



# TOUCH & GO

AMA CHAPTER #1600

## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### 2019 Club Officers

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Gary Porter		602-692-8830	12/19
Pat Gagnon		480-628-3947	12/20

### Membership

Paul Goldsmith		602-323-7753	12/19
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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT FIELD SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2019 @ 9AM THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED TO FLYING DURING THE CLUB MEETING.**

The board meeting will follow the club meeting at the field.

**Club Meeting Minutes:** October 5,2019

### **Agenda for the Arizona Model Aviators**

Meeting Started @ 9AM

Secretary: Reading of the Minutes read and approved

### **Reports**

Membership: 244

**Safety:** WE have had some complaints from neighbors about noise so please try to fly in closer to the field and not so far out especially gas aircraft

**Events:** EF1 Race AMA 10/20, 1/8 Airforce Fall Fly In Adobe Dam Model Airport AMPS 10-25-27, Fall Auction AMA 11/2, AMPS Open House Arizona Model Pilots Society 11/9

Field Maintenance: We are going to schedule a work party to clean up weeds etc. before event season for next weekend (Details to come this week)

**Old Business:** Matt Ventura will send out an email to all volunteers for the Auction the week of 10/28 with work assignments. John Mangino still needs volunteers for Jet Rally 11/22-24. AEF will still have 3 days of flying, night fly on Saturday, pizza party, 3 day registration \$40 one day pass \$20.

Shirts \$20 and Hats \$15 are now available in the bunker.

**New Business:** Remember elections are coming up in November. Deadline for nominations will be 11/9. If you would like to run for an open officer's or board position send you bio to Don Manchester [d.m.manchester@cox.net](mailto:d.m.manchester@cox.net). We are also looking for someone to take over maintenance duties from Paul Goldsmith. If interested please contact any officer or board member. Paul Kaup proposed a drone racing area southwest of the main ramada and field. This will be discussed at the board meeting and we will probably move forward on this on a trial basis. Taking Flight will be held again this spring 2020, date has not been set yet.

Raffle Winners: Permeet-J3Cub, Matt V Gift card, Gary S Jet, Bill-electric motor, Dannie-jet, Todd-charger, les-glue, Mike-nitro engine, James-fuel, gene-epoxy, John-gift Card, Richard-Glow starter, Pat- Charger, Gary B-lipo case, Steve-Shirt

**Meet Adjourned @ 10:50AM**

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**Meeting Started @ 10:28AM**

**Secretary: Reading of the Minutes read and approved**

### **Reports**

**Membership:** 244

**Events:** SEE CLUB MEETING MINUTES

**Field Maintenance:** SEE CLUB MEETING MINUTES

**Old Business:** The Tractor rental has been placed on hold till the water has subsided in the parking lot. Thank you, Tony Malaj and crew, for painting all the bumpers in the parking lot. Pat will update the standing and operation rules poste on the bulletin board. We will propose a new By Law that states a person must be a member of the club for at least one year before he can run for office or board. This will be put on the ballad for a membership vote. Noel Hunt Wings budget was approved. The event will include a Saturday morning warbird dawn patrol, potluck party on Saturday. The Wings Over AZ flyer was approved with changes.

**New Business:** Paul Kaup +will put together a business plan for the drone area he is proposing at the southwest area behind the field. We will be providing Alliance RC Hobby a membership for the owner Steve who will in turn promote our field and membership in the Mesa area. We will have our annual potluck New Year's dinner at the field following the January 4<sup>th</sup> club meeting. The club will provide chicken and drinks

**Meeting adjourned @ 11:10AM**

## Our Member Profiles for This Month

### Bob Wilson

Flying control line at 5 years old, Bob's father wasted no time getting him started in the hobby while living in Tustin and then Irvine, CA. Unable to continue a family tradition of military service due to a motorcycle induced knee injury, Uncle Sam disqualified him. He went on to be a painter, heavy equipment maintenance mechanic for Kaiser Aluminum and later completed electrical training at North American College in Mesa after moving from California in 2000.



Radio Control activity started with R/C cars and moved to airplanes in 2009. Bob builds kits and ARF's, both gas and electric, leaning heavily on the gas side! The picture is moments before the maiden flight of his latest build, which was successful!

# Charlie Nelson

Beginning in 1953 to 1992, from rubber band free-flight to Top Gun National Champion. That sums up the beginning and the high point of a modeling career that has spanned over 48 years. Starting in 1972 he created countless models, some kit, mostly scratch built and restored used planes, trained numerous pilots, and facilitated many modeling events to further the hobby. At age 77 he is still at it in “2019”.

With a degree in Agriculture he “naturally” spent most of his working life, 35 years as a heavy equipment master mechanic and 8 years as a railroad locomotive maintainer in Mass., retired and became a winter visitor in AZ in 2006.

In the 1992 Top Gun article in RC Scale Magazine, Norm Goyer detailed Charlie Nelson’s path to success, noting that he began calling Charlie “Mr. Waco” early in his flying career and the name stuck for obvious reasons. He started his “Nats” career with the Waco Cabin Bi-Plane and each subsequent year scratch built a new (same model) Waco, improving its quality as well as his flying skills. The detail of his plane edged ever close to perfection until 1992 when he built a static score lead that he would not relinquish for the duration of the contest.

His contest work has netted him a collection of over 100 trophies on display at his home since 1974.

His love of flying is reflected in the countless people he has helped over the years. He and wife Lynda have spent many years hosting competitions in Mass. organizing, cooking and doing all the necessary things to put on such events. He still does some scale flight instruction both here and at his home club, the Central Mass. RC Modelers.





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