



Rocky Mountain Modelers



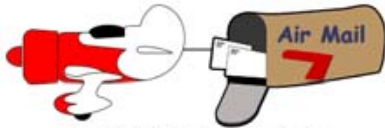
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Smooth Landings



March, 2006



Jim Brink, President

Greetings Modeleers,

Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse, the weather proved me wrong again. I haven't flown in so long, my thumbs have forgotten what is down and up. Things can only improve.

The annual mall show was February 18th, and the turnout was super. Once again, our club showed its strength as there were many willing hands available to help get things ready, display equipment, talk to visitors about aircraft, and help kids build Delta Darts.

Speaking of Delta Darts, the building effort was wildly successful, with about 140 kids building and flying these neat little kits. The air was filled with laughter and tiny planes all day. Their enthusiasm was infectious. I got almost as much pleasure watching their faces when the planes first flew as they did flying them.

We had lots of planes of all kinds and sizes on display. The variety and quality of aircraft belonging to the Modeleers always amazes me. You guys can really build.

Members who were present on Saturday included: Jim Brink, Dave Brock, Jerry Craig, Fred Damm, Loren Deines, Efrain Duran, Ken Gillpatrick, Ty Goedel, Larry Grover, Mike Harrington, Tom Keller, Tom Kephart, Mike Lohr, Rolfer Mahecha, Lee Reep, Dave Sampson, Dan St. John, Greg St. John, Bill Tuttle, and Bo Viger. Thanks everyone. Thanks go out also to Sears for the loan of the big screen TV and DVD player for the day. Also, thanks to HobbyTown which donated the beginners' airplane we gave away in a drawing and two bottles of CA and two bottles of accelerant used in making the Delta Darts. It would be good if we all thought to thank Sears and HobbyTown in person when we are in those stores. The winner of the Aerobird in the drawing was Terry Martin, and he tells me he might be joining soon. Last but not least, thanks to Mike Harrington for working out the details with Foothills Fashion Mall and to Love-Air, our partner in this endeavor. The camaraderie helped to make the day.

Next month, our meeting will feature Burt Sutton talking about aerobatics. We all know Burt's piloting skills, and I look forward to any pointers he might give us in the many aspects of equipment, set-up, and practice of fancy flying. Whether you want to do your first loop and roll or

want to compete with other pilots in IMAC or FAI, there will be something for you. This would also be a good month to feature aerobatic aircraft in the meeting, so bring 'em out and show off your equipment.

When you go out to the field, notice the new bracing on the shelter. Acting on a tip by Dave Brock, Fred Damm installed the reinforcement to strengthen the structure against the brick-lifter winds we sometimes get around here. Thanks, Dave and Fred. Things were getting a bit wobbly.

Wheels down landings,



Jim Brink

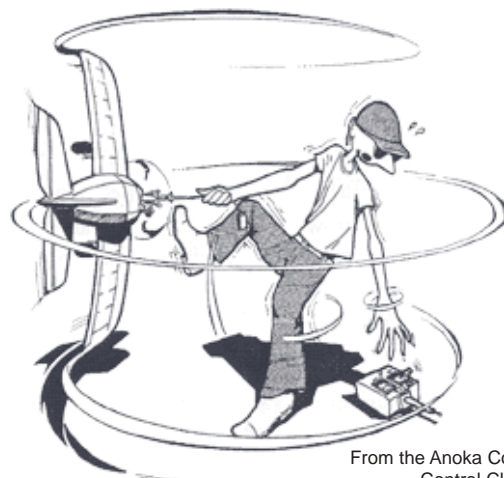
Servo Wire Tubes

Here's one for you builders out there—if there are any left. When I have wing-mounted servos, I make some paper tubes to use as guides for the servo wires. Just roll up some stiff paper (typing or printer paper will do) into a tube slightly larger than the servo connector. You want to make sure the connector will pass through the tube easily.

Tape or glue the tube so that it doesn't unwind. Then simply glue the tube to the wing ribs so that you have a conduit between the servo-mounting hole and the points in the wing. Being paper it's easy to cut the excess tube. Now even with the wing covered you should easily be able to thread the servo leads through the wing to the exit point.



from the Prop Masters RC Club,
Downers Grove IL



From the Anoka County Radio
Control Club,
Coon Rapids MN

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Minutes of the February Meeting

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers
February 6, 2006
Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue,
Ft. Collins, 80524



President Jim Brink called 24 members to order at 7:00 P.M.

