



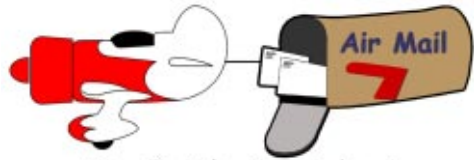
Rocky Mountain Modelers



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May, 2005



Jim Brink, President

Spring is here, and the flying is picking up at both fields. I love it!

The next club meeting will be on Saturday, May 7th, at Modeleers Field near Horton's at 10:00 AM. Flying will start as early as you want to arrive, but we'll shut down the field for the meeting and for our guests' flights. We will have a picnic lunch at noon so bring something for yourself and a dish to share. There will be a grill going if you would like to bring burgers or dogs or a whole cow to cook. Give us a little warning about the cow. Of course, families are welcome, and we will have several guests.

Burt Sutton will come and fly the basic IMAC pattern with his 40% Cap and demonstrate some other maneuvers as well. Then after the field is open, he'll be available to critique anyone who would like to fly that pattern or any other for him. I know several of us are planning to compete this season, and this help will be invaluable.

Another guest will be Gary Rogge who will fly his 100% Yak 52, (Yes, Mabel, there is a pilot inside), in an aerobatic demonstration over our field sometime that morning if the weather permits. He will then land at Owl Canyon Gliderport and be our guest for lunch. He flies out of an airport south of Denver and is coming up just to meet us and show off his airplane. Anyone who wants to can go over and touch the airframe and worship the ground it lands on.

I'm excited already.

Thanks go out to whomever put the first aid kit at Modeleers Field. Someone confess so I can thank you by name. It has already been used once. Let's keep those fingers and props apart!

RMM has been asked to participate in the centennial celebration for the town of Wellington with some demo flights and static displays. This will happen sometime in September; I'll keep you posted. I am very pleased that they would think of including us in their plans.

A huge thanks goes out to Judy Brunson of Loveland who donated a bunch of equipment to the club, including two complete airplanes that will be used in our instruction program. Her father was a long-time RCer and has entered a rest home. Also included are several complete electric aircraft for beginners that have been loaned to some of our younger club members.

May 14th will be the Electric Fly-In sponsored jointly by the RMM and Love-Air. It will take place at Drake Field (Love-Air's field) about 8 miles west of I-25 on Hwy 14. Registration will be \$5. All kinds of electric aircraft are welcome, including helis, foamies, and larger planes. Neighboring clubs have been invited, and there has been a strong response. There are no events planned except general flying and fun. Don't miss out.

Of course, Love-Air members who would like to fly their gassers (slimers) at our field will be our guests that day.

If you haven't seen our website at modeleers.org, be sure to check it out. Ryan Korzyniowski has done an outstanding job putting it together, and it is a gold mine of club news, photos, and upcoming regional events.

Also on that website is the final draft of the by-laws that everyone has been patiently working on these last 3 meetings. Those will be ratified in a single up or down vote at the next meeting so you might want to peruse them to see how we want our club to be run in the foreseeable future. Dave Sampson has done yeoman's work preparing the wording and simplifying this document, and we owe him our thanks.

Also on the agenda will be a discussion about sealing the runway at Modeleers Field. If you are knowledgeable about this process and costs, your input would be invaluable.

Does anyone know the geo-coordinates of our two flying fields? I have to report them to the AMA.

That's all for now. I'm going flying. See you at the picnic.

Jim Brink



Above is a picture of a Yak 52

New Member:
Jerry Craig
Welcome to the club!

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Minutes of the April Meeting



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

April 5, 2005

First National Bank, 1600 North College Avenue,
Fort Collins 80524

President Jim Brink called 21 members to order at 7:00 PM. Jim asked for a moment of silence to honor Ute and Sevi Jung, who were killed in a driving accident in southern Colorado on March 29. Members unanimously approved funds for memorial flowers and a commemorative plaque for the Modeleers Field shade shelter. Several members plan to attend the memorial service.

New Members and Guests: Jerry Craig has joined the club, planning to fly electric planes that he scratch-builds, especially WWI biplanes. He's a retired raptor biologist for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, with r/c experience going back to control-line flight as a high school student. Bob Ryan visited from Johnstown, and may join the club soon.

Announcements: Vice President Bill Tuttle distributed lapel pins to members who helped with the mall show in February. Bill noted that he still has a few club ball caps that members can buy.

Minutes for March were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Burmeister presented the club's first Treasurer's report from a draft budget. He recommended that reports henceforth cover income and expenses for the preceding month and for the year-to-date (YTD), as well as the current check book balance. Income and expenses were \$340 and \$44 for March, and \$1,750 and \$211 for YTD, with a current balance of \$3,656. Gene thanked John Streit for his considerable effort as Treasurer during the first part of this year. Gene's report was approved.

Safety Officer's Report: Loren Deines reported that the first aid kit at Modeleers Field has been restocked, and that there were no safety incidents during the past month.

Show and Tell #1:

Joe Cary discussed scaling up his scratch-built Zlin 50L to a 33% variant. He touched on: different types of model building, advantages of scratch-building, plan selection, design parameters, enlarging plans, construction types, fabrication issues and finishing options. Joe recommended several software programs, including ModelCad LT 2000, WingMaster, NacaWin and TracFoil, and referred interested members to an article in December 2004 Model Aviation entitled "Scaling Laws" about scratch-building.

Garret Hultgren showed a \$10 Styrofoam glider that he converted to electric motor flight using a GWS 350 motor and a 700 mah battery. His brother Clint described Garret as a hybrid.

