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Next Club Meetings

Oct 2 and Nov 6, 2007

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

President's Corner

Larry Nichols, President
Arizona Model Aviators



Hello again. This month I am looking for club members who would like to run for office for 2008. I also need two members who will work on The Nomination Committee with me since the By Laws state no less than 3 or more than 5 are required. We will be responsible for asking members to run for office or the Board. We will have to have the ballots ready to be mailed by ten days after the November General Meeting. The votes must be counted and ready to announce the elected at the December General Meeting. If you can help me, please let me know ASAP. We are looking for people to fill the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and some Board members. If this is something you are interested in please contact me and I'll get you on the ballot.

Now I have to bring up something I really shouldn't have to but since I am in this position I think it needs to be said. Some of our board members were called by a member who was displeased with a decision made by them. Our board and officers should not have to put up with this type of behavior. They are volunteers and are put under the gun every day, not just at meetings. Now most polite people will not say anything back, but why is it OK for one person to voice their opinion and the rest make an effort to get along? We have this assembly of people because of a common interest and we are supposed to have fun with it. If you are dissatisfied with the way things are done, then run for office. Now if you are elected I can guarantee you will not appreciate being called and second guessed about your decision. These statements are mine and mine alone. Larry Nichols

Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

Well it is that time of the year where thoughts turn to the upcoming cooler weather and the increase in flying activity. Don Manchester, our Membership Chairman has provided me with a copy of the new membership Application and a copy is included at the back of this Newsletter as it will be for the next 3 Newsletters. The signing up for the 2008 season will start October 1st where any new member can get the rest of 2007 and all of 2008 included in their 2008 sign up fee. When you sign up, Don will send you a sticker for your 2008 AMA license and a new key for the gate to the field. To ensure you can fly at the New Year's Day Flt In, you need to have your new 2008 AMA license and a Club sticker on it

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showing you are a paid up member for 2008.

Please note the Members meeting will revert back to being held at the room near the ball field that is accessed via the Hawes Road entrance to ViewPoint.

The racing season started with a bang on Sept 16th with the first of the 25 size races. 14 people signed up and there were a lot of good races and maybe due to the renewed enthusiasm or the flyers being a little rusty, we also had 2 mid airs.

There are a lot of improvements planned for the field in the upcoming months so please take a note of any temporary road diversions or field closures. We will try to let everyone know as far ahead as possible but there maybe some changes made at very short notice.

Also notice that the first of what we hope will be a series of small adverts is included at the rear of this Newsletter. If anyone is interested in getting their message here, please let me know. The cost is \$10 per issue or \$100 per year.

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. See you at the field and don't forget to check out our Web site at www.azmodelaviators.com for all the latest news.

Sept 4 Club Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols opened the meeting at 7:04. The only guest present was Karen who is a friend of Roxanne Cottrell. She had some training last year and is starting up again flying Roxanne's AT-6. The minutes of the last meeting (as reported in the last Newsletter) were approved by a vote. No treasurer's report could be given as the Treasurer was not in attendance. Don Manchester reported that there have been 4 members signed up recently. These include Michael Bosca who was a member in 2005 but did not renew last year. Michael has two children who were also signed up. Another new member is Jack David and a new youth member is in the process of signing up. Don reported that the Board had agreed to suspend accepting new Life Members (the existing Life Members will still have Life Member privileges) plus agreed to hold the renewal membership rate at \$65 while raising the new member rate to \$100 to cover the cost of badges and certificates.

For upcoming events, Larry mentioned that there was an upcoming 25 size race set for September 16th with another set for October 14th. Other events coming up are the Fall Auction at ViewPoint on Nov 10th, starting at 8:00 with the set up starting at 6:30, with the Jet Rally set for Jet Rally Nov 16, 17, 18th. The Auction will start at 8:00 with the room preparation starting at about 6:00. In preparation for the Jet Rally, Paul Goldsmith indicated we will need to have a clean up of the field sometime in October. Larry

Wende has already started to cut down the weeds with the new weed whacker and he could use some help.

Paul Goldsmith then gave a safety report. One major issue is that some members are leaving their membership cards on the Frequency Board. This can cause problems the next day when there appear to be more than one member needing to use a frequency. Also please make sure you take the right frequency tag for your radio when going out to fly. This can result in someone unnecessarily getting interference problems.

Dave Dunn reported on the on-going instruction activities. There have been a number of successes and the training is running at a good level. Currently there are 4 instructors but if anyone is interested in becoming an instructor, please get in touch with Jim Compton.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Lewie Lear is in need of helpers to run the security at the Electric Festival and John Mangino needs helpers for the Jet Rally. So if anyone can help, please contact Lewie and John.

Larry Nichols again mentioned that the Board and Officers had done a fine job of negotiating with the Parks Department which has resulted in a set of Agreement Rules that, although more involved than current, are certainly rules that we can live with.

