



**Smooth Landings**

# Rocky Mountain Modelers

July, 2007



**Greetings Modeleers,**

July 4th is almost here, and I can't wait. Our last committee meeting is done, and the work day is this Saturday, June 30th. We'll meet at the old Ft. Collins Downtown Airport at 8:00 A.M. to beat the heat, have a short club meeting to get everyone on the same page, and get to work. I'll try to have donuts and coffee there.



The mowing is done and the field looks beautiful, thanks to Chris Ferrero. We need to put up the safety barriers (Jerry Craig has gotten all the material together) and fill the runway cracks (Randy Treadwell will bring the sand). If you can, bring a broom and a shovel. We have two post drivers but could use more if anyone can lay hands on one. The work should go quickly enough for us to be able to fly later in the day. We have permission from owner Lloyd Goff to fly a couple of test flights before the 4th, so if someone wants to give it a go after the cracks are filled, we can.

We still could use some help with parking and food prep; if you or a family member would like to pitch in, let me know. We need the extra hands.

The air show program is still in the rough draft stage. We have 22 acts so far. If you have an idea for something for the show, call me soon so I can fit it in.

Like last year, the idea for the show is that there will be many brief, contrasting acts to show off the hobby and our planes in order to interest people in staying around for the open flying. That is the time for longer flights. I hope we can keep the air full of planes before and after the show.

Invitations have gone out to all the clubs in the region (thank you, Garret), and I've been in contact with the local newspapers. I hope they pick up this story. We could have quite a crowd.

If someone can think of something we've forgotten or has a great idea, please call.

*Wheels down landings,*

*Jim Brink*



## In Loving Memory

*...Of Vice President Bill Tuttle who passed away June 9th, 2007. Bill brought warmness to the field and smiles to the many who new him. His kind spirit, gentle nature, and willingness to serve will surely be missed in the club.*



**You will surely be missed, Bill.**



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**Next Meeting - Saturday, June 30th, 8:00 A.M. at the Fort Collins-Downtown Airport (Field preparation and clean-up will follow the meeting)**



## Minutes of the June Meeting

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**  
Rocky Mountain Modeleers  
June 2, 2007  
Horton Field, near Wellington

President Jim Brink called 19 members to order at 10:04 A.M. Bob Ryan was a guest of Carl Cary.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gene Burmeister summarized the current state of the 2007 budget. The current month's income is \$170.00 with expenses of \$248.50, leaving a checkbook balance of \$2,791.54 and saving account of \$2001.11 with \$37.01 in petty cash. By the end of May, 54 paying members belonged to the club. The Treasurer's report was approved and adopted.

**Safety Officer's Report:** Bo Viger reported that people were still standing at the end of the runway while taking off. If you must take off while standing at the edge of the runway, immediately retire to a flight station. Better yet, don't do it! He also cautioned that when planes are hand launched, the launcher should stand either in front of or at either end of the flight stations to avoid planes veering toward the flight stations. Don Mitchell also recommended that a sign with driving directions and GPS location be posted at the field for emergencies. Bo said he will produce one.

**New Business:** Jim Brink briefed members on status of the July 4th fly-in at the Fort Collins-Downtown air park.

**Schedule:** Registration opens at 0800 and the pilots' briefing is scheduled for 0900. Open flying begins immediately after, with the field closed for demonstration flying from 1000 to 1200. Lunch will be served at 1130, at the earliest. Open flying will resume after the demonstration flying and continue to 1700. Cleanup will be after that. Parking is \$3 per vehicle; pilots park free. Non-members will be charged \$15 to fly; all pilots must register.

**Field Preparation:** Mowing operations will commence at 0800 Saturday, June 30th. We are looking for someone with a brush hog or large mower. *(Post script: the field has now been mowed.)*

**Crack filling** will commence at 0800 Sunday, July 1st *(Post script: the date has been pushed to Saturday, June 30th.)* This project is coordinated by Randy Treadwell. At least 4 people will be needed with preparation and spreading sand. Larry Grover volunteered his leaf blower. Anyone interested in helping should contact Randy (472-4212), or just show up with a broom, shovel and gloves. Flight and crowd barrier placement will also occur at 0800 Sunday, July 1st. Hixon Mfg. has donated the barrier material, and posts are available from Love-Air. We will need 4-6 people to help drive posts and stretch fencing. Contact Jerry Craig (484-9417) if you can help.

**Shade Canopies:** Canopies will be set up the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> or early the 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have one, bring it!

**Parking Directors:** About 4 people will be needed to direct cars to parking at the start of the demonstration flights.

**Jax Closure:** At 7:00 A.M. the 4<sup>th</sup>, a vehicle will be parked in the middle of the Jax flying field, directing people to come

to the air park to fly. We will need someone who wants to give up transportation for the day.

**Wind Sock:** It was suggested that we borrow the Horton wind sock, but a flag will suffice. Anyone want to be patriotic on Independence day?

**Decorations:** Jim Brink will supply cheap red, white, and blue bunting. (What the heck is bunting anyway?)

**Signs:** At least 2 parking and spectator restriction signs are needed. Chris Douglas will look into getting some printed.

**Line Bosses:** Mike Lohr and Dave Sampson will keep airplanes and pilots together and separated.

**P.A. System:** Mike Harrington will supply and run the system. Power will be available from a nearby source.

**Road Closure on north side:** Tom Keller will supervise the closure starting at 0800. The team will have a copy of the special events permit on hand if challenged. There should be little traffic since only a caretaker resides at the end of the road.

