

October, 2007



New Member:

Russ Petersen

Welcome to the club!



Smooth Landings



Rocky Mountain Modelers

Greetings Modeleers,

If you missed the last meeting, we have a new slate of officers. I will remain as president, while Randy Treadwell will be vice president. Jerry Craig continues as secretary and Jim Ferry takes over as treasurer. Bo Viger will still serve as safety officer. Gene Burmeister completes his term on the board as treasurer, a job he fulfilled with wonderful dedication. For all the membership, I thank last year's board for their faithful service and welcome next year's group to what will be another great year of aeromodeling.



Jim Brink, President

Randy Treadwell has already begun the duties of vice president since the death of Bill Tuttle left the office vacant. He has been looking into fabric covering for the new roadbase sections of our runway. He has found that a club in Longmont has the material in use; he has visited the site and left with a good impression. Randy will give a full report at our next meeting.

I don't know who all to thank for the mowing at Modeleers Field except Jerry Craig. Others may have been involved. If you haven't yet used the new mower, it is easy and quick. A one minute introduction is all it takes, so jump in there and lend a hand. The guys and gal who have been doing it would appreciate the help.

Since my accident, I've been at a loss as to how to keep active in the hobby. If any member would like help with improving their aerobatics or aircraft tuning, I would be happy to offer whatever understanding I have in these areas to help improve piloting skills and improve aircraft performance. It has been my experience that these two aspects of aeromodeling go hand in hand and that an improvement in one leads to improvement in the other.

So along these lines, Jerry Craig and I will offer a tuning clinic for anyone interested after the club meeting in October. We will talk about the general issues of model CG, trim, and mixing but will be available to discuss and make suggestions about any specific aircraft you may bring. I believe that tuning can improve any aircraft and any pilot, and that once you fly a properly set-up plane, you won't ever want to go back.

Wheels down landings,

Jim Brink

Next Meeting - Saturday, October 6th, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field in Wellington



Sam Kotby with his new Super Chipmunk. (Horton Field, 9-16-07)



Sam's Super Chipmunk on its maiden flight. (Horton Field, 9-16-07)



Only one-at-a-time, boys!

Thanks, Joe, Jim, and Jerry for addressing that annoying latch problem.



Minutes of the September Meeting

Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Rocky Mountain Modeleers
September 1, 2007
Horton Field, near Wellington

President Jim Brink called 20 members to order at 10:07 A.M.

Minutes: The minutes for August were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Burmeister summarized the state of the current 2007 budget. The income was \$4595.25 with expenses of \$3,093.56, leaving a checkbook balance of \$2,359.15 and saving account of \$2,001.87 with \$28.81 in petty cash. By the end of August, 61 paying members belonged to the club, bringing the total to 76 with family members. The Treasurer's report was approved and adopted.

Safety Officer's Report: Bo Viger had nothing to report related to safety issues. Guy Tritico presented an Aero-Mate tail retainer that Jim Richardson of Things with Wings had donated to the club. It was immediately inserted at the margin of the taxiway. Thanks to Randy Treadwell's efforts, there are now two tail retainers. A brief discussion ensued about having two people present when starting aircraft and the need to stay focused when engines are started. Many of us start our planes on the tables and carry them to the taxiway. Let's use the tail retainers! It was also suggested that one of the safety tables at the south end of the benches should be moved close to the taxiway for use in starting planes. When you see your neighbor getting ready to start a plane, give a hand and hold it for him.

Old Business: Thanks to the diligent efforts of Randy Treadwell, our field has now been extended to 500 feet! Cost to date is \$1450. Coincidentally, Carl Van Hess was also the first to miss his landing on the new extension. The extensions are still somewhat soft, but should settle and harden after several rains. It has been estimated that it will cost approximately \$700 for the Geotextile petromat for the final surface of the runway. For more about this material and its use, refer to the Los Alamos Aeromodelers' article in the September *Model Aviation*. Garret Hultgren made initial contact with the supplier, and it was moved and approved that he compile a more complete estimate. After reviewing the state of our treasury, it was decided to wait until next year to purchase the materials. Randy said that the contractor will return in the meantime to smooth any areas after the extensions have settled.

2. Randy Treadwell also estimated that it would cost approximately \$300 for weed sterilization on the extensions and runway margins. It would be commercially applied and will last 12 to 16 months. Since the growing season is almost past and the petromat acts as a weed barrier, a decision was tabled until next spring.

