

Rocky Mountain MODELEERS

Smooth Landings™ January 2008

Greetings Modeleers,

There is not much news this month with this recent spate of good building weather upon us.



Randy Treadwell has several ideas about what should go on the new Clifton Field sign. He will donate the use of his warm shop and would like a sign painting party to help with the execution of the project. We'll get a crew together at the next meeting.

Randy tells me that the new windsock at Clifton Field is great -- thanks to Fred Damm.

All my recent building has me quite aware of piles of gear I have in my basement that is of fine quality but not being used. Other guys I've talked to are in the same boat, so let's have a swap meet and bring our good unused stuff to the next meeting and sell or trade it for other stuff we can use.

I'm sure that there are several new flying projects that can also be displayed.

Some may remember the great slide show of the year's club activities set to music that Garret did last year. Well, he's done it again and will show it at the January club meeting. Just another reason to be there.

Don't forget that the next club meeting is on Monday, January 7th at the Home State Bank meeting room.



*Wheels down landings,
Jim Brink*

Your Club Dues Are Due!

*Our new treasurer, Jim Ferry, is now receiving
2008 club dues. Send your check to:*

*Remember 5-year members:
your membership will end
December 31st, 2007*

*Jim Ferry
700 Dellwood Dr.
Ft. Collins, CO 80524*

*(Please write your AMA number on your check)
(Adult fee: \$60)*



(Along with son, A.D.)

Born/raised: Born in North Platte, Nebraska, graduated from University of Nebraska in Lincoln, moved to Fort Collins in 1988

Married: Yes, to the beautiful and lovely Mai Dailey for 26 years.

Children: 2 children, Rebekka 24 & Arthur (A.D.) 18

Occupation: System Analyst for the USDA-ARS

Years in hobby: 11 years

Member since: 2005, involved with the club since 1996

Planes/ helis owned: .40 size trainer, a hand-me down from Loren Deines (AstroHog) and working on a GWS Zero

Favorite plane/ heli: .60 size Super Kaos, the uglier it got the better it flew. This plane was given to A.D. by Larry Grover.

Worst crash: On a beautiful sunny day after about 8 inches of fluffy snow, the snow was so soft that the Kaos would sink in. So I would hold the plane until it was up to full throttle and let it go. The plane would have enough lift that it would stay afloat and take off. On the 4th takeoff, the co-pilot got covered with snow; the Kaos went straight up. A.D. pushed the nose down, and as soon as the sticks went back to neutral, the plane went straight up again. Well between going up and down, the ground caught up with the plane and the plane was broken in half.

This was not the end of the Kaos; it was the end of the co-pilot. The Kaos just got uglier and flew better.

Something you may not know about me: When I take off my hat, you'll see I'm bald.



Next Meeting: Monday, January 7th, 7:00 P.M., at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave.)



Ski Flying Pics



Jerry Craig's mini electric Cub on skis at Clifton Field (12-16-07).



Fred Damm's big Kadet on skis at Clifton Field on a very nice ski-flying day! (12-16-07).



Garret Hultgren (flying Clint Hultgren's) Somethin' Extra on skis also at Clifton (12-16-07).



Fred Damm's E-flite Brio didn't work quite as well on the snow as others did -- the snow that day was a little too soft!



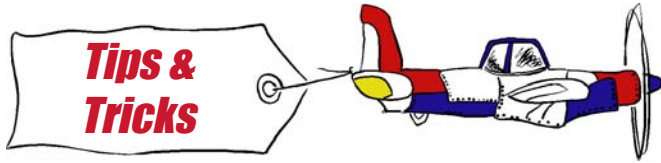
Jerry Craig "fetching" his mini Cub -- notice it can't taxi back? -- it's a little too lightweight!

Remember: this month's meeting will be on the first **Monday** of January. This date will continue through April when we resume meeting outdoors once again.

