



# Rocky Mountain Modelers



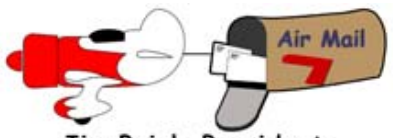
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Smooth Landings



April, 2006



Jim Brink, President

Greetings Modelers,

The flying season is coming around again. It was good to see a large group of pilots out at Modeleers Field recently. There is some new equipment in our club, and that always keeps things interesting. If you haven't dusted off the ole' sticks lately, now is the time to get out and practice a few landings.

The electric revolution has hit RMM with full force. While gas and glow fuel still fill the air with the sweet perfume of flight, almost all our members also enjoy flying electric aircraft. I'm proud that our club seems to be integrating the needs of this different type of equipment into the routines of our members with courtesy and consideration for both types of models. They're all just airplanes. Let's all continue to remember that e-planes have their own safety considerations, and we need to watch each other's backsides. We are most safe when we all pay attention.

The next meeting is the first one of the season to be outdoors. We will convene at 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field on Saturday, April 1st, and the program will be "what I built over the winter." I know that some terrific projects went down, and we all want to see them, so everyone come with something new to show. I think that an informal picnic would also be a kick, so bring the sandwich of your choice, and join me after the meeting.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, now is the time. The club goons (officers) will be out knocking on doors in the dark of night, so do the right thing for the safety of your family. Seriously, no one likes to dun members for delinquent dues, and equally, no one likes to be reminded. Do us all a favor and get your check to Gene Burmeister.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink



**Remember: The April meeting will be outdoors!**



## Thank You, Rocky Mountain Modelers!

After my brother entered the hobby in 2001 with his trainer, I soon became bored sitting at Clifton Field watching the prairie dogs while my brother, Clint, was receiving instruction from Fred Damm. My brother's constant hounding regarding me taking up the sticks had me dreaming of the possibilities.



I began with a Zagi flying wing and gradually became proficient at that. With one trip to Things with Wings, I was soon learning to fly a Thunder Tiger Stick with my brother on the master transmitter and me on

the buddy-box. With only a few lessons on the Stick, I soloed and sold the plane to Dave Sampson... That I won't get in to, (let's just say the Stick is no longer!)... After the Stick, a few more planes came and went, including a Thunder Tiger Champion 45L, with which I had my only major crash due to a supposedly bad crystal, and a Great Planes Super Sportster MKII.



Currently, I fly a U-Can-Do .46, 1/4 scale Giles G-202, a modified QTEE given to me by Carl Cary, and an E-flite Mini Edge 540. After five years in this hobby, my love of



flying is the same as when I first started, thanks to many of the members out at the field who make it so great!

Garnet Hultgren

**Next Meeting - Saturday, April 1st, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field in Wellington**

# Minutes of the March Meeting

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

March 6, 2006

Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue, Ft.

Collins, 80524

President Jim Brink called 18 members to order at 7:04 P.M.

**Guests** included Bert Sutton from Love-Air.

**Announcements:** Jim Brink thanked members and vendors (Sears and Hobbytown) who helped make the February mall show a success. Jim also commended Ken Gillpatrick (construction) and the junior Hultgrens (painting) for the holder that will display club brochures at Hobbytown.

**Minutes** from February were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Gene Burmeister reported a check book balance of ~\$3600 based on 41 club member renewals for 2006 and on profits from the raffle at last month's meeting. The 33 members who have not renewed will be contacted by email.

**Safety Officer's Report.** Ken Gillpatrick reported, sheepishly, on a recent stitches-requiring injury to Cheryl G's hand occasioned by Ken's mistart of an electric aircraft. Ken thanked several members who helped with this accident, and said Cheryl's injury is healing well. A larger first aide kit will be available soon at Modeleers Field. Jim Brink discussed a recent close encounter with a full-scale aircraft that flew over Modeleers Field at ~400ft. Mike Harrington noted that lose transmitter neck straps can catch in running engines, pulling the business end of an aircraft straight in to a pilot's face.

**Show and Tell #1:** Bert Sutton discussed r/c aerobatics, noting that the requisite use of rudder greatly improves the skill of the participating pilot. He explained Aresti diagrams, and walked members through the 2006 IMAC Basic pattern.

### Old Business

Jim Brink discussed the fund raiser that the club will hold on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business

1. Clint and Garret Hultgren had brownies and cake to celebrate Don Vagge's **32nd** birthday. The fact that he missed the meeting (his choice to celebrate with his family rather than with club members evoked some muttering) did not curb the enthusiastic and rapid consumption of Marsha Hultgren's excellent offerings.



