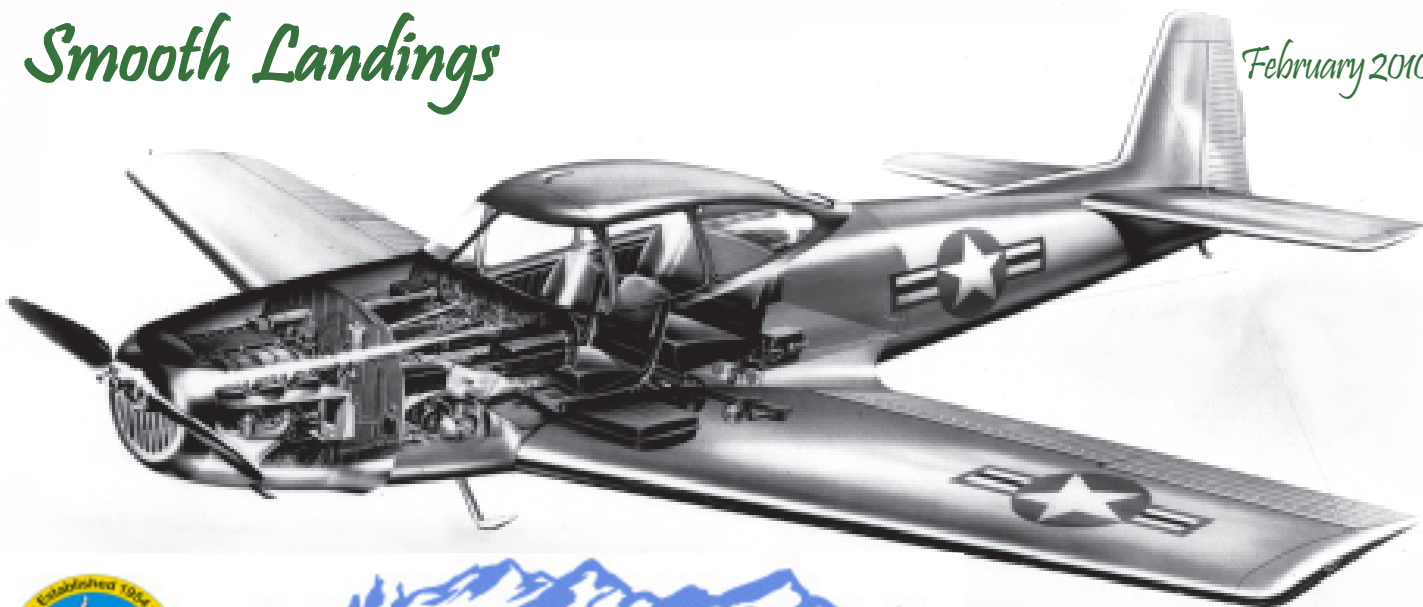


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A Letter From The President

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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:

I am confident most of you read the email that was dispersed to the membership concerning the recent passing of an RMM member. Don Mitchell passed away the morning of January 19th; Don and his wife, Alexa, have been members of our group since 2003. Please keep Alexa and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Speaking for those of us who knew Don, we will certainly miss him at the field.

As discussed at the last meeting, a few changes and repairs are being made with our Horton Field weather station. Firstly, a few members have recently pointed out that the wind reports have not been reliable lately. The cause of this was faulty bearings in the anemometer unit. Thanks go out to Gene Burmeister, Fred Damm, and Jim Ferry for getting the wind gauge returned to the company for repairs.

Secondly, we discussed the possibility of switching our weather station phone service from our current Qwest line to a "MagicJack" (over-the-internet phone service – the unit connects directly to the computer). Thanks to Gene Burmeister's research, we believe we have found a way to make this idea work! Of course, until we are sure this new setup will function properly, we will maintain our existing phone line. If this is successful, our new phone service will only be \$19.95 a year (just like the "info-mercial" says!), as opposed to the nearly \$350.00 that we are paying currently. For the MagicJack to function, we were re-

quired to upgrade our computer system. Thanks to a donation from a friend, we now have an HP desktop with Windows XP that is much newer than our previous computer!

