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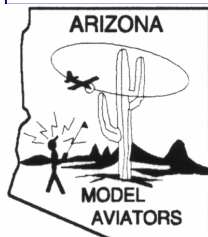
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Next Club Meetings

Mar 6 and Apr 3, 2007
 Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Viewpoint Golf Resort
**In the Meeting Room by the
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 8700 E. University Rd. Mesa,
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President's Corner

Larry Nichols, President Arizona Model Aviators

Well it's time for me to write something interesting so I'm going to jump in and I hope you will find my selection worth reading about. Last Saturday I met with Patrick from Williams Gateway Airport because he has invited our club to bring a few RC airplanes to their open house on March 10th. While we were looking over the scale planes at the GunSmoke contest and talking to some club members, it came to me how versatile this hobby is. There are aircraft of every shape and size within our membership. We have helicopters, biplanes, sport, scale, float, IMAC, trainers, high wing, low wing, jet, small, medium, large, and huge. Sometimes we are so close to this activity we forget to really look at what's available within our hobby. So the next time you start to lose some interest with your flying and or building, think about looking around at all this hobby has to offer. You might just give yourself a shot in the arm. Talk to the club members who have something different than you about their plane and what to expect if you get one. You might be surprised about how many folks ask you about what you have. This will bring our club closer together and we will all gain some knowledge along the way. Good luck and good flying. Larry



Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

This has been a busy month. Jim Compton gave me a quick rundown on the results of the 25 size race on February 4th. He reports that we had lots of attrition. 14 planes started, 8 finished. There was a Mid air, we had crashes and engine problems. Standings: 1st - Scott Compton (only took 7 years of racing to get a first) 19 points; 2nd - Lewie Kear 18 points; 3rd - Dave Reichart
 See you guys later

We had a field clean up session before the GunSmoke Competition and Paul Goldsmith mentioned the following as helping out. Here are the people who helped make the field look like it did for GunSmoke: John Mangino; Dale Singleton; Don Farr; Austin Goodwin; Lonnie Cottrell; Dan Picardi; Paul Goldsmith

Also from Paul: He notes that he was not at GunSmoke on the Friday and they didn't start the list until Sunday. He went over it with Austin and Dave Dunn. If we missed anyone, we apologize. Just let us know at the meeting, Paul

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The following people helped out at GunSmoke; Dennis Lau; Gloria Lau; Jim Compton; Scott Compton; Ryan Compton; Geoff Hughes; Bill Smith; Larry Wende; Grizz Wallace; Harry Scaggs; Gene Ortega; Mary Vitale; Davis Fiedler; Gar Agle; John Mangino; Ken Kear; Tony Miologos; Dave Dunn; Mark Metzger; Paul Metzger; Roxanne Cottrell; Lonnie Cottrell; Austin Goodwin; Al Culver; Jim Legg; Brian Smith; Paul Goldsmith; Gary Bailey; Joe Bailey

Back to normal Newsletter business. The word from our Membership Chairman Don Manchester is that we have had 48 new members since Oct 1 last year. The most recent since the last newsletter are:

Glenn Williams	Danny Allen	Gordon Murphy
Rodney Steagall	Marvin Chase	James Newman
Leon Spielbusch (the newsletter editor for the East Valley Aviators Club)	Grizz Wallace	Gary Mayberry
James Wasson	Alex Wasson	Thomas Minick
Eric Weisbrod	Kevin Nordquist	Spencer Nordquist
Ralph Azbill	Martin Treat	Joyce Treat
Mike Hanich	Jose Moreno-Romero	Danny Rosetta
James Sage		

Don also 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 meeting if anyone wants their badge laminated, costing \$1.00.

I have just received the Club renewal package from the AMA, we will be getting everyone registered as Club Members and all of the insurance coverage settled and ready for the rest of the year.

This month's Newsletter is back to the usual size due to a large number of events and photo opportunities after the slim version of a few months ago. However we are still interested in receiving any material you would like to provide, 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.

