

## 2009 Club Officers

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## Membership

**Don Manchester**



**Next Meetings**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2009**  
**8700 University Ave. Mesa AZ.**  
**Hawes Rd. Entrance**  
**Craft Meeting Room by the**  
**ball fields**  
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## Your 2009 Board Members



Hi I'm Bob Franklin, past president and present board member. I have spent most of my working life in one business or another. As a young man fresh out of the Marine Corp, I bought an automotive brake franchise and after the national organization went bankrupt, I found myself in the drug store business. I managed a three store chain of Walgreen Agency stores for fifteen years. We moved to Arizona from Rhode Island in 1980 and I bought a concrete products company which I ran for six years. My last business was an air conditioning company which my wife Chris and I ran for ten years.

I didn't start RC flying until five years ago when my neighbor Paul Lorenz (now deceased), asked me to accompany him to the field to watch him fly.

Naturally, I attracted to the hobby and soon, thanks to my flight instructor, John Mangino, I was off to a "flying start" ....crashing model aircraft.

John, one of the best instructors in the club, has since recovered from the months of frustration that my "less than perfect" flying

skills caused him.

Years back, I was a licensed private pilot with some sailplane experience and was quite surprised that my experience in full scale was of very little help in learning to fly small model planes.

A word to new pilots: Unless you are in the two percentile group, you will crash a few airplanes before you become proficient, but take heart, there are many who have gone before you who have crashed more than their share (I find myself among that select group). So enjoy the hobby, it is one of the best. I have come to appreciate and value highly the friendships I have among the pilots of Arizona Modelers.

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**Stu Richmond is looking for a few good Modelers.**

If you are interested in putting on a 15 to 20 minute speaker's presentation at one of our AMA club meetings, please contact Stu Richmond at: 480-766-2827.

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**Gunsmoke 2009 is looking for a few good Men & Women**

The club needs some help with an upcoming event. Gunsmoke is scheduled for Feb. 27, 28, March 1st. There are areas that need help. Security, Raffle, Parking and runners for the score keeper. Please get in touch with Paul Goldsmith if you are available.

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**Meeting Minutes February 3, 2009**

**Officers Present:**

**President:** John Mangino  
**Vice President** Paul McDevitt  
**Secretary:** Paul Goldsmith

- + The meeting was called to order by John at 7:06 PM.
- + Guest Bob Miller introduced himself to those present. Bob is from Minnesota.

+ The minutes were read from the newsletter, accepted, seconded and passed by the members present.

+ **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer could not make the meeting so there was no report.

+ A new member Jack Coe introduced himself.

+ **Membership Report:** The membership stands at 260 renewed members, 28 family members and 7 Life members. There are 77 members who are delinquent with their dues; of those 61 were paid members. Since October we have gotten 34 new members. We got 8 new members from the Electric Festival. Last year we had 23 new members at the same time. We usually lose about 50 old members at the beginning of the year and gain about the same number of new members throughout the year. The roster will be purged after the February meeting of all delinquent members. The locks have been changed to the 2009 lock. Please keep in mind that you should not fly at the field without a 2009 sticker. The newsletter will stop after the February meeting for those not paid up.

+ **Camac Report:**

1. There is a 25 size race February 8th at AMA Field
2. Speed World is having a Jet Rally February 6th, 7th and 8th.
3. Warbird Race at Tucson Modelplex Park Feb. 14 Hosted by TIMPA
4. Southwick Memorial CL Stunt Contest at Avondale Friendship Park Feb. 14, 15 Hosted by CACLC
5. Southwest Soaring Classic Contest at Schnepf Farms Feb. 21, 22 Hosted by CASL
6. SVF Pattern Championships at Cave Buttes Feb. 21, 22 Hosted by SVF
7. Phoenix Quarter Midget Pylon Race at Speed World Feb. 21, 22 Hosted by SWRCF
8. Watts Up All Electric Fly-In at Tucson (TRCC) Feb. 21, 22 Hosted by TRCC
9. Presidents Cup (free flight) at Eloy Hosted Feb. 22 Hosted by PMAC.

10. Gunsmoke Scale Masters Qualifier at Superstition Airpark Feb. 27, 28, mar. 1. Hosted by Arizona Model Aviators
  11. Phoenix Helicopter Fly-In at Cave Buttes Park Feb. 27, 28, Mar. 1 Hosted by SVF
  12. Tucson Jet Rally at Tucson ModelPlex Park Mar. 6, 7, 8 Hosted by TIMPA
- For more info, see the CAMAC web site.

**+ Banquet:**

Terri got up and spoke briefly about the banquet. She thanked everyone for their help.

**+ Safety:** I can't emphasize the positive effects of using a spotter. You can't have eyes in the back of your head and with more electric airplanes flying around like Stealth Bombers you can't even hear the planes any more. Please use a spotter. It's for your own safety. Pilots have been calling out "Taking off" and not checking to see if there is someone landing or on the runway. You can't always hear when someone calls out for a landing, so try to be more aware of your surroundings.

**+Old Business:** Carl Barshop got up and spoke about his accident at the Electric Festival and his appreciation for all the concern the members showed about his condition. Everyone who helped at the Electric Festival was thanked.

The discussion about the sound committee with Bill Adams and Dave Howells was discussed. People are being encouraged to step up if you have a problem with the sound level of someone's plane being too loud. Write the plane and owners name down on a piece of paper and give it to a board member to get it checked by someone with a sound meter.

