



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODELEERS

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### A Letter From The President

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Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$30

Family: \$70

Half price after July\*

(\*Only for new members!)

One-time runway fee: \$50

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#### Greetings Modeleers,

Well, we've had a typical March full of mixed weather: warm and windy or cold and calm! As usual, it seems as if we can't catch much of a break from the wind this year. But, I am confident that the good flying weather is just around the corner!

I want to thank Joe Wilson, Fred Damm, Carl Stark, and Jerry Craig for bringing beautiful show n' tell projects to the March meeting. Make sure to read the meeting minutes in this month's newsletter for information on their latest builds. Most notably, I want to thank Jerry for bringing back the 100" scratch-built Short Solent seaplane that he has been building all winter. As with all of Jerry's projects, it is a work of art! Since the meeting, Jerry has successfully flown this electric giant and can report that it flies just as nicely as it looks. See the page 3 for photos!

Along those same lines, I want to invite you all to the April meeting as we will have a special guest joining us: Don Botteron, long-time RMM member, will be bringing some of his latest builds to show to the group and will be

discussing a few of his expert modeling techniques. His creations always feature excellent detail work and look amazing. In addition, the club will be providing pizza for all present, so make sure to attend for a great time! The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6th, 6:30 P.M., at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins). As always, if you have a new project to show to the group, I invite you to bring it along.

As we are entering the new flying season, it is always a good practice to check your models to ensure everything is up to par. Check your radio battery and flight packs - if they have been sitting all winter, cycle them a few times to ensure full capacity. Make sure all engine bolts and servo arm screws are tight, and verify that all prop hubs and spinners are secure. It is amazing how the tightest bolts somehow seem to loosen themselves during the winter! Make sure to check everything before firing up the engine for the first time. The most important reminder is: stay safe. I know we are all itching to fly and accidents can easily happen if we get too hasty. Be certain to take your time at the field, stay safe, and have fun!

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th, 6:30 pm, Home State Bank, Fort Collins, CO.

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

*March 2nd, 2011*

Home State Bank, 303 E Mtn Ave,  
Ft . Collins, CO 80524

**President Garret Hultgren** called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. with 14 members in attendance.

### April 2011 Monthly Minutes

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February meeting were presented and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's year-to-date income is \$2,199.98 with expenses of \$217.49. The checkbook balance is \$6,104.85 with \$0.00 in petty cash (Jim bought stamps to zero it out.) The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Garret reported that the AMA lists 52 paid members (including families) for the Modeleers. In mid-February Garret sent out a reminder about the \$10 fee for late renewals and at least 5 members renewed soon thereafter. A new member was also acquired.

**The audit committee** (Dave Sampson and Gene Burmeister) has reviewed the treasurer's books for 2010 and found them generally in order. They noted that a budget surplus of \$1652 in 2010 resulted from switching the weather station telephone to Magic Jack, reduction in visits by Waste Management, and leaving \$1500 in the checking account rather than transferring it to savings as was did in 2009. The committee resisted the treasurer's pleas to transfer the surplus to his checking account.

**Safety Officer's Report:** Safety Officer Dave Sampson had no newsworthy safety information.

**Old Business:** Garret reported that the swap meet was a success with 26 sellers paying \$5 each for tables which netted the club \$130.00. One group came from Colorado Springs and others traveled from Denver and Cheyenne. HobbyTown had a table and did well. Next year, we will focus on more advertising and a larger exhibition hall will be booked since several tables had to be set up outside. Garret was commended for undertaking this task single-handedly and producing a quality experience.

2. Garret presented the results of the survey to assess members' preferences for monthly meeting days and locations. There was no majority vote for a particular day or location, so the members present were polled and Tuesdays were preferred. Since the upcoming meetings will soon take place at Horton

Field the first Saturday of the month, we will try to shift the winter meetings to the first Tuesday of each month next fall. In order to increase attendance, members surveyed suggested guest speakers, door prizes and raffles. The next business meeting will feature pizza.

**New Business:** Information was circulated about the AMA's progress toward amending the FAA regulations to exempt model aircraft. The bill was amended in Congress, approved by the Senate, and is moving to the House. Over 60,000 letters have been sent to government representatives through the AMA website.

**Show and Tell #1: Fred Damm** displayed his slightly modified LT-40. It now accommodates 3 engines, one on each wing and another on the nose. The tail was reconfigured to T-shape. The outboard motors are on a Y-harness and the center is slaved. To keep it at rest, he added a nose gear brake. A person has to be real careful starting this mix master. He says it flies great (we expect no less from Fred.)

**Show and Tell #2: Carl Stark** brought his ParkZone Grumman F4F Wildcat. It looks great and has not yet been in the air. Carl plans to equip it with electric retracts.

**Show and Tell #3: Joe Wilson** presented one of two TaylorCraft models he is building from plans provided by Fred Damm. One is the standard version (82 1/2" w.s.) and the other is a clipped wing version (72 1/2") that will replicate the full-scale aerobat flown by Warren Pietsch. Go on-line to see the paint scheme. The first plane is pretty well framed up and Joe thinks he will soon replace the painter's tape with real hinges. For strength, Joe has incorporated spruce longerons. He has even equipped it with freis counterbalanced ailerons. Each model will be powered by a Super Tiger 3000.

**Show and tell #4: Jerry Craig** once again displayed his nearly ready-to-fly 100" wingspan Short Solent seaplane. The plane is mostly covered and the electronics are installed. Jerry mixed in differential thrust on all four motors, which will allow for steering in place of a water rudder. The bottom of the fuse and pontoons were fiberglassed, then painted with Krylon. It is powered by 4x 480-size outrunners running off 4x 2200 3s batteries. Jerry also installed a scale light kit.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Jerry Craig**  
RMM Secretary



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Show and Tell #1: Fred Damm



Show and Tell #2: Carl Stark



Show and Tell #3: Joe Wilson



Show and tell #4: Jerry Craig



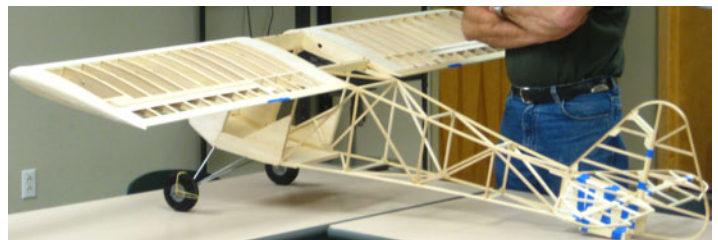
## NAME THAT PLANE GAME

Email the name of the plane (pictured on the front page) to [sevntigers@gmail.com](mailto:sevntigers@gmail.com) and receive a \$10 gift card to **HobbyTownUSA**

Please note:  
If the required number of guesses is not met, the person closest will win.  
Note: You can only win two months in a row!

The 3rd person to email the correct answer is the winner!

Last month winner: Debbie Patton  
Featured plane: Boeing 787, Boeing Model 40



Membership is open to all RC model aircraft 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 either 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.

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 Clifton Field in Fort Collins. (Call an officer for directions) Other times can be arranged by appointment with the individual instructors.

Our meetings are held at noon on the first Saturday of the month at **Modeleers Field** in Wellington, CO. (Take exit 281 off I-25)  
*(Day of meeting subject to change.)*  
Call an officer for date and directions if necessary  
**- find field info and directions at [www.modeleers.org](http://www.modeleers.org)**



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