

Merry Christmas!



Rocky Mountain Modelers



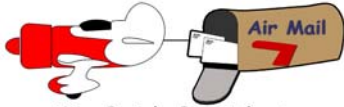
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Smooth Landings



December, 2006



Jim Brink, President

Greetings Modelers,

Most of you know that I've been feeling poorly lately. A small whitehead on the inside of my left thigh became infected with a strep bacterium. Things went quickly from bad to worse, and the infection got into my blood, putting me in PVHS for six days on IV antibiotics. I got home on Saturday and have learned to administer the IV treatments myself. I'm feeling much better but must complete the entire course of drugs. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all those club members and friends who called or came by to see me. Any hospital, even a good one like PVHS, quickly turns into a prison where it is hard work to be sick. It is good to be home.

If you haven't had a chance to see Fred Damm's new biplane, the P-6E Hawk, fly, you're in for a treat. It acts in the air as sweet as it looks on the ground. Don Botteron is often seen flying his semi-scale pusher model of the tiny BD-5J jet. You remember the one in the Bond movie?

Three of the four new tables donated by Sam Kotby have been assembled and are in service. Thanks to those guys (and one notable gal) who pitched in to move that project along. Thanks again to Sam who provided the materials. We have no trouble filling all those tables on a busy weekend.

Thanks also to Gene Burmeister who acted so quickly to get the weather station back up and on line after the wind speed indicator froze. We don't realize how much we need it until it's gone.

Remember that we will have no club meeting in December and will have the next one at Home State Bank on Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM. We will have a board meeting at 6:00 before the main meeting which anyone may attend. I hope that both outgoing and incoming board members can be present.

It seems wrong to wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS so soon, but the next newsletter will come out after Christmas. Soooooo, HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Get those wish lists for Santa ready.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink



Pulling Oil Out of Wood

Sometimes the firewalls and engine areas of older airplanes get soaked with oil from the fuel. This weakens glue joints to the point where an aircraft could fall apart in midair.

Try using CyA kicker (catalyst). You just have to spray it on and wipe it off. It pulls the oil right out of the wood. Several treatments may be necessary. This also works if a fuel tank develops a leak, and the fuselage gets soaked with fuel.

from Evergreen Flyer
Evergreen Radio Modelers Association
Tim Shea, editor
Marysville, WA



Get a Better Bond

by David Rosenberg
Mark C. Rzadca, editor



Cyanoacrylate (CY) adhesive is triggered by moisture! Wood that becomes too dry from being stored too long in low humidity environments may not have sufficient moisture to activate CY glue. Moisten old balsa wood prior to bonding.

from the Western New York Free Flight Society,
Fairport, NY

Have a favorite article or can write one yourself? Send it to me! I always have space to fill. Email your submissions to me at garret425@frii.com



Jerry Craig assisting Jim Brink with his new 2.6 Meter Composite ARF Extra 330L.

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Minutes of the November Meeting

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modelers
November 8th, 2006
Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue,
Ft. Collins, 80524

Version #1

Unimportant Business: Members discussed several subjects at length and inconclusively.

Less Unimportant Business: A subcommittee moved across the street where more discussion ensued at the same level of inconclusivity. Several subcommittee members pointed out that at least they were hydrated.

Version #2

President Jim Brink called 19 members to order at 7:02 P.M.

New Member Joe Wilson attended his first club meeting as a new member. Joe is a long-time r/c pilot as well as a full-scale pilot for United Airlines. He lives in Wellington.

Minutes for October were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Burmeister reviewed recent club expenses, noting that all club budget categories are in the black. His suggestion to move \$2,000 to savings was approved unanimously, as was his overall report.

Safety Officer's Report: Randy Treadwell discussed a recent incident at Jax in which a Modeler muffler, loosed from its airframe, came close to damaging a passing car on Conifer Street. This started a contentious and oft-repeated discussion in which some members argued that we should limit glow-fuel flight at Jax because of such hazards, and others, including several club veterans, argued that we've flown at Jax for more than 15 years without serious accidents, and that to prohibit glow-fuel flight would be an egregious mistake. Herb Cantor suggested that it is prudent for a club, with regard to safety issues, to minimize the maximum regret. Randy moved that pilots should be informed if their aircraft are over or north of Conifer Street. After much discussion, this motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. The raffle of the club income-generating Mini Edge 540 was won this month by Dave Sampson. Don Vagge grumbled that it would take 2 years before the winner had this plane on the flightline, which inspired the huffy purchaser to threaten, "That's it. I may donate this aircraft back to the club."

Show and Tell #1: Jim Brink showed off his handsome new Composite ARF Extra 330L 2.6m. The company website gives the specs as span 102", length 89" and

weight 24-26 lb. Jim is powering the plane with 3W-106 engine from Cactus Aviation. (For the uninitiated, "Composite ARF" is the vendor name.)



