



Rocky Mountain Modelers



Smooth Landings

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Jim Brink, President

Greetings Modeleers,

What a fine spate of weather we've had lately. I hope that everyone has gotten in some great stick time.

The great weather extended through our picnic/fly-in on Oct. 1st. We had 45 present, including several guests who flew interesting airplanes. One of the interesting airplanes had an interesting crash when it was split in two by the wire across the gate SW of the field when the pilot tried to fly under it. Wow! Airplane confetti. The food was great, thanks to those who donated it. Since the food was free, all the donations went to the club. Nearly \$200 was taken in, including a generous \$100 check from Sam Kotby. Thanks, Sam. I managed to have a good time despite crashing my Banshee due to forgetting to get the frequency pin. I hope I've learned my lesson. As usual, everyone pitched in to help with the effort, especially Marsha and Bob Hultgren who were deeply involved with the cooking.

Thanks go out to Jerry Craig for his work filling cracks in the runways at Jax and Modeleers Field. I'm sure the facilities will last much longer if we stay on top of this maintenance.

Let's all remember that the Porta-Potty will be locked for the season after it is serviced next time.

Thanks to Bob Hultgren and Karl Hill for good suggestions for other meeting sites.

Our next meeting will be indoors, and we have a new place and night. After looking at several options, the board has decided to move the meeting to the first Monday night of each month in order to take advantage of the community room in Home State Bank at 303 E. Mountain Ave. There is good parking on Mountain Ave. to the north and in the parking lot to the south. Go in either the north or south doors, (not the NW door on the corner). The board will have a meeting at 6:00 before the general meeting, so try to arrive no earlier than 6:50 because the door must be opened for the membership in the same manner as in the other bank. As always, anyone who has a project to show is welcome to bring it. Questions and concerns about airplanes in general will also be discussed. Hope to see you all there.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink

Look:
New Meeting Site!



Hints for Flight Training

There are a few things that a student pilot should keep in mind when preparing for each flight. These will help in getting the feel for the model in flight.

Be very gentle with the controls. It takes very little movement to get the model to execute a maneuver. Remember that the farther the stick is moved, the more the control surface moves and the more the model will respond.

As long as the stick is held in a control position, the maneuver will continue. This is most important when using the ailerons. When the stick is moved to roll the model, it will continue to roll as long as the stick is held in that position.

Fly it in...fly it out. When a maneuver is executed, it takes equal and opposite controls to overcome it and return to normal flight. A turn requires the movement of the ailerons in the desired direction of the turn. To recover from the turn, opposite aileron input is required.

Keep the model high. A Certified Flight Instructor once said, "The two most useless things to a pilot are air above you and runway behind you." By this he meant that if a pilot gets into trouble, he must have plenty of air below him to recover. When landing, the runway that is behind the airplane after touchdown is wasted because there is a reduction in length of runway to take off again in case of trouble.

Keep the model in sight. Do not fly too high nor too far away. Although the trainer may seem fairly large, it is easy to get it far enough away so that it is difficult to see its orientation. Do not fly into the sun. A moment of blindness caused by the sun can be long enough to lose a model.

Do not become discouraged. There will be times when nothing seems to go right. Each maneuver results in a near catastrophe. Everyone who flies RC models today has been through this in learning to fly. Do not give up. The next session will be better.

DO NOT PANIC. When a maneuver goes wrong, take all the time necessary to recover from the mistake. Panic will cause a student to over-control in an attempt to recover and cause the condition to worsen in the opposite direction. Although the instructor may seem to be a casual observer standing at the side of the student, he will be watching in case the student gets his model in a dangerous situation.

Beginners Guide to RC Flight
<http://webpages.charter.net/rcfu/BegInfo/BegGuide.html>
Howard Sullivan

December newsletter
submission deadline:
November 20th

Just Soloed:
Sam Kotby
Congratulations!

Next Meeting -- Monday, November 7th, 7:00 P.M. at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave.

Minutes of the October Meeting ?

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

October 1st, 2005

Modeleers Field, 12000 N County Rd 5,
Wellington, CO 80549

President Jim Brink cancelled the monthly meeting, over the protests of many members who wanted to dissipate at least an hour in heated discussion of important topics. We used the time for our annual fall family picnic and fly-in.

