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## President's Corner

John Mangino, President  
**Arizona Model Aviators**

Here is the sixth of a series of write ups in which our Club Officers giving details of their model flying background and experience. This month we have the second of our Current Board Members, Gary Bailey. As most of you know Gary is one of our ex Presidents that can remain on the Board for some as many years as they were President.



Hi my name is Gary Bailey and I am one of your Board Members. I have been flying with the Arizona Model Aviators since I was 13(1980) and have enjoyed the privilege of being a member and watching the club grow through all those years. I have been very involved in the hobby except for the college years and the early years of starting my family. I enjoy all aspects of your hobby even though I do not participate in

all of them. You will find me most Saturday's flying with my dad and my two boys, Mitchell and Matthew. I hope Mitchell and Matthew will enjoy the hobby as much as I have enjoyed it. I am now 41 and have been President of the club 3 times, Treasurer once, and I am now finishing out my last term on the board. Not sure what I will do next but it has been a pleasure serving the membership of our club. I have made a lot of great friends throughout the years, solved a lot of club issues, and learned a lot about running a volunteer organization. I see nothing but great things for the future of our club.

Sincerely,  
Gary Bailey.

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

This Newsletter is late in getting out primarily because I was on vacation for two weeks at the end of August. I had also been waiting for some Board Member's bios to include in this issue. As often happens Gary Bailey saved the day. I apologize for the delays as I know some of you look forward to your monthly Newsletter fix. I promise to do better for next month.

I have been told by the Board to remind everyone that the speed limit of 10 mph, which is posted on the road into the field, is not there to be ignored. We need everyone to slow down to minimize kicking up a dust cloud behind our vehicles. The EPA is clamping down of air pollution especially dust in the air and they have passed that word down to our Parks Department who have flowed it down to us.

## Next Club Meetings

**Sept 2 and Oct 7, 2008**

Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Viewpoint Golf Resort

**8700 E. University Rd. Mesa, AZ.  
Meetings in Garden Room**

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We were required to install the aggregate on the road at great expense for the very reason of helping to control the dust. If you drive in, please look in your mirror and if you see dust being kicked up, please slow down. We are finding that a number of people seem to take great pleasure in doing burn outs on the road. This throws the aggregate off the top of the road. After this warning/appeal is published, if we find people are still kicking up a lot of dust and/or doing burn outs, they will be warned and if the warning is ignored we may be forced to suspend them from the Club. If the Parks Department sees our members creating dust, they will shut us down without requiring they give us a warning. So if you like to do burn outs, please do it somewhere else and please keep your speed down when entering the field to be sure you do not kick up any dust.

If you have not already heard I have to report that there have been two deaths recently that need to be mentioned. I just got the word that one of our winter visitor Club Members, Neil McAlpin passed away. Don Manchester our Membership Chairman heard from Neil's cousin Tom McAlpin that Neil McAlpin passed away August 14th in Polson, Montana. He was float plane flying and had just landed when he had a heart attack. Neil was a winter regular at the field. You may also have seen in the papers of the death in a fire of Jim Storts who was a VP and flier with the Sun Lakes Club. Jim's body was found in the burned out shell of his work room/garage. At the moment I have no additional details.

There are two Club related notes that need to be passed on for clarification. Firstly the Board has dictated that if a turbine ban is in place due to fire hazard conditions, that means that not only is flying banned, but to be sure, the taxiing of turbines is also banned, just to cover the contingency of a radio or equipment failure. Secondly, we are now in the time of the year where we are planning for the next year and one of the first requirements is to have a full roster of people volunteering to run for Office or the Board. To this end the Nomination Committee has been formed. Art Ashenden has agreed to be the Committee Chairman, so if anyone would like to volunteer to run, please contact Art at 480-314-0064.

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.

## Aug 5 Club Meeting Minutes

John Mangino opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. There were no guests present but it became apparent later that there were two new members attending for the

first time. Dave Balch read the minutes of the last meeting, which was proposed for acceptance by Gary Porter. Mike Currier presented the Treasurer's report and indicated that in the last month \$1000 was expended and \$673 was taken in. Don Manchester then reported that the membership was at 291 which compares to 289 at this time last year. Of the current numbers, 244 are full members, 8 are life members, 34 are family members and there are 5 youth members. Since October of last year membership dues have contributed \$17,795 to the Club treasury. When talking of membership dues, it was emphasized that members should all be aware that there are still a number of people that come out to fly at our field that are not members and do not pay the daily fees. We all need to be on the lookout to stop people taking advantage of the field without paying any dues.

