



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,

I can't believe it is already the end of January! It seems like this month normally drags on forever with the cold weather and snow, but this year it seems to have not been quite as painful! That means just one thing....the flying season is getting closer!

Speaking of the 2011 flying season, please remember to pay your dues for the new year. If you have not already sent in your dues payment, please mail your check along with AMA number to our treasurer: Jim Ferry, 700 Dellwood Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80524.

I am sure most of you saw the email that was dispersed to the membership concerning the date change of the swap meet we have planned for February. The date has been changed to Saturday, February 19th, to avoid a date conflict with the annual Jefco auction. The doors will open at 8:00 A.M. for sellers to set up; the doors will open to buyers at 9:00 A.M. and continue until the selling/trading is done. At the last meeting, the officers decided upon charging a flat rate fee of \$5 for all sellers. This amount will cover any number of items sold – it will be free to enter or buy. Tables and chairs will be provided by the complex at no

additional charge to the club and will be available on a first come basis. The meet is a community event for the RC clubs in the area and for our club, so we have chosen to keep the selling fee low. At the same time, charging a small fee will benefit the club's treasury and cover the cost of a new club trainer that may be needed later this spring.

Thanks to the folks at the Ranch, we have three large meeting rooms reserved for the meet at no charge to the club. These rooms are in the Thomas McKee Community building, which is located directly southwest of the main arena building in the complex. In addition, I also have talked with Craig at HobbyTown about possibly setting up a table of their own at the meet to sell items at discount to the attendees. They are also considering donating a prize that all registrants would receive a drawing ticket to win. More details will be announced by email as we get closer to the date.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2nd, 7:00 P.M., at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave. in downtown Fort Collins). If you have a new winter project to show off to the group, I invite you to bring it along!

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 2nd -7 p.m., at Home State Bank, Fort Collins, CO.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

January 5th, 2011

Home State Bank, 303 E Mtn Ave,

Ft . Collins, CO 80524

President Garret Hultgren called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with 14 members in attendance.

February 2011

Monthly Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's year-to-date income is \$3,417.50 with expenses of \$2,265.32. The checkbook balance is \$4,122.51 with \$9.81 in petty cash. The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved. The preliminary 2011 budget that was introduced at the November meeting was presented and unanimously approved.

Safety Officer's Report: Safety Officer Dave Sampson cautioned the membership that with current weather conditions, frostbite is a problem, and he forbade any flying. Unfortunately, he did not specify a threshold temperature when flying could be resumed. Don Vagge related a near accident he had with his electric plane. He was switching it to a new transmitter and when checking for proper servo direction, it suddenly accelerated along his workbench when he accidentally activated the throttle channel. He reflexively reached for the plane and luckily grabbed it by the tail as it went by. Anyone with faster reflexes might have grabbed the wrong end. The lesson here is to remove the prop when doing anything in the programming that might accidentally activate the throttle.

Old Business: Randy Treadwell said that having a club meeting at Mackenzie Place is still in the works. They would like a show and tell as well as possible demonstration flying.

New Business: Rooms have been reserved at the Ranch for the February 5th swap meet. Two 30'x40' meeting rooms will be available. Unfortunately, Garret just received a notice that the Jefco auction was announced for the same date. He will see if the swap meet can be rescheduled for the weekend prior to or after the Jefco auction. It was recommended that a \$5 fee be charged for those selling items. The fee was approved. Tables and chairs will be furnished.

2. Gene Burmeister thinks the weather station is misreading low (1-2mph) winds and the bearings may need cleaning. He and Fred Damm arranged to check it out.

3. Dave Sampson, Gene Burmeister and Jim Ferry will meet in February to audit the club's books as required by the club by-laws.

Show and Tell #1: Fred Damm presented the latest in his livery: a Rhapsody (Fred needs to rename it.) It is an ARF from E-Flite that is reminiscent of the Star Duster or Skybolt. A Power 25 motor is recommended, but he upgraded to a 32 Neu motor, which is just right for this altitude. Vertical flight is almost unlimited and a 4S 2200 battery gives 5 minutes of flight time. Even with the larger motor, Fred added additional weight to the nose since another Rhapsody he saw fly appeared to be tail heavy. The c.g. shown in the manual may be too far aft. He reports that it is an excellent flyer.

Show and Tell #2: Garret showed progress he is making on a House of Balsa 33" Bonanza V35. He converted it to electric from a .049 glow engine that the kit recommends. The plans are 20+ years old. Garret replaced the original plastic turtle deck with balsa. He installed retracts but could not solve an interference problem with retracting the wheels and opted for fixed gear with a steerable nose wheel. The estimated flying weight will be 25oz.