February 6 Club Meeting

President Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:08. Before getting into the meeting agenda, he asked if anyone had left a transmitter at the field. If you have and can identify the model type displayed and the frequency then let Larry know and the transmitter will be returned to you. Ray Degonie was the only visitor present. He is down from Calgary Canada for the winter. 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. Davis Fiedler proposed acceptance and Gar

Agle seconded and the proposal passed. Don Hartdegen then gave the Treasurer's report. Although some income from the Electric Festival was received, all of the expenses have not been identified so an overall bottom line on the income cannot be given yet. He did report that everyone did a fine job with the flying event costs being covered by the raffle and the entry fees from the large number of pilots. The raffle alone netted \$2500 with Paul Goldsmith and his crew doing a good job. Don Manchester then reported on the current membership status. As of February 1st, we have 258 total members, 214 flying members, 10 Life time, 29 Family, 4 Juniors and 1 Associate. There have been 48 members signed up since October while 54 have not renewed. Of the 49 flying members who have not renewed, 16 were new members in 2006. We will try to find what caused their membership to be so short so we maybe can correct the problem. The new member badges were available at the back of the room for those that had not already picked theirs up. Don emphasizes that we need to be told of any changes in home or E-mail address so we can keep the communication and Newsletters coming. For those that still have their 2006 gate keys, please drop them in the metal daily fee box on the post behind the notice board at the field, that way we can recycle them saving the club \$1 each time.

Reports were given on the two most recent events that were held at the field. The electric Festival has grown so large that we need to change a few things. These include impound security, parking (regular and RV), and how we can better integrate the helicopters into the pattern. The organizing team will come up with some ideas and will present them to the Board. Overall the event went very well with 203 pilots and between 800 and 1000 planes. The parking lots were about as full as they can get and only the "missing" transmitters from the impound were negatives and the club picked up the tab there for \$952, some of which may be recoverable from the AMA insurance.

The Sunday following the Electric Festival we had a 25 size race. There were 14 entries and unfortunately a lot of attrition (including one mid-air) with only 8 models finishing the races.

Larry then did a quick rundown on the upcoming events to be held by the Club. The organizers of the events gave a status on how the preparations are going. Dave Dunn reported on the GunSmoke event which is to be held 23, 24 and 25th of February. The event is coming together and Roxanne Cottrell is very involved. Some help is still needed in some areas such as registration (a sign up sheet was set up at the back of the room for volunteers). A lot of good prizes have been collected for both the general raffle and the pilot's raffle. There are only 12 pre-entries so far but there is often a rush at the last moment. The 3 judges for the event have been confirmed.

Paul Goldsmith reported that the upcoming Auction (March 3rd in the ViewPoint Ballroom) will have a new procedure which it is hoped will speed up the event. The new procedure will require sellers to set up their tables as now, but the items for auction will then be initially selected at random for sale. No paperwork is expected to be required. The minimum value for auction will now be \$35 and there will be a separate table for all items of \$35 or less which will be handled separately by Gar Agle. He will just require that the items for sale be listed with their recommended asking price. Help is needed as always to start setting up as early as 5:30 for the Auction to start at 7:00.

Paul then reported on safety. He commented that during the Electric Festival, the helicopters were flying in too close to the pilot's stations. The Park Rangers had problems with people starting a camp fire using the parking lot as a golf range. Joe Bailey mentioned that the Parks Department is concerned about allowing RVs to park down at the bottom of the field during events. Based on the incidents, that concern seems valid but he feels the issue will be resolved if the RV are forced to park up close to the runway. He feels something can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction. Paul then presented Larry Nichols with a plaque thanking him for welding the tables.

Dave Dunn then reported on the Instruction program. He reported that the program is getting busy and last Saturday he personally had 5 students. So he is looking for more instructors to share the load.

Roxanne indicated she has volunteered to become the AMA District X Contest Coordinator as the current coordinator is difficult to get in touch with. We will have to see if Rich Hansen our District X Vice President wishes to make a change.

Under new business, a proposed new position of Contest Coordinator was discussed. This position would cover most of the support organization efforts for a flying event including arranging extra porta potties, trash pick up, drive way watering, food and parking. One individual would cover all of the Club run events and would work with the event CDs to ensure the support efforts are covered. With a single person covering the tasks, lessons learned will be quickly known and used to help the next event. The position would report to Jim Compton as the Club Event Director. Information on existing vendors and other points of contact will be part of the kick off package.

