



Rocky Mountain **MODELEERS**

March 2008
Smooth Landings

Greetings Modeleers,

The worst of the cold seems to have broken, but the wind is still keeping us out of the air most of the time. Is anyone else becoming impatient?

Air Mail
Jim Brink, President

Those of us who volunteered to help Randy Treadwell with the painting of the new sign for Clifton Field should watch our email for a meeting time. He has a great plan going, and the job should go quickly. Thanks, Randy.

A few weeks ago, I was one of a group of members who went down to Longmont to see their new fabric-covered runway. All of us were surprised and impressed by what we saw. The fabric is tough enough that the five-year-old strip that has been moved three times still looks almost new with no rips or wear spots. It is portable and can be moved if the field site is lost. Nothing grows through it. As a group, we began thinking that it could be a good improvement for our runway for the purpose of improving the landing and take off surface character, weed control, and attracting new membership. We held an ad hoc meeting to discuss whether we want to recommend to the club that it revisit the issue at our next club meeting and make the purchase. The cost would be:

\$750 - Fabric, ~ \$210 - Roadbase to fill in existing dips, ~\$50 - Steel pins, and ~\$50 - Glue

To pay for this, we will recommend that the \$650 of field improvement money in the current budget be augmented with \$410 from the new runway savings account.

I was one who was ambivalent about the idea of a fabric runway, but after seeing the results at Longmont and the results of the club poll which was 30 for and 7 against the idea, I have changed my mind and decided to support the proposal. We must act on this at the March meeting in order to get the fabric down ahead of weed season. It will probably take a day to do the work, and we hope that one of the members of the Longmont club who has experience with this process will come oversee it.

Some of us were concerned about drawing down the savings account, so we will ask the club membership for donations to help fund this project. The members of the ad hoc committee are: Jim Brink, Randy Treadwell, Jerry Craig, Bo Viger, Jim Ferry, Fred Damm, Gene Burmeister, and Garret Hultgren. If you have opinions one way or the other, you need to come to the next meeting to hear about and discuss this proposal.

*Wheels down landings,
Jim Brink*



MEET THE MEMBER

Don Hutchins



Born/raised: 1925 in North Loup, NE. Moved to Ft. Collins in 1955

Married: Betty, in 1946

Children: Deb in 1948 and Susan in 1951, 5 grandchildren

Occupation: Automotive repair for 40 years. Retired in 1988.

Years in hobby: About 18

Member since: About 1990

Planes/ helis owned: Sig Cadet Senior, Big Stick 40, electric glider - haven't flown it myself - Fred Damm has.

Favorite plane/ heli: Sig, it flies nice and slow, which I need at my age.

Worst crash: Four - .40 sized. All totaled. Saved receiver and engine from each. I should have waited till the Buddy Box came along.

Something you may not know about me: I was farming during WW II, thus I have no service record. I have a private pilot's license, single-engine land.

I started out with control line flying in the 60's. I used to go out to CSU stadium and watch the guys fly out there. Gene Clifton was one I remember flying there at that time. My first RC plane was a foamie, given to me as a retirement gift from my daughter in 1988. I haven't been active in the club the last couple years due to health reasons. Hope to get back on the line this spring.



Next Meeting: Monday, March 3rd, 7:00 P.M., at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave.)



Minutes of the February Meeting

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers
February 4, 2008
Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Ave.,
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

President Jim Brink called 17 members to order at 7:03 P.M.

Minutes: The minutes for January were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Ferry reported the current 2008 budget. The income was \$2,002.67 with expenses of \$117.34, leaving a checkbook balance of \$2,239.75 and savings account of \$2,002.37 with \$28.81 in petty cash. By the end of January, 32 members had renewed their memberships. The treasurer's report was approved and adopted.

Safety Officer's report: Bo Viger was not present for the meeting due to tennis conflicts. He had nothing to report since the weather precluded anyone from flying. Randy Seyler pointed out that there were glitches in Futaba's new FFAST radio systems and owners should go to HobbyTown or Things With Wings to have them checked for defective modules.

Show and tell #1: Jerry Craig displayed the framed up WWI Fokker DVII that he is constructing from 3 view drawings that were enlarged on PhotoShop. The wingspan is 36", which is approximately 1/10th scale. It will be electric powered. The lozenge pattern on the covering will be a challenge.

Old Business: Barb Seyler reported that she had made preliminary contact with Centerra Mall regarding a display in conjunction with an evening activity such as a movie on airplanes. The manager was away, but the assistant manager was interested. Barb will get back to us after she talks with the manager.

