



# Rocky Mountain Modelers



## Smooth Landings

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October, 2004

### President's Letter

**Dan St. John**



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party is in the history books; it was a great event. I had a super time, and I hope everyone else did. I want to thank the club members who made up the organizing committee: Jim Brink, David Mielke, Fred Damm, Carl Cary and Art Mutchler. Everything went very smoothly; we had about 35 pilots registered and lots of great flying. I had my camera with me but didn't get any photos. However, I did see the Hultgrens and Dave Mielke with their cameras, so I am sure we got some good photos. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

We also accomplished something very important on Saturday. The Mayor of Ft. Collins, Ray Martinez, attended and took a turn at flying the club trainer with Don Vagge as his instructor. Craig Foreman, from the City also came out to see our event and was quite impressed. This is important because people in the city government have now seen what our sport is about firsthand. I am sure this will help us in any dealings with the city we may have in the future.

Speaking of the future, this will be appearing in the October newsletter, and it is only two months until the club officer elections. Loren Deines has informed us that he will not be running for the treasurer's position again. I want to thank Loren for his service to the club as treasurer; he has done a great job and has been a big help to me whenever asked. I have talked with Jim Brink, and he has consented to put his hat in the ring for treasurer; if anyone else is interested in the position, let a club officer know.

I have also decided to step down and let another member take the helm of the club. When I took office in 2003, I wanted to get the club more active, get more social events going and get the families involved. I also wanted to keep our good relationship with the LoveAir members going. I think I have done this, though I know I have also caused some ruffled feathers at times. I want to thank all of you for allowing me my turn as president; it

is time for someone else to lead the ship. If anyone is interested, please let one of the officers know, and we'll get your hat in the ring.



### Editor's Column

#### 12 Rules of Model Aviation

1. Perfection in model building is a desirable goal, unless completion of the airplane within your lifetime is important.
2. Airspeed is life to your model, altitude is life insurance. No airplane ever collided with the sky.
3. Always fly your airplane with your head, not just your hands. Never let your model go somewhere your brain didn't get to five seconds earlier.
4. The probability of model survival is equal to the angle of arrival.
5. Flying a model airplane is not dangerous; crashing it is dangerous.
6. Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment.
7. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
8. It's a good landing if you can still bend the landing gear back to its normal position.
9. A fool and his money are soon flying a more aerobatic model than he can handle.
10. The nicer an airplane looks, the more likely it is to crash.
11. A model airplane may disappoint a good pilot, but it won't surprise him.
12. If God meant for man to fly model jets, He'd have given him more money.

From the *Rock Valley RC Flyers*  
via *The Checkerboard Flyer*  
Gary Parenti, editor  
Westchester IL

**Next Meeting -- October 2, 10:00 A.M. at Modelers' Field**



# Minutes of the September Meeting

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers  
September 4, 2004  
Modeleers Field, 12000 N County Rd 5,  
Wellington, CO 80549

President Dan St. John called 23 members to order at 10:00am.

### Announcements:

1. Garret Hultgren will take up the reins as newsletter editor, starting this month. Following a recent club decision, Garret will distribute the newsletter electronically. Members who prefer a hardcopy should contact Garret with that request (224-4350, garret425@frii.com). Thanks to Art Mutschler for his efforts as club newsletter editor during the past two years.
2. We will meet at Jax again this winter, on the first Tuesday evening of each month starting in November (7pm, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>). October 2<sup>nd</sup> (10am) will mark our last outdoor Saturday meeting of this season.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loren Deines reported that finances are about the same as last month, with a \$2830 balance in the club checking account. He noted that club membership, currently at 84, is the highest it has been over the past several years. His report was approved.

**Minutes** for August were approved.

### Old Business:

1. Members approved buying new club ball caps from Dean Schmer, of Zig Zag Embroidery in Fort Collins, who presented sample hats and shirts at the February 2004 meeting. Dean may be able to have this order ready by the September 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary fun-fly. We had planned to buy caps from K&W Printing, but the order stalled in May.
2. The club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8am until dusk. Jim Brink (223-3975, j-brink@comcast.net) is lead coordinator, with additional help from Dave Mielke, Carl Cary, Fred Damm and Art Mutschler (who may have forgotten that they volunteered back in April). Jim's planning effort was set back temporarily by hand surgery, from which he is now recovering. Fred will act as flight events coordinator; Dave will handle food provision. A sign-up list was circulated for potluck food contributions. Members are asked to bring enough food to serve about five adults, as well as tables, if available. Several club members, including Carl Cary and Ken Gillpatrick, volunteered trailers to transport items like field tables from Clifton Field to Modeleers Field. The club will provide grills, charcoal, grilling meat, cutlery, plates and condiments. Demonstration flights around noon are planned by Bert Sutton (3D) and Don Botteron (aerobatics), and possibly by Fred Damm (glider towing). We will not attempt a radio impound, but will enforce frequency control. Members and guests will sign in (but pay no entrance fee) in order to fly. A club goal will be to have aircraft airborne throughout the day. Mayor Ray Martinez plans to attend about 10:15 am. As of this writing, other invited guests from city government, including city council representatives as well as Craig Foreman (Park Planning Manager), have not yet RSVPed. Jim will try to ar-

range for signs directing traffic to Modeleers Field from I-25. Mike Harrington will provide a PA system, with power from Carl Cary's generator. Larry Grover will arrange for a Coloradoan reporter to attend. We will ask neighbors west of Modeleers Field to restrain the two duty field dogs during the day.

