



 **Happy new Year 2016** 

**JAN 2016**

## GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
Jan 21, 2016 Niceville  
Church of Christ

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

### **2016 CLUB OFFICERS**

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

### **Message from the President** By Phil Conner

Fellow Flyers,

Well, 2015 is gone and no Mr. Fusion!  
Anyway, I am looking ahead to 2016 with  
cautions optimism. We were blindsided last  
month with the FAA's new requirement that  
we must register to legally fly RC airplanes,  
even if we are AMA members. Like most of  
you, I was not happy with the situation.  
However, the AMA appears to have made  
significant progress towards obtaining  
simplification and possible complete relief  
from the FAA UAS regulations.

Specifically, the AMA is on record stating  
that the 400 foot ceiling is not a hard rule for  
AMA members flying at a chartered club's  
field in accordance with the safety code.  
And, the AMA is working with the FAA  
toward allowing our AMA numbers to be  
our primary means of identification, and  
eventually, our FAA number, and possibly  
complete relief from the registration  
requirement. These developments are  
significant and I will work to keep the club  
informed with updates as they happen.

Regarding FAA registration, as of this  
writing, we are not exempt from it and the  
AMA is now recommending everyone go

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ahead and register with the FAA. Tuesday night, January 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline if you want to have your \$5 fee refunded and 19 February 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline before criminal and civil penalties go into effect. I highly recommend all club members register. I expect we will be spot checked for our FAA registration documents. I am carrying mine in my transmitter case.

The reason I expect spot checks from Eglin is because the club is receiving a lot of attention from the base recently. On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Phil Conner, Ron Van Putte and I are meeting with a representative from the base real estate office. She will perform a walk-through inspection of our site. And from now on, we will have to pay rent to use the field. The fee we were quoted is \$250 for 5 years or perform community service of commensurate value for the base.

In addition to the real estate office, Craig Deyerle referred representatives of the 96<sup>th</sup> Test Wing safety office to the board. Their interest appears to be related to the commander's new policy that permits small, under 0.55 pounds, drones to be flown in select areas of Eglin main.

With all the attention from the base, it is very possible any of us may be visited at the field while we're flying. If you are approached by an Eglin official, please be respectful and produce any documentation requested (i.e. FAA registration, AMA card, proof of club membership) and be respectful. Any bad impressions may jeopardize our future use of the field.

Finally, I encourage you to attend the January club meeting. All of these topics will be discussed in detail. In addition, the board will present the proposed calendar of events and the 2016 budget. It will be a full agenda with many important topics. Again, I am cautiously optimistic about 2016 and with a little luck, we should be able to conduct all of our planned events. And, sometime this year, we may even have Mr. Fusion!

See you at the field!

Rob

## **Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Christmas Meeting/Banquet 10 December 2015**

**By Ron Van Putte**

Eglin Aero Modellers

The meeting was called to order by the president, Phil Conner.

Due to the circumstances, this was an informal meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December BEAM.

The following officers were elected for 2016:

President - Rob Campbell  
Vice President - Phil Conner  
Secretary - Ron Van Putte  
Treasurer - Robert Pacheco

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The Model of the Year winner was Frank Perkins.

Phil Conner won the drawing of a Senior Telemaster, which was donated by the widow of former club member, Art Avant.

Her stipulation was that the winner must be someone who had the ability to transport the Telemaster to the flying field and who would treat it as Art would have done.

The meeting was not formally adjourned.

Ron Van Putte, secretary

Eglin Aero Modellers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
7 January 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Rob Campbell at the FWB Denny's restaurant.

In attendance were Rob Campbell, Phil Conner, Ron Van Putte, Robert Pacheco, Paul Doman and Keith Stephens.

A proposed 2016 calendar of events was discussed and finalized. The calendar will be up for a vote at the 21 January regular club meeting.

A proposed 2016 budget was discussed and finalized. It too will be for a vote at the 21 January regular club meeting.

Significant discussion of the FAA "drone" registration and proposed rules was conducted.

Several suggested additions to the club web site were discussed and further discussion

will be conducted at the 21 January regular club meeting.

Proposed instructional clinics on engine tuning, covering, painting, airplane trimming, radio setup, flying off a winch and aerobatics were discussed.

Proposed changes/updates to the club Constitution/ByLaws/MOU were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Ron Van Putte, secretary

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



**Frank Perkins won Model of the Month with his kit built PT-19.**

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## **January 3, 2016 Don Hollfelder Memorial Sunday Glider Social** by Craig Deyerle

Today marks the start of the 11<sup>th</sup> year in which I've been reporting on the EAM Glider Social. Its been a fun decade and I hope to continue. The forecast was for overcast skies, temperatures in the 40s, and winds 6 to 9 mph from the North going Northwest. That is exactly what we had. We had high cloud cover, rising throughout the morning, and occasionally the sky would brighten in the direction of the sun. I expected lift to be widely scattered and very, very weak. That isn't what happened. We staked both the club and Mark Owens' winches out to the north next to the runway, and ran them angled across the field to launch in a North-Northwest direction.

