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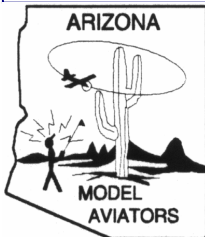
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Next Club Meetings

Apr 3 and May 1, 2007
 Tuesday 7:00 pm
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**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



In February we were invited to take some airplanes to the open house at Williams Gateway Airport on March the tenth. We were given a space inside one of the hangars and set up with tables and chairs. Bill Adams took his helicopter; David Howells took his 46% biplane and his huge IMAC plane, Lewie Kear brought a Cub and John Mangino came out with his Turbine and his B-25, and Gary Porter showed up to help get us set up. We spent several hours talking to people and explaining our hobby. Bill and David talked constantly to 4 or 5 people at a time. David took his radio along and had it turned on so he could work the flying surfaces and the people were so impressed. All in all we must have spoken to about 400 people between us. The director of the day's event came by and said he had heard people talking about the models in the hangar. He said he would like to have us back next year and hopes he can arrange some flying time for us. We were given a much larger area than we had planned so we could have taken more planes. The biggest problem we had was keeping hands and kids off the models. One man actually pressed his finger into David's wing and broke some structure inside. David called him on it and the guy looked at him and just walked away. David was able to repair it but we will be taking something to rope us in next time. Bill had a lot of lookers at his helicopter and a lot of question about how and what makes it work. Lewie's Cub brought a lot of lookers who either owned one or their dad owned one or they learned to fly in one. Lewie took it all in stride. Sometimes it took a little patience but it was all worth it. John's B-25 gathered the "I flew in one of these in the war" crowd. We were all tired by the time the day came to an end but we felt good about the reception we got. We should have more notice next year and be able to take flyers and more members with planes. Good luck and good flying--Larry

Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

Paul Goldsmith has provided a list of those members who helped at the Auction.

We apologize if we missed anyone. He reminded everyone to look for the sign up sheets at the functions

Helpers List for the Auction

Dick Brush Gar Agle Gwen Agle Jim Luby

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Jim Compton reported on the March 11th 25 size

race

First was Lewie Kear with 19 pts, second Kenny Kear with 16 pts and third Dave Reichart with 15 pts. There were 13 entrants which were about what it was the previous month when there was a lot of attrition, so a number of people had been busy on the building board.

Back to normal Newsletter business. Firstly I must apologize that there are no photos this month from GunSmoke. I was not available to help out and our normal back up (Roxanne) was entered in the event so the only photos taken were by Mike Flanagan and these he showed at the Members meeting but they are not usable here. I did get some photos at the One Eight Air Force Rally, so those can be seen on Pages 4 and 5.

The word from our Membership Chairman Don Manchester is that we have had 56 new members since Oct 1 last year and one late renewal. The most recent since the last newsletter are:

Darryl Allen Derek Bailey Leland Davies
Anthony Matera Roger Ove Mel Ventura
Peter and Lee Zwagerman and James Soza

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. 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.

March 6 Club Meeting Minutes

President Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:12. It was noted that there were 55 Members present for the meeting which is a very healthy sign that the Club and its members are all interested in what is going on. Bill Atkinson, who is from Michigan, was the only visitor present. 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. Lenard LaRosa proposed acceptance and Gary Porter seconded and the proposal passed. Don Hartdegen then gave the Treasurer's report.

Although some income from the GunSmoke was received, all of the expenses have not been identified so an overall bottom line on the income cannot be given yet. He did mention that the Spring Auction made about \$1500 which was good as the numbers of models and buyers present seemed to be down from previous years. However overall the Treasury is very much equivalent to what it was at this time last year. Gary Porter proposed the report be accepted.

Larry then reported that up to that point in time there had not been any volunteers for the post of Contest Coordinator, but John Mangino had indicated that he would take on the position if no-one else stepped up. To help with that activity Dennis and Gloria Lau indicated that they would volunteer to handle the parking aspects of the Contest Coordinator position. Their help was gratefully accepted.

Don Manchester then reported on the status of the current membership. It now stands at 266, 52 of which are new members since October 1st. 50 of last year's members did not renew and Dave Balch indicated that of those, 25 did not renew with the AMA so it would probably not help if we contacted them, plus he is aware of a number of people moving away and even two that have passed away. Don has generated a new Membership form which asks members to indicate if they are students that could use instruction, are intermediate flyers or are advanced flyers that would be willing to step up to be instructors. For the student and the potential instructors, there will be a follow up effort to set up arrangements as needed.

Larry next reported on the upcoming events at the field. There was to be a 25 size race on the coming Sunday (March 11) and on April 15th. Help is always welcome. On March 24 and 25th, there will be the One Eight Air Force Rally with lots of scale models flown for fun. Austin Goodwin reported that no help was needed as the One Eight Air Force members have everything under control. The registration fee is \$10 per pilot with Friday being free. On Friday night there will be pizza and soda and on Saturday night there will be a Steak Dinner followed by an Auction.

Reports were then given on our Spring Auction and the GunSmoke scale contest. Paul Goldsmith indicated the Auction made \$1500 before the cost of the room was accounted for (although the room was prepaid). The event went well and the new procedure for handling the items for Auction worked well in general but will require some minor improvements. Overall it was a good club effort and worthwhile effort for 3 hours and 15 minutes.

