

March 2009

2009 Club Officers

President	John Mangino
Vice President	Paul McDevitt
Secretary/Newsletter	Paul Goldsmith
Treasurer	Gary Bailey

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Gary Porter	Bob Franklin
Dave Balch	Dave Dunn
Roxanne Cottrell	

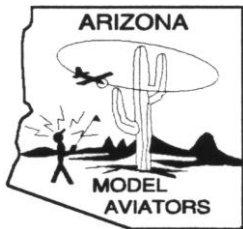
Membership

Don Manchester

The Presidents Corner



I gave John the month off from his column. He isn't going to get off quite that easy though. John is the man behind the scenes at all the events. He handles all the peripheral services that we take for granted. When you get in line to eat, John made sure the barbecue people were there. He makes sure that the trash cans are empty and that there is room in the dumpster for trash at the events. That is he calls for the dumpster to be emptied. He orders the porta potties and makes sure that they clean them when necessary. If some one needs a hand with something at an event, he is always there. Most of us take these things for granted, but try to imagine an event with these things not happening.



Next Meetings
April 7, 2009
8700 University Ave. Mesa AZ.
Hawes Rd. Entrance
Craft Room by the ballfields
To view a map see our website
www.azmodelaviators.com

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Due to work related conditions, Mike Currier had to resign as Treasurer and was replaced by Gary Bailey. Dave Dunn was the next highest number of votes for the board, so he has replaced Gary Bailey as the final board member.

Meeting Minutes March 3, 2009

Officers Present:

President:	John Mangino
Vice President	Paul McDevitt
Secretary:	Paul Goldsmith
Treasurer	Gary Bailey

- + The meeting was called to order by John at 7:06 PM.
- + Guest Barry Szokolczay introduced himself to those present.
- + The minutes were read from the newsletter, accepted, seconded and passed by the members present.
- + **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer, Gary Bailey gave the amount of money in the different funds. We still have to pay the park fees and some Gunsmoke **expenses. The report was accepted, seconded and passed by those present.**
- + **Membership Report:** The membership stands at 272 renewed members. The figure for the parks payment will be 232 for this year and 242 for next year. We purged 65 members who are delinquent with their dues from the

membership lists. Since October we have gotten 35 new members.

+ Camac Report:

1. There is a 25 size race March 15th, April 19th and May 17th at the AMA Field. See the Camac schedule at the field or on line for the schedule of other events coming up.

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. There were a few incidents at the field this past week. One gentleman put his plane in half way between the double yellow lines and the Ramada. No one called out that there was a problem or even chopped the throttle. Two people who were sitting close by were very fortunate. Please call out if you are having a problem with your airplane. Give others a chance to get out of the way. There was an incident where a student with an instructor was way over the parking lot with a trainer on a buddy box. There is no excuse for this. If you want to instruct, see Jim Compton for advise.

+Old Business:: Aaron Lichtenwalner got up and gave a final accounting for the Electric Festival and thanked all who helped. The next Festival will be the last weekend in February 2010. There were 205 pilots, 120 pre-registered and 5 youths registered at the event.

The weather station will be discussed in depth at the next board meeting.

The checks for the banquet were turned in to the bank by Gary Bailey.

Do not buy anything for the club with the idea of getting reimbursed without first getting approval of the executive board.

Gunsmoke seemed to be a good time for all who attended. There were 42 registered pilots which was 8 pilots more than last year. We are looking to get another set of judges to get a 4th set. This will help make the rounds go faster. The wind was a big factor this year and some pilots elected not to fly the 3rd round because of it. Donations for the event were a positive thing. The mfg.'s seem to support the event. I want to thank all who donated time and effort to this event. We had a great event and hope to make it better next year.

+New Business:

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

+ Raffle tickets were given to those who volunteered at Gunsmoke.

+ The meeting closed at 8:05 PM.

+ The meeting in April will be in the **craft room**.

+March Board Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President John Mangino. Gary Bailey read the treasurer's report and informed the Board that all the necessary reports and end of year paperwork for Parks & Rec. were compiled and sent as per our agreement. It was reported that Gunsmoke was financially positive. Paul Goldsmith was lauded for his efforts as Contest Director.

Old Business:

Paul McDevitt put forth a motion that a proposed weather station not be purchased at this time as he is working on finding a more viable solution. The motion was unanimously carried.

New Business:

Gary Porter suggested that all committee reports be included in the newsletter. Roxanne Cottrell volunteered to assume the duties as Contest Director for the next Jet Rally. President Mangino accepted her offer. Gary Bailey reported that the present electric generator is approximately eight years old and has been repaired many times. He put forth a motion that the club purchase a new generator of proper capacity, the amount not to exceed \$1000.00. The motion was discussed and carried. Gary will assume the job of purchasing a new one. The existing generator will be sold at the next auction. Paul McDevitt put forth a motion to increase the registration fees by \$5.00 at our field events to cover rising costs such as the new generator, field security at events and other expenses.

Bob Franklin read a list of suggestions that he and Jim Compton had put together regarding event parking. The comprehensive list was compiled to solve the many problems that the parking volunteers incur while performing their job. Due to the fact that the list contained some suggestions that would require some basic operational changes, it was tabled until the next meeting to allow board members more time for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

+ In Memory of Ron Mosley

Last week we lost one of our members, Ron Mosley. Ron's wife e-mailed me and told me of Ron's passing. I was in touch with Ron Smith and he gave me a small write-up about Ron. The picture is one his wife sent me.

My Memories of Ron Mosley

My friendship with Ron was born several years ago while flying R/C airplanes. He will remain in my memories as an exemplary pilot who was always soft spoken, non-controversial, loved to fly, build, and share his knowledge with others. Ron could turn a nice day into something special. I remember one such day when we talked about his wife's piano that she had played since her childhood. He took an interest in learning how to do minor repairs and bring it back to playing condition. After Ron's careful work and my three tunings, the piano was ready to be enjoyed by his wife. The camaraderie that I and other friends had with Ron will be long remembered. I believe I can speak in behalf of many other friends that we together extend our sincerest sympathy and support to Ron's extended family.

Ron Smith
AMA 1702
IMAC 1695



Here are some pictures from Gunsmoke 2009:

These pictures were courtesy of Mike Flanagan. It took a lot of time and effort for this, so if you see him at the field, embarrass him with a compliment.

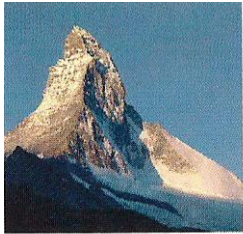
We had 42 entries this year and hopefully most had a good time. The winds were gusty a lot of the time so there were only three rounds. Next year we hope to have more judges and shorter lines.





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