



**Dec 2015**

## GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
Dec 10, 2015 EAM  
Christmas Banquet, 6pm.  
Golden Corral, Fort Walton  
Beach, FL

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
GLIDER SOCIAL - 1st  
SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

### **2015 CLUB OFFICERS**

**President: Phil Conner (850) 217-5526**  
**Vice President: Victor Diaz (404) 263-7674**  
**Treasurer: Robert Pacheco**  
**Secretary: Ron Van Putte 243-0207**  
**Member at Large: Paul Doman**

### **Message from the President**

**By Phil Conner**

Hello Everyone;

I would like to take this time to thank all of the membership and my fellow board members for their patience these past two years of my club presidency. We have had some interesting issues come up and we are still dealing with some of them. I'm sure there are interesting days in all of our futures. I think I may have laid out a few too many things to get accomplished during my time but if you don't plan big you usually get nothing. I look forward to continue working on some of these things.

The holidays are here and I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It has been my privilege to represent you all these past two years as president and I thank you all very much.

See you at the field.

Phil Conner

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# **Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Monthly Meeting 19 November 2015**

**By Ron Van Putte**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 P.M. by the president, Phil Conner, with 32 present.

Phil asked if members wanted another build contest next November. The response was unanimously positive.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published on the November BEAM.

The treasury contains \$4207.26. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Gene Barnes discussed procedures for voting on the Build Contest.

The nominees for 2016 EAM board members are:

President Rob Campbell  
Vice President Phil Conner  
Secretary Ron Van Putte  
Treasurer Robert Pacheco  
Member at Large Paul Doman

Pam Cortner reported that the Christmas Banquet/Meeting will be on December 10th at the Golden Corral on Mary Esther Cutoff, starting at 6:00 P.M.

The Duke Field "Airman's Day" apparently went off very well.

Rob Campbell reported on a proposed pattern contest in 2016. Following a motion to hold the contest on April 23rd/24th and a second, the motion passed.

The proposed FAA rules for UAVs were discussed.

Model of the Month contributors were Ron Van Putte (DH-100 Vampire) and Chris Mikles (PT-19). Chris won.

The Build Contest winners were:  
Repair/renovate Carlos Reyes  
Kit Frank Perkins  
Scratch Mike Plummer

There were no SAD patch nominees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Ron Van Putte, secretary

## Meeting Attendees

Phil Conner	Keith Stephens
Gene Barnes	Mike Redys
Mike Plummer	Robert Pacheco
Rob Campbell	Ron Spaid
Pam Cortner	Joe Foster
Joe Shearer	Chris Mikles
Ray Seip	Stan Davis
Jim Massey	Mark Pfeiffer
Ron Van Putte	Victor Diaz
Illegible	Chris Kime
Larry Joachim	Sean Turner
Dick Campis	Larry Glenn
Rey Ruiz	Dean Tucker
Frank Perkins	Cody Powell
Paul Doman	Mike Slade
Michael Rapuano	David West

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## Recognition

### Model-of-the-Year

By Robert Pacheco



**Chris Mikles won Model of the Month with his kit built PT-19.**

## December 6, 2015 Don Hollfelder Memorial Sunday Glider Social

by Craig Deyerle

The forecast was for partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the upper 50s going to the upper 60s, and winds 8 to 10 mph from the East-Northeast. That is exactly what we had except for the winds. The winds varied from Northeast to North and back at 9 mph decreasing throughout the morning to 6 mph. We started wearing jackets and hoodies. By mid-morning these were off and we were enjoying a beautiful day. We staked both the club and Mark Owens' winches out to the north and flew. There were no booming thermals. It took a while for the sun to burn through the cloud and warm things up. There was lift to be found, but it was light. Six pilots showed up to fly on what might have been a cold morning, but it turned out to be a glorious day.

Lance Ropke was the first up and set the standard for the day. He maxed, as did Jim Hartley, Jerry Baxter, Mark Owens, and

Buddy Bradley. Only I couldn't find lift in the first round. Most of the folks started off heading East or Northeast into the breeze to find lift and then peeled off to the South or North. It must be said I was flying my two-meter Velvia (poorly) against four Xplorers and one Maxa, which ranged from 3.5 to 4 meters. Yes Elizabeth, size does matter!

