

# Smooth Landings

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODELERS

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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,

As usual, the short month of February has flown by! This means just one thing: spring is just about here! This month has finally offered some good flying weather – I hope many of you were able to take advantage of these nice days and get out to the field. I have several items to discuss this month, so let me get to it!

Firstly, I want to thank all who came out for the RMM swap meet on Saturday, February 19th. We had a great turnout and lots of items were traded throughout the morning. We had 26 sellers register – the first people to arrive right at 8:00 A.M. were from Colorado Springs! We had sellers and buyers from several Denver area clubs including Jefco, Arvada, Denver RC Eagles, and more. Our reserved meeting rooms filled up quickly and a few remaining tables were set up outside (thankfully, the weather was excellent!). I want to thank Jerry Craig, Randy Treadwell, and Joe Wilson for helping with setup and clean up of the room. I also want to thank Craig and David from HobbyTown for coming out to sell items at discount to the attendees. We appreciate their support. Overall, the club made \$130 off the event, which will help buy a new club trainer this spring. We hope to establish this as an annual event for the area, and we already have plans for next year. We hope to reserve space at the McKee building early enough in the year so that we can use the main exhibition hall – this may even provide us with enough space for a simultaneous indoor fly! With the number of similar events in our area decreasing more and more, I think this will be an excellent outreach function for the club. Make sure to read the district IX report in Model Aviation in the coming months for a write-up on the meet.

I am sure most of you read the email that was dispersed recently concerning the AMA's ongoing battle to protect our hobby from FAA regulations. The federal government is trying to include RC aircraft in a regulation concerning UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)

vehicles. Thankfully, the AMA's efforts in combating this threat to our hobby have brought a necessary amendment to the original bill. The U.S. Senate recently passed the revised bill which will exempt from the regulation all model aircraft under 55 pounds used for recreational, competition, or educational purposes. The bill will now head to the House of Representatives. The AMA created a website where members can sign their names to a pre-drafted letter that can then be automatically sent to their state representative. Within the first two days, over 23,000 letters had been sent to representatives across the country! I want to thank all of our members who submitted this letter – your doing so will prove very beneficial in protecting our hobby.

At the beginning of February, the board sent around a questionnaire to all RMM members asking for preferences on meeting dates and suggestions on how to improve our monthly meetings. The results were quite interesting and many good suggestions were provided. These results, as well as options for alternate meeting room locations, will be presented and discussed at the March meeting. One suggestion was to offer door prize drawings for all who attend. To help increase attendance, the board has purchased a few small items that will be given away at the March meeting – every member who attends will have a chance to win! The items include bulk packs of Dean's connectors, batteries, and bottles of CA. In addition, we are moving the regular meeting to 6:30 P.M. – the reason for this change will be provided at the meeting (I'm running out of room!). Please be sure to attend: Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:30 P.M., at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Ave.). In addition, Jerry Craig will once again be displaying his 100" scratch-built Sunderland seaplane. If you were at the January meeting, you had the privilege of seeing Jerry's fine construction work. He now has the plane nearly ready-to-fly – it's a beauty!

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd - 6:30 p.m., at Home State Bank, Fort Collins, CO.

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

*February 2nd, 2011*

Home State Bank, 303 E Mtn Ave,

Ft. Collins, CO 80524

**President Garret Hultgren** called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with 9 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 club's year-to-date income is \$1,280.00 with expenses of \$189.81. The checkbook balance is \$5,212.70 with \$9.81 in petty cash. The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved. There was some discussion about transferring funds from checking to savings, but given the low interest rates, it was decided to leave it in checking. At this time, he shows 28 paid members, including family members.

**Safety Officer's Report:** Safety Officer Dave Sampson deferred his report to former Safety Officer Bo Viger for old time's sake. Bo cautioned that streets were icy and to drive carefully. Obviously, there were no field-related safety issues to discuss.

**Old Business:** Garret confirmed that the swap meet was a go for February 19th at the Thomas Mckee Community Building at the Ranch beginning at 8:00 A.M. Craig at HobbyTown is planning on having a table. So far, several folks have signed up.

2. Gene Burmeister has had the Horton weather station down to clean the anemometer bearings. He will put it back up when the weather improves. The station was down the previous 10 days because we failed to pay the annual Magic Jack bill. All has been corrected.

**New Business:** Runway top sealing was discussed. It was relayed that, previously, two members (who have experience with asphalt) informed the group that top coating is only cosmetic and does not provide additional protection. It was decided to hold off on the top sealing for now and address the individual cracks that form over the winter to keep them from spreading. When the weather warms, Jerry Craig will initiate filling the cracks at Horton and Jax. It was agreed that a spring cleanup should also be scheduled.

2. Suggestions were solicited for increasing attendance at the club's monthly business meetings. Recent attendance has fluctuated from 9 to 14 while 18 to 26 members attended meetings in 2006-2009. Several suggestions were floated including a change in meeting locations, other days of the week, and raffles. Garret will send a survey to the membership and report back.

**Show and Tell #1:** Randy Treadwell displayed his Consolidated PBY Catalina produced from molded fiberglass. The foam core wings span 90" and it is meant to be powered by 2x .40-.45 engines. He may go with electric motors. The tip floats will articulate and landing gear will be plug-in. The full scale "Cat" had no flaps and held 1500 gallons of fuel. Some fully loaded ships took 3 miles to become airborne. On extended flights, one engine would be shut down to permit the craft to stay up for 20 hours. Various configurations were used for submarine patrol and were equipped with bombs or depth charges, others specialized in reconnaissance and air-sea rescue.

**Show and Tell 2:** Garret showed his foam Hobby Lobby F9F Panther. The little jet comes with motor and servos. It currently has a 4300Kv motor, but he may upgrade to a 4500Kv motivator if more power is needed. It has removable fixed landing gear. If flown without gear, the belly and wing pods are hard coated to withstand belly landings. The recommended 3S 1600 mAh battery will provide about 4 minutes of flight. Garret will upgrade to a 2100mAh battery to extend flight time. The flashy paint scheme is water-soluble and should be clear coated with Krylon "Crystal Clear" available in aerosol can form.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jerry Craig**  
RMM Secretary



## MODELEERS - DON'T FORGET

Send your 2011 membership dues to:

*Jim Ferry*

*700 Dellwood Dr.,*

*Fort Collins, CO 80524*

*(please include your AMA # on your check)*

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODELERS

## Last Month's Swap Meet Pics



photos by Garret

## NANE THOSE PLANES

Email the names of the planes (pictured on the front page) to [sevtigers@gmail.com](mailto:sevtigers@gmail.com) and receive a \$10 gift card to **HobbyTown USA**

Please note:  
If the required number of guesses is not met, the closest will win.  
Note: You can only win two months in a row!

The 2nd person to email the correct answer is the winner!

Last month winner: Lance Albanese

Featured: Piper Super Cub with floats

Please Welcome New Member!

**Keith Spiker**

**FREE**

**Door Prize Giveaways!**

At this month's meeting (March 2nd)

We'll be giving away:

Bulk packs of Dean's Connectors,  
batteries and bottles of CA!!

**Door Prize Giveaways**

**FREE**

For informative R/C how-to's, tips & tricks, and fun aviation-related articles and cartoons, visit:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/index.html>

This website is a wealth of information. Make sure to search through the "archives" section for past issues.

## March 2011

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. on 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](http://www.modeleers.org))**



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