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## President's Corner

**Larry Nichols, President**  
Arizona Model Aviators



Well it's time to get the winter clothes out and brave the chill so we can go flying. This hobby is growing so fast because of the advancement in the equipment and because we have one of the best real video game ever. I have just read a letter about a missing man in Texas who was located by an RC airplane. The man had been missing for four months and despite the ground and air searches could not be located. One of the local RC clubs set up a camera on a large trainer and after 4 flights over the suspected area, found the mans body. He was located in thick brush and the cameras picked up his white pants. It was just a speck but enough to find him. Can you imagine how important that little airplane was to his family and friends?

So the next time says something about your toy airplane just remember how important a toy can be if it's used for the right thing. The field is a thing of beauty and can serve many people if it's used in the right way so put on your coats and go flying.

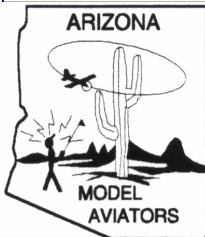
Larry

## Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

We are now well into the new flying season and have had our first big Rally (the Jet Rally). The improvements to the field are working out nicely and we are settling into a routine.

The ballots for the Club Officers and Board Members are now out (after a few problems). I am always fascinated by how many ballots come back because the addresses on our membership roster are wrong or out of date. Same thing with the E-mail addresses. Please if you move or change your E-mail address, please let me or Don Manchester, our Membership Chairman, know. It saves a lot of hassles.

And talking of Don, he wanted me to remind everyone in the strongest terms that you need to get your membership renewal in NOW. Don is accepting renewals at the meetings, the field or by mail to him (a renewal form is at the back of this Newsletter). Do not wait for your AMA license to come back. With the sticker approach you can renew both at the same time and you do NOT need to send Don a copy of your AMA license. Don got the word from the AMA that they were mailing out the new cards according to Zip code numbers and ours should arrive about the first of the month. Looks like they have to sort by zip code to get a cheaper



### Next Club Meetings

**Dec 4 2007 and Jan 8, 2008**  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Viewpoint Golf Resort  
**8700 E. University Rd. Mesa, AZ.**  
**Meetings in Room by the Ball Field**

To view map visit our website:  
[www.azmodelaviators.com](http://www.azmodelaviators.com)

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postage. So no matter when you renewed it still seems like we get the licenses late and without the license AND the sticker, you will not be able to fly at the New Year' Day Fly In. Don Reports that the following new members have signed up in the last month: Kirk Hooper, Frank Lamothe, Andrew Russell, and Matt Ventura. Welcome to the Club and I hope your enjoy flying with us.

As always we are still interested in receiving any material you would like to provide to help fill the pages of this Newsletter. If you have any news of interest please send it to me at [david.t.balch@boeing.com](mailto:david.t.balch@boeing.com). See you at the field and don't forget to check out our Web site at [www.azmodelaviators.com](http://www.azmodelaviators.com) for all the latest news.

## Nov 6 Club Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Three of those present indicated they were guests or visitors. Andy Leyton indicated he was from Wichita Kansas, John Kristensen was from Vancouver, British Columbia and Don Ervin was from Idaho. In the Treasurer's report Don Hartdegen indicted that he had paid out over \$6100 for the runway upgrade and over \$10,000 for the ABC aggregate which will be used to cover the road into the field and the upper edge of the parking lot. Although a few members had signed up for 2008 this was not enough to cover this level of expenses and one of our CDs had to be cashed in to cover the balance. Fortunately the grading of the aggregate was done for us by the Parks Department using their equipment. Without this help, the cost of the equipment rental would have doubled the cost to us. Don indicated we have Paul Goldsmith to thank for this major saving. Also when the Parks were cutting the parking lot, they extended the space to give us more parking on the east end. We also hear there is a chance that the Parks will let us have any excess aggregate they have left over after doing their section of the road, from the street to the Y. The Parks still requires us to install a fence along the road in, between the parking lot and the Y, but there is no immediate requirement for this and it is hoped that we can do the major part of the installation using Club Volunteers.

