



**FEB 2015**

## GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT CLUB MEETING  
Thursday, February 19,  
2015, 7 -9 pm

Thursday, at Niceville  
Church of Christ

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

April 4, 2015 Scout-O-Rama  
Uptown Station

April 10-11, 2015 5th Annual Marvel of  
Flight DeFuniak Springs Airport  
POC: Phil Conner

April 18-19, 2015 AMA Pattern Contest  
POC: Rob Campbell

### 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;  
Old Man Winter is still blowing at us, but we have had some really nice flying weather lately. Our first event at Defuniak Springs, the Florida Chautauqua Assembly went very well. So well in fact, that we have been invited back next year. We had a good showing on Saturday despite the cold, but not so good on Sunday. Maybe next year we can split that up a little better. Also, hopefully it will be a little warmer. Many thanks go to Craig Deyerle and Fred Provost on performing the flying displays. They were a real hit.

As you read this we are coming up on our St Valentine's Day Fun Fly, on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully it will not be put off but the forecast shows it to be rather cold that day. We may have to postpone.

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Other events coming up are the Scout-A-Rama on April 4th and the Fifth annual Marvel of Flight Airshow at Defuniak Springs Airport on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We really need members to come out and support these events.



See you at the field.

Phil Conner

## **Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Monthly Meeting 15 January 2015**

**By Ron Van Putte**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the president, Phil Conner, with 29 present.

Visitors/new members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the December meeting/Christmas banquet approved as published in the January BEAM.

The treasury contains \$4089.69. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

It was moved, seconded and approved to use the 2014 budget as a continuing resolution until the 2015 budget is complete.

Electronic voting died for lack of discussion.

The tentative schedule of events was presented:

Glider Social 1st Sunday of each month  
St. Valentine's Day Massacre Fun Fly 14 February  
Field Cleanup 14 March  
Scout-O-Rama 4 April  
Motor Glider Contest 12 April  
Scale Flyin 30 May  
Pattern Contest 27/28 June  
Float Fly 12 July  
Model Aviation Day 22 August  
Motor Glider Contest 10 October  
Classic Pattern Contest 17/18 October  
Open House and Air Show 7/14 November?  
Turkey Bird Fun Fly 21 November

Potential items to be funded in 2014: Traffic cones, dispatch board table, charger, LED lights for storage container, refresh "traffic/stop engines" signs, winch batteries, convertible bench/tables and club logo design contest.

Phil discussed our participation in the Chautauqua Festival Assembly display on 23-25 January in DeFuniak Springs.

Gene Barnes discussed plans for the building contest.

Rob Campbell discussed having an air show/open house at the Mullet Festival site in November.

Certain club members were commended: Joe Shearer - donated storage container paint, Exor Reyes - donated winch battery, Frank Perkins - mower winch towing assembly, Joe Shearer/Bill Miller - convertible bench/table.

Various Model of the Month plaques were presented.

Model of the Month contributors were Cody Powell (F-86), Roger Gilman (Super Decathlon), Roger Gilman (GWS Tiger Moth) and Victor Diaz (F4U Corsair). Roger won.

SAD patch nominees: Josh Schubert, Reuben Courvertier and Cody Powell. Josh won.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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Ron Van Putte, secretary

## February 1, 2015 Don Hollfelder Memorial Sunday Glider Social by Craig Deyerle

### Attendance List

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Phil Conner    | Keith Stephens     |
| Robert Pacheco | Joe Shearer        |
| Exor Reyes     | Reuben Courvertier |
| Mike Plummer   | Mif R              |
| Paul Doman     | Rob Campbell       |
| Frank Perkins  | Bill Black         |
| Bill Noser     | Gene Barnes        |
| Josh Schubert  | Mike Holderness    |
| Mike D'Anna    | Ron Van Putte      |
| Mark Pfeiffer  | Craig Deyerle      |
| Roger Gilman   | Ray Seip           |
| Jim Massey     | Dick Campis        |
| Rey Ruiz       | Cody Powell        |
| David Mittler  | Larry Joachim      |
| Kevin Fears    |                    |

### Recognition Model-of-the-Year By Robert Pacheco



**Roger Gilman Won Model of Month with his  
Super Decathlon**

The forecast was for overcast skies, temperatures reaching the upper 60s by noon, and winds at a great rate of knots. The winds at the start were to be 8 mph from SE going to 16 mph from South by noon with a 37% chance of rain. The ceiling was to drop to 1,000 feet by noon with the rain. It spit rain at us just after we set up the winches; just enough to get us to put our just assembled aircraft back in the car. As soon as the models were protected, the rain stopped. The sun disappeared at 0830, but popped out for a few minutes near the end of round two. The wind just above the tree line was ripping, with gusts and turbulence from the Southeast. It was difficult to penetrate. On the surface the 16 mph wind didn't arrive except in a few gusts. It varied between 8 and 12. The wind aloft was turbulent with small pockets of lift and lots of down drafts.