Two weekends ago, the officers were contacted by the daughter of long-time RMM member Lew Huff concerning an upcoming sale to downsize Lew's estate as he has moved to smaller housing. Lew asked that all of his modeling equipment and airplanes be given to the club. Jerry Craig and myself have gathered many of the items and will have them for sale at the next club meeting. The list of items includes: an RTF Hobbico trainer, a partially-built Sig Rascal, nitro engines, radio systems, lots of building equipment, and much more – in addition, more planes will be advertised for sale later. So, be sure to bring some cash along to the next meeting! Feel free to email president@modeleers.org if there is an item in particular that you are seeking. Our sincere appreciation goes to Lew and his family for this generous donation.

Along those same lines, we will once again be holding an informal **swap meet** after the business portion of the February meeting. If you have items to sell, please bring them along!

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd, 7 p.m., at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

January 6th, 2010

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

President Garret Hultgren called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. with 11 members in attendance.

February 2010 Monthly Minutes

Minutes: The minutes of the November, 2009 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the year-to-date income is \$3,593.33 with expenses of \$4,462.19. The checkbook balance is \$2,470.33 with \$18.61 in petty cash. The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. Jim also submitted a proposed 2010 budget. Don Vagge identified an error that projected expenditures exceeded anticipated income (if Congress can do it, why can't we?) After an initial attempt to reconcile the difference, it was moved and approved that Jim should present a corrected budget at the February meeting.

Safety Officer's Report: Bo Viger was absent, seems he has absconded to Florida to treat his frostbite. In his absence, Dave Sampson regaled the group with his electrifying experiences. On two separate occasions, he managed to snag his cuff on the transmitter throttle stick when he collapsed the antenna following a flight of his little electric plane. The first episode resulted in a fast taxi into one of the tables. After the wing was repaired, he repeated the maneuver while Don Vagge was attempting to pick up his plane after a successful landing. Don's ballerina-like leap was a thing of beauty to behold. While Don was briefly airborne, the plane passed beneath him with no damage to either fuselage. The obvious solutions are that Dave should: a) switch back to a petroleum-based aircraft, b) wear short sleeves, c) switch to a 2.4 GHz system, or d) always carry his transmitter with his thumb blocking the throttle and collapse the antenna after the battery is deactivated. Dave also reported that the motor had started when the system glitched while range checking his electric aircraft. Be sure to secure an electric while range checking, or at least point it directly into a trash receptacle to speed cleanup. Thank you, Dave, for your novel safety demonstrations.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: Garret reported that a science teacher at Centennial Elementary in Loveland had contacted him about the school's science fair on February 6th. She requested someone to attend from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. to make 3 presentations and demonstrate R/C aircraft. There were no takers, and it was suggested that she contact Love-Air, since they probably had covered the fair in the past.

2. Garret has also purchased a new windsock for Jax field; it cost all of \$2.99.

3. Don Vagge reported that he has completed 120 consecutive months of flying an aircraft as certified by the secretary. Some of the mid-winter flights are memorable. He will soon receive an AMA 10 year pin recognizing that accomplishment. Are you going for 15 years, Don? On a similar vein, Randy Treadwell suggested a club competition to be the first to fly in the New Year. It was agreed that Randy should present the competition at the November meeting.

4. A swap meet was suggested and approved for the February meeting. Bring your surplus aircraft and accessories and be prepared to haggle.

5. Don Vagge noted that he had rediscovered an online weather site (originally shown to him by Ken Gillpatrick) called Weather Underground that lists weather stations near Horton Field. They may be beneficial at times when our weather station is down. One station near I-25,

just south of Wellington is accessed:

<http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=MC0042>

another to the southwest of *Horton Field* is accessed:

<http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=KCOWELL13>

and the one nearest *Jax Field* is accessed:

<http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=MC0049>

It is possible that the station southeast of Horton will give a more accurate reading than the Horton field station when the wind is out of the north and northwest.

6. Bob Hultgren described a phone service called 'MagicJack' that could be purchased for around \$20 that connects phone service directly through the computer. It offers the possibility of eliminating the \$300 annual phone bill to access the Horton weather station. Garret will contact Gene Burmeister to assess the system's compatibility with Horton's computers.