Dave Balch mentioned that he had been contacted by a company that produces cut foam wings. They had offered to give a show and tell at a meeting. It was suggested that we should contact them and see if they would like to come to one of our major events and do a demonstration there.

Larry indicated that he had talked to the company that provides the food at our major events and got an agreement with them to give us a commission without increasing the amount charged for the food.

With the Annual Banquet coming up soon, Terri Mangino asked if the current timing of the Banquet (held the third Saturday in January) would be better set for an earlier or later date. Most people seem to like the current timing. Terri did indicate that it may be necessary to increase the cost per person from \$10 to \$15. This will still mean the Club will be providing a subsidy for everyone and the price would still be good value as the event is always a lot of fun. Terri will soon be accepting reservation.

Roxanne indicated that she had been asked to make another metal P-51 like the sign at the entrance to the road into the field. She asked if the Club had any objections to this. Larry Nichols indicated that as Roxanne had done all of the development work the Club was more than happy for her to make a second copy of the P-51.

The activities closed with the raffle that this time had 6 items available. After the raffle Larry closed the meeting at 7:28.

Sept 18 Board Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:05. The first order of business was to review some changes to the proposed budget for the Electric Festival. Aaron Lichtenwalner explained that a better quality T-shirt would be given to the pre-registered pilots that requested a shirt. This restriction will ensure that there will be no left over T-shirts that will need to be sold off at below cost prices. However it was agreed that if any non pilot would like a T-shirt they can order one using the Electric Festival registration form which can be obtained at the Festival web site. Aaron reported that he already had 6 entries for the end of January event.

John Mangino in his role of Contest Coordinator, asked if the Club wished to order a single really big (40 cubic yards) dumpster for the upcoming events and if we wanted to switch to the middle size unit for the rest of the upcoming season's regular service. These changes will make servicing the trash collection at the field. Alternatively the service for the larger events could be handled by just getting an additional middle size. The latter option was the preferred selection.

The Jet Rally budget was then reviewed. It was agreed that we get the same better quality T-shirts that were being obtained for the Electric Festival.

There was then a lot of discussion about refurbishing the bleachers and also building up some new units. The aluminum material for this effort has already been obtained at a price only barely above the price of scrap aluminum. Roxanne Cottrell was the driver of this effort. Some details need to be worked out as to how the components will be fitted together. It was noted that the Parks Department had said that they had some bleachers that we may be able to get for free.

Dave Dunn reported that the GunSmoke sanction is back from the AMA and Paul Goldsmith indicated that there were no pressing issues with safety but some field maintenance will be needed before the Jet Rally to get rid of some of the weeds. In connection with the Jet Rally and all of the other major events we have which involve food vendors, Larry Nichols reported that he had got an agreement with our food provider to pay us a fee for every day worked.

We have just got word that the Parks Department is planning to do some reconstruction work on the culvert closest to the parking lot plus preparation work for the planned improvements between the Y on the road in, back to Meridian Road. When the dates are settled, notices will be sent out to all members on the E-mail list to give them the details of any alternate routes into the field if these are found necessary. When these

updates are incorporated we will need to coordinate with them so that any of our efforts can be done at the same time to minimize inconveniences to everyone.

On the topic of improvements to the field, two estimates have been received on filling in the cracks, sealing and restripping the runway. Both estimates were close in price so it was agreed to go with the low bidder who had done the work earlier and was a known factor. It was agreed that this work on the runway needs to be done before the Jet Rally and preferably before the work on the culverts.

Everyone was reminded that the next Members and Board meetings (in October) will be in the rooms by the ball field not in the Garden Room. Also this fall's Auction will be the last one in the series and there will be a swap meet at next March's GunSmoke.

It was agreed that the Nominating Committee needs to start their work identifying the nominees for next year's Officers and Board members.

Larry Nichols closed the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Events

- **25 Size Race Oct 14th**
- **Fall Auction Nov 10th**
- **Jet Rally Nov 16,17,18th**

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

2007 Membership, as of Sept 4, was as follows

Members:	290
New Members:	4
Total Members:	294

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 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 _____
 Local Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

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

Circle Appropriate Amount

<u>NEW MEMBER: INITIATION + DUES=</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RENEWAL</u>
Open Membership - One flying adult-----	\$35 + \$65 = \$100	\$65
Family Membership - Member, spouse, and immediate family, ----- <i>eighteen years or younger.</i>	\$35 + \$75 = \$110	\$75
Junior Membership - One flying minor, eighteen years or younger.----- <i>Junior's Date of Birth</i> _____	\$10 + \$15 = \$25	\$15
Associate Membership - 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. 1st 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: Don Manchester

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 Mesa, AZ 85206
 (480) 854-8396

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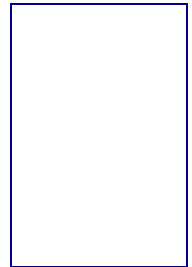
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