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President's Corner

John Mangino, President
Arizona Model Aviators

In future issues of the Newsletter it is planned to have the Club Officers and Board members provide us with a short write up giving details of their model flying background and experience. It is hoped this will give the members a better idea of who our leaders are. The plan is to have John Mangino lead off in the February issue, Paul McDevitt (our VP) in the March issue, Mike Currier (our Treasurer) in the April issue, and Dave Balch (our Secretary) in the May issue. The elected Board members Gary Porter, Roxanne Cottrell, Paul Goldsmith, Dave Dunn and Lewie Kear would be in the June, July/ August, September, October and November issues respectively. The past Presidents Gary Bailey and Larry Nichols would wrap up the year in the December issue.



Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

Well here we are at the start of the New Year with all of the challenges out there ahead of us. To help the Club we have the list of the new Officers, each of which are detailed in the panel on the left. Phone numbers are included so contact can be made as soon as possible when an issue comes up that needs immediate attention. As always the dates of the next two Members meetings and their location can be found in the panel below the Officer's panel. We hope to see as many of you as can make it, especially now that we have in place the first elements of a series of "Shows". We had a great video show at the Jan 8th Members meeting. The video was of the 2007 Reno Air Races made by our own club member Mike Flanagan. For the February 5th meeting, it was initially planned to show a DVD made by J.J. Mangino, but now we will be having a presentation by Jack Burnside telling us about the Electric Flight Expo that is taking place in the Cardinal's Stadium in Glendale April 25-27th. For the March 4th meeting, it is planned that our own George Joy (of Peak Electronics) will present a 30 minute (or less) program called "Battery Maintenance" on rechargeable batteries. For the April meeting we have got an agreement from Joe Miele to give a 20 minute presentation on the items made by his company, Madison Products. The show of the DVD made by J.J. Mangino at the Reno Air Races of STILL photos of the racing aircraft will be rescheduled for later in the year. I will let you all know the details of the remainder of the shows as soon as they get firmed up. Stu Richmond is setting up these programs for which we thank him. It should add some spice to the meetings.

Next Club Meetings

Feb 5 and Mar 4, 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



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Don Manchester our Membership Chairman asked that I remind everyone that has not yet renewed, that this January issue of the Newsletter will be their last until they renew. The many changes we are getting in both the E-mail and Postal address lists are a major concern of mine at this time of year and it would be made so much easier if everyone just renewed on time but I realize that situations change and continuation is not always possible. But if you are planning to renew, you will have to get a renewal form from a previous issue of the Newsletter, from Don or at the field, as I am not including a renewal form with the Newsletter and am taking back the space for the rest of the Club news.

I got an E-mail recently from Dale Singleton who indicated he had a model he would like to donate to one of our Junior members if they were interested. The model is a high wing trainer, with 59 inch span and 12 inch chord. It needs a .60 engine due to its size. The airplane is complete with all hardware less engine and radio. This airplane is the larger size of the KANDU 40 which was the feature article in the AMA magazine Nov 2001. The airplane is easy to fly. Dale told me he is currently flying one of the same design that has a 56 inch span. If anyone is interested please contact Dale at 480-895-4885.

Dennis Lau also just sent an E-mail about a service that some of you might be interested in. Dennis wrote: "I don't know if anyone in the club might be interested in this, but I have used it a couple of times". \$5.00 for a RX crystal exchange.

<http://members.aol.com/davthacker/radicalrcxtalexchange.htm>

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.

Jan 8 Club Meeting Minutes

John Mangino called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00. He introduced himself as the new duly elected President and then introduced the newly elected Vice President Paul McDevitt and Treasurer Mike Currier together with the new Board members Gary Porter, Roxanne Cottrell and Lewie Kear. When John asked if there were any visitors or new members, 3 of those present identified themselves. They were Joe Callen from Northern California and Ord Asheton his neighbor and Gerald Moreski from Illinois.

Dave Balch then read the minutes of the last Members meeting and the minutes were approved.