Our Membership Chairman Don Manchester then reported that the current roster stands at 305 members, 261 of which are in the Open category, with the rest being Family. He reported that there have been several renewals already (see a copy of the application form at the end of this Newsletter), so everyone needs to apply quickly for their AMA License (before the rush starts which could delay getting your license back before the start of the New Year) and then the addition of the Club sticker will make them set for 2008. For the new members applying now, they will have club coverage for the rest of the year and all of 2008 for no additional charge. !3 new members have taken advantage of this offer since the start of October. The lock

securing the gate into the field will be changed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. New keys are sent out with the stickers. Don indicated that he had run out of the plastic for laminating the licenses but will get more if people want the lamination.

Under instruction Jim Compton presented Evan Harnon with his wings. Rick, his instructor, indicated that Evan was the youngest student to get his Club wings in recent history (and maybe ever). Jim also announced that we have a new week day instructor Ron Mosley. There are also 3 weekend instructors available.

Jim then mentioned that there were a number of upcoming events. The Fall Auction is November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Jet Rally November 16,17 and 18th, another 25 size race is December 9<sup>th</sup> and the New Year's Day Fly-In is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul Goldsmith then reported on Safety. It is planned to put new netting around the pilot's stations as the current netting is getting damaged. Paul then asked that people please do not move the starting tables. They need to be behind the fence for safety. Also a lot of cigarette butts are now littering the pit areas. Please put your butts in the cans.

Davis Fiedler then reported on the preparations for the Jet Rally. He indicated that all of the major items were under control although more people are needed to man the gates into the flying area. Jim Compton also indicated he could use more help on the parking control where every car will need to pay the \$1 for Parks. Davis has had contact with a number of vendors including KYOSHO and received some donations for the pilot's raffle. He also indicated that Fox would give a 50% discount to Club Members (see their web site). To help with monitoring helpers it is best if all volunteers get their names on the sign up sheet and that will eliminate their need to pay the Park's \$1 at the gate.

It is anticipated that by the time of the Jet Rally, the road and parking lot upgrades will be completed and the old (traditional) gate into the field will be open. To complete the road and parking lot preparation, the field will be closed for flying on Tuesday, Wednesday and maybe Thursday for clean-up. We need to emphasize that we must keep the speed down on the road (to the new 10 mph speed limit) as this is still required to help keep the dust down.

The Fall Auction will be the coming weekend in the Ballroom at ViewPoint and help is always needed. It is not anticipated that breakfast will be available.

Larry Nichols then gave details of the people that have been nominated for the Officers and Board members for the upcoming 2008 term. So far John Mangino has agreed to run for President, Mike Currier for Treasurer, Dave Balch for Secretary and Gary Porter for the Board. Nominations from the floor (that then received approval

from the Nominees) were Paul McDevitt for Vice President, and Len LaRosa, Roxanne Cottrell and Lewie Kear for the Board. That fills the Ballot with at least one person running for each position and 4 running for the available 2 positions on the Board (although one current Board member will be running for an Officer position so freeing up another position). Ballots will be sent out via the Postal System to all 305 members with ballots to be returned by December 3<sup>rd</sup> if mailed back or by December 4<sup>th</sup> if returned at the next Members meeting.

It was announced that the Club had applied for and been granted a sanction to be an IMAA Charter club. This only cost us \$25 and will allow us to get free advertising if we choose to run an IMAA Fly In (can run as many events per year as we want). Members will still have to pay the \$25 annual fee to be a member of the IMAA but that will also get them a nice magazine. There has been a major increase in the members interest in becoming IMAA members and the original 6 is already up to 15 and growing.

Just as there appears to be increased interest in the IMAA, one of the members asked if there was any member interest in becoming involved in the Senior Pattern Organization. This group wants to promote the flying of the R/C pattern aircraft designs from the mid 60's through mid 70's when things were simpler and the models were not so sophisticated. If anyone is interested in getting a "Wing" formed as part of this organization, please let Dave Balch know.