New Members and Guests included Randy Seyler and Nick Jung. Randy has been learning to fly with Fred Damm. Nick was in the company of his dad, Chris; it was great to see them both.

Minutes from January were nonexistent, as was the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Gene Burmeister reported a check book balance of \$3718 based on 36 club member renewals so far for 2006.

Safety Officer's Report. Fred Damm has repaired the Modeleers Field safety fences using UV-resistant ties, more of which are in the shed for future upkeep. Fred and Loren Deines put two additional braces into the shade shelter to resist zephyr breezes wafting from the northwest.

Old Business

Garret Hultgren and Gene had decals available for sale from AeroGraphics in Loveland.

Show and Tell #1: Clement Craig Jerry Craig highlighted his dad's distinguished career as a US Navy officer and aviator. Clement M. Craig graduated from flight school in May 1941 before initial instructor duty at Pensacola and Corpus Christi. Starting in September 1942 and for the duration of the war in the Pacific, Craig flew F4F Wildcats and F6F Hellcats off the USS Belleau Wood, USS Independence and USS Cowpens as part of VF-22 (a naval aviation squadron). He participated in action over Wake Island, Rabaul, the Battle of the Philippine Sea and Formosa, getting kills against a variety of Japanese aircraft including E8N Daves (reconnaissance biplane), D3A Vals (dive bomber), G4M Bettys (heavy bomber), B6N Jills (torpedo bomber), Ki-46 Dinahs (recon/interceptor), and Ki-44 Tojos (fighter) as well as rocket hits against a battleship and a heavy cruiser. Craig rose to serve as skipper of VF-22, earning elite status as an ace (19th on the Navy list) with a tally record of 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ confirmed kills and one probable. Twice Craig downed multiple aircraft in single engagements, shooting down four Jills in October 1944 and five Tojos in January 1945. Craig stayed in the Navy 17 more years, flying Corsairs and commanding VF-193 in Korea, serving as a test pilot and holding several Navy staff positions. By the time of his retirement in 1962, Commander Craig wore a chestfull of decorations and commendations, including the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. His flight log shows 5140 hr in 43 different aircraft, including the SU-3 Corsair (recon biplane), F4U-1 Corsair (gull-winged fighter), OS2U-3 Kingfisher (recon/rescue float plane), SNJ Texan (trainer), R50 Lodestar (transport), R4D Skytrain (transport), TBF Avengers (torpedo bomber), SB2U Vindicator (scout/

dive bomber), F7F Tigercat (twin-engine fighter), P-38 Lightning (fighter) and B-25 Mitchell (bomber). Boys of all ages were agog at this great rich life in the air.

New Business

1. Membership co-chairs Cheryl and Ken Gillpatrick (both absent, down with the flu) have new club brochures available which will do the club proud.
2. Jim Brink and Mike Harrington discussed plans for this year's mall show, scheduled for February 18th. We'll do the same drill as last year, with aircraft to be displayed and Delta Darts to be built for the hankering public, again along with Love-Air.
3. Jim discussed preliminary plans for round two of a club flying event to be held in conjunction with the town of Wellington, this time on or about July 4th. Jim solicits member input on how to organize this so as to make money for the club. Ideas discussed included selling hotdogs and holding some type of raffle around a 3-hr flying demonstration, with some type of charge to fly with an instructor for ~5 min. Don Vagge noted that buddy-box instruction was unexpectedly popular with the visiting public after the Wellington parade last September, and suggested that more club resources and planning be put in to this aspect for a 4th-of-July event.
4. Members voted unanimously to keep junior membership fees at \$30/yr.
5. Mike Harrington discussed efforts to staunch the loss of membership in the AMA that has occurred nationally for the last several years, including an initiative to increase membership of pilots flying small electric aircraft. Dave Mielke worried that this may be a challenge, suggesting that whereas glow-fuel pilots are rooted in the AMA, small electric and slope-soaring pilots are not.