Our new Treasurer Mike Currier than gave the Treasurer's report after first acknowledging the great job our previous Treasurer Don Hartdegen did over the last 2 years, taking over a set of books that were in poor shape

and getting everything organized. As Mike now has a Club Laptop that will be available to the Treasurer, the books should continue to be well organized. Plus the generation of the annual reports and balance sheets will be easier to produce as now required by the Parks Department. After Mike reported on the current status of the finances, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Don Manchester then gave a run down on the status of the membership. The close out roster for 2007 was 320 members, 266 full members, 10 life members, 38 family members, 5 youth and 1 associate. For the start of 2008, the numbers are 204 of which 175 are full members with 29 family members. 22 new members have signed up since October. 91 of last year's members have not yet signed up. At this time last year there were 193 members who had not signed up. If anyone needs to have their card laminated, Don can do it for \$1.

Paul McDevitt then indicated that he had attempted to contact Kent Waters about getting the Club events into the CAMAC schedule. Jim Compton commented that he had already submitted many of the Club events and so there should be only minimal need to get the schedule up to date. The three closest upcoming events on the calendar are the Banquet on Jan 19th, the Electric Festival on Jan 24th-27th and a 25 size race on February 3rd (now rescheduled to the 10th)

John noted that the New Year's Day Fly In was very cold and windy and only 6 brave members challenged the inclement weather to fly but overall there were 70 + members and family to enjoy the noon time food. Everyone had their fill and many took home some of the left over chicken. Terri reported that there were a few serving spoons left, so if anyone finds they lost a serving spoon, please contact Terri.

Paul Goldsmith, when reporting on safety, noted that one member had been badly cut by a prop when the engine started backwards, so please be careful. Paul mentioned that a work crew would be starting soon to put up stakes in the parking lot so that it will make roping off the parking areas easy and allow more cars to be parked which we expect will be needed to cover the large number of cars expected for the Saturday of the upcoming Electric Festival. Also an effort will need to be started soon on putting in the fencing along the south side of the road in from the Y to the Parking Lot as required by the Parks Department.

Flight Instruction then reported that things were in good shape. For the Banquet, which will again be in the ViewPoint Garden Room, everyone was reminded that tickets cost \$15 each and if you want to be involved in the gift exchange, a gift of about \$10 is recommended. Jim Luby will be the MC again this year and the food will be a buffet as usual with Beef and Chicken as the entrée choices. The Club will be providing the tickets to get the

water, soda and non liquor drinks. The event will start at 5:00 pm.

For the Electric Festival at the end of the month, Aaron Lichtenwalner reported that 115 pilots had already registered. He has ordered 75 polo shirts which can be ordered from the event web site. There are still a few areas that need volunteers to help, particularly security, flight line and registration. The raffle and the vendors are being handled by the Electric Festival Board Members.

Early in March there will be the GunSmoke competition. It was reported that all of the judges have been identified and it just requires a few people to work the flight line, registration, safety and the swap meet. Roxanne Cottrell indicated she was taking pre-orders for Gun Smoke shirts which will cost \$20 except for those in the 2X and larger sizes which will be \$25.

Paul Goldsmith noted that he was organizing a Giant Scale Fly In for early May which will follow the IMAA guideline for models but would not require flyers to be IMAA members. Registration will be \$20.

John Mangino then made a point to note that the main reason we hold these larger types of events is to bring in enough money so that the membership dues do not have to be raised to pay for the field improvements and upkeep that we have to make each year. Helping out at these events is a small way to keep the costs down and it is always a fun thing to do anyway plus workers get two free raffle tickets for each day they work to use for the raffle at the next members meeting.

Mike Flannigan then showed a video of the Reno Air Races. This is expected to be the first of many formal Show and Tell presentations which is hoped to encourage more members to attend the monthly meetings.

After the raffle, John closed the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Jan 15 Board Meeting Minutes

John Mangino called the meeting to order at 7:09. Mike Currier reported that a lot of checks had recently been written to cover the field maintenance activities and the upcoming Electric Festival. It was agreed to let the CD which holds the Parks Department required \$5000 roll over for another year. When questioned, Mike indicated the Club Laptop is working well but he has not had an opportunity to use it to get a match with the General Fund. It was noted that the bills for the amenities (like garbage removal and porta-potties) are currently sent to a P.O. Box which because of its location and cost, could be better served by being sent to the home address for one of the Club Officers. It was agreed that the bills should be sent to the Treasurer and the contract for the PO Box terminated. The AMA U.S. Scale Team, which will be competing at the next FAI World Championships, has asked for donations to support the travel expenses to Serbia. It was agreed to donate \$200.