Old Business:

1. Chris Jung, in spite of family tragedy, recently delivered to the Modeleers Field 2 new picnic tables that he built over the winter.

2. Jim Brink reported that the possibility of a new flying field through the city is "looking good," although he could not divulge details at the request of park planning officials. Mike Harrington noted that Love-Air is interested in obtaining a long-term flying site, and supports this Modeleers initiative.

3. Revision of club bylaws. (This discussion was continued from the February and March meetings.) We voted down the **Member-at-Large** position, which was viewed as unnecessary by a majority of those present. This leaves an even number of persons on the Executive Committee (six: five elected officers plus the past president), which could lead to deadlock on that committee. After discussion, we decided not to address this concern until it arises as a practical problem.

Dave Sampson reported on advice from AMA headquarters about the **family membership** category. First, an AMA lawyer wrote that "we are not aware of any clubs which allow non-AMA members to have voting privileges... My recommendation [is] ... that AMA membership is required in order to have voting privileges." Second, Carl Maroney (Special Services Director, AMA HQ) confirmed that the AMA does not require that pit crew members hold AMA membership, and also confirmed that a non-AMA father injured in the pits helping an AMA son would not be covered by the son's AMA insurance. Modeleers Rules and Regulations currently specify that "Only AMA members are allowed [in the pits]." After discussion, members approved two motions: that AMA membership is required to vote on club matters, and that AMA membership is not required for non-flying pit crew members.

Proposed additions to the bylaws about **Resignation, Disciplinary Action and Reinstatement** and about **Grievance Procedure (Flight And Ground Safety Rules)** were approved.

4. Bill Tuttle discussed progress toward obtaining Gold Leader Club status. We'll need to adopt a school, including sponsoring a teacher, and have noise control policies at club fields. See AMA documents #707 and #708 for details. Members approved using club funds to pay for AMA membership for Mr. Joel Peterson (the Webber Junior High teacher whose classes have had r/c demonstrations recently by club members); we also approved waving Mr. Peterson's club dues and runway assessment.

5. Ryan Korzyniowski, Jim Brink and Dave Sampson gave an r/c demonstration to eighth graders at Webber Jr. High on April 1st. We talked ~15 min about forces of flight, transmitters, engines and safety, then went outside to let students taxi Dave's Stick and watch Ryan and Jim fly. We plan to do this each semester for Mr. Peterson's WAVE class (Webber Aerospace Ventures in Education) as part of club outreach to the community.

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Show and Tell #2: Fred Damm discussed the fine art of making fiberglass cowlings.

New Business:

1. Members approved moving Thursday training nights (held April 7th throughout daylight savings) to Modeleers Field. We'll train at Jax only if winds are too high at Horton's. Instructors Larry Grover and Fred Damm agreed this should help new pilots, who will benefit from the larger Modeleers field that is not delimited by the prairie dog hazards of Clifton Field. We approved the motion that student pilots have first priority on training nights, although other members can fly if airspace permits.

2. Dan St. John announced that a change of job and promotion for his wife (congratulations, Rita!) means that we will no longer have access to North College First National Bank for club meetings next fall.

3. Mike Harrington has been approached by staff of the Foothills Mall about the possibility of another make-and-take with Delta Darts in June. (Secretary's note: this event was cancelled.)

4. Mike Harrington, speaking as AVP for District IX, discussed an initiative from Don Koranda (new AMA Executive Director) to increase AMA membership from ~170,000 to 200,000. Mike encouraged our efforts to get Gold Leader Club status, and talked about spearheading an effort to increase club membership by 10%. He noted that part of this challenge will be to recruit electric pilots, who are exploding in numbers but who, as a group, do not join the AMA or local r/c clubs.

5. We discussed, without resolution, having a reciprocal standing agreement with Love-Air whereby each club can use the other's fields during scheduled events such as the electric fly-in at Drake Field on May 14th.

Next Meeting will be our first outside for this flying season, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 7th, at Modeleers Field. Members are reminded that a fun-fly and club picnic (for members and families) will follow immediately after the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sampson, Secretary

Classified Ads

For Sale -- Great Planes P-38 profile twin with engine, receiver, servos -- ready to fly -- **\$300**

- Wattage IC30A speed control
- 1700 mAh battery
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Meet the Member



Don Vagge

Born/raised: Born in Boulder, raised in Littleton, Colorado

Married: Yes, to Pam. This year we celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Children: Daughter Jamie plans to attend CU this fall.

Occupation: Police Captain, currently in charge of the Detective Division.

Years in hobby: 6

Member since: 1999

Planes/ helis owned: I've had 13 planes, 6 currently active.

Favorite plane/ heli: Great Planes Extra 300, although I am working on a Sig 1/4 Scale Extra 300XS that I hope will be my favorite.

Worst crash: Lost control of an Extra 300 coming out of a stall turn, and it augured in at a club meeting. Lots of witnesses to my "dumb thumbs."

Something you may not know about me: A few years ago, my wife and I built a 5-car garage all by ourselves. It took 9 months of weekends. This was quite the feat for 2 reasons. First, she and I cannot even wallpaper together. Second, I had never built anything larger than a picnic table before. The garage turned out great, and we are very proud of having built it.

Answer to last month's "Scrambled Plane Game":



Great Planes Matt Chapman Cap 580

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

Dan St. John

Ken Gillpatrick and Greg St. John were a close second place!



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
 10:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month at
 Modeleers Field.
 (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
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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	
Larry Grover	224-5124	
Dan St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)	
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Don't forget! After this month's meeting, (May 7th), the club will be having a family picnic/fun-fly. Remember to bring a plane and food for some good flying/eating!



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