



# TOUCH & GO

AMA CHAPTER #1600

February, 2016

Club Meeting February 2, 2016

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+ **Members Present:** Gary Porter, John Mangino, Paul Goldsmith, Steve Ross

+ **Guest/New Members:** Alan Kizzett, Donald Rungay, Mike Frisbee.

+ The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

+ The minutes were read and approved.

+ **Treasurer's report:** Steve discussed the amounts of money in the different accounts. His report was approved.

+ **Membership:** 163 members.

+ **Safety:** Mike (fingers) Flanagan discussed the stupidity of tuning the engine by going through the propeller arc to set the needles.

+ **Camac:** Florence is having a fly-in/ swap meet 2/13. The Arizona Electric Electric Festival is February 26, 27, 28. There is an EF-1 race Sunday Feb. 7.

+ **Sound Committee:** OK

+ **Old Business:** The AEF is Feb. 26, 27, 28. Shannon spoke about the food trucks they have coming and all the activities that are planned. They need help at the AMA info booth. Saturday there will be a night fly, pizza party and music. There are 8-9 vendors so far. They also need help with the raffle.

+ **New Business:** Falcon Field is 3/6/2016. The club will have a display. Vance Giovanni and Joe Miele will start a show and tell program for the meeting. There will also be information programs planned. If you are interested give Vance or Joe a call.

Break

The FAA rules were discussed. Our AMA rules will take precedence.

Raffle

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

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**Board Meeting 2/16/2016**

**The March meeting will be in the Dance Room at 7:00 PM, March 1, 2016.**

**The March board meeting will be held in the Dance Room at View Point March 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM.**

**From Joe Bailey:**

**It is with sadness to announce Don Herbison's passing. For those who did not know Don we own him a great gratitude for our current flying field. Don was one of two club members that worked for three years in acquiring 88 acres from BLM for our current flying site. This required pulling together Maricopa Parks and Rec's as our sponsor, working with the Maricopa county supervisor's office and in setting up an usage agreement, bond and insurance with flood control in order to obtain the use of this land before it would be signed off by BLM.**

**Even though Don did not remain a club member in later years due to health problems he always remained interested on how the club was prospering. We owe Don a heart filled gratitude for his effort in what we enjoy today.  
Thanks Don....**

**Please keep your speed down to 10 MPH coming into the field.**

**Keep an eye out for rattlesnakes this time of the year.**

**Please do not throw trash out your car window. There has been a lot of debris on the road and parking lot.**

+ **Members Present:** Gary Porter, John Mangino, Steve Ross, Paul Goldsmith, Vance Giovanni, Joe Miele, Jim Compton, Jerry Morescki, Gary Switala.

Shannon Gallagher was there to discuss the A.E.F.

+ **Board Meeting minutes:** None

+ **Treasurer's Report:** Steve discussed the savings and the checking account balances. He also said that the club computer needs to be updated as there is no support for Windows XP anymore and he is having trouble with the edition of Quick Books that is on the computer. Both are very old and outdated. He is making withdrawals from Pay Pal and it seems to be working well.

+ **Membership:** There are 183 members as of today. Last year there were about 274.

+ **Safety:** Badges can be worn on your person or put on the poles at the flight station.

+ **Events:** S.W. Classic Soaring contest 2/26-28. 1/4 Midget Classic at Speed World. A.E.F. 2/ 26,27,28. Gun Smoke 3/ 18,19,20.

+ **Sound:** No problems.

+ **Old Business:**

+ **AEF:** There are 8 vendors so far. Shannon has 2 food trucks coming and 1 snack truck. 30 pilots have pre-registered so far. Jim Legg will take care of the club/AMA booth. He could use some help. The AMA materials have been received. The vendors and distributors are sending in goodies. The night time activities are covered and will be taken care of. The festival is on AZCentral.com.

+ **Wings Over Arizona :** The big bird event will be April 9, 10. Any large plane with a wingspan 80" and up are welcome. This is a laid back event to come out and fly and see everyone you haven't seen in a while.

+ **Pattern Contest:** EVA is the week after the AEF. Pay Pal is in place for registration at the AMA event. There will be a discount for the entry level pilots.

+ **Field:** As always, there are to be no glass bottles at the field or events. There will be a cleanup for the AEF Saturday at 8:00 AM.

+ **New Business:**

+ There were some suggestions made to improve the meetings. There will be some programs at the future meetings. Rick Distler will be doing a battery seminar in March.

Patches were suggested for different reasons. (Best crash, embarrassing moments, etc.)

Plaques for presentations

Power point videos

**Go to the website for weather conditions. There is a link to a site 1 block away.**

**Vance talked about the charging station at the Florence field. They have solar cells feeding a trickle charge to 2 deep cycle batteries. Other option are being discussed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

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**From the President:**

Welcome to March 2016

Hopefully by now, you have seen the request from Joe Madison and Vance Giovanni to suggest or participate in new programs that will be presented either in the newsletter or at the club meetings.

I want to thank Joe and Vance for stepping up to coordinate the effort to bring forward interesting and innovative subjects.

The first program to be presented will be done in the March meeting by Rick Distler. This program will be around the batteries used for electric powered aircraft. Rick did a similar program last year and it was very informational and enjoyable. Make sure if you are even thinking about electric flight, or are into flying electric powered models you attend the March meeting (Tuesday, March 1st at Viewpoint in the West dance room near the ball field).

