



TOUCH & GO

AMA CHAPTER #1600

March, 2017

Present 2017 Club Officers

President	Gary Porter	602-692-8830	12/18
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Gary Bailey	602-818-1605	12/18
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Mike Niehaus	269-993-8384	12/17

Membership

Gary Switala	602-201-2373
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These are the new officers and their term ending dates.

The next club meeting will be in the Kokopelli Room at the western most entrance to View Point on April 4, 2017

The next board meeting will be April 18, 2017 at View Point in the Kokopelli room.

Wings Over Arizona April 7, 8, 9

Club Meeting March 7, 2017

+ **Officers Present:** Gary Porter, Jim Compton, John Mangino, Paul Goldsmith

+ **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.**

+ **New members:** Dennis Sivak

+ **Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.**

+ **Treasurer's Report:** The parking for the AEF was paid along with the annual \$6 ahead fee to the parks. Our 2016 tax report was sent to the accountant. The AZ commission report was sent out also. Club insurance was paid.

+ **Membership:** 206 members, last year 197.

+ **Safety:** OK

+ **Events:** EF-1 race, 10 people last Sunday. There is a video out for parts of the race. AEF AMA Field, 2/17, 18, 19/2017. Quarter Midget Classic, Speed World, 2/25, 26/2017. EF-1 race 3-12-17. There is an event link on the web site.

+ **Sound:** OK

+ **Old Business:** There were 63 pilots at the AEF this year. The weather was good Friday but rain on and off Saturday. The food people and the vendors were happy with the event. There was \$700 made. There were also 4 campers parked for the event. Possibly the same weekend next year. Falcon Field is having an open house the same weekend as Gunsmoke. Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

The Gunsmoke qualifier will be 3/24, 25, 26/ 2017.

The Raffle was held.

There was a pattern demonstration held.

The meeting was adjourned.

Board Meeting March 21, 2017

+ **Members Present:** Gary Porter, John Mangino, Paul Goldsmith, Jim Compton, Shannon Gallagher, Jerry Morescki, Mike Niehaus, Matt Ventura, Gary Bailey, Gary Switala, Stan Watkins.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

+ **Board Meeting minutes:** Read and accepted.

+ **Treasurer's Report:** The membership dues were transferred to the savings account. The taxes were filed and paid. \$2697 to the IRS, \$999 to AZ and \$305 to the accountant. The corporate contact was changed

from Gary Bailey to Jim Compton. We filed the Corporate commission report. On separate note, Jim added Bob Brantley as an Intro-Pilot.

+ **Membership:** Approximately 210 current. 204 last year. 17 of last years members have not returned. We had 34 new members last year. Due to the AMA changing their method with regard to the renewing dates it was discussed about sending e-mails to the members who are expiring. There will be a new membership application. We need a list of Lifetime members to determine who is inactive.

+ **Safety:** Some people have been taking off from the pits.

+ **Events:** : Gunsmoke is March 24, 25, 26, 2017. Wings Over Arizona is April 7, 8, 9, 2017. Cactus Classic is at EVA April /8,9. There is an EF-1 race April 23. Pattern Classic April 29, 30.

+ **Sound:** No problems.

+ **Old Business:** We are going to need a Vice President and a secretary for next year plus 2 board of directors. Tony's company needs to sponsor a CPR class and we are available. Gunsmoke is Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Wings Over Arizona is good to go in April. The pattern contest budget was passed around. The field has been weeded for the events. We will swap the use of the generators shortly.

+ **Field Maintenance.** Work on the bunkers was discussed and a fourth bunker will be purchased at no more than \$3000 as we are running out of room.

+ **New Business:** The next meeting will be in the Kokopelli Room. E have approached the Parks about contract negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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President's Message

Hello all and welcome to the Spring!

The last few weeks have been great weather, although, we know it will start to get warm and our Snowbird friends will head north.