The club winch worked well, except for a single line break while Lance Ropke was launching his Xplorer. We sorted out the line, tied the line and were away. As we only had six pilots and things went so well, we added a sixth round and still finished by 1135.

For the first three rounds there was light lift to be found, but it was widely scattered and small in diameter. When it was found, one had to turn immediately to get back in it and turn tight to stay in it. The light breeze appeared to hit the tree line at the far north of the site, then rise and drift downwind. There was also air far downwind, south of the field, from the water, but you had to be high to try it, otherwise you couldn't get back to the field. Lance was the only one to do it, and he only did it in one round. Lance and Jim Hartley worked air North, East, and Southeast in the first round and both maxed. Mark Owens and Buddy Bradley also found air and did well. Buddy came down west of

the field, just above the embankment, with no damage to his aircraft. I flew the entire round with my Velvia in reflex. However, judging by my performance in round two, flying in normal wouldn't have helped.

In round two, only Lance maxed. I give all the credit to his timer (me). He was level tree line south of the field with 2:10 to go and worked little puffs of air hitting that tree line for the two minutes to max. It was amazing to watch his Xplorer just hanging in the air. Buddy clipped a model stand enroute the landing spot and put a divot in the outboard trailing edge of Xplorer's wing, but continued to fly the remaining four rounds.

The lift didn't get any better in round three. Again, only Lance maxed. However, by the start of round four, the clouds had lifted considerably higher, and lift was to be found north and east of the field over the trees. They were not booming thermals, but they were much broader than earlier in the morning and thus easier to stay in. Lance and I managed to max in round four and in round five all but Robert Pacheco maxed. In round six, everyone did well with air everywhere. I followed immediately behind Jim at the launch. Coming off the line he flew north over the trees, going up in good lift. I launched as soon as I could and followed immediately behind him. It is very nice to have someone point out lift. However, the upper air was much more Westerly and the thermal was drifting off to the East. I followed it, now at Jim's altitude, but he turned West and continued West. despite my Velvia climbing rapidly above him to the East. His spotter should have told him to turn 180 and head into the lift. Lance was timing me and we were having so much fun we both neglected the clock. I had to beat feet back to the spot from altitude so as to not bust the time. Crow really works!

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Scores. Yes, we all know I'm mathematically challenged; even with a calculator. I announced at the field that I was in third place, beating Mark Owens by 8 points. WRONG! Upon putting the scores in the computer, it turns out I was in fourth place, with Mark beating me by 11 points. Also, I shorted Buddy by 400 points. However, Buddy remained in second place.

Thanks. Thank you to all for showing up on a cold day. I think it was a good morning, with great flying for all – a very nice start to the New Year.

We plan a two-meter, rudder - elevator only event in March. Come on out and join the fun.

Rounds 1 & 2.

Name	Aircraft	Round 1				Round 2			
		min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Buddy Bradley	Xplorer 3.5 X1	5	15	0	315	6	16	0	376
Mark Owens	MAXA	6	2	25	387	5	39	0	339
Lance Ropke	Xplorer 3.8 X2	7	3	85	502	6	53	90	503
Jim Hartley	Xplorer 3.5 X2 V	6	56	40	456	4	6	85	331
Craig Deyerle	Velvia	3	49	90	319	3	42	0	222
Robert Pacheco	Xplorer 3.8 X2	3	22	25	227	2	35	0	155

Rounds 3 & 4.

Name	Round 3				Round 4			
	min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Buddy Bradley	5	14	20	334	4	43	445	728
Mark Owens	4	43	30	313	5	48	15	363
Lance Ropke	6	56	50	466	6	46	0	406
Jim Hartley	3	34	75	289	3	18	0	198
Craig Deyerle	4	58	45	343	6	51	85	496
Robert Pacheco	2	8	0	128	2	45	0	165

Rounds 5 & 6.

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Name	Round 5				Round 6				Total	Place	Flight Time (sec)
	min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score			
Buddy Bradley	6	50	95	505	6	56	85	501	2759	2	2294
Mark Owens	7	0	45	465	6	38	45	443	2310	3	2240
Lance Ropke	7	5	70	485	7	2	95	513	2875	1	2650
Jim Hartley	7	3	0	417	5	31	0	331	2022	5	1822
Craig Deyerle	6	57	40	457	6	57	45	462	2299	4	2079
Robert Pacheco	1	33	0	93	6	3	5	368	1136	6	1111

## Membership for Year 2016

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 2016 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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