Show and Tell #2: Warbirds Loren Deines showed off his 60-size Hangar 9 Corsair. He would like to have shown another plane from this era — his ex-Chipmunk. But he noted that his ex had been rendered unavailable by a mid-air collision caused, in his estimation, by another club member whose initials may be L.G. Dave Mielke displayed his electric P-51 (Hyperion Mustang P-51D; wingspan 47.5"; fiberglass fuse, built up wing; 3025-08 outrunner motor) from which he gets unlimited vertical and ~10-min flight times. Fred Damm discussed his great-looking PT-17 Super Stearman (Great Planes 1.20-sized ARF) that he flies with a Saito 170 3-cylinder engine. Fred replaced the kit covering with scale Army colors of yellow, blue, red and white.

Raffle. We earned \$127 raffling an E-Flite Mini Edge 540 3D. The ARF, worth ~\$100, was donated by Fred Damm. Jim Skrdlant was the lucky winner.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 6th, 2006 at Home State Bank.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

Dave Sampson
Rocky Mountain Modeleers' Secretary



Meet the Member



Bo Viger

Born/raised: Born in 1951, and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Viger name, however, is not Cajun French, but Montreal French, where my grandfather was born.

Married: Yes, for 29 years to Sharron, a Dutch citizen from the Netherlands Antilles.

Children: Two girls, Kristin (18) and Rachel (14), neither of which are interested in RC, though Rachel wants to be a NASA scientist (Dad's OK with that!)

Occupation: Senior strategic alliance manager at Sun Microsystems in Denver. Prior to that, worked 16 years at HP in Fort Collins, then 5 years at StorageTek before Sun acquired us last summer.

Years in hobby: One and a half years, preceded by 15 years in high-powered rocketry.

Member since: July, 2004.

Planes/ helis owned: HobbiStar 60 Trainer, Zagi Tazz, H9 60 UltraStick and an H9 60 P-51 Mustang (not yet flown, but getting close!)

Favorite plane/ heli: Definitely the UltraStick, but I'm both hoping, and suspect, that the Mustang will take that honor in the near future!

Worst crash: My initial response on 2/16: "Great! Now you're going to make me jinx myself by stating that I haven't had one yet that's destroyed one of my planes!" Ten days after sending Garret that response for this newsletter, my UltraStick 60 crashed at Horton, absolutely totaling the aircraft! That was my first aircraft loss since I began flying 19 months ago. Second flight of the day, perfect weather (Sunday, 2/26, many of you were there) and after a long series of loops and Cuban 8's, I finished a pass down the runway and was banking to the southeast when the 'Stick began violently porpoising and shortly later, plowed into the ground near the feedlot. First thought was a glitch, but no one had powered up on my channel. Xmitter and receiver voltages nominal; servos still functioning after the crash. My best guess is the surface-mounted stabilizer (bad H9 design?) partially broke loose during the aerobatics and finally separated during that pull out, or the main wing nylon bolts broke. Good news: engine, receiver and servos all appear to be fine. Hmmmm, now comes the hard part: buy another 'Stick, or a totally different aircraft for that Saito 100...

Something you may not know about me: Was once a part owner in a Fort Collins microbrewery, became fairly accomplished in home brewing, and about 10 years ago, submitted a home-made Porter-style beer to the Great American Beer Festival in Denver and won a silver (2nd place) national medal in that category (and no, I don't still have any of that batch around, sorry!).

Classified Ads

For Sale -- 1 1/2-year-old Futaba 6EXA transmitter -- \$50
- Everything works. **Call Jim at 223-3975**

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 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"

*Thunder Tiger
Cloud Dancer .40*



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

Fred Damm



Fred was the lucky winner of the 1-oz. bottle of CA!



AMA Charter #1824

Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$30

Family: \$70

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 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 on 303 E. Mountain Ave. (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
Vice Pres.	Bill Tuttle	484-8378
Secretary	Dave Sampson	223-9088
Treasurer	Gene Burmeister	674-9820
Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
Webmaster	Ryan Korzyniowski	231-1857
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 (to be determined) field. Other times can be arranged by appointment with the individual instructors.

Instructors:

Mike Lohr	221-5278
Fred Damm	221-4457
Loren Deines	494-1117
Larry Grover	224-5124
Dan St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)
Greg St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)
Don Botteron	223-8050 (Adv., by Apmt. only)
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