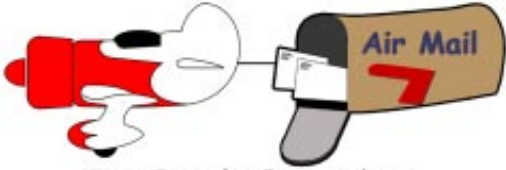




Rocky Mountain Modelers



Smooth Landings
www.modelers.org March, 2005



Jim Brink, President

Greetings, Modelers. February has been a tough month for flying, but spring is around the corner, and my hopes are high.

The mall show was a rousing success. I am deeply impressed by the quality of aircraft shown by our club and the number of shoppers who stopped to look. Many expressed an interest in our hobby, and a few may become future members. We showed almost 30 aircraft that ranged the spectrum of RC flight. Perhaps the most satisfying part was the number of willing hands who stayed long hours to protect the equipment and explain things to passersby. I feel sure that over 1000 people saw the display and enjoyed it. A special thanks goes out to Mike Harrington who did all the arrangements with Foothills Fashion Mall. Congratulations to Love-Air for also having a fine display. I had a great time and know many others did too.

THE CLUB MEETING IS MOVING AGAIN !!!

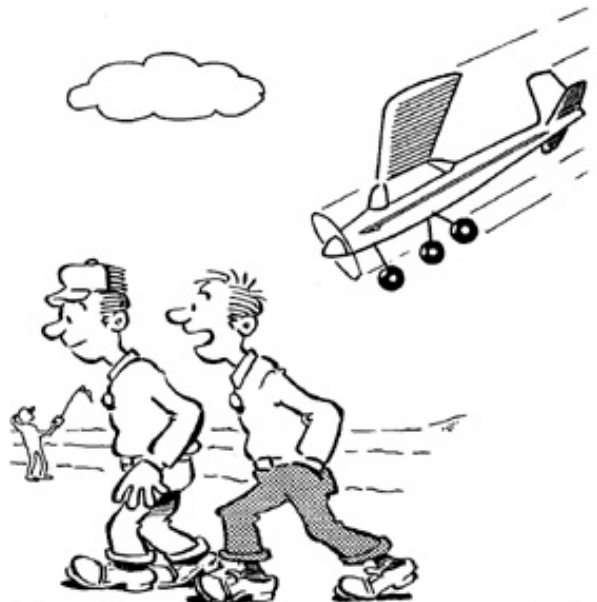
Due to various concerns expressed by members about last month's meeting site, we will be meeting next month on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:00 PM at the north branch of First National Bank, located at 1600 N. College in front of Albertson's. Please park in the north lot and enter by the north door. This space is available through the courtesy of Rita St. John who is a vice-president at the bank and who has agreed to attend our meetings to open up for us. The room is spacious and comfortable and will be a real asset to our meeting. Also, Fred Damm has agreed to try again to have a presentation on servos at this meeting. My apologies to Fred for my not allowing enough time last month, but I promise to stop the business portion soon enough to allow for this valuable discussion. Also, Don Botteron has been kind enough to agree to bring his new Cessna twin to the meeting. Those of us who saw it at the Mall Show were wowed by the wonderful detail and craftsmanship on this airplane.

We will continue to discuss the updates on the by-laws that we tabled last month. Several fine suggestions were made and incorporated during the meeting, and we will continue this important process. If we do not finish this month, we will table again. I feel less of a need to rush to finish than a need to get it right and reach consensus.

The executive board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM prior to the regular meeting.

See you at the field,
Jim Brink **Tuesday!**

Editor's Column



Boy, those electrics sure are quiet

Photo of the Month



The 2005 mall show at Foothills Mall. The planes were plentiful as were the shoppers! (2-12-05)

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Minutes of the February Meeting



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers
February 2, 2005
Allnut Funeral Home, 650 West Drake Rd
Fort Collins, CO 80526

President Jim Brink called 23 members to order at 7:00 pm.