For the upcoming events it was noted that the 25 size racing will start the new season on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, the Rye Fly-In will be Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Auction (to be held at the field) will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.

As part of the Safety report Paul Goldsmith mentioned that a number of snakes had been seen recently together with a mountain lion, so be careful especially when retrieving a downed aircraft. It is a good idea to take a walkie talkie with you (and another member) when you go out so that if an incident happens, help can be quickly called. Also take a plastic bag to pick up the pieces if it was one of those types of "arrivals". Paul reported there were a number of instances of people flying behind the deadline, way behind, so be careful. With the high fire danger, smoking should only be enjoyed in your car. If anyone finds someone has left their membership card on the frequency board it is advised that it be put in the fire box for which everyone has a key (the same one that opens the gate into the field). A number of support items have been left at the field. It is always a good idea to put your name on these items so there is a better chance of getting it returned to the rightful owner. If you find such items at the field and no-one around indicated that they belong to them, take the items home and let one of the Club officers or Board members know so the word can get out.

Dave Dunn reported that there was nothing new going on with the instruction. Jean Savoie indicated there were still lots of tapes, DVDs and simulators that can be checked out by anyone that is interested.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, someone stole a number of the aluminum panels from the bleachers. These will be replaced by wooden boards to save the replacement cost, but a lot of help will be needed to put them together. Terri Mangino volunteered to provide lunch for those members who come out to help in this endeavor.

John then indicated that the Club Bye Laws require a Nominating Committee to be formed which will

work to identify people who are willing to run for the position of a Club Officer or a Board Member for next year. The Chairman of the Committee cannot be a current Officer or Board Member. The Committee needs to be set up before August 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be notification in the Newsletter of the need for people to volunteer. Art Ashenden agreed to be the Committee Chairman and recruit at least two other members. It was agreed that there was a need to also form a Club Byelaws Committee to clean up some of the current rules which are now out of date. Paul McDevitt has agreed to head up that Committee. John noted that there are still Club hats and caps available for anyone that is in need of one. Plus there are now two sizes of Club Decals available for \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Paul Goldsmith reported that there was again a need to get the weeds at the edge of the runway and in the Parking lot, under control. He plans to rake the weeds and then hit them with weed control.

John Mangino noted that Don Hartdegen, our Treasurer last year, recently fell off a ladder and broke his leg in 2 places and broke his wrist. He is currently in rehab and would appreciate a call or a visit. Terri Mangino will get the members to sign a card. Joe Miele just went into hospital for hip replacement surgery. This prompted John to remind everyone that if they know of any member or their immediate family that is sick, let Terri know so she can send them a get well card.

After the raffle, Lewie Kear did a show and tell of his new 12 year old Model Tech P-51 Mustang. He won the Almost Ready to Cover (ARC) model a few years ago and has just got the chance to finish it. The model is powered by a Webra 91 and it uses Kraft electronic retracts and Veco wheels. All of the decals are hand cut from 3 layers of monokote and a few more were needed to finish things off. The spinner is painted. Lewie chose a color scheme that was different from the usual aluminum with invasion stripes plus the finish could be made glossy like the full size version. Lewie flew the model a week later and there are photos of it towards the back of the Newsletter.

John closed the meeting at 7:55.

## Aug 19 Board Meeting Minutes

John Mangino called the meeting to order at 7:02. After Mike Currier presented the latest Treasurers report, Don Manchester reported that the membership was currently at 292 members, 245 of which were regular members, 38 family, 8 life members and 3 youth. These numbers are close to what we were at this time last year. A review of the current membership dues was made and a discussion will be held at the next meeting when a detailed look will be made at the event incomes to see if there might be a need for a change. Last year membership took in \$42K but we also had a lot of

expenses, most of which were dictated by the Parks Department. It is anticipated that we may not take in as much revenue at the larger events due to travel costs, but we should have less expenses as well. In terms of more immediate expenses it was noted that Shelby Brown of the Parks Department has agreed to our spraying to control the weeds as long as we tell her what chemicals we will be using.

