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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, the weather has allowed for one good flying weekend!

For those of us who are dedicated to logging a flight in every month of the year (Don Vagge), I hope you have been able to get out and do some flying during the brief respite of windy and cold weather.

I want to begin by thanking Gary, Sandy, and Craig of HobbyTown USA for extending the generous "employee pricing" event to our club once again.

HobbyTown has been very gracious in offering this program to the club the past couple of Christmas seasons, and I am confident that many of us take advantage of the discounts. If you did not see the flyer that was emailed to all to you, RMM members receive employee prices on all aircraft-related items between November 15th and December 31st, 2009. The next time you are in the store, please express your appreciation on behalf of the club to those at HobbyTown.

The HobbyTown discount can prove to be advantageous to

those who are looking for a good winter project! The members present at the November meeting voted to cancel the December meeting as usual. So, the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 6th, 7:00 P.M., at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave.). I am confident that many of us will have a winter project to show off! I invite you to bring your latest creation along with you.

Thinking of topics that need to be addressed

in this article, it suddenly occurred to me that it is time for the annual reminder of the upcoming "dues season!" Although it doesn't seem like that could be possible, it only tells me that spring is that much closer! Please remember to pay your dues for the 2010 season by sending your check and AMA number to our treasurer: *Jim Ferry, 700 Dellwood Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80524.*

An excellent time to pay your club dues is at the January meeting... *hope to see you there!*

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6th, 7 p.m., at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

November 4, 2009

Horton Field, near Wellington

President Garret Hultgren called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. with 13 members in attendance.

December 2009

Monthly Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the year-to-date income is \$3,093.33 with expenses of \$4,347.08. The checkbook balance is \$2,085.44 with \$18.61 in petty cash. The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: Bo Viger presented an overview of the AMA's revised safety rules regarding demonstration of piloting skills and execution of maneuvers prior to demonstration flights, speed of night flights, presence of children under 6 years at flight lines, etc. Details are available in the AMA's October 2009 *Model Aviation*. Don Vagge commented on an article published in the same edition about a vehicle fire caused by a faulty LiPoly battery. The battery was being charged inside the vehicle when the fire erupted, consuming the pickup and the adjacent field shelter. Care must be taken when charging batteries at the field. It is best to charge the battery outside the vehicle, away from combustibles. It should be contained within an inflammable container, such as a metal box (an ammo can works), or a container made for that purpose (battery bunker or LiPo sack). Although these instances are rare, a damaged cell or faulty charger can cause the battery to short and quickly overheat.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: Fred Damm presented Dennis Sayler with a certificate stating that Dennis successfully completed his solo flight test. *Congratulations, Dennis!*

Show and Tell #1: Dennis Sayler presented the next aircraft he plans to fly now that he has soloed. It is a Hangar 9 PTS P-51 Mustang that can be set up as a trainer with flaps and wing droops. It is powered by an Evolution .45. He has also started construction on a 1/6 scale World Models T-6 Texan ARF. It will have a 75" wingspan and retracts.

Show and Tell #2: Fred Damm displayed the Balsa USA 1/4 scale Fokker DVII that he has under construction. He is starting with a 26cc engine but may upgrade if it requires better performance. The wheels and Spandau machine guns were furnished by Williams Brothers. It will be covered by pre-painted Solar Tex.

Show and tell #3: Garret Hultgren compared and contrasted the 2.4 GHz transmitter systems using DSM and FHSS technologies. He also reviewed the Airtronics transmitter he recently acquired. Garret presented the pros and cons to the main brands of 2.4Ghz radio systems that are available. Much of his information was obtained from www.rcmodelreviews.com. Please see this website for detailed information that outlines the differences in the two main types of spread spectrum technology.

The members present voted to skip a December gathering, so our next meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on January 6th at Home State Bank's basement conference room.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
RMM Secretary



HobbyTown USA®

Dear Club Members: November 27, 2009

As the recession deepens we here at HobbyTown USA would like to help all AMA and local club members continue with your hobby in these financially strained times. To help with the holiday season we are offering every club member:

ALL AIRCRAFT & AIRCRAFT RELATED PRODUCTS AT EMPLOYEE PRICES!!!

*The sale will run from November 15
to New Years Eve.*

The only stipulations are that you must be an active member and must have an active Academy of Model Aeronautics membership. Both must be presented at the time of sale. *This offer includes all in stock and special order items!!* Because all merchandise is being sold at employee prices (10% over cost) no other offers, coupons, or discounts can be used in conjunction with this promotion.

HobbyTown USA is also making it easier to become an AMA member. For *new members* HobbyTown USA has joined with AMA to offer **instant signup** in the store. We are passing on a \$4 discount to all new members.

The staff at HobbyTown USA again thanks you for your support and we hope to help make your Christmas a joyful one!

Sincerely,
Gary Kolm
President – HobbyTown USA

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 sevtigers@gmail.com to receive a free cash gift of \$10 donated from club member Mark Hartman at Jan meeting.

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!

No winners for the challenge last month...
Last month's answer: **Rutan Grizzly 72**

For more on Burt's 1980 STOL creation go to:
www.airventuremuseum.org/collection/aircraft/

Horton Highlights



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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4 Loveland Locations,
3 Fort Collins Locations,
1 Windsor Location

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