Show and Tell: Garret displayed his renovated hand launch glider. You may recall the large foam glider that was available at toy stores a decade ago. It was famous for performing a loop that would strike the launcher in the back or head. Anyway, Garret whittled it down into a hotliner similar to the Multiplex Blizzard. He reinforced it with Randy Treadwell's surplus carbon fiber, attached a 400 outrunner motor and folding prop. It weighs 17oz. including the 1300mAh battery. Looks good, let's see how it performs!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

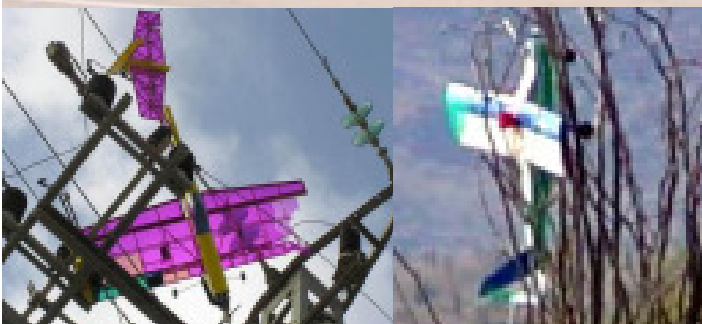
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FOR SALE: I have some stuff that I need to sell to raise money for an scheduled knee surgery in March. I have a page with all the stuff I have for sale on my airwingproducts.com site here:

www.airwingproducts.com/forsale

Thanks! - Randy Treadwell

For informative R/C how-to's, tips & tricks, and fun aviation-related articles and cartoons, visit:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/index.html>

This website is a wealth of information. Make sure to search through the "archives" section for past issues.

NAME THAT PLANE GAME

Email the name of the airplane pictured on the front page to sevntigers@gmail.com and receive a \$10 gift certificate to **HobbyTown USA**

Please note:

If the required number of guesses is not met, the person closest will win.

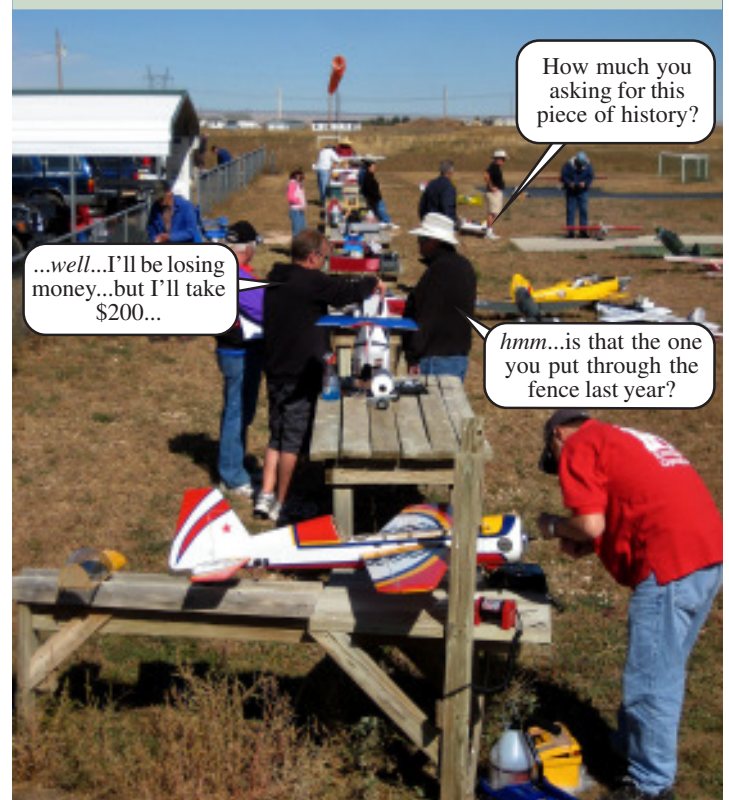
Note: You can only win two months in a row!

The 1st person to email the correct answer is the winner!

Winner last month: **Garret Hultgren**

Last month's answer: **Great Planes Revolver**

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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 winter meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at

Home State Bank in Fort Collins, CO.

(Day of meeting subject to change.

Call an officer for date and directions if necessary

- find field info and directions at www.modeleers.org)



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