Your board has purchased another metal building (container) at a good price and it will be located next to the other 2 in the parking area. This decision came about since we have more items to store and wanted to keep them handy. This will allow us to sell the club trailer since it's only acting as mobile storage at this time.

Also, you all know the phrase "BOLO" - Be On the LOkout - I wanted to get the word around that if we can find a good used whole home generator or used Diesel generator system. We would be wanting this cheap (naturally). Events have been demanding more use of our generator and for the Electric Festival, we resort to renting one to supply the power. It would be nice for the club to have one of the larger generators and not have to worry about renting larger units. For those that remember, we actually had a Diesel generator in the first (block) building that was brought over from the old field. Unfortunately, It didn't survive a fire in that building and we have been using portable generators ever since.

Also, talking about the field, the same crew has been doing and planning maintenance for a long time. There have been some discussion about farming out the work to clear or spray weeds, and do some of the repair work that is needed. Think about this - there is a few in the club that do that work so we don't have to pay to have it done. That saves us some money. So what happens when they are done? Again think about it and if you have any thoughts or want to volunteer to help, please let me know - I am at the field most weekends or contact me at attacker@cox.net

There has been some interest in pursuing "drone" racing - at least for practice in the area in the South West parking area. Obstacles can be set up down there without impacting anyone else using the runway. We have several members looking into this and will report back to the board with what the find out. There may be something to this and we have always been fairly progressive when it comes to newer technologies and hosting events for them.

Don't forget our open door policy for those wanting to come out to the field and fly with us as the weather turns nice for the next month or so. Our guest program allows a non-member up to 3 times to come out to the field before we start asking them to pay us for use.

We have had great participation in our Pay-Pal program for events and paying dues. Thank you to all of you who have used it.

Thanks and have fun flying!

Gary

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Here is a picture of Austin Goodwin with his latest Gunsmoke entry.

Superstition Aerobatics Classic Contest

April 29 8am - April 30 2pm

Just a quick reminder that the annual Superstition Aerobatics Classic Contest is coming up at the end of April. This year we invite all Arizona Model Aviators club members to enter and compete in the novice “Club Class” category for prize trophies and a \$100 gift certificate. Entrance fee, which includes lunch, is \$25 for the Club Class contestants. Refer to this link for a description of the Club Class maneuvers and judging criteria: <https://www.nsrca.us/images/stories/currentsequences/2016-17%20Club%20Class%20-%20PP.pdf> For more information please contact Gary Switala (plane.gary@cox.net) or Stan Watkins (cactusblues@yahoo.com) for more information or assistance preparing for the contest.

WINGS OVER ARIZONA



Sponsored by: The Arizona Model Aviators

GIANT SCALE FLY-IN April 7, 8, 9, 2017

Location: Superstition Airpark, Mesa AZ

Sanction Number 25

+ 80" Monoplane, 60" Biplane or Planes Can Be True Quarter Scale.

Jets Must Have a Combined Wingspan & Length of 140"

Aircraft have to be large but do not have to be a replica of a real Aircraft.

Landing fee \$25.

Flying will start around 9:00AM all 3 days.

+There will be awards for best of categories. Planes must fly to win.

+ Food will be available Saturday and Sunday for purchase.

+ Proof of AMA membership is required. Turbines require an AMA Turbine waiver.

+ Pilot's Parking & Saturday night Pizza Party are included in the Landing Fee.

+ Public Parking is \$6.00 per car.

RV Parking is Available at the field by reservation only. No Hookups. Call for Info.

+Trailers may be left overnight. Security will be provided by club members.

For online registration go to Arizona Model Aviators web site

<http://www.azmodelaviators.com>

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These are the guys that make your field what it is. There were more members working that day but they avoided Phil Todd's camera. A few that come to mind are Dave Reichart and Phil Todd. There were more guys out there but I have a severe case of CRS and can't remember who they were right now. We also have to be thankful for the Ayottes, Karen, Larry and Gordo for keeping the trash cans empty. They do this every week or so.

Paul