2. Garret Hultgren presented the group with information of the fabric that might be used for runway extensions at Horton Field. The Contech material has been applied at the field in Las Alamos, NM, and a similar material has been used by the Longmont club for more than 5 years. Our application will require (2) 15x300ft. rolls costing \$450 each. The fabric is an effective weed barrier, and weed control will not be required after it is laid down. The club is presently budgeting \$280 annually to sterilize the sides and ends on the runway. Gene Burmeister pointed out that although funds had not been specifically budgeted for the material in the 2008 budget, it might be possible to redirect funds from field improvement and possibly tap into the savings. It was noted that several members had joined Love-Air because Horton Field would not accommodate

their larger warbirds. If the field is not improved, the club is in danger of losing more members. Others felt that the gravel run-outs would be adequate for the present. A decision was delayed on the material until samples were available. It was moved and seconded to spend the funds allocated to sterilize the runway. The motion passed unanimously.

Show and tell #2: Randy Seyler presented his 56" wingspan F86 by FlyBy Hobbies with 1961 German markings. The fuselage and wings are fiberglass over foam. It will be powered by a Medusa 1600kv inrunner in a 90mm ducted fan. His craft should achieve 100mph and will weigh in about 6 lbs. It is also equipped with pneumatic retracts and bomb drops.

New Business:

Memorial Day Air Show: Jim Brink offered to be the C.D. for the Air Show and will get insurance, permits, etc. He is looking for volunteers for food preparation, publicity, field preparation, etc. Randy Treadwell agreed to lead field preparation, but other volunteers were not forthcoming. Jim will see who else he can strong arm, otherwise, the event will not take place.

Clifton Field Sign: Randy Treadwell has the plywood for the sign painted and ready to go. He is in need of people with small paint brushes who like letters. People should plan to meet at his workshop on February 23rd-24th, which may be rescheduled if the weather is too good to resist for flying. He will also send out a request for artists via e-mail.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for March 3rd at Home State Bank.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



For Sale: Team Seaholm B2 Avenger combat plane (RTF). GMS 25 with combat can pipe, Hitec flight pack - \$175.00 or best offer.

Call Steve at (970) 593-0123 or (970) 443-3395

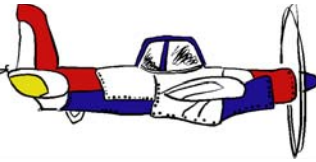
For Sale: (1) Aeroworks Stingray with E-flite 10 motor, 40-Amp ESC, all servos, and receiver included -- \$250. Without motor and ESC -- \$150

(1) Saito 2.20 with Saito metal motor mount -- Engine just broken in -- \$450

Call Fred at 221-4457



Extraction of the Ultra Stick
by Steve Edson



On January 4th, the tree at the south end of Clifton Field claimed another victim! Below is Steve Edson's account of how he untangled his Ultra Stick from the "plane-ivorous giant!"

After the Ultra Stick had been stuck for 4 nights at the top of the cottonwood tree, I had all but given up hope. The really tough part about the airplane sitting out of reach in this tree was closing the chapter, moving on. I considered it a loss several times only to regain hope of a recovery. When you crash an airplane, it is what it is. When it is intact atop a 75' tree, well, there's still a chance. Anyway, my lovely wife suggested many times to try a tree service. I thought that a silly idea, but it didn't stop her from calling and asking about a tree climber. A gentleman by the name of Eric was recommended; they informed us there is no tree he can't climb. Eric arrived and said, "Wow, that's really high up there!" Hope dwindled. Than he exclaimed, "Piece of cake." With his gear strapped on, he climbed, removing dead branches along the way. He reached the branch near the limb which entrapped my airplane and simply sawed the branch with an extension saw, hooked the plane by the landing gear, and lowered it to the ground with minimal damage. This "extraction" cost \$100, but was well worth it!

I highly recommend this guy! His company is called Hazard Tree Service -- ask for Eric.



"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"
Cermark Lil' Banchee

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

Steve Edson



Congratulations, Steve!



Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60
Junior: \$30
Family: \$70

Half price after July*

(*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

7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of the month at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins.)

(Day of meeting subject to change.)

Call an officer for date and directions if necessary)



Home State Bank
303 E. Mountain Ave.
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*Three Fort Collins locations,
four Loveland locations*

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
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Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
Safety Officer	Bo Viger	267-9682
Webmaster	Clint Hultgren	224-4350
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
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