



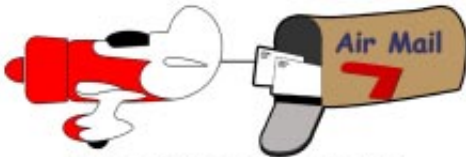
Rocky Mountain Modelers



Smooth Landings

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June, 2005



Jim Brink, President

It was a fine turnout for the spring picnic on May 7th. The weather cooperated for the most part, and a lot of flying was done. It was great to see Ken Gillpatrick soloing. The fly-over by the red Midget Mustang was spectacular. That is a plane that Fred Damm built personally, and he arranged for the visit. Thanks, Fred. It was a thrill to see Burt Sutton and Mike Hurley flying their 40% aerobats. We all enjoyed getting to know Mike and his wife, Candy, who are both deeply involved in IMAC competition and RC in general.

Bad weather near Pueblo prevented Gary Rogge from bringing an aerial show in his full size Yak 52. He will try again to fly over next month's meeting on June 4 if weather permits and duties preparing for his son's wedding don't interfere. I look forward to that.

We will also have Nat Ledbetter as a guest at our next meeting. He is not only a powered RC enthusiast but also builds and flies discus launched gliders (DLGs), and he will be with us to demonstrate his airplane. It is his own design, built of carbon fiber and foam. The result is an airframe of remarkable lightness and strength. He hopes to market it in the near future. This building technique may be the future for a large segment of our hobby.

The Electric Fun-Fly on May 14th at Drake Field was a great success with 28 registered pilots and about that many hangers-on. Scion Industries brought their latest prototype UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) that they hope to market to the military and police organizations for aerial surveillance. These aircraft have the capability to fly for hours on a single battery charge and can fly themselves while maintaining a position over any geography. The computer equipment and software were half the interest. The other half was the aircraft themselves which are state-of-the-art carbon fiber construction with all other components being off-the-shelf RC gear. They flew great. Scion donated a kit of one of these planes for the hobby flyer as a door prize. Each pilot wanted to win it, but Nat Ledbetter was the lucky one. The event made \$70 for RMM. We plan to do it again at this time next year.

We're gonna be in a movie. Bethany Zill of TM Books

and Video (Google will show you their website) called me last week. Her company out of Laramie wants to make a video for kids called "All About Planes and Flying" and would like to bring her camera crew down to film our club and aircraft in action. Her company has made many other such films, mostly about trains, but other subjects as well. Since they can't do it at our June 4th meeting, we have settled on Saturday, June 25th. They will be at Modeleers Field at 9:00 A.M. to film us in flight and interview some of the pilots. Since the film is marketed to young teens, our younger pilots are of special interest to them. I think this is a great way to promote our hobby and have fun, too. So get your best airplanes in top shape and come out to support this effort.

Thanks to Loren Deines for stocking our first aid kits at both fields. That is important safety equipment for us all.

If you have an idea for a program for a meeting, I'd like to hear it.

Fred Damm and Larry Grover have both flown their big biplanes. Both flights went off without a hitch, and the planes performed beautifully. We can all look forward to seeing them at the field soon.

Gentle breezes,

Jim Brink



Next Meeting -- Saturday, June 4th, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field

Minutes of the May Meeting



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers
May 7, 2005
Modeleers Field, 12000 N County Rd 5,
Wellington, CO 80549

Twenty-five members were called to order at 10:08 A.M. by President Jim Brink.

New Members and Guests: Bert Sutton as well as Mike and Candi Hurley were on hand to usher in the flying season with their big 40% Cap 232 and Extra 300 planes. Bert is from Love-Air. Mike and Candi are from Westminster. Mike writes for Model Aviation; Candi is an IMAC judge, for instance at last year's Tucson Aerobatic Shootout. Jay and Brandon Palmer attended their first meeting as members.

Announcements: Jim Brink reported that bad weather grounded the full-scale Yak which had been scheduled to fly over the meeting. The pilot hopes to complete that sortie for next month's meeting. Ken Gillpatrick noted that the r/c club in Sterling will hold a fun-fly on July 23rd-24th. There will be a war bird fly-in at the Chatfield facility on June 3rd-5th. Lew Huff announced that the Platte Valley R/C Club's Airfair 2005 will be held on July 30th-31st at Mitchell Airport in Mitchell, NE (~100 mi northeast of Cheyenne).

Minutes for April stated incorrectly that we did not reach resolution about a reciprocal standing agreement to share fields with Love-Air when either club has scheduled events. In fact, we did vote at the April meeting in favor of that reciprocal agreement. The minutes were accepted, with that amended change.