Buddy Bradley started off with a terrific zoom launch. He has the technique down pat with his Xplorer. He worked Southwest, then South over the tree line working the ridge lift, earning the first max of the round. Lance Ropke launched behind Buddy, followed him to the southwest, then turned north and tried to run down a thermal that passed through. He never cored it and was beat down by gusts over the Northwest tree line and only made it back to the spot with much effort. I didn't see Jim Hartley's flight, as I was timing for Lance. Clearly he got caught in the turbulence and down drafts. Jerry Baxter launched to the Southwest and then worked the tree line to the South and finally moved up over the runway to the landing spot for the second max of the round. I went with my 2 meter Velvia and tried to get into what I thought would be rising air over the Southern tree line. The 32 ounce Velvia was bounced around and it took rapt

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attention to keep the wings level. The Velvia normally shows lift well, but all clues were masked in the turbulence. I flew too far downwind to get back to the spot and was simply delighted to get it down without damaging it. Robert Pacheco and Mark Owens tried the air to the Southeast and South. Neither did any better than me.

By round two the 8 mph breeze had freshened to above 10. The winds aloft climbed. There were a few scattered drops of very light rain and then the clouds parted briefly and the sun peaked out. It was quickly obscured by more cloud. Jim Hartley launched his beautiful V-tail Xplorer and a lull in the wind came on just as he let the model go. It stalled, then rotated on the line and smacked into the tarmac nose first, going straight down. It is fixable, but the fuselage may be toast. Only Jerry was able to max. I was timing for Lance, attempting to pick out wispy rising bits of cloud from the overcast background. It didn't help him a whole lot.

In round three dark low clouds could be seen to the Southwest. The ceiling dropped throughout the round but it was still workable in that no one was going up very high. Lance launched and following the excellent advice of his timer worked the ridge lift building in front of the cloudbank to the Southwest. He arguably made the highest altitude of any model on the day. He then worked north and worked lift over the trees to the Northeast before going for the spot. By the time I stepped to the line for launch, cold downdrafts of air could be felt from the clouds approaching the field. I tried to work east to avoid the cold air, but got low over the trees and just beat feet back to the spot to avoid losing the model.

The club winch performed well with only three line breaks despite the high wind. The battery is back in Craig's garage being

charged after today's events. Jerry Baxter gave our club three new landing tapes and we will have at least two laid out in the future. They are located in the winch box. These tapes are less than half as long as the previous tape, which we still have in the shed.

#### Rounds 1 & 2.

| Name           | Aircraft          | Round 1 |     |      |       | Round 2         |     |      |       |
|----------------|-------------------|---------|-----|------|-------|-----------------|-----|------|-------|
|                |                   | min     | sec | land | score | min             | sec | land | score |
| Buddy Bradley  | Xplorer 3.8 X1    | 7       | 6   | 45   | 459   | 4               | 57  | 30   | 327   |
| Lance Ropke    | Xplorer 3.8 X2    | 5       | 58  | 75   | 433   | 4               | 42  | 80   | 362   |
| Jim Hartley    | Xplorer 3.8 X2 V- | 2       | 59  | 0    | 179   | Crash on Launch |     |      | 0     |
| Jerry Baxter   | Xplorer 4.0 X1    | 6       | 58  | 75   | 493   | 6               | 57  | 60   | 477   |
| Craig Deyerle  | Velvia            | 3       | 35  | 0    | 215   | 4               | 16  | 0    | 256   |
| Robert Pacheco | Xplorer 3.8 X2    | 3       | 9   | 0    | 189   | 2               | 15  | 0    | 135   |
| Mark Owens     | Buddy Dancer      | 3       | 37  | 0    | 217   | 4               | 17  | 25   | 282   |

#### Rounds 3 & 4.

| Name           | Round 2         |     |      |       | Round 3 |     |      |       | Total | Place | Flight Time (sec) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----|------|-------|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
|                | min             | sec | land | score | min     | sec | land | score |       |       |                   |
| Buddy Bradley  | 4               | 57  | 30   | 327   | 4       | 25  | 65   | 330   | 1116  | 3     | 976               |
| Lance Ropke    | 4               | 42  | 80   | 362   | 7       | 1   | 40   | 459   | 1254  | 2     | 1059              |
| Jim Hartley    | Crash on Launch |     |      | 0     | DNF     |     |      | 0     | 179   | 7     | 179               |
| Jerry Baxter   | 6               | 57  | 60   | 477   | 5       | 31  | 0    | 331   | 1301  | 1     | 1166              |
| Craig Deyerle  | 4               | 16  | 0    | 256   | 3       | 0   |      | 180   | 651   | 5     | 651               |
| Robert Pacheco | 2               | 15  | 0    | 135   | 4       | 15  | 0    | 255   | 579   | 6     | 579               |
| Mark Owens     | 4               | 17  | 25   | 282   | 4       | 43  | 45   | 328   | 827   | 4     | 757               |

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## **EAM 2015 Building Contest**

**By Gene Barnes**

BUILDING CONTEST – 20 NOV 2015

When it comes to building, Nov isn't that far away. Get started now for your entry into the contest. Remember, the categories are: Scratch built, Kits, Repairs and restorations, and Control line conversion to RC. For those thinking about scratch building, here are three commercial sites for getting started

<http://www.rcscratchbuilders.com/startingout/beginners.html>

<http://electricrcaircraftguy.blogspot.com/2013/03/getting-into-scratch-building.html#.VN95VSghzzI>

<http://mikeysrc.com/Scratch-Built-Aircraft.html>

Gene Barnes

## **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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