Terri Mangino announced that she is now taking reservations for the Club Banquet set for the third Saturday in January. She and John have agreed to continue to run the raffle at the Members Meeting for which, this time, Loel Hall donated 2 prizes.

Larry Nichols closed the meeting at 8:00.

## **Nov 20 Board Meeting Minutes**

Larry Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:00. Initial discussion centered on the Jet Rally and the income from it. As there were no Jet Rally Officials at the meeting there have not been any official income numbers generated but it was generally acknowledged to have been a success. Based on the number of cars in the parking lot, a check for \$626 will be sent to the Parks Department. One of the few major improvements still needed is the fence along the south side of the road coming in (from the Y to the parking lot). Joe Bailey offered to supervise the crew putting up the fence as he knows the approach that will be needed according to Paul Goldsmith. It was noted that the new aggregate on the road helped a lot to keep the dust down, though it was agreed that most people kept to the 10 mph speed limit.

Jim Compton provided a provisional list of the events that the Club will be running in the coming year. When approved, this will be posted on the Club Web Site and

provided to CAMAC to post so that all Arizona clubs will know when our events are scheduled. Included will be a schedule of the Club Member and Board meetings. Because the planned New Years Day Fly-In will be on a Tuesday this year Jim proposed postponing the Members Meeting to Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and the Board meeting to Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. This change was approved. Another change approved was to only have one Auction in 2008 and that will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> but at the field not at ViewPoint. The start will be later than we had this fall (so it will not be dark) and there will be flying only after the Auction is over. A Club only Fun Fly will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> (which is a Sunday). Two events will be flown with an entry fee and prizes. More details will be released later. A Giant Scale Fly In will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be for large models but not limited to IMAA members or IMAA eligible models. For the regular events, the Banquet will be on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, the Electric Festival the last weekend in January (for 4 days, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) and GunSmoke the first week in March (for 3 days). The 25 races will have events in Feb., March, Apr., and May before having a break until September.

When talking about the New Year's Day Fly-In, there have been a lot of ideas bounced around about what format we should have this year. The final agreement was that like previous years, the event will be open only to Club members and their immediate family. Unlike previous years we will not have prizes for flying but food and drinks (water and soda) will be provided by the Club, and we ask everyone to bring a side dish. As before, those that fly will need to show their new 2008 AMA license with the Club 2008 sticker on it.

One issue that was also discussed was the incorrect information that was in one of the Newspapers regarding the Jet Rally. Not only was the increased parking cost not mentioned but Steve Ross's name was listed as the point of contact. The Board agreed to apologize to Steve for any problems this may have caused him and we will attempt to ensure the information given out is correct and up to date in the future. It should be noted that George Joy and Jet Accessories both donated prizes that were given out as part of the public raffle.

Paul Goldsmith indicated that the move to have the Club registered as an IMAA Club seems to have had a very positive impact on a number of the members. There was also a lot of interest shown in forming a Combat Team to fly combat during the noon demonstration interlude at the major events. If anyone is interested, stay tuned for more information as this get worked out.

Aaron Lichtenwalner was at the meeting to present an update on the planned budget for the end of January Electric Festival. Included in the budget now are T-shirts which will be available to entrants and to anyone that wants to order one from Aaron and from the event's web

site. Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large will be \$20 and XXL and XXXL will be \$25. For the Electric Festival it was agreed that we will need 2 people at the field all night for security reasons. The plan is to have the generator running all night with the main gate locked so only members can come and go overnight.