Guests: Larry Watson attended his first club meeting as a guest. He's been in model aviation since the mid-1960s, and is an electric enthusiast, both on RCUniverse (username lwatson), as well as airborne in Fort Collins. He is starting an electric airplane interest group, envisioning pilots that meet monthly, share projects, shed excess equipment, and lie about fly acumen. Contact Larry at 482-8310.

Treasurer's Report: Recently-elected Treasurer John Streit reported that the club account balance stands at \$2952, with \$33 in petty cash. Annual dues have been received so far from 28 members, in addition to 14 members who paid five-year dues through 2007. John's report was accepted.

Minutes for January were approved.

Safety Officer's Report: Loren Deines recommended AMA document 535-B ("Flying Site Safety and Operational Rules") to all members. You had better peruse it on the AMA website, because Officer Deines muttered darkly about a short quiz at the beginning of the next meeting. Loren noted that, pursuant to 535-B, emergency contact information for police, hospitals as well as the location of a public phone will be posted at both fields.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of picnic tables for Modeleers Field was tabled until next meeting.

2. Jim Brink discussed the February 12th mall show. We'll show off models, man the tables and help young visitors build Delta Darts, along with members from Love-Air. Hobbytown USA has agreed to donate a beginner's electric plane, and will provide a computer and software for RealFlight G3. Jim circulated sign-up lists for model display and table-staffing.

New Business:

1. We discussed proposed revisions to the club bylaws drafted by the Executive Committee and distributed recently to members. The discussion focused on family membership, budgetary discretion of the Executive Committee, and Lead Instructor. **On family membership**, there was disagreement about whether the adult head of a family membership must be an AMA member. Some members thought yes, for insurance coverage; others thought no, if the adult is not an active pilot. Mike Harrington suggested contacting Carl Maroney (Special Services Director, responsible for legal matters at AMA headquarters) for an opinion on this. The secretary will report back on this at the next meeting. **On budgetary discretion** of the Executive Committee, we decided, after considerable discussion, to replace proposed text about \$500 expenditures with an entirely different tack – the Executive Committee will henceforth propose an annual budget which members will approve. That budget will include a line-item for discretionary spending by the Executive Committee. Don Botteron noted that an annual budget would be viewed very favorably by city officials considering a Modeleers request for city-co-sponsored flying site. The proposal for a **Lead Instructor** generated lengthy discus-

sion. Opponents (including some instructors) thought this an unnecessary accretion to an instructional system that has worked well for years. Proponents (again including some instructors) argued that this approach works well in other clubs, such as Love-Air; would bring continuity to Modeleers instruction; and would increase success of new pilots. We did not resolve this issue. However consensus may be possible around a Lead Instructor's use of the club's Training Check List — the document that was approved by members in September 2003, and that sets out progressive training steps for new pilots. We did not finish discussing the proposed bylaw revisions, which will therefore be rolled over for a vote next month.

2. Some concerns were expressed about holding club meetings at the Allnut Funeral Home, in part because of the funereal trappings, but also because of the expense (\$15/meeting). Joe Cary will look for an alternative site, possibly at the Pilot Center on the north side of Fort Collins.

3. We'll hold a spring fun-fly and picnic for club members and their families on Saturday, May 7th (the first outdoor meeting for the spring season). Details are pending from the Executive Committee, which will plan the event.

Announcements: Mike Harrington announced an AMA District IX Special Event in Denver on Saturday, February 5th, after the Jeffco Auction at which AMA leaders from the national headquarters in Muncie as well as from District IX (Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming, Nebraska and North Dakota) will be present for an informal discussion of the future of the AMA.

Show and Tell: Fred Damm showed off his beautiful Super Stearman PT-17. The Great Planes 1.20-sized ARF comes with a red-on-white cover scheme, which Fred has redone in original Army colors (yellow wings, blue fuselage, horizontal red-and-white stripes on rudder), complete with details like rip stitching on the wings and without the engine cowl and wheel pants. Unfortunately time did not permit his presentation on servos, which will be rolled to a future meeting.

Next Meeting will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 2nd, probably in the Allnut conference room unless word is sent of an alternate location.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sampson, Secretary

New members:

Drew Gillett
Chip Wasson
John Wasson

*Welcome to
the club!*

Congratulations to the winner of the Firebird that we raffled off at this year's mall show:

Will Gruening

A special thanks to
HobbyTown USA for donating
the Firebird and loaning
us a computer with
Real Flight G3 simulator!