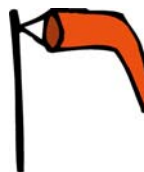
Show and Tell #2: Jim Brink and Jerry Craig gave a brief and understandable overview of lipo batteries. Their thirteen points hit on **1) wattmeters; 2) speed controllers; 3) battery break-in; 4) discharge rates; 5) voltage floors; 6) timers; 7) aging batteries; 8) expected battery life; 9) cell balancers; 10) puffy batteries; 11) damaged batteries; 12) "1C" charge rates; and 13) connector plugs.** See Jim and Jerry for details, for instance how to compare and contrast **7) vs 8)** as well as **10) vs 11)**. These guys don't have enough to do, so ask them for clarification, by all means.

Show and Tell #3: Fred Damm showed us his great-looking Great Planes 1.20-sized Curtiss P-6E Hawk ARF biplane. Fred noted that only 46 were built in 1931 by the US Army Air Corps, of which 25 crashed. This plane was replaced by the mono-wing P-26. Fred's model has a 1.20 YS 4-stroke engine. The full-scale variant, which was built by the Army Air Corps to match Fred's model, was a pursuit aircraft equipped with two 30-caliber machine guns. A full-scale P-6E is on display in the Air Force museum in Dayton, OH.

New Business

1. Don Vagge was unsure if he was thankful or suspicious that wind reported from the Modelers Field weather station recently is always calm. It turned out, as discussed by Gene Burmeister, that bearings of the weather station anemometer have gone south. The repair will cost ~\$120, and may be completed within a week.
2. Jim Brink thanked Sam Kotby for another generous contribution to the club, this time in the form of lumber and supplies to build several more tables for the Modelers Field pits.
3. Members voted unanimously to cancel the December meeting. The next meeting will be 7:00 P.M on Tuesday, January 2nd, at Home State Bank. (Secretary Sampson was strongly in favor of this cancellation.)
4. Joe Wilson wondered if the club sponsors swap meets. We agreed this was a good idea that we would revisit in the spring.
5. Lee Reep volunteered to bring pictures to the next meeting of Aviation Nation 2006, held on November 11-12th at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 P.M.



Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sampson
Rocky Mountain Modelers Secretary



Meet the Member



Guy Tritico

Born/raised: Port Arthur, Texas

Married: Yes, happily for 40+ years

Children: None to date

Occupation: Paper & Janitorial Salesman for Northern Colorado Paper

Years in hobby: 5 Years in RC

Member since: 2002

Planes/helis owned: Kadet LT 40, Quik-Fly II, and my new Big Stik .60

Favorite plane/heli: Kadet LT 40 & Big Stik 60

Worst crash: The first crash of the Stinger 60 in Estes Park - **Splinters!!**

Something you may not know about me: As previously reported, I went to school with some very famous people, namely Jimmy Johnson, Janis Joplin, and (*Modeleers' member*) Carl Van Hess. Also, I thoroughly enjoyed flying the full scale aircraft in the Air Force ('67-'72). My favorite plane was the Boeing KC-135 Tanker.

"Photo of the Month!"



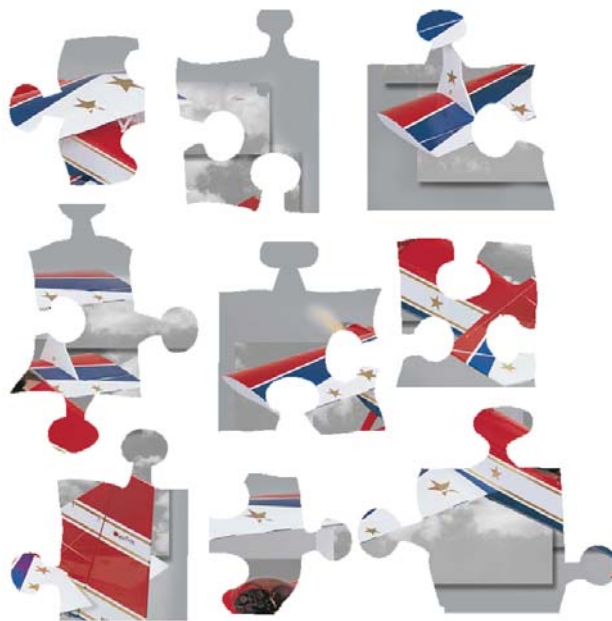
Fred Damm's new Great Planes P-6E Hawk on a fly-by.

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 or call at 224-4350. Good Luck!

The winner this month will receive a \$5 gift card, courtesy of HobbyTown USA. Everyone has a chance - the mailed newsletters are sent out one day prior to the email copies.



Hangar 9 Last Month's
Twist "Scrambled
.40 Plane"

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

Don Vagge

Sam Kotby was gracious enough to grant Don the win by keeping his answer to himself - (According to Sam)



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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 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins. (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)



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four Loveland locations*

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

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