Show and Tell #3: Jerry Craig previewed a Sunderland S-45 Short Solent flying boat that he is building for Mike Nededog from plans he purchased from Ivan Pettigrew. The S-45 was built by Sunderland in the late 1940's and could carry 35 passengers. They were mostly flown in the South Pacific. The aircraft's fuselage exceeds 6 feet with tail, has a 99" wing span and should weigh in at about 7 pounds which is remarkably light. It will be powered by 4x brushless 480's controlled to provide differential thrust for water handling. The plane has not yet been covered, but will mimic the livery of the Tasmanian Airlines.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
RMM Secretary



RC SWAP MEET

Larimer County Fairgrounds - Loveland, CO

- Saturday, February 19th -

Setup begins at 8:00 A.M.

Doors open to buyers at 9:00 A.M.

Thomas McKee Community Building at 'The Ranch'

\$5 Donation to Sell

FREE to Enter, FREE to Buy!

Tables and chairs provided for sellers

(Tables available on first come basis)

For more info, call Garret Hultgren at (970) 412-7303

or email president@modeleers.org

Directions:

Take I-25 to Exit 259 (Crossroads Blvd)

East on Crossroads Blvd.

North (Left) at second stop light - Fairgrounds Ave.

West (Left) into The Ranch through archway - Arena Circle

Follow white signs to designated parking area

- **Thomas McKee 4H & Community Building -**

(Southwest of main arena building in complex)



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AMA YEAR IN REVIEW

Flying site assistance ramps up

Tony Stillman, former District V VP, became the AMA's national Flying Site Assistance Coordinator in 2010. Tony represented AMA at the National League of Cities meeting, and at the National Recreation and Park Association congress. Click [here](#) to see an impressive record of his service this past year. Past coordinator Joe Beshar was recently honored with the Howard McEntee Award from the Vintage R/C Society. Click [here](#) to learn more about Joe and his service.

Advocacy amps up in 2010

With the FAA poised to issue potentially restrictive regulations in 2011 the AMA advocacy team has been fierce in defending your flying privileges. The AMA's new Government Relations website section will be up soon. FAA representatives will be at [AMA EXPO 2011](#) to answer member questions at 2:00 PM this Saturday. AMA was also active with the League of Cities and the National Recreation and Park Association this past year.

Astronaut Hall of Famer Gibson named AMA Ambassador

Five-time space shuttle commander and pilot Robert "Hoot" Gibson signed on as AMA's national spoke person in March. A longtime modeler, click [here](#) to learn more about this accomplished naval aviator who has flown more than 111 types of aircraft and maintains a love of modeling.

Strategic planning in full force on three fronts

The AMA Executive Council put long hours in developing a long-range strategic plan for the organization. Go [here](#) to find out where we're going and how we're getting there. In addition, Division I VP Andy Argenio launched a 65-person strategic force with several committees focused on key subject areas. If you'd like to weigh in, connect with Andy at imaasanction@aol.com. The Museum Steering Committee, guiding the programs of the National Model Aviation Museum, has embarked upon developing a new Master Plan for the facility. Chairing that effort is District IV VP Bliss Teague.

MODELEERS - DON'T FORGET

Send your 2011 membership dues to:

Jim Ferry

700 Dellwood Dr.,

Fort Collins, CO 80524

(please include your AMA # on your check)

NAME THAT PLANE GAME

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

Please note:

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

The 2nd person to email the correct answer is the winner!

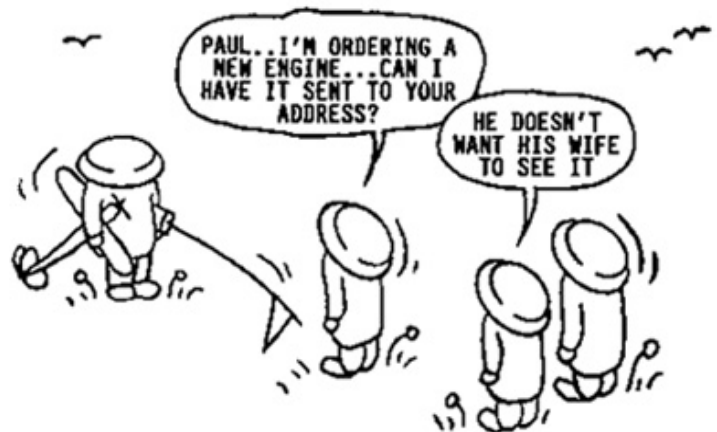
Last month winner: Bo Viger

Featured: F6F-3 with Royal Netherlands Navy markings



Jerry Craig's fine model flying over Warren Lake last summer

The Microhenrys



by Ed Henry

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.

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. on 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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3 Fort Collins Locations,
1 Windsor Location

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