As a fallout of the talk about the New Year's Day Fun Fly there followed a long discussion on the AMA Intro Pilot program, and how the Club should work our instruction program around it. It was agreed that for 2008 we will apply to have 6 Intro Pilots recognized by the AMA. These Intro Pilots will then offer one free day of instruction to any new flyer. The AMA does not require the new flyer to be a member of the AMA and allows the new flyer to be covered by AMA insurance while under instruction for up to 60 days after they are registered. However the Club feels that the new flyer should join the Club, even if only at the associate level, if the instruction is to last more than the initial day. This way the new flyer will not need to pay the \$8 daily fee. However any instructor will give priority for instruction to full fledged Club members over a new flyer. It was agreed that it would be good to have a number of trainers and instructors available to introduce people to R/C flying at any of our current events such as GunSmoke.

Paul Goldsmith reported that all of the bleachers had been repaired in time for the Jet Rally although some of the foot boards need to be fixed.

Finally there was a discussion as to the need to have a single designated Field Marshall. The general consensus was that every Club Member should be a field marshal (especially the Board members) rather than relying on only one individual to take on the full responsibility. This way we will all be looking out for unsafe flying and checking to ensure that people use the frequency board correctly and pay the daily fee when visitors. So we are asking everyone to not turn their back when they see something that is not right happening. There is definitely safety in numbers in this area.

Larry Nichols closed the meeting at 8:18 pm.

## Events

- **Fall Auction Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Jet Rally Nov 16,17,18<sup>th</sup>**
- **25 Size Race Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **New Year's Day Fly In**
- **Club Banquet Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**
- **Electric Festival Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

**All upcoming events are also listed on our website.**

2007 Membership, as of Nov 30 was as follows:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>New Members:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>309</b>

## Some Photos from the field



# 2008 Arizona Model Aviators Membership

I wish to become a member of Arizona Model Aviators Inc., and I understand, and agree to abide by the Club Safety Code, Superstition Airpark Rules, Helicopter Operations Guidelines, and Prohibited Aircraft Notice. I understand failure to follow these rules and guidelines may result in cancellation of my membership. Copies of the Club Safety Code, Superstition Airpark Rules, Helicopter Guidelines and Prohibited Aircraft Notices are on the Club website, [arizonamodelaviators.com](http://arizonamodelaviators.com) and on the Club Bulletin Board. A current membership card in the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA) or the Canadian club is required.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arizona Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Summer Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**2008 Membership Fees**  
*Membership is based on the calendar year, January through December*

	<u>Circle Appropriate Amount</u>			<u>RENEWAL</u>
	<u>NEW MEMBER:</u>	<u>INITIATION + DUES=</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
<b>Open Membership</b> - One flying adult-----	\$35	+	\$65 = \$100	\$65
<b>Family Membership</b> - Member, spouse, and immediate family, ----- <i>eighteen years or younger.</i>	\$35	+	\$75 = \$110	\$75
<b>Junior Membership</b> - One flying minor, eighteen years or younger.----- <i>Junior's Date of Birth</i> _____	\$10	+	\$15 = \$25	\$15
<b>Associate Membership</b> - One non-flying person.-----	\$10	+	\$25 = \$35	\$25

**Additional flying family members:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

1. Junior members and immediate family members other than spouse must be 18 yrs or younger and possess a Jr. AMA card.
2. Associate members are non-flying members, with no voting rights, and are not able to hold club offices.
3. No partial year memberships. New memberships and renewals purchased after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> will cost the full annual amount and cover membership for remainder of current year, plus the following year. A current AMA license for both years is required.
4. The 2008 Initiation Fee for new Open and Family memberships has been increased to compensate for field improvements.

FOR NEW MEMBERS Please indicate your flying experience. / / 1. STUDENT - I would like instructor assistance.  
 / / 2. EXPERIENCED - I can take off and land.  
 / / 3. INSTRUCTOR - I am available to assist others.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail application with funds to:**  
*Make checks payable to AMA*

Don Manchester  
 2058 Leisure World  
 Mesa, AZ 85206  
 (480) 854-8396

Official Club Use: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Pd \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Members No. \_\_\_\_\_

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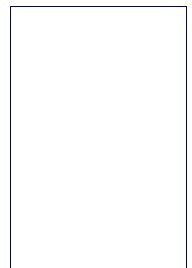
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