The next club event coming up was the Banquet at the end of the week, then the Electric Festival at the end of the

month and a 25 size race on February 3rd (now rescheduled to the 10th). For GunSmoke which is set for March 7th, 8th and 9th, Paul Goldsmith reported that the award plaques have been ordered for \$350 and the announcement flyers have been given out to the local Hobby Shops. A few donations are being supplied by the vendors. Paul indicated that there will be a Banquet on the Saturday of the event. It was agreed that we should hand out flyers to people coming in to see our Electric Festival and the Jet Rally at SpeedWorld as an additional means for publicity.

The only Safety issue this month was brought on by a member flying on his own. Unfortunately his engine started backwards and badly cut his hand and without assistance things could have been much worse. It is not recommended that you fly alone as accidents can happen and a companion can make a world of difference in it not becoming a bad situation.

It was approved that a second wind sock be bought for the east end of the pit areas. There was then some discussion as to whether we wanted a flag pole base set up in the center of the pit area against one of the safety barriers. With this set up, at the larger events, the raising of the flag could be more central, and the flag pole could be removed during normal field operations. It was agreed that the idea was good if the pipe foundation could be set up to not be above ground level so as not to trip anyone when a flag was not in place. It was thought that this could be arranged so the plan was approved. Additionally it was agreed that the upper part of the Ramada structure needs to be painted and the light fixtures checked and put back into service. One of the complications on the lights is that they use 8 feet fluorescent tubes with single pin bulbs. These are not easy to get but Roxanne Cottrell agreed to donate a box of the bulbs that she had spare.

It was noted that there seem to be at least 3 versions of the Club Logo, some of which make the outline of the flyer holding the transmitter look like a cactus. It was agreed that the version should be cleaned up and made to one format and be located where anyone can access them, like on the web site. This effort ties in with the new sign with the Club Logo on it that Larry Wende has made up and located in the parking lot near the large cactus. It was agreed that a few fold up signs with the club logo on need to be made up to use as advertising during our larger events giving directions to the field. Roxanne agreed to get some quotes for these boards.

Under new business Jack Burnside of Empire Hobbies made a presentation to the Board on the Electric Expo that will be held at (and in) the Cardinal's Stadium in Glendale, April 25th, 26th and 27th. The event has got an agreement to use the site for at least the next 3 years. Jack, who also is a Captain with America West, runs a wholesale hobby distribution and does a lot of Trade Shows and is hoping to make this a major West Coast

event. He indicated that, after looking into available venues for a show in the greater Phoenix area, they lucked out in being able to rent the football stadium. The plan is to have 3 days of Educational activities, a trade show and lots of flying, inside and outside the stadium. The efforts on Friday will concentrate on the Educational side of the activities. Inside the stadium will be the area for vendors together with flight simulators. The flying within the stadium (where there is 80,000 square feet of floor flying space) will primarily involve the demonstrations and competitions and will possibly be even shown on the 2 story high "Jumbo-Tron". There will be flying allowed outside and HITEC will even be supplying models, radios and buddy boxes for anyone who wants to try R/C flying and this could be an area the Club could help out with, instructors. Jack made a point of emphasizing that the event could be used by the Club as a promotional tool and he would hope that our members could support the event by helping as ushers or instructors. The event will cost \$7.50 to enter (no additional cost if you want to fly) and will run from 9:00am to 6:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and until 3:00 on Sunday, with Sunday being mainly for fun demos. The Board agreed that the event could be of benefit to the Club so Jack was asked to make another talk to the Club at the February Member's Meeting, to which he agreed.

Finally there was a long discussion as to what can be done to get more members to help at Club events. A number of suggestions were made and Dave Balch was asked to pull together a draft of a proposed E-mail message that would be sent out and will form the basis for planned discussion of the topic at the next Member's Meeting.

John closed the meeting at 9:13.

Events

- **Club Banquet Jan 19th**
- **Electric Festival Jan 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th**
- **25 Size Race Feb 10th (new date)**
- **GunSmoke March 7th, 8th and 9th**
- **25 Size Race Mar 16th**

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

2007 Membership, as of Dec 31 was as follows:

Members:	309
New Members:	12
Total Members:	321

2008 Membership, as of January 15 was as follows:

Members:	204
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Some Photos from the field

Yaks and Cubs in a range of sizes



Some Jet Rally Photos







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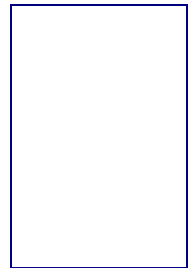
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