



Rocky Mountain Modeleers



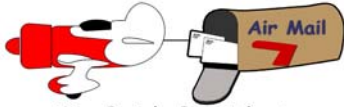
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Smooth Landings



November, 2006



Jim Brink, President

Greetings Modeleers,

We had a fine turnout for our fall picnic/fly-in with 32 pilots and several non-flying guests present. The pits were full of some truly wonderful aircraft, and the sky had several planes up most of the time.

Special thanks go out to Marsha Hultgren who jumped in to cook the burgers and dogs. What a great help she was. Thanks also to Tom Keller, who brought coffee; Jerry Craig, who brought the pop and assisted with the cooking; and Fred Damm, who helped with grill setup and take-down.

The perfect flying conditions were a great help. I'll remember this event in January. After the picnic, Sam Kotby presented the club with a \$150 check for the general fund. Sam, we all appreciate your generosity. Thank You.

It was good to see Ken Gillpatrick out at the field for the first time since his stroke. Larry Grover is also obviously recovering from his argument with an elk. The elk is not doing so well.

Our next meeting, the first indoor meeting of the winter, will be on Wednesday, November 8th, 7:00 P.M., at the Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave. There is good parking on Mountain or on the southside of the building. This meeting will be on the second Wednesday rather than our usual first Tuesday night of the month because the room is unavailable on Tuesday.

We will raffle off an E-flight Mini Edge 540 (yes, the same one) because Don Mitchell, who won the raffle at the picnic, decided he did not want it, so back it goes to the club. All of you who have seen Jerry Craig's E-flight Mini Edge fly know what a fine airframe this is and what can be done with it. So, bring your dollars.

Jerry Craig and I will do a program on care and feeding of lithium batteries. Most of us have them now, and we hope to address some of the misconceptions about these batteries.

I have copies of the 2007 Basic pattern for IMAC competition. Several of you have expressed an interest, and I hope you will get involved. The competitions are friendly and low-key. For me, it is a fun chance to hang out with and learn from some of the best pilots

*Notice the Date:
The 2nd
Wednesday
of the month!*



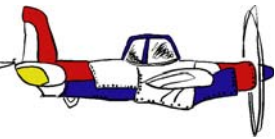
around and study their equipment. Any airplane can fly in the Basic class, and most are not giant scale gassers. If you want a handle on aerobatics, this is the ticket. Now is the time to start practicing.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink



Starting engines



Having trouble getting a balky engine to start on a cold day? Here's a trick we used in Korea. Remove the glow plug. Put in a couple of drops of fuel on top on the cylinder head. Note: I said a couple of drops. Those of you with electric fuel pumps will need an eye dropper or a manual fuel pump.

Once you have a couple drops of fuel in the cylinder head, replace the glow plug. Attach the glow plug starter. Turn the engine by hand, and you should feel it kick. Don't use an electric starter at this point to avoid hydraulic lock. Use a chicken stick to start the engine. If the engine runs backward, no problem. The important thing is you are warming the engine. You can stop and restart with your electric starter after 15 minutes.



from *The Beacon*
Miramar Radio Control Flyers of MCAS Miramar
Dick Doucet, editor
San Diego, CA



The flight line at the club's annual picnic/fun-fly.

Thanks, Jim Brink, for coordinating this fun event!

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Minutes of the October Meeting



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers
October 7th, 2006
Modeleers Field, 1200 N County Rd 5,
Wellington, CO 80549

President Jim Brink called 16 members to order at 10:04 A.M.

New Member Herb Cantor attended his first meeting, having relocated recently from Virginia. Herb is a veteran of both fixed-wing and helicopter r/c. **Guests** included Dave Perry, who is a friend of Bo Viger and Lee Reep.

Minutes for September were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Burmeister reviewed income and expenses, including last month's purchase of a rebuilt mower for \$395. Members approved Gene's proposal to keep the porta-a-potty open all winter for \$180, as well as his overall report. Bo Viger went over his considerable attempts to find property insurance at a reasonable rate to cover club equipment such as the mower, concluding that such insurance is not worth the cost. Bo noted that the AMA may provide property coverage in the near future.

Safety Officer's Report: Members commended and approved Loren Deines's brief safety report, which was "Huhh? No." in response to the query, "Have there been any safety issues this month?"

Old Business

1. Ken Gillpatrick is back home now, continuing to recover from his recent stroke. (He and Cheryl arrived to applause toward the end of the meeting.)
2. Jim Brink wondered if any member might be willing to take over maintenance of the club website, noting that Ryan Korzyniowski could use relief from this task which he has done so commendably for the past several years. It was noted that if Fred Damm has moved up recently to ownership of a computer that permits him access to email, then a natural extension would be for Fred to become the next webmaster. Fred did not say "no," but did not shout out "yes."
3. Tom Keller launched a discussion of glider flight over the Modeleers Field runway. Several members noted that gliders are welcome; that glider launch at the north or south end of the runway was not disruptive; and that glider pilots and propelled pilots should continue to announce their take-offs and landings.

