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A Letter From The President

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Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$30

Family: \$70

Half price after July*

(*Only for new members!)

One-time runway fee: \$50

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Greetings Modeleers,

Well, I hope some of you were able to fly in February – I just wasn't quite in the mood! January allowed for a few tolerable flying days, but it seems like February has been nothing but cold! Isn't it supposed to work the other way?! Let us hope March brings a big change in the weather to get us all "revved up" for the upcoming flying season.

I want to start out by thanking **HobbyTown USA** for graciously opening up their new store location to area modelers for a swap meet on Saturday, February 20th. I was able to stop by in the morning and saw many of our members taking advantage of the meet to trade off some of their unwanted equipment. In addition, those at HobbyTown had some great deals available to the participants; I hope this event was successful for those present and for the store. Please be sure to thank those at HobbyTown the next time you are in, and make sure to support the new store after their move in the upcoming month.

I am sure most of you read the email that was dispersed to the membership concerning the R/C equipment donated to the club by former member Lew Huff. All of the items listed are for sale; all proceeds will go directly into the club treasury. Contact Garret Hultgren by emailing

president@modeleers.org if you are interested in any of these items. Stay tuned as a list of models will be sent to the membership when those items are acquired! Once again, we thank Lew and his family for their generous donation to benefit our club.

On February 15th, our new 'MagicJack' weather station phone service went live! I would like to thank Gene Burmeister once again for his continual work on the station and for getting this new service established. Of course, we will have a few bugs to work out with the new setup; if you experience any problems when calling the station, please contact an officer right away. Once we determine this new system will function sufficiently for our purpose, we will discontinue our current Qwest phone line that costs the club over \$300 a year. The new weather station phone number is: 672-3331. Give it a call and let us know what you think!

The next club meeting is Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00 P.M., at Home State Bank (303. E. Mountain Ave. in downtown Fort Collins). Did you finally finish slaving over that winter project? I invite you to bring your new model along to show the group!

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd, 7 p.m., at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

February 3rd, 2010

Home State Bank, 303 E Mtn Ave,
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

President Garret Hultgren called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. with 15 penny-pinching members in attendance.

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Monthly Minutes

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the year-to-date income is \$1,530.00 with expenses of \$302.11. The checkbook balance is \$3,698.00 with \$29.81 in petty cash. The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. Jim also submitted a revised proposed 2010 budget based upon an estimated 57 paying members (the same as 2009). After much discussion of members currently renewed (32) and possible new members, the 2010 budget was voted on and unanimously approved.

Safety Officer's Report: Bo Viger announced that he had no safety items to report. Lance Albanese reported that he had mixed up the chargers on his bench and plugged a LiPo battery into a motorcycle (lead acid) charger that made the battery angry. It's amazing how we can find ingenious new ways to screw up! One suggestion when dealing with different (and persnickety) batteries may be to use different connectors.

Old Business: Gene Burmeister has the renovated weather station up and running again. The anemometer bearings seized, and the unit was sent in for restoration (\$128). The system should last another 3 years with the dusty conditions at Horton's. As of February 15th, you will have to use the new phone access number 672-3331. Gene is testing the new

'MagicJack' connectivity over the next month. If you have any problem getting through, contact him or Garret and please provide feedback on any problems or improvements. If it works properly, we will be dropping the Qwest phone line. Thanks for the effort, Gene!

New Business: HobbyTown is moving to the SE corner of 'The Square' shopping center in mid-March. They held a swap meet in the vacant space on February 20th for those who wanted to sell or buy planes and equipment. They also will offer a room for club meetings. Garret will check out the possibility for our future meetings.

The club recognized Mark Hartman for the fine work he is doing with the newsletter. (*editor note: thanks!*)

A discussion ensued about a possible decline in membership and ways to attract new members. One suggestion was to offer new members a 1/2-price discount on their first dues (runway fee still required). Another suggestion was a possible posting of the club on Craig's list. It was decided to wait until April when most members should have renewed and evaluate the trend at that time.

Finally, Garret announced that Lew Huff, a long-time Modeleers member, has moved into an assisted living complex and offered his planes and equipment to the club. Garret and Jerry Craig picked up the goodies and they were available at the swap meet. At that point, the meeting was adjourned and the swap meet commenced. As usual, the secretary made no profit, did not unburden his full hangar, contributed his own stimulus package, and returned home with even more stuff.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
RMM Secretary



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Q & A with *BURT RUTAN*

After his speech Burt graciously agreed to be interviewed by MA staff members. He was on a tight schedule and had only a few moments to chat, but the insights gained from the few questions asked should be of great interest to readers.

MA: *How did you get started in model aviation, and was your love of flight and things that fly triggered by your modeling involvement or was it a product of a pre-existing interest in flight?*

BR: I don't know how I got started. I did pick up pieces of broken airplanes and build different configurations as a kid. I don't remember that; it's just something that my folks told me that I did. My brother [Dick, who is five years older] would build kits and abandon them when they crashed, and I would pick up the pieces and build an airplane.

MA: *What type of models did you enjoy building and flying?*

BR: Just everything that I could at that time. We used to go to WAM [Western Associated Modelers] meets up in the San Francisco Bay area. They were all Control Line. I did Stunt, I did Rat Racing, Scale, Combat, and Control Line Carrier.

The radios [RC systems] were so bad in those days and they were expensive too, so I didn't really get into radio control until I ended up going to college. I'm talking about the time period from about, say, 1952 through 1961 when I did all the model airplane competitive stuff.

MA: *Did you gravitate toward designing your own models, and, if so, were any of these unique compared to the normal models of the era?*

BR: Well, they were all unique. I've got a picture of me in what was the Seventh Day Adventist Church equivalent of the Boy Scouts, called the Pathfinders. And in that photo I'm holding a model that I built that looked just like a 707, with the engines mounted on pylons.

That was back in the days when they had the [de Havilland D.H.106] Comet airliner, but before the 707. And I don't know why I did that ... but there was a military airplane, the B-47, with pylons ...

(source: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/mag/Rutan/Rutan.htm>)

FOR SALE: I have some stuff that I need to sell to raise money for an scheduled knee surgery in March. I have a page with all the stuff I have for sale on my airwingproducts.com site here:

www.airwingproducts.com/forsale

Thanks! - Randy Treadwell

NAME THOSE PLANES

Email the names of the planes pictured on the front page to sevntigers@gmail.com and receive a \$10 gift card to **HobbyTown USA**

Please note:

If the required number of guesses is not met, the person closest will win.

Note: You can only win two months in a row!

The 1st person to email the correct answer is the winner!

Winner last month: **Jack Patton**

featured plane: **North American Navion**



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Membership is open to all RC model aircraft 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 either 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.

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.

Our winter meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at

Home State Bank in Fort Collins, CO.

(Day of meeting subject to change.

Call an officer for date and directions if necessary

- find field info and directions at www.modeleers.org)



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3 Fort Collins Locations,
1 Windsor Location

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