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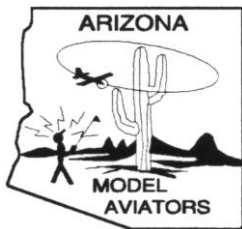
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### **Next Meeting May 3, 2011**

The next Member's Meeting  
will be at Viewpoint in the  
Gardenroom.  
To view a map see our website  
[www.azmodelaviators.com](http://www.azmodelaviators.com)

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**On Apr 17th we had the final .25 Race of 2011 regular season. The championship race will occur on May 15th. The top twelve point winners from the regular season have been determined and will be invited to the Championship race. Point totals are posted on the web site.**

**Jim Compton**

### + Club Meeting Minutes April 5, 2011

Officers Present: Art Ashenden, Joe Miele, Paul Goldsmith.

+ The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

+ Art asked if there were any guests present and Dale Nolan introduced himself as a guest from the Gilbert Quiet Flyers.

+ The minutes from the March meeting were read and accepted.

+ **Treasurer's Report:** Gary was not present so there was no report.

+ Terry said that food would be available at the fun fly.

+ **Membership:** Jerry Morescki then reported that the current membership stands at 290 members with 39 joining during the last month (most from GQF). These numbers compare to 264 at this time last year.

+ **Camac:** Joe Miele then read out the list of upcoming events which included at the back of the newsletter. There were 3 representatives from the AMA at the meeting. The Cave Creek problem with the FAA was discussed. They have a strict 400 foot altitude restriction due to the proximity of the nearby airport. They also discussed the ground up asphalt that they are using to help with their dust control problem. They use 15 truckloads at \$100 a load. Intro- pilots were discussed.

+ **Instruction:** . No problems

+ **Safety:** John gave his report with the following items being the high points:

1. Stand behind the yellow bumpers at the flight stations for visibility for the other pilots.
2. Line up behind the fence to get in line to fly.
3. Holler out your flight intentions.
4. Spotters are mandatory as of tonight for all planes in the air.
5. Priorities are as follows: Dead sticks, landings, takeoffs.
6. Get down when a full size aircraft flies overhead.
7. The snakes are out.
8. The 2.4 Ghz. Pin board is to be used at all times.
9. Take bags out to a crash and pick up all debris.
10. 3D foamies are to use the small runway by the bunkers if they don't wish to fly the normal pattern.
11. Spotter info will be on the web site.

- 12. The parks can give tickets for dust pollution if you are speeding on the road. \$10K to you, not the club.
- 13. Return the pins when you are finished flying or working on you plane.

+ **Public Relations:** OK

+ **Old Business:** Williams Gateway was a success. The fun fly/swap meet made \$135.00. Falcon Field was also a success. Art thanked the winter visitors. There will be an electric only fly in April 9<sup>th</sup>.

+ **Gunsmoke:** Austin Goodwin gave the club a check for \$700 from the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Airforce for the Gunsmoke event. Mike Pope , Bill Adams and Wayne Fredericks qualified for the scalemasters championship. There were 39 registered pilots. 11 of them were AMA club pilots.

+ **By-Laws Committee:** Section # 1& 2 passed. Don Manchester spoke about the committee. Sections # 3& 6 are next.

+ **Field Maintenance:** The field will be dragged as soon as John gets in touch with the rodeo people.

+ Paul McDevitt spoke about the FAA bill in congress and how it will affect the AMA.

+ **The Raffle was held with prizes bought at cost from Liberty Hobbies courtesy of Bill Thomas**

+ **Meeting Adjourned At 8:30 PM.**

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The answer to last month's question.

**What prominent electric enthusiast was seen at the field with a Bi-Plane with a four stroke engine in it?**



**Paul McDevitt & Darren Jakel**

**Board Meeting April 19 , 2011**

**Officers present:** Art Ashenden, Joe Miele, Paul Goldsmith, Gary Porter, Bob Franklin, Jerry Morescki, John Mangino, Don Manchester.