Stay tuned for more to come.

Also, the Arizona Electric Festival (AEF) is just around the corner happening February 26th, 27th and 28th. There will be plenty of vendors and Shannon and Pat have done a great job on getting everything ready and lined up for a fantastic weekend. The weather looks to be fantastic. Make sure you tell all of your non-flying friends who may have an interest to come out. There will be a public raffle held in the AMA booth. One of

the prizes being raffled off will be a free club membership for a year (either new or renewal). A lot of other prizes too.

Want to thank all of those who turned up last Saturday to help do field clean up, the field looks to be in great shape and ready for our Spring events.

Once again this year, we are hosting the ASU Students as they prepare for their National competition. We are allowing them to come out to the field to test fly their aircraft. It's very interesting to understand the rules of the competition and their approach to engineering the solution. If you see them out there, make sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. They are our future in aviation.

This is the best time of year for flying or just coming out to the field to join in the discussion groups that seem to spring up. So I hope to see you there!

Thanks, and have fun flying!  
Gary

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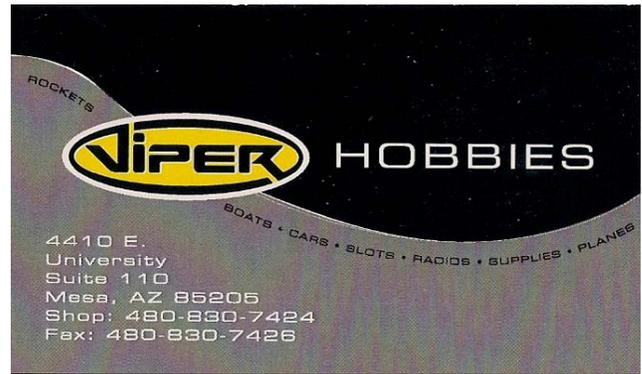
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**This article was submitted to me by a member, Larry Khan. I have had similar thoughts, as have we all who use to enjoy building kits. However, after seeing some of the fine work by the entries at Gun Smoke in recent years, I believe Mr. Platt was premature in his prediction of the death of craftsmanship and innovation in our hobby. I believe he has done a disservice to those individuals who toil over minute details on their works of art.....Paul**

**A VANISHING BREED**

There was an interesting interview with Dave Platt AKA “Mr. Scale” the man behind PICA Models in an Issue of Model Airplane News by Scott Copeland.

For those of us and I am sorry to say I fit into that category, he truly hit the nail on the head. In today’s world of ARF’s and “INSTANT GRATIFICATION” he has basically given up on building RC Scale models. Those of us who are part of the Baby Boomer generation and can remember back when the only way you could fly an RC model was to build or have one built for you from a kit.

I was wondering why the “Can Do” generation has forgone the conventional for the easy way out, not to say that ARF’s can’t be daunting depending on the manufacturer or aircraft you are trying to build. i.e. Yellow Aircraft, Byron (when they were still in the kit business) and Kondor Models just to name a few.

Not to mention our significant others who might have a problem with us using the kitchen or dining room table for an extended period of time for those who don’t have a basement or a garage.

A lot of us in the hobby have no problem repairing a damaged plane, but find it a daunting task to build a plane from a kit or from scratch, as my friend and I found out building our Avenger. Though daunting as it may be, there is a certain amount of thought, perseverance and last but most important a sense of accomplishment in the process. There is nothing better than spending an inordinate amount of time working on a kit and then watching it take to the skies. As Dave Platt reminds us in scale building, the build and covering is half the build as the detailing to get it somewhere between neophyte and Top Gun quality is the other half.

Scale ARF’s have come a long way, and there is much we can do to make them seem more scale like. Retracts, rivets, decals etc., but it is still a long way from the satisfaction of knowing that each stick and rib was carefully placed and glued, not to mention the knowledge that we accumulate during the build. It is a far cry from the Guillows line of kits where silk and dope were the major choice of covering for those control line models and the weight restrictions of a plane that barely spanned 24”.

I happen to have 2 ARF's and though they are great planes to fly, there is a certain amount of satisfaction missing from the assembly.

My P-38 kit was a perfect example of having to solve a problem when the outcome of the instructions is not what is expected and you have to find a work around, and there were numerous ones in my case.

That being said, I fear that someday in the not so very far future that there will be many less builders than there are today, and a great part of the hobby will be lost as the years pass. Though almost every conceivable aircraft from WW1 to the present (not including jets) has been made into plans for the kit builder, it is amazing to me that we are forsaking our skills and time for THE quick and easy way out.

As the years pass and the contestants of today's Scale Masters, Top Gun and RC fliers in general grow too old to continue, we can only hope that young people not only take up the gauntlet but the patience, pride and perseverance to continue the legacy.

But for now, you can visit RC Scale builder or RC Universe and still find hundreds of active builders creating mounds of balsa dust and being called for dinner for the umpteenth time.

I leave you with this quote by Dave Platt from the article "There are no true modelers left except in free flight and control line. And as soon as we are all gone, it will be gone for good."



# Arizona Electric Festival 2016

Hosted by Arizona Model Aviators

AMA Sanction #16-28



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