New Business

1. We discussed the best way to sell r/c equipment that has been donated to the club recently, deciding to kick

this effort off at next weekend's October club picnic by raffling off an E-flite Mini Edge ARF.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sampson
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



Sam Kotby and Larry Grover "prepping" Sam's Giant Sig Rascal for its maiden flight at the annual fun-fly.



Sam Kotby's GIANT Sig Rascal returning from its maiden flight!



From closest, Bo Viger's Mustang, Garret Hultgren's Giles 202, and Fred Damm's Monocoupe at the fun-fly -- big, bigger, biggest!



Meet the Member



Lee Reep
(with wife Debi)

Born/raised: Southern California until 7, grew up in the Denver area, graduated from CU-Boulder; then back to Southern California, then back to Colorado in 1983 – for good!

Married: To Debi for 32 years

Children: Megan, 24, a school teacher in Denver; Lindsey, 21, an aesthetician in Windsor (I can barely spell it, I'll try to figure out what it means if anyone is curious ...) We just became empty nesters in July – AWESOME!

Occupation: It keeps changing! Currently I am Sales Development Manager for yet another small, high-tech company. Worked for HP for 20+ years before leaving (on my own) in 2000. Looking forward to retiring so I can spend more time on RC and woodworking.

Years in hobby: ~ 2 years

Member since: 2005 (joined about this time last year)

Planes/ helis owned: Various aircraft at my disposal (technically not owned by me) while employed for a small UAV company. Currently about to finish a Kadet Senior so I can get back to basics.

Favorite plane/ heli: Corsair – will be my first warbird when I am ready to advance to one. My father was a Corsair pilot in the Marines in WW II.

Worst crash: Big Stik completely re-kitted itself on maiden flight last February. I momentarily lost sight of it, and the rest is history. (Note to self: keep trash bag in car.)

Something you may not know about me: I was planning to work for NASA until they pulled the plug on the Apollo program in the early 70s. Worked at the Naval Weapons Center on Sidewinder and Shrike missiles for a few years, but blowing up stuff was just not fun enough when you have to live in the Mojave Desert. Flew big rockets for many years with Bo Viger, and we both decided RC planes would be a real hobby and not so regulated as rocketry. Bo has adapted to our new-found hobby much faster than I, but I hope to catch up.

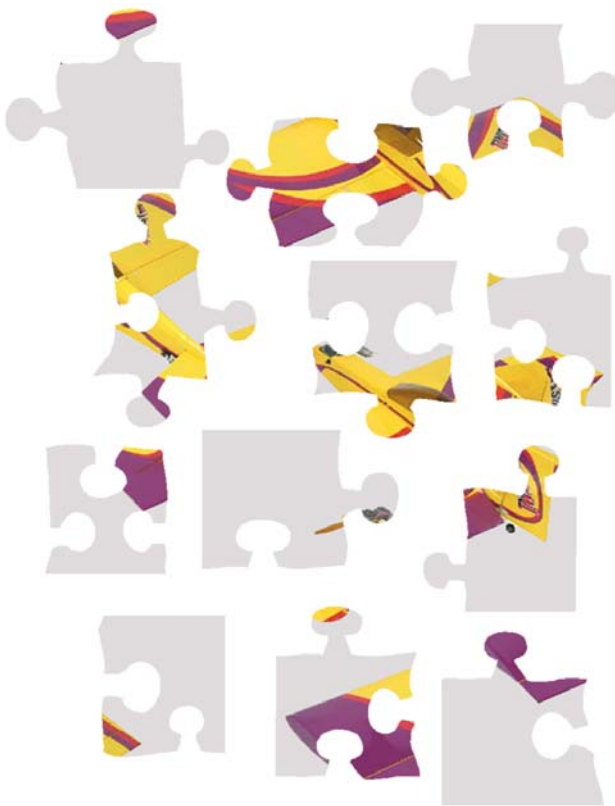
Editor's Note: The weather station at Modeleers Field is temporarily down. The anemometer is locked, most likely due to faulty bearings. The station should be down for ~10 days. Sorry to those of you that have made "dry run" flying attempts!

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!

The winner this month will receive a \$5 gift card, courtesy of HobbyTown USA. Everyone has a chance - the mailed newsletters are sent out one day prior to the email copies.



Great
Planes
Yak 54

**Last Month's
"Scrambled
Plane"**

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

Sam Kotby



Sam finally won the prize, so now his life goal is complete!
Congratulations to 2nd place Don Vagge,
and 3rd place Bo Viger!



AMA Charter #1824

Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$20

Family: \$70

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 Tuesday of the month at Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins. (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
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Treasurer	Gene Burmeister	674-9820
Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
Webmaster	Ryan Korzyniowski	231-1857
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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.

Instructors:

Mike Lohr	221-5278
Fred Damm	221-4457
Loren Deines	484-0407
Larry Grover	224-5124
Garret Hultgren	224-4350
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