+ **The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM.**

+ Rusty Fried was present at the meeting to propose bringing the Cactus Classic back to the AMA field where it use to be held. He proposed a 2 day event with Friday being a practice day and Saturday and Sunday for the contest. The club would only have to supply a minimum amount of help for the event. He said the end of March would be the best time for the event. The board had a productive discussion with him about noise levels and altitude situations. Other aspects of the event were discussed but will be reviewed by the board within the next 30 days.

+ **Treasurer's Report:** Gary Bailey was not available but Art gave a report in his place. The different funds and money distributions were discussed.

+ **Membership:** Jerry said that there were 292 members total. We gained 2 new members since the last meeting. There was 1 new family membership. 39 of the Gilbert Quiet Flyers have joined the club. Last year at this time there were 264 members.

+ **Contest committee:** Joe said there were no special events coming up. Check the web site and the back of the newsletter for the schedule.

+ **Instruction:** No report given at this time

+ **Safety:** The 2.4 pins have to be returned to the board when you are done flying. Saturday the pins were all used and people were holding them. The AMA is requiring spotters as part of their rules now. Try not to fly low over the fence at the berm as horses with riders are out there and you can't see them because of the overgrowth.

+ **Field:** We will be getting a tractor to drag the weeds shortly. The ropes in the parking lot will be removed this week to facilitate that work. We are also going to address the weeds under the bleachers. Materials for the road coming in were discussed. We will have to get in touch with Flood Control to see what their requirements are before we proceed.

+ Several groups have asked for permission to use the field for various reasons but were denied after a lengthy discussion.

+ Falcon Field sent a letter to the club thanking us for the open house held last month. The letter is at the back of the newsletter.

+ **By-Laws Committee:** Bob Franklin and his committee members discussed the next set of by-laws to be revised. There was a discussion about some of the changes with the members present.

There was a request to reschedule the electric only fly in. It was decided by the board that the event should include all the members and not just the electric flyers.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:38**

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**Any club member having items for sale should e-mail a brief description to Paul Goldsmith so it can be put in the newsletter.**

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**For Sale**  
**Super Tiger 3000, made in Italy, with Bison Muffler.**  
**In excellent condition. \$150.00**  
**Call Art Ashenden @ 480-314-0064 or**  
**(602-571-2888)**

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**For Sale**  
**Hanger 9 P51 w radio control.**  
**Flown once. Perfect condition.**  
**Make reasonable offer and it's yours.**  
**Chris @ 602-743-3922.**

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**For Sale**  
**Futaba 6EX 2.4 GHZ**  
**Includes Receiver, batteries, charger & case**  
**\$130**  
**Call Frank Farmer @ 480-331-0752**

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**Wanted**  
**Hanger 9/ E-Flite 25 size floats.**  
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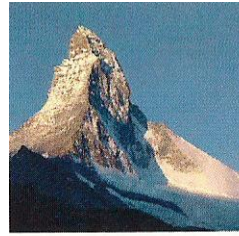
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**CENTRAL ARIZONA MODELERS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTERED  
AEROMODELING ACTIVITIES  
2011 CAMAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS Rev A 12-6-10  
EVENT LOCATION HOSTED BY DATES**

HOT STUFF (free flight)	ELOY PMAC	MAY 14
SAILPLANE CONTEST	CHANDLER CASL	MAY21
FUN FLY	SUPERSTITION AIR PARK AMA	JUNE 5
SAILPLANE CONTEST	CHANDLER CASL	JUN 18
SAILPLANE CONTEST	CHANDLER CASL	SEPT 17
FALL KICK-OFF	ELOY PMAC	SEPT 18
FUN FLY	SUPERSTITION AIR PARK AMA	SEPT 24
MARSCHINSKE MEMORIAL	TUCSON C. COLUMBUS PARK CACLC	SEPT 24,25
GHOST RIDERS (free flight)	ELOY PMAC	OCT 22
SAILPLANE CONTEST	CHANDLER CASL	OCT 22
1/8 AIR FORCE SCALE	FLY-IN CAVE BUTTES PARK 1/8 AF	OCT 22,23
AMA FALL AUCTION	SUPERSTITION AIR PARK AMA	NOV 5 (8:00 AM)
TURKEY SHOOT (free flight)	ELOY PMAC	NOV 13
23 <sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ARIZONA JET RALLY	SUPERSTITION AIR PARK AMA	NOV 18,19,20
SAILPLANE CONTEST	CHANDLER CASL	NOV 19
TUCSON WINTER SCALE CLASSIC	TUCSON (TRCC) TRCC	NOV 26,27
WINGS OVER ARIZONA	SUPERSTITION AIR PARK AMA	DEC 3,4
ARIZONA FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS	ELOY PMAC	DEC 3,4
TOYS FOR TOTS SAILPLANE CONTEST	CHANDLER CASL	DEC 17