As a show and tell Roxanne presented a slide show of a sample of the photographs she had taken at the Electric Festival. She will be similarly taking photos at the upcoming GunSmoke Rally and those will be available for use in the Newsletter and on the Web Site.

A suggestion was made to get some brightly colored vests so that at an event the CD and other helpers can be quickly and easily identified. Yellow and orange colors were discussed. It is thought that there may already

be some red vests in the bunkers which could also be used for this purpose.

Prior to the Raffle a moment of silence was held as the members remembered Larry Clawson who passed away the previous week.

After the raffle it was noted that 3 of the prizes were won using tickets awarded to people helping out at Club events.

Larry closed the meeting at 8:25.

February 20 Board Meeting

Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:01. The first order of business was to continue the discussions and make a decision on the way to set up of the Auction for the Spring and Fall of '07. A review of the circumstances as to what happened last fall and why the date used was arrived at, was necessary so that all of the new Board members understood the circumstances. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to continue to hold the Auction at ViewPoint but it was hoped the current Fall date of the last weekend in October, could be moved back to November allowing the Club to take advantage of the food services. This option will be investigated by Dick Brush. With the proposed new set up for the Spring Auction, it is hoped the event will move along a little quicker and allow the interest to be maintained longer so some good bidding can be experienced again. It was emphasized that ALL contact with the ViewPoint management, for any event, must be made through Dick Brush to eliminate any confusion for them. Dick will put in the requested dates for the 2008 Auction soon in the hopes of keeping the current good rate.

In preparation for the upcoming GunSmoke competition, Roxanne Cottrell provided receipts for the spectators raffle.

Larry Nicholls reported that he had been contacted by the organizers of an Open House at the Williams Gateway Airport on March 10th. Larry had reached an agreement with the organizer that he would attend GunSmoke and select from the Club Members models ones he would like to have in the display at the Open House.

Larry next made the proposal that the Club Bye Laws, Field Rules, Safety Rules and Standing Rules need to be reviewed and rewritten and republished in one package, if appropriate. This new package would then be available to new members (and those renewing) so there will be no confusion as to what the Rules of the Club are. Included in this review will be a need to define whether the Board meetings are to be open or closed to members and whether uninvited visitors will be allowed to be included in the discussions, or would it be better to have visitors present their position at the beginning of the meeting and then leave. The current Bye Laws are unclear on these points.

There followed a discussion on the finances of the Electric Festival. It was agreed that for all of the work involved, the net income was not as large as expected especially when the income from parking alone was \$3600. The event itself lost about \$1000 which indicates the details of the expenses need to be reviewed for the next time we have such an event.

Bob Franklin then let everyone know there was a new Club Logo available electronically for anyone that needs one. The main difference in appearance is a general clean up and a reduction in the number of radio waves that come out of the Flyer's radio. Being electronic the logo can now be blown up to a very large size if needed without losing clarity.

It was then reported that the Parks Department and the Flood Control Board had requested that each time we hold an event they want to know the details and to each time get another copy of the AMA Insurance Coverage. Normally we send them a copy of the coverage when we get signed up with the AMA, so we need to look into this and send the extra copies if required. Gary Bailey is working on a plan to meet with the Parks and Flood Control Departments in the near future to get all of these issues (including the R/V parking) sorted out to the satisfaction of all parties..

As was discussed at the Members Meeting, it was again mentioned that there was a need to fill the post of the Contest Coordinator. John Mangino has let Larry know, that if no-one else steps up to take the job, he will take it on.

Larry closed the meeting at 9:01.

Events

- Spring Auction March 3rd
- 25 Size Race March 11th
- One Eight Air Force Rally March 24-25th
- 25 Size Race April 15th

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

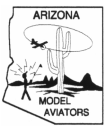
2007 Membership, as of March 1, was as follows

Members:	218
New Members:	48
Total Members:	266

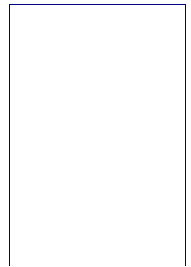
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