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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,

It seems like each month we keep hoping for better weather the next month, yet the relentless wind continues. Let us hope (as usual) that May brings better flying weather.

Don't forget! Our monthly meetings will resume outdoors at Horton Field in Wellington starting this month. The next meeting will be Saturday, May 7th. The members present at the April meeting decided to move the outdoor meetings back to 10:00 A.M. to allow for more flying time before and after the meeting. In addition, we ask that you come out this Saturday to help with some regular field clean up/maintenance that needs to be addressed before the summer flying season begins. Overall, the field is in good shape, but members have identified a few things that need some attention. These include: tightening the bolts on the shade shelter, patching a few safety fences, sealing a few of the larger cracks in the runway, and smoothing out the fabric/asphalt transition on the north side of the runway. All of these things should not be too strenuous as long as we have adequate help, so please plan to come out and lend a hand.

As many of you are aware, the Horton Field weather station has frequently been offline in the last several months and is simply not functioning as it should be. The initial results of using the Magic Jack system seemed positive, but the system's hang up issues keep persisting. Each time the station goes offline, the en-

tire system must be rebooted, either by one of our members or someone at the Horton feed-lot office. Gene Burmeister has graciously dealt with this problem for quite some time now; we need to get the problem resolved to eliminate this ongoing hassle. Unfortunately, we may have to return to a Qwest line before the system can be reliable once again. Possible alternatives to a costly landline will be presented and discussed at the May meeting. Along those same lines, I want to thank Gene Burmeister and Fred Damm for replacing the bearings and shaft in the weather station anemometer. The gauge was not providing accurate readings due to impacted dirt and dust in the bearings. Fred and Gene saved the club a considerable amount of money by doing the work themselves. *Thank you, Gene and Fred!*

Thanks to Michael Lindemann, an area modeler who is getting out of nitro models, the club has acquired a brand new Avistar club trainer (complete with engine and electronics) at a great price. The club was in need of a new trainer, and I am certain this Avistar will serve us well. If anyone is interested, Michael has for sale a brand new Ultra Stick .40 complete with O.S. .46FX engine, servos, and radio, as well as other various items and field equipment. Feel free to send him an email at ML2020@aol.com or call (970) 494-1185.

See you on Saturday for a (hopefully) great morning of flying! We certainly all deserve it after the weather we've experienced thus far!

Garret Hultgren, President

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 7th, 10 am, Horton Field, near Wellington, CO.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

April 6th, 2011

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

President Garret Hultgren called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M. with 17 members (enticed by free pizza) in attendance. (*editor's note: Mmmm...*)

May 2011 Monthly Minutes

Minutes: After the typo 'were did' was removed, the minutes of the March meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's year-to-date income is \$2,331.56 with expenses of \$318.09. The check-book balance is \$6,135.08 with \$0.00 in petty cash (Jim bought stamps to zero it out.) The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Safety Officer's Report: Safety Officer Dave Sampson had no safety issues to report.

Old Business: Gene Burmeister reports that the weather station is operating again. He and Fred Damm were able to replace the bearing shaft in the anemometer, which will allow for more accurate readings.

New Business: Don Vagge welcomed Fred Damm into the electric SeaWind squadron. Fred painted his aircraft red to avoid confusion with the other 3 planes when they are buzzing around the lake. Along the same lines, Garret announced that the Arvada annual float fly at Standley Lake is scheduled for April 30th.

2. Gene Burmeister said that the Horton Field port-a-potty would be cleaned this month in preparation for spring field season.

3. The business meeting will be shifted to Horton Field starting Saturday, May 7th. The meeting will be moved back to 10:00 A.M. to allow for more flying before and after. Before and/or after the May meeting, field maintenance will include: tightening bolts on the shade structure, crack sealing, improving the fabric-to-asphalt interface at the north end of the field, flight station maintenance, mower de-winterizing, and other chores.

4. Mike Keenan-Hart attended and requested the club to put on an RC demonstration for a group of first through fifth grade Boy Scouts at the First Presbyterian Church gymnasium in Loveland. The evening demo would be after May 30th, possibly followed by time on buddy boxes at Horton Field sometime later in June. Anyone with an indoor flyer who wants to try gymnasium flying and would be willing to display a model for the kids should contact Garret.

Show and Tell #1: Mark Hartman brought a Nitro Planes PT-19 that

he is working on. The ARF has covering detailed with panel lines, a 53 inch wingspan and should weigh around 5 lbs. It has an adjustable motor box, which Mark is planning to equip with either a Hobby King 35-40, which may be small, or a Power 42 motor. The plane is a very reasonably priced at \$120; it looks like Mark has a winner. (*editors note: mmm...not so much...anymore...*)

Show and Tell 2: Carl Stark passed around the electric retracts for his Park Zone Grumman F4F Wildcat that he displayed at the March meeting. They function like the original landing gear of the full scale and retract into the fuselage.

Featured Speaker: Don Botteron brought two aircraft that he had purchased and 'kit bashed' into something other than the original designed. The first was a ME262 kit manufactured by Pica Dulles that had been sitting around his shop for years. He read somewhere that due to early jet engine difficulties, the Germans equipped the prototype with small radials. He attached two O.S.46's turning 9x7.3 props to the wing pods. A separate servo on the nose gear fine-tunes the steering. The second aircraft was inspired by an Air Canada DHC-7 he saw while on a trip. He came home and transformed an LT-40 trainer into a sort of DHC-7 resemblance. He removed half a panel from each wing tip, created a top mounted horizontal stabilizer, and added 4 inverted Magnum .28 engines with onboard glow. It weighs 14½ lbs with 40 oz. of wing loading and flies beautifully. Each glow plug is wired in series to a 2100 mAh battery. Don does not worry about synching his engines, he just runs them rich and they work fine. A front wheel brake is mandatory to overcome creep during idle and the brake holds up to ¾ throttle. Flaps help on landing but not take-off. This project requires 12 servos run by a 7-channel receiver. Don presented 2 safety rules: 1) be ultra careful when starting or tuning the engines: they are cookie cutters! And 2) don't forget #1! As can be expected of any of Mr. Botteron's projects, his planes are impeccably covered. The latest project in his hangar is a Troy Built ESM Spitfire he is also kit-bashing.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
RMM Secretary



Don't forget to join us for

FIELD CLEAN UP DAY

at Horton Field, Sat am, 5/7

We appreciate your help!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODELERS



Don Botteron's Air Canada DHC-7 tribute modified LT-40



Don Botteron's ME 262 "kit bashed" into early prototype



Superb details on Don Botteron's ME 262 cockpit



Mark Hartman showed a Nitro Planes PT-19

NAME THAT PLANE GAME

Email the name of the plane (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 3rd person to email the correct answer is the winner!

Last month winner: No guesses

Featured plane: Edge 540

Welcome New Member:

Durbin Seidel



The free pizza was thoroughly enjoyed!

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 meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month at **Modeleers Field** in Wellington, CO. (Take exit 281 off I-25)
(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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