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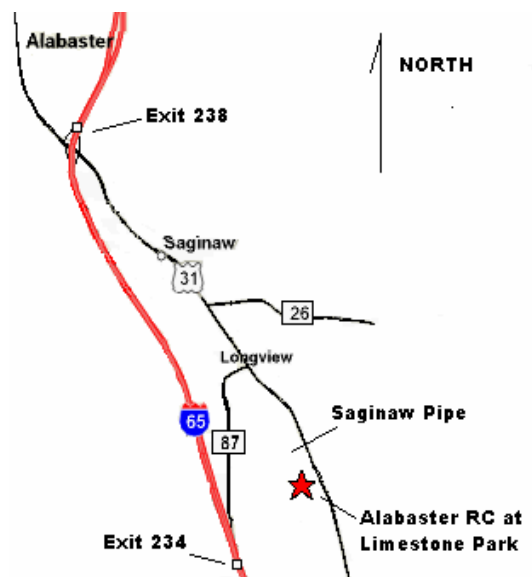
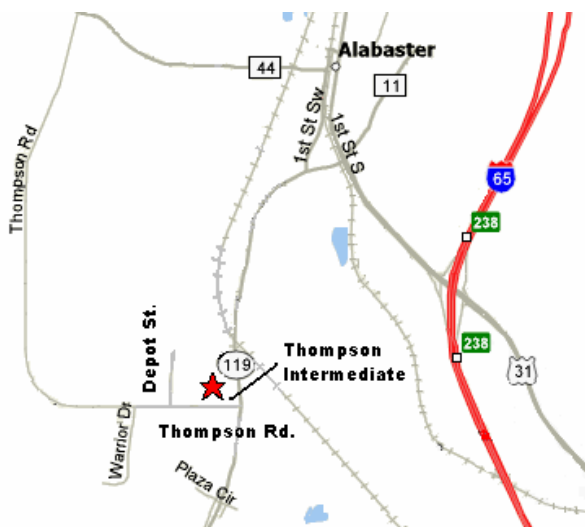
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## ARCA MONTHLY MEETING

Our regular monthly meetings are held in the library of Thompson Intermediate School in Alabaster. The meeting is on February 1, 2007, at 7:00 PM. Enter through the front of the building; use the door on the left.

The new flying field is Alabaster RC at Limestone Park located in Limestone Park on highway 31 near Saginaw.



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**THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER**

We had a great turnout of members at our January meeting. I believe over 50 members were present, which represents close to half of our total membership. That shows me that you are interested in knowing what goes on at our meetings and hearing any issues that may be discussed. This is important, because it is your chance to bring forth any suggestions or concerns you may have that would have a positive impact on our club. We should all take an active interest because this is OUR club, and its health and longevity is in all of our hands.

I had the pleasure of calling our first board meeting of the year on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The board members spent three hours going

over the club by-laws and some changes were made. Fred will be mailing or emailing them to you shortly. I know three hours may seem a little long to some of you but remember, these are the rules which will govern our organization, not only now, but into the future. They surely require our attention.

We are still in the process of trying to finalize cost figures for the installation of the underground cable for our electricity. Once we have all of the information, we will discuss the cost at the next subsequent club meeting. Hopefully we can implement and complete that project soon.

The weather is fairly cold right now but the hard-nosed pilots don’t seem to mind too much. Keep warm, stay out of the swamp and have fun. I’ll see you at the field.

Kindest regards,

Ray Antonio

**MEETING of January 4, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Ray Antonio.

**Members present:** 51

**Visitors:** 6 - Gary Burnett, Paul Shank, Bryan Burch, Andy Schaffer, Forrest Schaffer, and Zachary Schaffer

**New Members:** Andy Schaffer, Forrest Schaffer, Zachary Schaffer, John Dodd, Jessica Humphrey. Shane Stringfield

**Wings Awarded:** None

**President’s report:** The club now has two safety officers. Joe Griffith and Jack Haynes are our two safety officers for 2007. Joe delivered a report of recent safety issues as documented below.

Jack Haynes will be renting a 15 passenger van for the Perry, Georgia swap meet. Anyone interested should contact Jack Haynes for reservations and costs.

Ray thanked Bob Anderson for 10 years of service as the club's treasurer. Ray also thanked Jim Norman for 5 years of service as the club secretary.