Please drive in slowly and keep the dust down. It will be your field that gets lost if there are complaints. Check to see if the person you are leaving behind has his key to the gate. At least make the gate look like it's locked if you don't have your key. Please make sure you leave the frequency pin on the board before you leave. Joe Miele has talking timers for \$16 which normally sell for \$20 for sale. Brackets for them are \$5 instead of the normal \$6.75

Call him and he will bring them to the field. There is a price list for fuel at the field.

**+New Business:** Nick from Viper Hobbies flew a small helicopter at the meeting which they sell in the store for \$129.

**+ Stu Richmond introduced Charlie Nelson who is a past Top Gun scale winner.**

Hi, got a call from Stu Richmond to talk to you tonight and thought we'd fly here in the piper cub. I'm going to talk about scale modeling. I want to tell you a little bit about this piper cub. It was built 19 years ago by my friend Harvey Helm. He flew with Stu in the early days of modeling in Massachusetts. Harvey is 91 and last summer rode his Harley 4,000 miles around MA. He got his pilot's license in 1939 and still owns and flies his piper tomahawk. This Piper Cub is a Balsa USA kit that I flew for Harvey for 15 years and then he gave it to me. It's on its third engine, an OS 1.6 2 cylinder 4 cycle engine. The plane weighs about 15 pounds and still exists the way Harvey built it 19 years ago. I was teaching Harvey and his grandson Ruben how to fly and used this airplane. Ruben gained a lot of confidence through this and realized he could do anything he wanted to. He went on to college and became associated with Mazda Motors. In a recent magazine article he gave credit to Harvey and me for his success with Mazda. This made me realize I had actually helped someone achieve his goals and was a good feeling.

I started flying in 1970 and my first contest was in the 1976 NATS. I qualified for the Masters the first time in the 1985 NATS. This Masters was held in Mesa, AZ.

To be successful in scale modeling you need to select a subject that really cranks your starter. For me that was WACO airplanes. I have built 9 WACO cabin airplanes. You need to find the specific airplane you want to model and find documentation for that airplane. You can do this by photographing the plane at an airport or with photo packs from someone like Bob Banka. You need a three view that matches the plane you have chosen to model. You need to build your model so it matches the pictures and the documentation. This takes a lot of time and patience.

In 1992 I won the Top Gun contest and with my winnings I was able to purchase a Seidel radial engine for my next WACO. This same year I

won the NATS and came in second in the Masters. It was a great year of modeling for me, my WACOS and my wife, my helper.

Jim McCutchen spoke about a weather station he has been investigating and finally bought. He would like to try some tests to see if it is feasible to install one close to the field to try and get wind information before coming to the field. Paul McDevitt spoke about his thoughts on the subject.

**+The Raffle:** The Raffle items were obtained from Viper Hobbies at cost. The raffle needs your help to stay self sustaining.

+ The workers raffle from the Electric festival was held.

+ The meeting closed at 8:45 PM. The meeting in March will be in the craft room.

### **+February Board Meeting:**

Attendees to the board meeting:

John Mangino, Gary Bailey, Paul Goldsmith, Gary Porter, Dave Dunn, Dave Balch, Bob Franklin, Roxanne Cottrell, Don Manchester. Aaron Lichtenwalner.

John Mangino opened the meeting at about 7:15 PM. The membership report was the first thing on the agenda. Don Manchester said we had 265 active members as of February 15. 225 of these are paid members. He made comparisons to last year's totals and they were very similar. Sixty five members were purged from the membership list as not renewing. Don has been in touch with all these people and spoke to them about their memberships. There are 7 life members active. There was a discussion about making people who were inactive for 5 years or more pay the initiation fee again. The consensus was to not do this.

Gary Bailey gave the treasurer's report. The checkbook could not be totally reconciled to the amount of \$141.00 Gary said he could not find the error and it was

decided to make the necessary correction to the final total and make the necessary correction to balance the account. The debit card for the club account will be cancelled as soon as possible.

Aaron Lichtenwalner was present and the finances of the Electric Festival were discussed. After all the expenses, the Festival made \$4782.89 for the club. Everyone agreed that the festival was a success. Aaron was given a final check for expenses he laid out.

Instruction was discussed as far as the intro pilot program was concerned. The club has 7 intro pilots.

Jim Compton, Dave Dunn, John Mangino, Jon Hamilton, Rick Smith, Roxanne Cottrell and Nick Hynes.

The incident at the field Tuesday morning was discussed briefly. There was an equipment failure that resulted in a minor run in with one of the flight stations by a veteran pilot. The only damage was to the pilot's airplane.

Bob Franklin and Jim Compton have drawn up a set of guidelines for the parking crews at the field events. It was decided to take the forms home, make corrections and suggestions and bring them to the next board meeting for discussion. These guidelines are more like clarifications than rules to be set in stone. There was some discussion about the parking at the events by those present.

The sound committee will remain as is with the understanding that 2 more sound meters are available for use by John Mangino and Paul Goldsmith. If you have a complaint write a short note with your name on it and give it to Dave Howells, Bill Adams, John Mangino or Paul Goldsmith

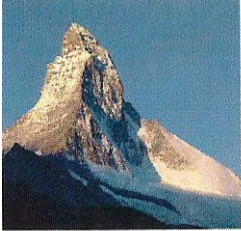
**for a sound check on a particular plane. Dave and Bill are keeping records of all the sound levels and the related equipment in the event of a complaint by the powers to be. This way no one can say we are not keeping up with any sound problems that come along.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45**

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