



March 2016

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT CLUB MEETING
March 17, 2016
Niceville Church of Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS

GLIDER SOCIAL - 1st SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH

20 Mar – Pre-Sportsman and Sportsman Pattern
Primer and Mini-Contest

2 Apr - Autism Fund Raiser Static Display Phil
Conner

3 Apr - Glider Social

9 Apr – Scout-O-Rama

21 Apr – Club Meeting

21 - 24 Apr - Celebration of Flight

30 Apr-1 May - Beachcomber Pattern Contest

2016 CLUB OFFICERS

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

President's Column

By Robert Campbell

This past month we lost two members of our family, Bobby Franks and Greg Grigsby. Bobby was a very avid glider flyer and was active with the Northwest Florida Modelers, Inc. as well as the Eglin Aero Modellers. He was also a former president of the NFMI. We also lost Greg Grigsby. Greg was a very talented pattern flyer who won Masters Class at the 1997 Nationals. Both Bobby and Greg will be greatly missed. I will circulate cards at the March meeting and ask for a motion to make donations to the charities requested by their families at the March meeting.

The attacks on radio control model aviation from the federal government are ramping up, again. During the last week, I found two different attacks coming from two different agencies that, if they stand, will adversely affect many aspects of our hobby. First, I received a back channel copy of a policy memorandum from HQ AFMC/A3 that, among other things, directs commanders of Air Force Materiel Command installations to impose a hard 400 foot limit on non-military unmanned aerial systems operations on all Materiel Command bases. The second disturbing item I found was the text of the current version of the senate version of the 2016 FAA Reauthorization Act. The current wording, which appears to be copy and paste

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from the FAA not only imposes a hard 400 foot limit on model aircraft, but it also requires model aircraft operators to pass an on-line exam, maintain proof of passing the exam, and present proof on demand to any representative of the FAA or law enforcement. The AMA is aware of both of these items and is attempting to lobby congress and work with the Air Force Materiel Command for relief. I hope the AMA is successful, but this is going to be a long and drawn-out fight. Be prepared to inundate our senators and representatives with e-mails protesting these overly burdensome restrictions.

Now that the gloom and doom is out of the way (Besides *THAT* Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?), we have some great events coming up shortly. First is the pattern clinic and mini-contest on Sunday, March 20. Start time is 1200. Please come out at least for the academics portion. You'll pick up some tips to help make you a better pilot.

We also have the Autism awareness fund raiser on April 2 and Scout-O-Rama on April 9. Both these events are at the Ft. Walton Beach landing. We need members to bring models for static displays. If you can, please come out and help with these worthy events. And Rounding out April, we have the Marvel of Flight at the DeFuniak Springs airport on April 23. We may be putting on a flying demonstration this year. And, finally, we have the pattern contest on April 30 and May 1. I intentionally scheduled the clinic to serve as a feeder event for the contest. And,

even if you can't make the clinic, I am offering pre-sportsman in the contest. On-line registration looks good, so I hope we have overcome our turn-out issues. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

See you at the field.

Rob

Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Monthly Meeting 18 February 2016

By Ron Van Putte

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M. by the president, Rob Campbell, with 23 present.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended to include Joe Shearer as an attendee, despite his failure to sign the attendance sheet.

The treasury contains \$6588.22. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Discussion was conducted on paying \$250 to the Air Force to maintain the entry road for five years rather than doing it ourselves. It was moved, seconded and passed to pay the Air Force \$250 to do the maintenance. It was moved, seconded

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to pay the Air Force a one-time payment of \$250 rather than annual \$50 payments.

Craig Deyerle discussed Base activities regarding UAVs.

The club event schedule was discussed.

It was moved, seconded and passed to support an Autism fundraiser on April 2nd at the Landing in Fort Walton Beach.

Keith Stephens was recognized for his service supporting the club web site.

Model of the Month contributors were Craig Deyerle (Me-109), Victor Diaz (T-28) and Kevin Fears (Yak-54). Craig won.

The sole SAD patch nominee was Dick Campis (Wings Maker Airmaster 40). He won.

Kevin Fears suggested we include a combat event as part of the annual club July 4th family picnic.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Ron Van Putte, secretary

Meeting Attendees:

Rob Campbell
Exxon Reyes
Keith Stephens
Mike Redys
Craig Deyerle
Robert Pacheco
Romeo Wright
Paul Doman
Ray Seip
Mark Pfeiffer
Ron Van Putte
Frank Perkins
Victor Diaz
Joe Shearer
Ron Spaid
Gene Barnes
Phil Conner
Roger Gilman
Jim Massey
Mike Rapuano
Larry Glenn
Kevin Fears

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Spring Field Cleanup Work Party

The spring field cleanup was held on Friday/Saturday, March 11th/12th. The grass was mowed, old carpets were hauled off, the edges of the entry road and berm were mowed and pot holes in the entry road were filled and the fill dirt was smoothed out

Surprisingly, the average age of the work party participants was 65+ years old. Congratulations to the workers (in no particular order):

Friday

Craig Deyerle
Paul Doman
Ron Spaid
Dan Ruddell
Frank Perkins
Rob Campbell
Phil Conner

Saturday

Rob Campbell
Frank Perkins
Phil Conner
Mike Rapuano
John Fuqua
Mark Pfeiffer
Curt Oberg
Keith Stephens
Dan Ruddell
Chris Mikles
Stan Stevens
Ron Van Putte

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EAM 2016 Building Contest

Started on your model for the Building Contest? Now's the time to clear off the workbench (or dining room table) and get started. Remember the four categories: scratch built, kit built, repaired/restored, and Foam built. Stick to commercial sources or use your imagination and creativity. Some sites to help you get started:

Building Basics, Fifteen Tips to maximize your workshop time, Gerry Yarrish, ModelAirplanenews, Jan 2016, pp 76-80

http://www.rcscalebuilder.com/Tutorials/Scale_Plans_Building/Building%20from%20Plans.htm

www.precisioncutkits.com

Top Five Building Tips, Jay Smith, Model Aviation, Oct 2014, pp 53-56

Building From Plans, mark Lanterman, Model Aviation, Oct 2013, pp 21-25

Much of the build/repair supplies (balsa, electrical, fabric, etc.,) should be available from Ron Van Putte's shop, so good place to start. Contact Ron for availability.

Get building and have fun. Now is the time to get started. We'll see your creation in Nov.

Gene Barnes

Membership for Year 2016

To renew membership for 2016, you will need your new 2016 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 2016 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 2016 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 should be mailed. A SASE will save the club \$\$\$. Join or renew at a Meeting

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