



Rocky Mountain Modelers



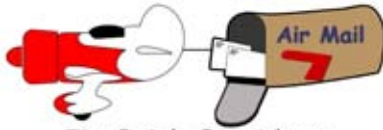
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Smooth Landings



February, 2006



Jim Brink, President

Greetings Modelers,

This month has been a mixed bag for flying with warm days that were too windy and calm days that were too cold. In between, there was some fine flying, but it has mostly been marginal. It seems like a long time since there has been a great Saturday with 20 to 30 flyers out. I'm looking forward to spring and hoping that the wind is kind and mild. On the other hand, the building weather has been great.

Mike Harrington has been talking to the mall operators about a show, and it seems that they want \$250 (!!!!!) for us to display our planes to attract business to their stores. Love-Air voted to not have a show this year unless the fee is waved, and I assured Mike that I thought the Modelers would do the same. He thinks that the fee will be removed, but nothing has been decided because key members of the management are out of town. I hope to have good news for you at the February meeting.

Next month's meeting will have a warbird theme. I hope that everyone in the club will bring their best warbird and have something to tell about it. Warbirds are one of the most popular types of scale models and with good reason. It is exciting to see a fine plane of this type flown in a scale manner. Jerry Craig will bring photos, medals, and other mementos of his father's days in WW II and the Korean War flying Hellcats and Corsairs. Jerry tells me that his dad was a double ace with 11 kills and a triple ace depending on how the counting is done. I've seen some of this stuff, and it is fascinating. Don't miss it.

We have Fred Damm to thank for the repair of the pilot's station that had the plastic mesh blow away to Kansas last week. He has bought some UV resistant plastic ties that should work better. Thanks, Fred.

Speaking of Fred, ask him how he did in the drawing at the January Love-Air meeting. I hear that he won a new plane, but we won't be seeing it. What happened?

That's all the news for now. See you at the next meeting.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink



Working life of cyanoacrylate adhesive (CA)

Cyanoacrylate adhesive (CA) cures hygroscopically, that is, from moisture. Extend the working life of opened bottles of CA by keeping them in a sealed container when not actually in use.

I use the sort of jars normally used for home canning of food, like a "Ball" brand jar. These are the sort of jars with a gasketed metal lid and a ring which screws the lid onto the glass jar.

Put a couple of inches of silica gel in the jar, close the CA bottles and drop them in the jar, and screw the lid on tight.

I have extended the viable working life of opened CA bottles by as much as five years by keeping the moisture away as much as possible. The CA thickens a bit over a long period of time, and the long-term result is that super-thin CA thickens to the viscosity of regular CA, and regular CA thickens to a gap-filling thick viscosity. The cure time increases accordingly, but the bond strength appears to be the same as the original.

Every couple of years or so, dump the silica gel onto a cookie sheet and bake it at 350 degrees (F) for a couple of hours to restore the moisture absorbing capacity.



From the "House of Balsa Dust"
Marietta, GA

<http://home.mindspring.com/~the-plumber/>

Picture of the Month



What's wrong with this picture?

Next Meeting - Monday, February 6th, 7:00 P.M. at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave

Don't forget to renew! If you don't renew by February 15th, your membership is in jeopardy of lapsing, which means no more newsletters!

The club voted at the December meeting to raise dues by \$10 for each group. The current dues are:

Send your check to:	Junior - \$30
Gene Burmeister	Adult - \$60
1533 Wedgewood Ct.	Family - \$70
Windsor, CO 80550	

Likewise, the five-year member's dues has been raised \$10. If you want to keep your flying privileges and keep the Rocky Mountain Modeleers' newsletters coming, renew today!

"Flying Pics"



Jim Brink's new 33% Extra! Jerry Craig looking on.



Sam Kotby and Larry Grover at Modeleers Field



Fred Damm, Clint Hultgren, and Mike Lohr standing by the "Twins" (Fred's Monocoupe along with Don Botteron's same model)



Meet the Honorary Member



Jake Vagge

Born/raised: I am 2 ½ years old, born just outside of Wellington and raised in Fort Collins.

Married: No, but I've been watching that cute little poodle down the street.

Children: My veterinarian tells me this would be impossible.

Occupation: Protector of my backyard and the back seat of Dad's truck.

Years in hobby: About 1 ½ years

Member since: My membership is held up by the AMA. Seems there has been some difficulty processing the application.

Planes owned: Dad thinks the planes are his, but you should see him try to get out of the house with the planes if I am not tagging along to the flying field...

Favorite plane: My Frisbee. I can chase it for hours.

Worst crash: I knocked over a large house plant one time...other than that, Dad doesn't let us use the "C" word around him. He seems overly sensitive to that.

Something you may not know about me: I really enjoy being at the flying field with all of you. A little pat on the head and a toss of my ball makes my day.



"Jake" at Modeleers Field enjoying watching his dad fly!



Meet the Member



Loren Deines

Born/raised: Ft. Collins

Married: Single

Children: No

Occupation: Retired from the CSU Custodian Department

Years in hobby: 25

Member since: Been a member since the club was re-organized in the early 80's, late 70's

Planes/helis owned: Hangar 9 Corsair, Hangar 9 Chipmunk, Hangar 9 Stick, Great Planes Cub, kit-built Roadrunner, Model Tech Magic, Lanier Stinger 60, E-flite Mini Edge

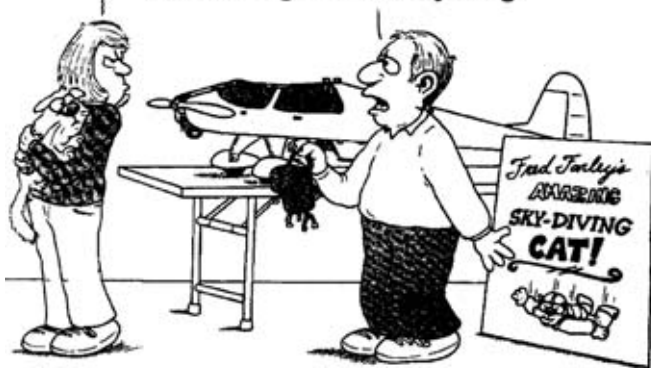
Favorite plane/ heli: Hangar 9 Corsair

Worst crash: Midair between my Chipmunk and Dave Sampson's T-34 Mentor; Larry Grover was behind the sticks of the Mentor!

(Editor's Note: According to Loren, Larry flew into him while he was performing a loop!)

Something you may not know about me: I was a mechanic/plane captain during the Korean War, working on FJ2 Fury Jets.

"But Honey, I already made the parachute and the sign and everything!"



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@fii.com or call at 224-4350.

Good Luck!

The winner this month will receive a 1 oz. bottle of "Zap-A-Gap" CA, 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"

Great Planes
P-6E Hawk



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

Dave Brock



Fred Damm was a close second place!



AMA Charter #1824

Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$40

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

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
Vice Pres.	Bill Tuttle	484-8378
Secretary	Dave Sampson	223-9088
Treasurer	Gene Burmeister	674-9820
Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
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Weather Station		568-3203

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 (to be determined) field. 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)
Don Botteron	223-8050 (Adv., by Apmt. only)
Don Vagge	223-1169



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