Meet the Member



Tom Cross

Born/raised: Born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1953; grew up in North Farmington, Michigan.

Married: One wife, seven kids, and four cats! Yes, they are all mine!

Children: Erin, Cheri, Leah, Ryan, Molly, Evan, Stephen. I see a few future RM Modelers in this group! They are truly all a blessing to me.

Occupation: Captain for United Airlines

Years in hobby: About 40 years. I built my first plane in 1965, a u-control Ringmaster with a McCoy .29. My first R/C was 1967, a single channel Ambroid "Charger" with an OS 15 R/C and Min-X radio. Note: Ambroid was the company that made "Ambroid" glue, an alternative to carpenter's white glue. Ambroid was the glue used in model aircraft years ago before CA was developed. If you think the fumes in CA are bad, this was a glue sniffer's favorite before dope hit the hippie generation!

Member since: 2000 (I think)

Planes/ helis owned: Gliders, electrics, and four cycle gas of all types.

Favorite plane/ heli: Whatever is new. I have a Goldberg Ultimate ARF and Great Planes Chipmunk ARF, each with an OS 120 surpass w/pump sitting in the box waiting for me to enjoy. My oldest flying R/C plane is a Senior Kadet built about 1991. Even though it has many flying hours, the Kadet is still flying as a trainer, general fun, and work horse. I have a second wing for it to launch two-meter type gliders that ride "piggy-back" like the shuttle does on the NASA B-747.

Worst crash: I was flying in Michigan with an electric motor glider, enjoying a strong thermal. After an hour, it came time to land, and I had trouble bringing the model down through the very strong lift. Trying to put the model into a stall/spiral down, I allowed the airspeed to get too high, and it resulted in a wing trailing edge failure. The model disintegrated into small parts in the air before my eyes. Some of the parts took almost an hour to float down in the strong thermals!

Something you may not know about me: When I'm not flying models, I get to fly for United Airlines. Previous types flown are the DC-6, Convair 600 and 640, Lockheed L-188 Electra, B-727, B-757, and B-767. I'm currently based in Denver on the B-737-300 and -500. I also enjoy ham radio and fly most of my R/C gear on the six meter ham band, (50-53 MHz).

Classified Ads



For Sale: A .46 Magnum XL, 3 props, 4+ glow plugs
 • A GWS Slow Stick
 • 2 Hitec HS-85bb servos
 • A Zagi 20 speed control with a speed 400 motor
 • Magnum Deluxe 12 starter Super High Torque for .10 to 1.08 cubic inch engines with battery
 Also, I have a variety of parts -- **Call for details and prices**
 Looking for micro servos. **Call Ty Goedl at (970) 493-0936**

Scrambled Plane Game

Below is a scrambled picture of an r/c airplane. The first person to email 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. Good Luck!



Answer to last month's puzzle:



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

Joe Cary



**Although this was easy for most pilots, Joe had the fastest finger to contact me!
 Joe beat Ken Gillpatrick by 30 minutes!**



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 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at
 First National Bank - North Branch, 1600 N. College Ave.
 in Fort Collins.

(Call an officer for directions if necessary.)



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 Phone: (970) 221-0544

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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	
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Rocky Mountain Modelers
 c/o Garret Hultgren
 1630 Sagewood Dr.
 Ft. Collins, CO 80525

2005 Annual Mall Show



**Don Botteron's
Cessna Skymaster**



Dan St. John's Bell heli



**You can tell by the eight-foot
table this plane is sitting on,
it's a big bird!**



Once again, we had great attendance at this year's mall show. We had many displays of nitro airplanes, electric airplanes, and helicopters. Dan St. John's turbine helicopter seemed to draw particular attention!

A special thanks to President Jim Brink for all his hard work.

The club greatly appreciates Sear's loaning us a TV and DVD player that made it possible to show aerobatic aircraft movies to spectators!



A.D. Dailey's Pitts