3. The wandering cattle also did an amazing job of creating a miniature version of the WWI battlefield at Verdun in the areas north and east of the runway. Be aware that any aircraft setting down out-of-bounds may suffer undercarriage problems. Likewise, *your* undercarriage may also suffer when you go to retrieve it. Although Travis has been a great landlord, his cattle aren't. Jim Brink will contact Travis to see if he will disc the area, and we may offer some funds to help.

4. The previous month's air show discussion was resumed. The committee had previously recommended that the air show be moved to Horton Field on Memorial Day. It was moved and seconded that the air show take place at Horton field on Memorial day in 2008. It passed on a vote of 9 to 8.

New Business: Annual elections were held according to club bylaws. After many nominations and immediate, strident refusals by nominees, a slate of nominees was prepared (Loren Deines' dog was not in attendance, else it might have been nominated and elected.) Jim Brink was cajoled into serving for a fourth year. Bo Viger and Jerry Craig volunteered to continue as safety officer and secretary, respectively. Randy Treadwell was persuaded to fill the empty position of vice president, and Jim Ferry agreed to be nominated for treasurer. Given that no opposing nominees could be found, all were elected unanimously and with great relief.

2. Garret Hultgren relayed a deal for club members from Advantage Hobby. If the club agrees, Advantage Hobby will give each participating club member 5% off their first purchase and 3% off each purchase thereafter. They keep track of all purchases by club members and annually will donate 2% back to the club in the form of merchandise credit. Each member can choose to join or refuse. Your e-mail will not be sold or distributed. Since they do not charge shipping and there is no sales tax, it is a good deal. Garret perused their website (Advantagehobby.com) and found that most merchandise he was familiar with is priced below other dealers, and they offer a variety of manufacturers. A motion was made for Garret to send the club roster to Advantage Hobby. It was seconded and the vote carried unanimously. Remember that you are in no way obligated to join, and you will not be contacted again by Advantage Hobby if you decline.

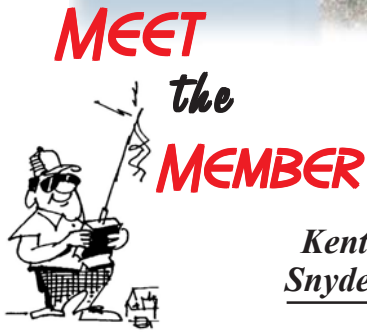
Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for October 6th at Horton Field. Mowing may not be necessary, but bring your coats just in case the weather changes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary





Kent Snyder

Born/raised: Born in Pueblo, Colorado, 1963. Moved to Loveland in 2001.

Married: Married since 1989. The wife's father flew RC's in the '60s.

Children: I have one daughter who is not sure if she likes flying.

Occupation: I recently changed careers and went into the accounting field.

Years in hobby: 1 year flying, but I have always been interested in the hobby.

Member since: 2006

Planes/ helis owned: Started with a Nexstar, moved on to a Hangar 9 Pulse, Sopwith Camel and countless others. Now, I have a 27% Cap 232.

Favorite plane/ heli: I loved my 26% Edge; it was the most exciting to fly.

Worst crash: Mid air collision with my Model Tech Magic. It rained confetti for 5 minutes.

Something you may not know about me: I have built and driven muscle cars and hot rods for years, but I have always had a deep desire to fly airplanes. I almost joined the Air Force right out of high school.

Our club is now signed up as an Advantage Hobby.com club! Visit Advantagehobby.com, and receive free shipping on orders up to a certain size and weight, (20 lbs.) and receive 2% off each purchase! Best of all, the club gets 2% of all purchases to buy prize or raffle items!

They carry all of the major brands!

Email me at garret425@frii.com for more info!



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"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.



Last Month's
"Scrambled Plane"
Hangar 9
Showtime .50

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

No One!

That means that this month's prize is now \$10!





Annual Dues:
Adult: \$60
Junior: \$30
Family: \$70



AMA Charter #1824

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

Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
Vice Pres.	Randy Treadwell	472-4212
Secretary	Jerry Craig	484-9417
Treasurer	Gene Burmeister	674-9820
Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
Safety Officer	Bo Viger	267-9682
Webmaster	Clint Hultgren	224-4350
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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:

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