2. Gene Burmeister, noting an increased cohort of larger planes at Modeleers Field, suggested that the runway could be extended inexpensively at both ends by laying down used carpet, which is available in the dumpsters behind most carpet stores. Love-Air has done this successfully in the past, getting ~4 years of use.

3. Mike Harrington wondered if any members were aware of r/c technology and expertise to help one-armed pilots, having in mind a Love-Air member who recently lost a hand in an auto accident.

**Show and Tell #2:** Randy Seyler showed off his 40-size Hangar 9 P-51 Mustang PTS (for Progressive Trainer System) that he's been learning to fly with Fred Damm. This plane comes with plastic droops that attach to the outer wing, giving added lift and stability during training, as well as flaps that can be activated once the pilot solos. Fred opined that this plane is less docile than most trainers. After the meeting, Jim Brink gave a parking lot tour of the steel aircraft trailer that he has built over many recent hours for ~\$800.

**Raffle.** Jerry Craig provided a hand-made child's airplane mobile, good for suspension over a crib or from a ceiling. The aircraft in the mobile were of WWII vintage.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dave Sampson*  
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



Please remember to  
renew! Send your 2006  
renewal checks to:

**Gene Burmeister**  
**1533 Wedgwood Ct.**  
**Windsor, CO 80550**

### NEW MEMBERS --



**Lee Reep**  
**Randy Seyler**

*Welcome to the club!*

### Editor's Note:

**Just a reminder:** The port-o-let at Modeleers Field will be operational for the April 1st meeting.



# Meet the Member



Rolfer Mahecha

**Born/raised:** I was born in Bogotá, Colombia, on February 13, 1976. I moved to Fort Collins in 1999.

**Married:** Divorced

**Children:** None

**Occupation:** Auto technician at J & M Precision Auto in Fort Collins.

**Years in hobby:** 5

**Member since:** 2003

**Planes/ helis owned:** GWS Slow stick, Wattage Cap 232, Zagi 400X, GWS Beaver, GWS Zero, GWS Pico, Wattage Ezette, Wattage P-51 Reno Racer, Mini Funtana, Ikarus Yak 54, Thunder Tiger E Hawk 1400, Hangar 9 Twist 40, Hangar 9 Funtana 40, TWM Sky Raider Mach 1, Yellow Bee from Harbor Tools, plus I just finished a Phase 3 Ultimate.

**Favorite plane/ heli:** GWS Slow Stick; I will never get bored flying it.

**Worst crash:** Aviator; I'm not sure who makes this low-wing aircraft, but it was very hard to fly. Luckily not too many people were around!

**Something you may not know about me:** I like to go Salsa dancing on the weekends. I just purchased a full-size powered paraglider; I hope not to crash!

### Photo of the Month!



Jerry Craig preparing to hold back "the Beast!"  
(Jim Brink's 33% Extra)

## Classified Ads

**For Sale --** 1 1/2-year-old Futaba 6EXA transmitter -- \$50  
- Everything works. **Call Jim at 223-3975**

## Scrambled Plane Game



Below is a scrambled picture of an r/c airplane. The first person to email or call me the correct name of this plane is the winner and will be announced in the next newsletter! Please email me at [garret425@frii.com](mailto:garret425@frii.com) or call at **224-4350**.  
Good Luck!

The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card, courtesy of HobbyTown USA. Everyone has a chance - the mailed newsletters are sent out one day prior to the email copies.



### Last Month's "Scrambled Plane"

ModelTech  
Dragon Lady



Congratulations to last month's winner of the "Scrambled Plane Game"

### No One!

Now the prize is up to  
**\$10 in HobbyTown credit!**





**AMA Charter #1824**

**Annual Dues:**

**Adult: \$60**

**Junior: \$30**

**Family: \$70**

**Half price after July\***

*(\*Only for new members!)*

**One-time runway fee: \$50**



Membership is open to all RC model airplane enthusiasts who are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Activities of the club include all phases of RC modeling: instruction, sport flying, contests, etc. A monthly newsletter is sent to each member.

**Current membership is required for flying at any club field. A non-member who is an AMA member may fly two days as a guest.**

**New members are welcome!**

Ask any member for information.

Our meetings are held at  
10:00 A.M. on the first Saturday of the month at  
Modeleers Field in Wellington.  
(Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

**Officers:**

President	<b>Jim Brink</b>	<b>223-3975</b>
Vice Pres.	<b>Bill Tuttle</b>	<b>484-8378</b>
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Flight instruction is offered during daylight savings time at no charge to members. Flying instruction is available on a first-come basis on Thursday afternoons at Modeleers field. *(Call an officer for directions)* Other times can be arranged by appointment with the individual instructors.

**Instructors:**

Mike Lohr	221-5278
Fred Damm	221-4457
Loren Deines	494-1117
Larry Grover	224-5124
Dan St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)
Greg St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)
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Don Vagge	223-1169



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