**Vice-President's report:** None

**Secretary's report:** Minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December issue of The Crosswind.

**Treasurer's report:** Approved as submitted. Read by Nelson Forbes, treasurer.

**Safety Officer's report:** Everyone is reminded to not start any motor under the shed. There should be no take-offs across the runway (excluding foam planes). Everyone is asked to avoid over use of flight stands. If you are not flying for extended periods, equipment should be moved to the pavilion tables. For the safety of members and visitors, there should be no one in the line of the prop during engine starts. If you see anyone in line with the prop, please ask them to move to a safer location.

**Old Business:** Terrell delivered a report on the status of the power for the pavilion. Terrell will be checking with the city on the status of the conduit from the pole across the lake to the pavilion. The cable run is expected to be around 600 feet with a depth of 2 feet.

Ray confirmed the bleacher fence is still planned for this year. This will be dependent on available budget money. Everyone is reminded to pay their dues for the year as soon as possible. This will give us a better idea of the budget for the year.

**New Business:** Any member who is not current with their 2006 dues will be dropped from the club. Former members must reapply for membership and pay any past delinquent dues.

Joe Griffitt has agreed to head the trainer program. Joe indicated that all trainers must have their wings to qualify as a trainer. Joe, Jed, and Paul will be working on training program documents. The documents will help ensure all new pilots have the same level of training.

There will be a board meeting prior to the next meeting. The board will review proposed by-law changes. These will include limits to spendable funds for the president and any board member without a vote of the members. There will also be discussions on repairs to broken safety nets.

The Tuscaloosa club has reached an agreement with a local sod farm to continue flying.

Ray will check to make sure the new hardened locks work on the shed. The existing lock will be used on the field gate. Ray asks that we resume locking the field and park gates. The reflecting tape on the gates will be checked and replaced if needed.

**Show and Tell:** Darryl Garrison demonstrated the new Spread Spectrum (2.4 Ghz) radio from Spektrum. The new radios support 40 channels. Each receiver uses 2 channels for fully redundant communications from the radio to the receiver. This will allow 20 models to be flown at the same time. If an additional radio is turned on, that radio will not operate. No interference has been found with the new technology. This should virtually eliminate interference. The new radios do use more power. The estimated range is around 1.25 miles. The radios are

starting around \$349. Futaba is currently working on a module for their existing line of radios

**Door Prizes:** None

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, February 1, 2007 at Thompson Intermediate School.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Peets, Secretary

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**Have you sent in your 2007  
AMA renewal?**  
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Dues for 2007 are due. \$50 in January and July, or \$100 in January for the year.

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**Upcoming Events**

Southeastern Model Show, March 2-3, 2007, Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry GA, Sponsor: Georgia Aircraft Modelers Association, Inc

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**Convenient Cleanup**

Want a nice, neat, convenient way to clean up that airplane? Use baby wipes—those soft wipe tissues that come under various brand names and are packaged in handy plastic boxes. The wipes must contain some kind of cleaning agent because they remove oil well and the lanolin acts like a polish.

**Marking Dark MonoKote**

Putting any kind of decent marks on MonoKote is difficult, especially if the MonoKote is dark in color. This becomes a

hassle for you when trying to accurately place control horns or mount a switch to a surface that's already covered.

Try putting down a piece of masking tape in the approximate location then line up the horn or switch plate and make your marks on the tape. The marks are visible and you can cut or drill right through the tape. You can pull the tape off easily by pulling it sideways over itself—don't pull straight up or you may lift off the covering.

—both from Hangar Talk  
Orange City, Iowa

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**For Sale**



For Sale 1 Hirobo Eagle2 SST. Heli includes OS duel fuel adjustment engine, (not in flight), Expensive Futaba servo's, can provide numbers later, Futaba Governor, Futaba Gyro, Gamma Carbon Fiber blades, Hitori Muffler, Additional fuel cell setup.. I personally built this Heli and used only the best equipment available. The engine has been run in, the Heli has only been hovered but never flown beyond that, i.e. no crashes, super

strong engine, very stable. After starting my own business and then my wife going through breast cancer, all my hobbies had to take a back seat so it's time to sell. I cannot stress enough that the Heli is like brand new. It is a belt drive. If you're on the ham bands I will throw in the radio too. 9 channel Futaba.

With all the add-on's, I have about \$2,400 in this one.

I am looking for \$800. You can call me at 205-664-2550 or email to [terry@tobyco.com](mailto:terry@tobyco.com) for more info.

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See map inside.



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