

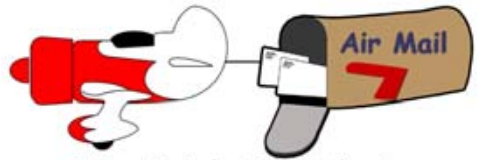


Rocky Mountain Modelers



Smooth Landings

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Jim Brink, President

The flying season is in full swing now, and I hope this message finds all of your planes in top shape. Keep in mind that the videotaping date with Bethany Zill and TM Books and Video has been moved forward to June 9 at 9:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field in order to avoid conflict with the Heli Fun-Fly.

Speaking of which, the Heli Fun-Fly is June 25 at Drake Field. If you want to help, call Dan St. John. I'm sure that will be a fun time.

Speaking of helis (there I go, speaking again), the club voted to install a heli-pad at Modeleers Field at the last meeting. Look to see it just north of the shed in the near future. That area has been designated as a heli/small 3D aircraft flight area in order to make the cooperation among members easier and make Modeleers Field more user-friendly for those types of aircraft. Of course, the usual flight box is still open to these aircraft, but we hope it will be avoided when the flight pattern is busy. I know that I look forward to using this area for my Shock Flyer and hope others will take advantage of it as well.

If you haven't noticed, there has been a lot of mowing recently out at the field in order to try to keep up with the weeds. Thanks go out to Dave Sampson and Loren Deines for mower time, and to Fred Damm who did the regular maintenance on the mower.

Put on your old shoes and pants because the runway needs to be sealed. Fred Damm will buy the sealer and oversee this effort. The membership will decide on a day at our next meeting.

A contingent of our membership went down to the Warbird Rally and were rewarded with seeing some super aircraft and at least one spectacular midair.

We will have two guests at our next meeting. Jim Monaco and Lenny Keer from Rocky Mountain Soaring Association, (Jim is the president), will bring their F5J and F3J competition gliders for a demonstration. For those of us who don't know (including me) those are electric powered and unpowered gliders. These guys are at the forefront to this aspect of our hobby, and I'm sure that their presentation will be great.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink



Editor's Column

Polish That Gear

Have you ever found that the aluminum landing gear that came with your new pride and joy looked so ragged that you either wanted to paint or replace it? Here's a way that will not only make it look better than new, but will take less than 30 minutes! First you'll need the following materials:

- 400 to 600 grit Wet-or-Dry Sand Paper
- Emery Cloth
- Twinkle Silver Polish
- Aluminum "Mag Wheel" Polish

If your landing gear looks really crappy and has a lot of scratches, the first thing you'll need to do is to wet sand the aluminum (sounds a little strange but this goes pretty quickly). Keep your sanding strokes long and lengthwise along the gear. After most of the scratches are gone, the next step is to go over the landing gear with the Emery Cloth (don't wet sand with Emery Cloth, use it dry). Just as you did earlier, keep your sanding strokes long and lengthwise along the gear. Now wipe down the gear to remove all the dust and crud. After that, apply the Twinkle silver polish and buff. Don't try to get the gear to shine at this point, that will come after the next step. Now go over the gear with the Emery cloth lightly. This will bring the aluminum to its optimum sheen. This is the real trick, and I must admit it was discovered by pure dumb luck. As a final step, go over the gear with the mag Wheel Polish to protect the luster of the aluminum.

You'll be quite amazed at the looks of your "new" gear. The only drawback to this process is that your fingers will get a little dirty (okay, really filthy) with the aluminum dust, but the finish looks stupendous!

from Jeff's R/C Aviation Web Page via
The Flightline
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Next Meeting -- Saturday, July 2nd, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field

Minutes of the June Meeting



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

June 5, 2005

Modeleers Field, 12000 N County Rd 5, Wellington,
CO 80549

Fifteen members were called to order on Sunday morning at 10:02 A.M. by President Jim Brink, following a 24-hour rain delay.

Announcements: Elliott Ray is home and resting from recent surgery. We passed around a card wishing him speedy recovery which Garret Hultgren will mail. Saturday's bad weather once again postponed a flyover by Gary Rogge in his full-scale Yak 52, and also prevented Nat Ledbetter from demonstrating his discus-launched gliders. Members were reminded that Bethany Zill of TM Books and Video will be at Modeleers Field on Saturday, July 9, at 9:00 A.M. to film members flying for an r/c video that she is producing. Younger members are particularly encouraged to be on hand.

Minutes for May were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Burmeister reported on recent club income and outlays, including for annual club AMA dues, an advance for the heli event with Love-Air, and payment to Chris Jung for the Modeleers Field picnic tables. Gene noted that our projected finances look solvent, with a current check book balance of over \$3300. Later in the meeting, Gene noted that the club is in its fourth of seven years in our lease with the Hortons, and that our annual payment of \$800 is due by July 31st.

Safety Officer's Report: Jim Brink reminded us that all members have an obligation to enforce club rules prohibiting non-members from flying at our fields. The club Rules and Regulations state that "Guests of a club member who are current AMA members may use the fields two days per year." It was noted that it is unclear if "guests" include lapsed members who have not renewed club membership.

Old Business:

1. Jim Brink asked for volunteers to help Loren Deines with mowing at both fields. We agreed that killing weeds in the rocked area of the pits and on the runway ends was a good idea. Loren noted that Clifton Field will need mowing soon. We lapsed into a brief discussion of what action may be required when we shut down that field.