Treasurer's Report was postponed because Gene Burmeister was out of the county.

Safety Officer's Report: Loren Deines reported that gauze bandages have been added to first aide kits at both club fields, with storage at Modeleers Field in the shed. Jim Brink encouraged safety vigilance. No safety incidents were reported for the past month.

Show and Tell #1: Brad Fortin made several low passes from the north over Modeleers Field in the Midget Mustang that Fred Damm built in 1971 and sold to Brad.

Old Business:

1. Jim Brink pointed out the memorial plaque for Ute and Sevi Jung which is now mounted on the Modeleers Field frequency control cabinet.

2. Revision of club bylaws. Tom Keller pointed out a discrepancy in Article III whereby text in Section 1 stating that club eligibility requires AMA membership contradicts text in Section 2 which states that AMA membership is required only if a member wishes to fly and vote. Mike Harrington wondered if an additional category of

non-flying membership would be useful. Several Colorado r/c clubs have such a category, and Love-Air is considering it. Don Vagge noted that members have been required to show proof of AMA membership before club cards are issued each year, and wondered how the club would check on AMA membership for a new category of members who do not need AMA membership. Several suggestions were made about this, including issuing separate club cards to full and non-flying members; affixing a tag to the front of club cards for non-flying members; and using the AMA website to check on the AMA status of members. Mike Harrington moved that the bylaw revisions be approved as currently written. After discussion, he added a friendly amendment proposing that the Executive Committee add text to the bylaws about a non-flying category. After more discussion, Mike withdrew the friendly amendment. Members voted, with one nay, to accept the revised bylaws as written. The Executive Committee will propose language in the bylaws to address this issue. Don Vagge noted that we had not resolved the issue of how to track AMA membership.

3. The topic of sealing the Modeleers Field runway, which came up last year, was discussed again. Love-Air has spent \$1600 recently to seal their runway. We hope to have some expert input from our members on this issue soon.

4. Plans are going forward for the heli fun-fly to be held June 24th-26th with Love-Air. Members approved advancing \$500 for prizes and catering for this event.

5. We discussed the electric fun-fly to be held in conjunction with Love-Air at Drake Field on the weekend of May 14th.

New Business:

1. Ken Gillpatrick, on receiving his solo certificate, thanked the aggrieved instructors, and announced that he is now dangerous.

2. Candi Hurley reported that the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) annual Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In will be held June 25th-26th at Front Range Airport (exit 299 off I-70 west). The event will feature 300 aircraft, and will include an r/c flying demonstration.

Show and Tell #2: Bert Sutton and Mike Hurley flew their giant-scale aircraft, with Candi Hurley calling the basic IMAC 2005 pattern for appreciative spectators. Larry Grover displayed his good-looking 42% Weeks Solution biplane built from an S.I. Models kit, with a 77" wingspan, 22 lb flying weight, wing loading of 26oz/sq ft, a 3W 60cc engine and a 22-10 prop. Larry plans his first flight for May 16th at Drake Field.

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 4th, at Modeleers Field.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sampson, Secretary



Meet the Member



Fred Damm

Born/raised: Fort Collins

Family: One sister who lives in Fort Collins

Occupation: Mostly auto mechanic, served as an aircraft mechanic during the Korean War, scratch-built a Midget Mustang in the early '70s*, and flew other light full-scale aircraft

Years in hobby: 20

Member since: 1984 -- (previously in club 1947-1951 before the club went dormant)

Planes/ helis owned: Built, traded, sold, and crashed about 75 various planes, of which most were kit-built; (and ~45 engines)

Favorite plane/ heli: Latest is a modified AirTrax .90 with Webra .90 2-stroke

Worst crash: Many too numerous to mention; about 50% were repairable

Something you may not know about me: Built, drove, and raced hot rods back in the '50s and '60s

*Editor's note-- Fred's red Midget Mustang can still be seen racing across the skies over the city!

Photo of the Month



Above is a picture of Fred's red Midget Mustang built in 1971. The yellow and white plane on the right is Fred's RV-3, which he constructed in 1981.

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| Electric | Gyro |
| | Headwind |

Wanted -- With spring, summer, and fall come the responsibility of keeping our fields, (Clifton and Modelers), mowed and looking neat. We appreciate Loren Deines's hard work on behalf of the club in this area and recognize he can use some assistance. Anyone who can offer a hand, please contact Loren at 494-1117 for schedule coordination.



New Members:

Brandon Adams-Palmer

Jay Palmer

Chuck Birt

Cheryl Gillpatrick

Tom Kephart

Welcome to the club!

Just Soloed:

Ken Gillpatrick

Congratulations!



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
 Modeleers Field.
 (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
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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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