For Sale: (1) Aeroworks Stingray with E-flite 10 motor, 40-Amp ESC, all servos, and receiver included -- **\$250**. Without motor and ESC -- **\$150**

(1) Saito 2.20 with Saito metal motor mount -- Engine just broken in -- **\$450**

Call Fred at 221-4457



Scrap Aluminum

One of the most useful and inexpensive tools in the workshop are pieces of scrap aluminum angle iron cut to various lengths and of various sizes. I find that a selection of 1-inch, 2-inch, and 3-inch pieces, varying in length from one to six inches are quite helpful, and these can be obtained at a metal supply shop.

If you have a metal fabricator near you, you might try asking him to sell you some scraps of angle about these sizes. Since these lengths are considered trash to these fellows, you may get lucky and get them for free. Even if you don't, the cost should be minimal, and as useful as these are, I would have purchased new stock and cut it up into pieces to obtain these tools.

What good are they, you ask? Well, here are a few of the things I use them for and I'm sure you can come up with more once you start using them. First off, this is a great way to align the table on disk/belt sanders, drill presses, band saws, etc. You can use them to hold items to be glued or drilled exactly perpendicular to the work surface, such as drilling into the edge of sheeting, or holding ribs at 90 degrees to the table while your adhesive dries.

—from Mark Kallio, Balsa Chips, Milford, Connecticut

Glad Press 'N Seal plastic wrap makes a great masking medium for spray painting. It is sticky on one side and will stick to itself, or the item you want to paint. It is much easier to work with than paper because it clings to the surface without lifting the paint off when removed.

— from Flightline, Casper Airmodelers Association, Casper, Wyoming

Removing Covering from Balsa Sheeting

Removing covering from balsa sheeting can be tricky. If you cut too deeply, you can compromise the wood's integrity. By placing the blade in the knife handle as shown in the photo, you can easily adjust and control the depth of the cut. To set the blade's depth, use it on a scrap piece of sheeting and make test cuts before you make the actual cuts on the model.

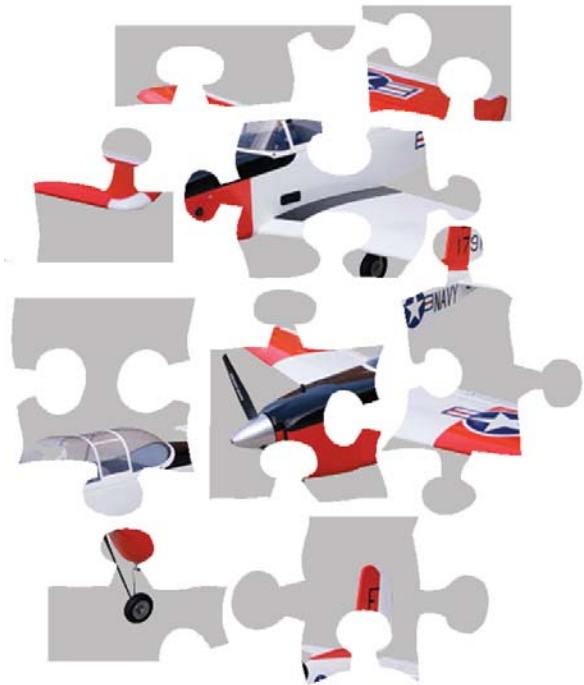
— from Jim's RC.com



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.



Last Month's "Scrambled Plane"
Great Planes Revolver

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

Steve Edson



Second place goes to Fred Damm!



Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60
Junior: \$30
Family: \$70

Half price after July*

AMA Charter #1824 (*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 (303 E. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins.)
 (Day of meeting subject to change.)

Call an officer for date and directions if necessary)



Home State Bank
 303 E. Mountain Ave.
 (970) 203-6100
 Three Fort Collins locations,
 four Loveland locations

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
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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.

Instructors:

Fred Damm	221-4457
Loren Deines	484-0407
Larry Grover	224-5124
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