It was noted that after October 1<sup>st</sup>, the gate will have two locks installed. One can be open with the current key and the other can be opened with the key for 2009. This will allow anyone joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> (who will get the benefit of the rest of 2008 free with their 2009 membership), to have access to the field without requiring to get another key after the New Year. The current lock will be removed after Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

For upcoming events there are the Prescott Valley Fun Fly on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the first of the new season of 25 size races on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, the Rye Fly In on September 27<sup>th</sup> (with a \$2000 raffle and a \$10 to enter), the Tucson Shootout Oct 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> at TIMPA, the One Eight Air Force Fun Fly on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the SVF Field and the Club Fall Auction on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at our field. For the latter, we will be needing volunteers and most importantly, there will be coffee and donuts available. The Jet Rally will follow on November 22-24<sup>th</sup> and it is planned that special hats and T-shirts will be available. Austin Goodwin is preparing all of the paperwork for the Rally and Mike Currier will be the assistant CD. The second ICAA Wings over Arizona will be Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and pizza and wings will be available for all Saturday Night. Jim Deming has promised to do a better job on publicity for the event. This year the event will be IMAA sanctioned which means all models that fly must meet the IMAA minimum size requirements and all people that fly will have to be IMAA members (membership can be obtained at the event and it only costs \$25, and that covers subscription to a nice magazine too). As usual, volunteers are needed for both the last two events. The usual New Year's Day Fly in will be on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 and it was agreed that we need to bring in more tarpaulins so that they can be used as a wind and/or cold blockers. The Banquet date has yet to be set but will probably be the third Saturday in January. John indicated that we need to get help from Dick Brush in setting this up. As Dick seems to have moved and not left a forwarding address, and does not respond to his E-mails, that might prove more difficult than normal.

Dave Dunn reported that there was nothing significant to report on instruction. On the topic of safety, Paul Goldsmith noted that as the Parks Department had lifted the ban on smoking, we had lifted the ban on flying turbines. We will check with Parks regularly on any ban they may reintroduce.

The Board agreed that a point needs to be made that when a turbine ban is in place that means not only

flying is banned but also taxiing as an incident while doing either could easily trigger off a fire.

Under old business the repair of the bleachers was tackled again. It was agreed that we will get another set of bleachers welded up. Partial financing of this effort will come from taking the existing aluminum (that has not already been stolen) from the bleachers and selling it to go towards the wood slats. It was planned for this effort to be done the following weekend. Joe Bailey has volunteered to weld up the new units in his shop.

The work of the Nominating Committee, which has the responsibility to come up with the list of people who want their names put forward for consideration, has been formed under the Chairmanship of Art Ashenden (with Dave Hill and one other). If anyone has a desire to run, please contact Art Ashenden (phone number 480- 314-0064). Of the names that have been proposed, it appears a number of current Board members desire to run again with a few others switching responsibilities. More details will be given when the names for the ballot are finalized. Among the topics discussed was an idea for all Officers to have a two year term (as Board members do), but this will require a change in the Bye Laws.

A cost sheet was handed out which details the costs for two different approaches for weed control. As noted in the Member's Meeting minutes, either approach would need approval from Parks but the Board did approve a level of seed money that would allow the effort to be started. Mike Currier will provide the check. In the interest of tidying up the parking lot it is intended to repaint the bumpers but first they will need reseating as some members have been backing up so fast as to knock the bumpers loose. Please note that this activity is strongly discouraged and there will be a zero tolerance in the future. Anyone causing damage to any Club Property like this will have to pay the cost of repair and could be put on probation. When the bumpers are reseated, they will be anchored by longer rebars to help them be more secure. Extra ground level starting posts were also discussed. This will provide a wider set up to hold the models especially the IMAC size models that currently are too big to be handled by the existing starting yokes. This set up will require drilling new holes and a quote for the cost of doing this will be obtained.

It was noted that the last of the Club Straw hats had been sold even though this required a reduction in price to allow it to happen.

Finally it was noted that Antony Matera wants to run an IMAC contest at the field. To get an OK he will need to ask the Board and provide planning and anticipated cost details.

John Mangino closed the meeting at 8:03 pm.

## Events

- Prescott Valley Fun Fly Sept 13/14<sup>th</sup>
- .25 size race Sept 21<sup>st</sup>
- Rye Fly In, September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tucson Shootout, Oct 11/12<sup>th</sup>
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Fun Fly Oct 25/26<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Auction November 1<sup>st</sup> (at Field)
- Jet Rally Nov 22-24<sup>th</sup>
- Wings Over Arizona Dec 6/7<sup>th</sup>
- New Year's Day Fly In Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

2008 Membership, as of Aug 19th was as follows:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>New Members:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>292</b>

## Some Photos from the field

### Lewie's New Model Tech P-51







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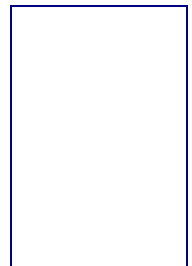
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