2. Revision of club bylaws. The latest proposed revision of club bylaws was distributed to members by email on May 25th. Brief discussion ensued about associate membership and about the line of authority between the Executive Committee and club instructors. It was moved and seconded that the revised bylaws be approved. The vote in the affirmative was unanimous. With this vote, we complete a five-month process of updating our club bylaws, in accordance with directions in the old bylaws stating that: "The Bylaws of the club may be amended or replaced at any regular meeting of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members

in attendance, provided that the proposed amendment has been published at least once preceding the meeting for adoption and presented to the membership at the prior regular meeting." Now we can get to important issues, like fighting weeds.

3. We approved sealing the Modeleers Field runway for ~\$400, and will provide the labor ourselves. Fred Damm is leading this charge, which will cost considerably less than the ~\$2000 to have it done professionally.

New Business:

1. Jim Brink presented a proposal from the Executive Committee dealing with heli, 3D electric and glider flight at Modeleers Field. The proposal included the following: designating a glider launch area south and west of the runway and pits; installing a heli pad north and west of the shed; and designating an area around that pad for heli take off/landing/hovering as well as for small electric 3D flying. This proposal generated considerable discussion, with comments from Todd Holman about heli issues, from Dave Mielke about gliders and small electric flight, and from several other members about the topic in general. Concern was expressed about mixing helis with fixed-wing electrics; about whether heli flight would be limited to north and west of the shed; about whether the southwest area is suitable for gliders; about encouraging use of Jax eventually as a heli- and small electrics-only field; about whether designation of a heli/electric fixed-wing area should be broad and suggestion-oriented or specific and detail-oriented. Members agreed that heli pilots certainly will not be limited to the northwest airspace, and can fly over and east of the runway following the same rules that apply to fixed-wing aircraft (i.e., the runway can be used for take-offs, landings and landing practice only). It was eventually moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the club will: install a heli pad north and west of the shed; designate that area for heli and small plane 3D flight; and designate the area south and west of the runway for glider launch.

2. Don Vagge reminded members to get frequency pins from the Modeleers Field control board before lake-flying near Hortons.

Show and Tell: Don Vagge showed his almost-airborne quarter-scale Extra 300XS. This is a fine-looking purple and white Sig ARF, powered by a Saito 180 four-stroke with a 17/8 APC prop, upgraded to heavy duty control horns and clevises, with Hitec HS-545 high-torque servos. Don plans for the successful first flight within the next few weeks. Loren Deines demonstrated how to operate the club mower, housed in the Modeleers Field shed.

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 2nd, at Modeleers Field.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sampson, Secretary



Meet the Member



Ryan Korzyniowski

Born/raised: I grew up in the South, mostly Tennessee.

Married: 3 years on June 16th!

Children: Not yet

Occupation: Hardware Engineer for Agilent Technologies

Years in hobby: 2 ½, but I did fly control line and gliders as a kid

Member since: 2003

Planes/ heli owned: Trex micro heli, Raptor 50/60, Raptor 90, Funtana 90

Favorite plane/ heli: I guess I'm addicted to power, which makes my stretched Raptor 50 powered by a O.S. .61 the most fun.

Worst crash: Hmm, hard to keep track of all the crashes. The worst was flying into a 4" sprinkler pipe during high speed backwards flight. I'm still piecing the heli back together

Something you may not know about me: One of my brothers is my identical twin.



Ryan is the club webmaster.

We greatly appreciate his diligence and continual efforts to keep our site updated.

Thanks, Ryan!

Classified Ads



For Sale -- New Futaba 8-channel FM receiver with channel 15 crystal -- \$75. **Call Clint at 224-4350**

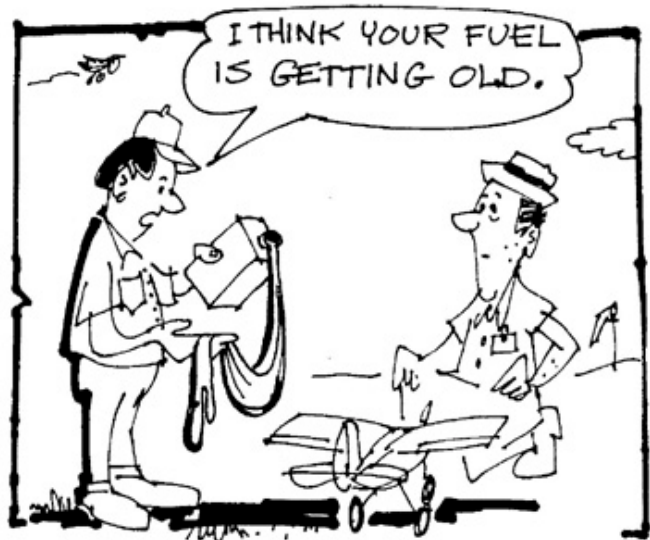


Photo of the Month



Loren Deines giving a "lesson" on operating the lawn mower at the June club meeting, (June 5th, at Modelers Field).

New Members:

Jim Garofalo

Michael Hiatt

Welcome to the club!





AMA Charter #1824
Annual Dues:
 Adult: \$50
 Junior: \$30
 Family: \$60
 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 nonmember 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
 10:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month at
 Modelers Field.
 (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Thought for the Day!

The probability of survival is
 equal to the angle of arrival



Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
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Weather Station 568-3203

Flight instruction is offered during Daylight Savings Time at no charge to members. The flying field east of Jax is reserved for beginners each Thursday evening after 5:00 PM. Other instruction times may be arranged by appointment with an instructor.

Instructors:

Mike Lohr	221-5278	
Fred Damm	221-4457	
Loren Deines	494-1117	
Larry Grover	224-5124	
Dan St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)	
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