported that one of the members experienced a badly cut finger from a prop that needed 20 stitches. It was agreed that apart from emphasizing the need for caution with spinning props, we need to identify all of the local Care Centers and Fire Stations with EMTs and post the list on the bulletin Board at the field. It was proposed that we should approach Paul McDevitt to set up a Committee to investigate how best to handle old batteries.

Paul Goldsmith was authorized to use weed killer to control the weeds that are springing up on the far side of the runway. And it was again emphasized that we need to make sure that everyone keeps their speed down when driving into the field. One of the items that are critical to the U.S. Department of the Interior is to cut down of the dust that we generate. There is already a Federal Law about kicking up dust and we may be cited if we do not try to keep things under control. It was again mentioned that if you move a start table to better access the yoke for starting, please move the table back after, as leaving it where it was moved to may be unsafe. It was agreed that the newsletter could start to accept advertisement from owners of businesses and hobby stores. It was approved that a charge of \$10 per month, \$100 per year should be made to help defray the cost of producing the Newsletter and distributing it.

Finally it was approved that a Fun Fly would be organized for Saturday May 12th with John Mangino as the CD. A budget of \$1500 was approved for prizes and unlike previous years an entry fee of \$10 would be required to help cover the cost of the prizes.

Larry closed the meeting at 9:25.

Events

- 25 Size Race May 20th
- Spring Fun Fly May 12th

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

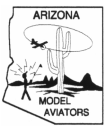
2007 Membership, as of April 27, was as follows

Members:	275
New Members:	9
Total Members:	284

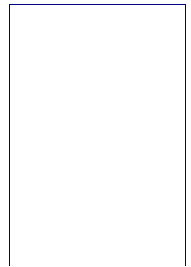
Some Photos from the One Eight Air Force Rally







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