Dave Dunn (Assistant CD) then reported on the GunSmoke competition. 9 Club Members took part as contestants, which is more than most years. There were a total of 31 official entries. Max Hopkins won Expert Class with his large P-47, our own Bill Adams won Fun Scale

with his P-39 and Rich Powers won Open Scale. Austin Goodwin and Roxanne Cottrell were very helpful in pulling the event together. Austin has put in the paperwork to get Dave his CD license for next year as he has agreed to run the event next year. As Roxanne was flying as a competitor this year Gloria and Dennis Lau helped Lonny Cottrell with the raffle. Best Buy donated, at cost, some good prizes for the raffle and the thank you letters that were sent out by the winners to the Club and Best Buy will encourage them to donate again next year (thanks Al and Carol). The T-shirts proved popular and \$4 was made on each one and there were enough remaining after all of the pilots got their own that the left overs were sold off on the day. Dave made a point of thanking all the Club Members who helped out, as without their help, an event like this cannot be put on each year. A comment was made that the announcement loud speakers on the West end of the set up were not working. This problem has now been corrected.

Paul Goldsmith then reported on safety. He mentioned that there still needs to be an improved attention paid to observing the deadline. Too many people do not use their rudder on take-off and drift over the deadline before they can bring it back. If you see someone at the field with an AMA license but no Club sticker on it, make sure that you get them to pay the daily \$8 fee.

Dave Dunn then reported on the Instruction program. He reported that he has been very busy with the GunSmoke preparations and so has not been as available as usual but he is still looking for more instructors to share the load.

Larry then announced that there was to be an open house at Williams Gateway Airport on Saturday March 10th. The gates will be open from 9:00 to 2:00 and the Club will be providing a static display. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

As a form of Show and Tell, Mike Flanagan showed a video taken from action at the Jet Rally at Speed World, Large Scale Aerobatic models flying at our Electric Festival and some static shots of models and their owners from GunSmoke.

For the Raffle, Hobby Town on Gilbert Road gave John Mangino a good deal on the prizes. There were 7 items looking for new owners including an ARF Twist which was complete with motor and servos which was won by Austin Goodwin with one of his helper free tickets. Dennis Lau also won a prize with a worker ticket.

Larry, when closing the meeting, mentioned that at the next meeting we will go over the Bye Laws and update them and vote on the new wording. Larry closed the meeting at 8:23 pm.

March 20 Board Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:03. Again the first order of business was to continue the discussions and make a decision on the timing of the Auction for the Fall of '07. Dick Brush reported that the Management at ViewPoint had agreed to move the date to Nov 10th. Although this represents a clash with the Lake Havasu Float Fly it was considered a better day than the one originally set for October as the conflict was not expected to have any significant effect. Dick was asked to see if an agreement can be made to have the Fall 2008 Auction the first weekend in November as long as this does not require the Club to pay over a year ahead of the date. Dick indicated he will look into all of the costs and options available. Due to the lowered interest in the Auctions it is anticipated that we will only hold one formal auction each year in the future with maybe an open air event at the field which might tie into a Fun Fly event. While discussing the set ups at ViewPoint, it was announced so that there will be no confusion this year, that the Members Meetings and the Board meeting will be held in the Green Room from May through September. In October we will revert back to the normal rooms next to the Ball Field.

There followed some further discussion on the Electric Festival with a general agreement that some more formal processes will need to be defined and observed.

During the general discussion on how things were going at the field, Dave Dunn reported an instance where a member was flying in a somewhat aggressive manner (flying behind someone at another flying station). When asked to observe the deadline rule the flyer got upset and said that he was flying safely (even though 3 others reported differently) and even claimed that this type of abuse in the name of safety was the reason that 45 members had not renewed this year. As only 49 members have not renewed, and of those 2 have died, 3 have moved out of the area and 25 had not renewed with the AMA, we all hoped that the claim was an extreme exaggeration. However if anyone really feels that our attempts to conduct safe operations at the field are something that they are having troubles with, the Board would really appreciate hearing from them. There might be some changes to the way things are done which will make people more comfortable.

Don Hartdegen then reported on his finding on maybe getting a better interest from of our working capital. After discussion a recommendation was made to shift some of the money to a higher return location. Although the differences will be small, there is no point in throwing money away.

Jim Compton, our Webmaster, then commented that after taking the effort to create an Archive folder on the Web, he now needs copies of some of the documents that will be best stored there, such as the Bye Laws, Field Rules, Standing Rules, Safety Code, CD work book, Auction duties/process, Instructors and Students Manuals.

As many in the Club are aware, we are in the sixth year of a 10 year management use agreement with the Parks and Flood Control Departments for use of the field and the surrounding area. After a number of requests for what changes, if any, may be in the works for the follow on agreement, the Parks Department has provided a draft of their ideas for such an agreement. Although most of the Board had had limited amount of time to review the 23 page document, the general impression is that a meeting will be necessary to discuss the proposed revisions. Some of the conditions are significantly different and may pose a hardship. We will have to see how this pans out. Stay tuned.

Larry Nichols noted that over the weekend of March 17/18, Williams Gateway Airport held an open house with a number of displays. We were asked to provide a few models with members in attendance to explain the hobby to all those interested. This turned out to be a great success with at least 1000 people passing the exhibit and over 300 people stopped and asked about the models and the hobby. The event was considered such a success by the open house organizers that they want us back next year. They hope to have an area for us to fly and show off the models in an even more interesting way. Larry closed the meeting at 9:12 pm.

2007 Membership, as of March 20, was as follows

Members:	266
New Members:	9
Total Members:	275

Events

- 25 Size Race April 15th

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

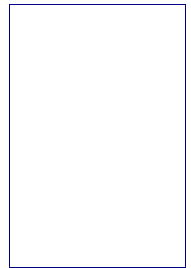
Some Photos from the One Eight Air Force Rally







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