The second round was a repeat of the first. Lance timed for me and tried to talk me into lift, but I was having none of it. I was an ace at finding and staying in, sink!

Things changed in the third round. The lift changed. The ground was starting to warm up and it was harder to find the pockets of air. There were only two maxes in the round and the other scores were considerably short.

Things picked up in the fourth and fifth rounds. Checking the scores, Buddy won by flying five maxes in five attempts. He did well in landing points too.

We finished the fifth round at 1130 and just flew for fun for the next 40 minutes. I stepped up to the line, maxed and stuck the landing for 95 points. I wish I would do that in the contest. Jerry got a big chuckle out of pointing it out to the crowd. Lance also let me fly his Xplorer. It flies smoother than my Velvia, shows good air better, turns tighter and just feels solid. I'm told there is now an Explorer 3 that has a conventional tail (hinged elevator, not a full flying stab), and rounded wingtips with the ailerons going all the way to the tip. They are well-engineered machines!

Take note of the DOT FAA Document number N JO 7210.899, effective date 27 Oct 15, attached. This is FAA policy on

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Unmanned Aircraft Operations in the National Airspace System. This isn't an FAA proposal, this is their policy and they intend to enforce it. Look at paragraph 9.c, Model Aircraft (Hobbyist), subparagraph (2) (a) which states: "Fly at or below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles".

We come off the line at 500 feet and try to go up. According to the FAA, we are illegal every time we fly. I suggest you write your congressman (Mr. Jeff Miller) who, in my experience, will ignore you on this issue.

Rounds 1 & 2.

Name	Aircraft	Round 1				Round 2			
		min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Lance Ropke	Xplorer 3.8 X2	7	0	80	500	6	58	65	483
Jim Hartley	Xplorer 3.5 X2	6	37	70	467	7	3	55	472
Jerry Baxter	Xplorer 4.0 X1	6	58	85	503	7	4	0	416
Mark Owens	MAXA	7	5	40	455	7	6	70	484
Buddy Bradley	Xplorer 3.5 X1	6	42	0	402	6	58	10	428
Craig Deyerle	Velvia	4	7	15	262	2	24	0	144

Rounds 3 & 4.

Name	Round 3				Round 4			
	min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Lance Ropke	5	7	45	352	7	3	45	462
Jim Hartley	3	37	80	297	3	50	0	230
Jerry Baxter	3	51	0	231	6	52	80	492
Mark Owens	7	1	0	419	7	3	5	422
Buddy Bradley	6	58	100	518	6	59	75	494
Craig Deyerle	3	43	100	323	3	15	80	275

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Round 5

Name	Round 5				Total	Place	Flight Time (sec)
	min	sec	land	score			
Lance Ropke	7	1	25	444	2241	4	2006
Jim Hartley	6	44	30	434	1900	5	1695
Jerry Baxter	7	1	85	504	2146	3	1981
Mark Owens	7	8	65	477	2257	2	2142
Buddy Bradley	6	22	70	452	2294	1	2109
Craig Deyerle	3	55	0	235	1239	6	1044

**2015 Year Results EAM Glider  
Social Inbox**

1	Jerry Baxter	641
2	Buddy Bradley	567
3	Lance Ropke	562
4	Mark Owens	448
5	Jim Hartley	415
6	Craig Deyerle	323
7	Robert Pacheco	90
8	Bob Halverson	89
9	Phil Conner	25
10	Brandon Balcer	20
11	Mike Plumer	10

Cheers, Craig Deyerle

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including their life."

**Membership for Year 2015**

To renew membership for 2015, you will need your new 2015 AMA card. Dues are \$40.00.

Late Renewals are now 50.00. (\$10.00 late penalty) and you may not fly at the club site until dues are paid.

Mail either your new 2015 AMA Card or a copy to:  
Eglin Aero Modelers C/o  
Robert Pacheco  
43 Lake Point Dr  
Miramar Beach, FL 32550

OR make your renewals in person at Shalimar Hobbies (bring your 2015 AMA card).

Also, check or confirm your addresses, both postal and e-mail, and phone numbers when renewing. An EAM 2015 sticker will be attached to your AMA Card. If renewing by mail, be sure to indicate the address where the sticker will be mailed. A SASE will save the club \$\$.

Join or renew at a Meeting  
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