**Highway Cones:** Four cones will be required to demark the ends of the patched runway and 8 will be used for the road closure. Other cones will help route traffic to the parking area. Joe Cary has volunteered his cones, and Jerry Craig will pick them up.

**Instructor Pilot Coordinator:** Don Vagge will supervise the Instructor Pilots. Buddy-box flying will be 0800-1000 and 1200-1700. Bob Hultgren will handle sign-up, and Clint Hultgren will do ground school.

**Cooking:** Sylvia Brink will coordinate cooking and will need about 6 helpers. Any spouses want to contribute?

**Air Show:** Demonstration flights will be 5 minutes in length for 2 hours. To keep things running smoothly, pilots will be on deck with planes running and accompanied by attendants.

**Safety Inspector:** Gene Burmeister will inspect and mark each airplane before it flies.

**Club Brochures:** Jim Ferry will have plenty of club brochures on hand for the public.

**Porta Potties and Dumpster:** Two Porta Potties and 1 dumpster will be available. It was estimated that 6-8 smaller trash cans will be needed. Five were volunteered by members. Please remember who you were.

**Old Business:** Carl Cary heard the rumor that Jax will not expand, but it could not be confirmed. The runway remains up in the air, so to speak. Concern was raised about the height of vegetation around the Jax runway. Jerry Craig volunteered to pickup the mower from Horton field and mow the Jax runway.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for July 7th at Horton Field, but has been rescheduled in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July preparations on Saturday, June 30th at the Fort Collins-Downtown air park.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Jerry Craig**  
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



# MEET the MEMBER



*Dave Sampson*

**Born/raised:** Schenectady, NY; Del Mar, CA; Lexington, MA

**Married:** Since 1983 to Tracey Seltzer, who views r/c as cheaper than psychotherapy.

**Children:** Hayley, 19 yr, college sophomore; Will, 16 yr, high school junior

**Occupation:** CSU professor, nutritional biochemistry

**Years in hobby:** 6

**Member since:** 2001

**Planes/ helis owned:** Hobbico Avistar, Thunder Tiger Stick, World Models T-34, Hangar 9 Ultra Stick

**Favorite plane/ heli:** The one not yet crashed

**Worst crash:** **\*\*Breaking News\*\*** - 16 June 2007

**Version #1 (with verisimilitude):** While practicing knife-edge passes for the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> air show with Gene Burmeister, I rolled vertical a millisecond too late, clipping the wing and horizontal stabilizer of Gene's LT-40, bringing both planes down badly.

**Version #2 (with bald truth):** Intending the opposite, I turned straight into Gene's plane last weekend as we passed in opposite directions. Neither plane emerged unscathed. This would be hard to do if you tried.

**Something you may not know about me:** Handball is to my weekdays what r/c is to weekends. I've just learned to sweat copper tubing, which eclipses my day job.

**New Member:**

**Duncan Ryan**

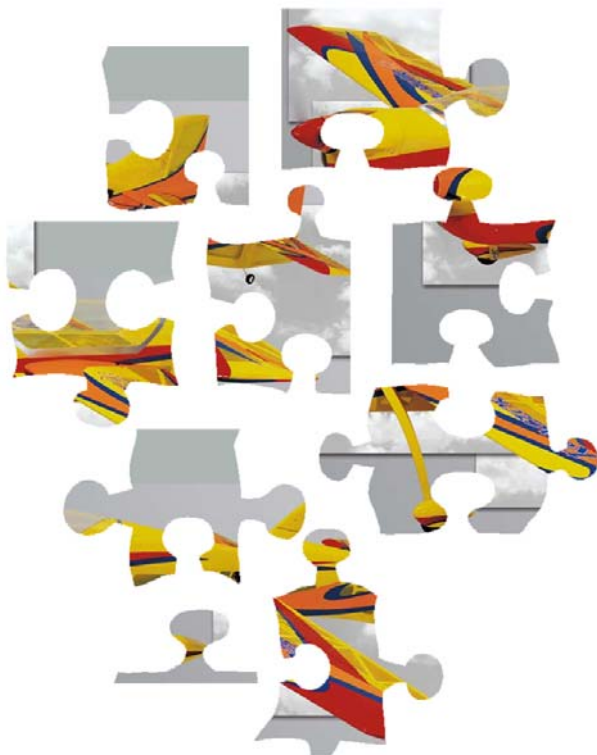
*Welcome to the club!*



## "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@frii.com](mailto: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.



Great  
Planes  
Giant  
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Sportster

Last Month's  
"Scrambled  
Plane"

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

**Sam Kotby**



Sam's making good use of his winnings...  
What are you on -- Plane #150, Sam?



**Annual Dues:**

**Adult: \$60**

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**(\*Only for new members!)**

**One-time runway fee: \$50**



**AMA Charter #1824**

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 10:00 A.M. on the first Saturday of the month at Modeleers Field in Wellington.

*(Call an officer for directions if necessary.)*

**Officers:**

President	<b>Jim Brink</b>	<b>223-3975</b>
Vice Pres.		
Secretary	<b>Jerry Craig</b>	<b>484-9417</b>
Treasurer	<b>Gene Burmeister</b>	<b>674-9820</b>

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Safety Officer	<b>Bo Viger</b>	<b>267-9682</b>
Webmaster	<b>Clint Hultgren</b>	<b>224-4350</b>

**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 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
Garret Hultgren	224-4350
Mike Lohr	221-5278
Don Vagge	223-1169
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