Latest updates of this CAMAC Calendar and other Arizona aeromodeling activities may be found at: [www.flycamac.com](http://www.flycamac.com)  
See flying site location descriptions and host club contact information below on next page or at: [www.flycamac.com](http://www.flycamac.com)  
See next page for further information on host club contacts and websites. **CENTRAL ARIZONA MODELERS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTERED**

Dear Members: I received this letter from Stu Richmond who is a gentleman and a good friend. I have a great deal of respect for Stu's opinion and with that in mind I have printed this letter he sent as he has asked me to do.

## **OPEN LETTER:**

**The membership of the Arizona Model Aviators increased quite a bit just recently. As a member of the AMA, I welcome you new members who are mostly electric flyers. You bring us an enormous amount of electric expertise.**

**I feel being a member of the Arizona Model Aviators (AMA) is a privilege..and I (personally) treat it as such. We enjoy a truly world-class flying site...and the site and club affairs/functions are managed by a very dedicated board of smart R/Cers...under the watchful eyes of the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department.**

**As such, we have rules about the great sport of R/Cing at this club's flying field. As such, we have a no-fly zone or a dead line that is not to be crossed. We have five general flight stations that are protected for our mutual benefit. This club has spent money to set aside a "foamies only" area where you're free to fly and hover and "do your thing" in foamie style... in that area... instead of in front of one of the established five flight stations where your flying can be dangerously distracting.**

**If you're among these newer members, please watch what the "habit pattern" is among the established membership ...and please make an honest attempt to follow their lead.**

**I was personally offended when I suggested to a new "foamie flyer" that he use and enjoy the set-aside "foamie" 2.4 area. He said he couldn't because the newly-paved "foamie" runway was too small...and that he had already "hit that bunker with his model". Then he lied to me about his getting permission to fly his "foamie" elsewhere...beyond our spectator parking. This type of behavior does not really "follow the lead" at the AMA field.**

**I hold no office in the Arizona Model Aviators...I don't set the rules of proper R/C behavior...I make every attempt to follow the common sense rules and promote great friendship among fellow R/Cers. I'm just another club member...who's "speaking out" in an open letter...let's all be sure the "few" who are new don't spoil it for the "many".**

**Stu Richmond AMA 4529**

April 14, 2011

Mr. Art Ashenden  
Arizona Model Aviators  
4288 E. Ficus Way  
Gilbert, AZ 85298

Dear Art,

Thank you for being a vital part of the 3rd Annual Falcon Field Airport Open House celebrating its 70th Anniversary. Because of you, it was a huge success for the community!

As you know, the purpose of the Open House is to create an event that demonstrates the importance and positive impact that Falcon Field Airport has on the community and provide a venue to highlight area businesses and community groups to the general public. Thanks to you, we believe this was achieved, and we hope you feel the same.

From the beginning of the planning process, we had a diverse group that represented many different areas and interests both on and off the airport. We value the hard work and professionalism that was exhibited throughout the process by everyone.

We look forward to building upon this success when we begin preparations for the 4th Annual Open House. You will soon be receiving an email asking for any suggestions you might have that will make next year's event even better. We value your participation and hope you will join us again for next year's event.

Thank you again for your support of Falcon Field Airport and the Mesa community!

Best regards,  
Jim Law  
Acting Airport Director