3. Members are encouraged to join the club website, at: <http://www.modeleers.org/index.shtml>

### New Business:

1. Dan St. John started a discussion of flying safety with a chilling account of a recent accident in which a 42% biplane severed the leg of an r/c pilot in Wakeman, Ohio. The cause of the accident is unclear. Dan noted that he was buzzed twice on a recent training night by student pilots buddy-boxed to instructors who were flying west of the runway. A discussion ensued about challenges and safety issues involved with student pilot instruction. A member encouraged us to consider appointing an air boss in addition to a safety officer. Another member noted that once again recently, a 3D pilot was flying directly over the pits at Jax. Several instructors emphasized that student pilots have priority over other members on Thursday training nights. Bob Hultgren spoke strongly in support of the club president, who was criticized in a recent posting on the club website by a disgruntled member who characterized Dan's efforts to enforce safety as a personal attack on him. Mike Harrington confirmed that club bylaws are in place to authorize removing any member who is judged a potential hazard to club members or property. We were reminded that enforcing safety is the obligation of all members – not just club officers.

2. Members approved allocating \$100 to install cross-braces in the shade shelter at Modeleers Field.

### Other Announcements:

1. Dave Sampson described briefly the Museum of Mountain Flying, an outstanding resource in Missoula, MT, replete with exhibits about smoke jumper aviation as well as the broader topic of the history of flying in the Rocky Mountain west. See the following website for more information: <http://visitmt.com/categories/moreinfo.asp?IDRRRecordID=12822&SiteID=1>. Mike Harrington added that the Evergreen Aviation Museum, near Portland, OR, is another site worth visiting, housing Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose as well as 50 other historic aircraft, including an SR-71 Blackbird. See <http://www.sprucegoose.org/>

**Next Meeting** will be at 10 am on Saturday, October 2nd, at Modeleers Field.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 11:15 am.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Dave Sampson, Secretary



# Meet the Member



*Mike Nededog*

**Born/raised:** Albuquerque, NM, has lived in Ft. Collins since 1970.

**Married:** No **Children:** None I know of!

**Occupation:** Brewery tech at Anheuser Busch

**Years in hobby:** 33 years

**Member since:** 2003

**Planes/ helis owned:** Too many to mention! Currently flying: Raptor 50 V2, Flip 3D, Tiger Moth, U-Can-Do .60.

**Favorite plane/ heli:** Raptor 50 V2

**Worst crash:** While using Lincoln Jr. High's football field when just learning to fly a heli, Mike collided with a goalpost!

**Something you may not know about me:** I fly ultralight trikes.

# Classified Ads



**Zagi XT twin electric powered flying wing for sale.** It is new in the box. This Zagi will do 70 mph in a straight line flight. The kit comes with the twin motors, which are designed to be pusher motors, speed control, and battery pack. New street price is \$125.00, and I am asking \$100.00 or best offer. **Call Greg, 223-0849**

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



**Joe Cary** with his scratch-built Zlin at this year's Big Bird Festival. This beautiful model took to the skies Sunday morning, September 26th, and landed safely!

**Just soloed:**  
Don Mitchell  
**Congratulations!**

**New Members:**  
Ken Gillpatrick  
Angelo Caputo  
Robert Lyle  
Jennifer St. John  
Doug Clancey  
Kent Stewart  
Bo Viger

**Welcome to the club!**



**Justin Mueller**  
Manager

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**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 on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at Jax's in Fort Collins.  
 (Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

**Officers:**

President	<b>Dan St. John</b>	<b>223-0849</b>
Vice Pres.	<b>Bill Tuttle</b>	<b>484-8378</b>
Secretary	<b>Dave Sampson</b>	<b>223-9088</b>
Treasurer	<b>Loren Deines</b>	<b>494-1117</b>
Editor	<b>Garret Hultgren</b>	<b>224-4350</b>
<b>Weather Station</b>		<b>568-3203</b>

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:**

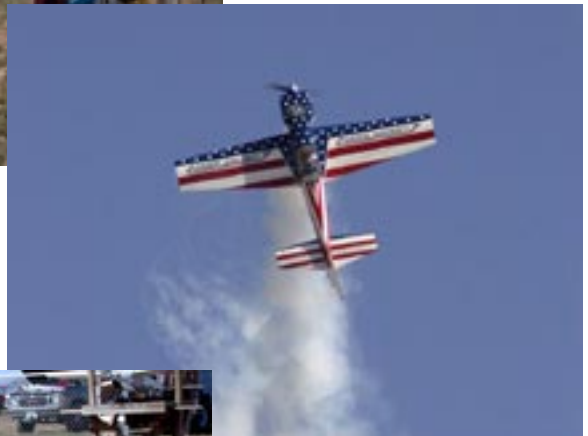
Mike Lohr	221-5278
Fred Damm	221-4457
Loren Deines	494-1117
Larry Grover	224-5124
Dan St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)
Greg St. John	223-0849 (Helicopters)
Don Botteron	223-8050 (Adv., by Apmt. only)
Don Vagge	223-1169

**Next meeting: 10:00 AM, October 2nd at Modelers' Field**

**Scroll down to see pictures of the Modeleers' 50th Anniversary fun-fly!**

Rocky Mountain Modelers  
 c/o Garret Hultgren  
 1630 Sagewood Dr.  
 Ft. Collins, CO 80525

# *50th Anniversary fun-fly*



Thought for the day:  
**Takeoffs are optional,  
Landings aren't!**