Excellent weather set the stage for a good morning and early afternoon of r/c flying. Events started at 9:30 A.M. with a fly-over and acrobatics display by Gary Rogge in his full-scale Yak 52. Several other ground-bound visitors flew various aircraft for the general enlightenment of the membership. Ed Pettit, Harry Peckham, and Leonard Zinc attended from the Valley View club in Greeley, with Ed and Kevin flew their Kaos models fast and tight in coordinated flight. Nat Ledbetter showed what discuss-launched glider flight is all about. His friend (name unknown) flew a scale WWI Fokker DR1 triplane as well as a ducted-fan Lippisch P20 (an experimental WWII German jet). Michael Schauer used his Adrenaline 3D to show what light electric aircraft can do in midday wind. We had ~45 members, family and visitors on hand, all well-fed later in the morning with donated burgers, dogs, pop, and sundry salads and deserts.

Next Meeting will be the first of the indoor season, at 7:00 P.M. on a date and at a location to be announced.



Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sampson, Secretary

Pictures of the 3rd Annual Fun-fly/Picnic



Fred Damm's beautiful PT-17, and guest Nat Ledbetter's WWI Fokker DR-1 triplane.



Larry Grover and Mike Herbst putting together Larry's giant biplane!



Two planes belonging to guests from the Valley View Flyers in Greeley.



Tom Keller and Karl Hill "looking over" Tom's electric Magister.



Meet the Member



Todd Holman

Born/raised: I grew up in Greeley and then spent the rest up and down the northern Front Range.

Married: To a beautiful and understanding woman (I fly helicopters).

Children: 3, unfortunately none of which share my interest in RC.

Occupation: Electronic Technician for Agilent Technologies.

Years in hobby: 25

Member since: 2003

Planes/ helis owned: Most of my flying is with Raptor helis, but I also enjoy gliders, many of my own design. I have owned Cubs, Extra 300s, 4 or 5 trainers, and on and on. I even got into pickle forks and sail boats.

Favorite plane/ heli: That would have to be the Raptor. Cheap and reliable.

Worst crash: I was hovering inverted, and my tail rotor control rod broke. It was my worst crash because as it was spinning I had plenty of time to think about what I was going to do, and I still destroyed it.

Something you may not know about me:

I use to breed snakes. I bred mostly Kingsnakes and Milk snakes. They are non-venomous and every bit as colorful as any exotic bird.



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

Don Vagge



Jenny St. John was a close 2nd place winner!

Classified Ads



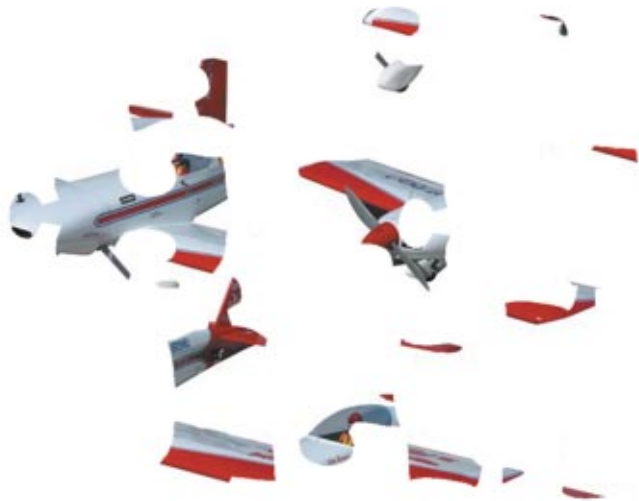
For Sale -- New Futaba 8-channel FM receiver with channel 15 crystal - **\$65.**

New Great Planes "Flatout" Turmoil - Plane only - **\$20**
Call Clint at 224-4350

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!



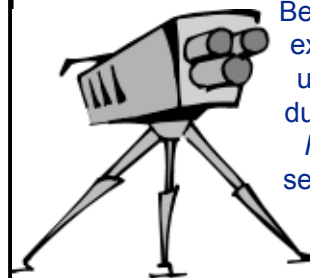
Last Month's "Scrambled Plane"

Great Planes
Super
Sportster



Bethany Zill of TM Books and Video would like to offer her thanks and appreciation to all the pilots who attended the video shoot at Modeleers Field on June 25th.

Bethany and Gene Libbea taped excellent footage which will be used in their most recent production, *All about Airplanes and Flying Machines*, featuring a segment on R/C flying provided by the Rocky Mountain Modeleers.





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 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 on 303 E. Mountain Ave.
 (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
Vice Pres.	Bill Tuttle	484-8378
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Treasurer	Gene Burmeister	674-9820

Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
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Weather Station 568-3203

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)	
Greg St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)	
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Don Vagge	223-1169	



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 four Loveland locations*



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 Ft. Collins, CO 80525