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A Letter From The President

AMA Charter #1824

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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,

Wow! I can't believe that at the end of this article, you will be reading, "the next meeting is the last outdoor meeting of the year"! The cool weather seems to be moving in! I hope many of you have been able to take advantage of any good days to get out to the field!

At the September meeting, we discussed the future possibility of relocating our flying site(s). This discussion has arisen by the board because of a few issues: of course, the ubiquitous winds experienced at Modeleers Field have always posed problems at certain times of the year; but, this past season, another annoyance arose worse than in past years: flies! The amount of annoyances at the field this entire flying season has urged the board to pursue future options. In addition, the club has been concerned about the inevitable loss of Clifton Field, even though this may still be far off. Something closer to town would be excellent for hosting Thursday evening 'trainer night' and for those who do not want to drive far to fly in the evenings!

We are very grateful for the excellent land use extended to the club at a reasonable price by the Hortons; the officers foresee our remaining there for some time. We know that finding land at an affordable price usually takes a great deal of time; we simply want to get our name out there early for future relocation possibilities. Finding sufficient land close to town is, of course, difficult. By getting our requests out early, we can evaluate many possibilities over an extended period of time.

The Coloradoan and Windsor Beacon papers were very helpful in publishing an article on September 10th concerning our quest for land. I want to thank Lance Albanese for posting our listing on

Craigslist.com. We have already received a few questions and offers from these listings. Of course, the ideal location would be closer to the Fort Collins/Timnath/Windsor area to be further south from the wind. If you have any ideas, please email Garret Hultgren at president@modeleers.org.

At next month's meeting, we will be holding the annual election of club officers. Nominations were solicited at the September meeting; of no surprise was the lack of enthusiasm! There are currently no openings to be filled. I want to thank Randy Treadwell, Jerry Craig, Jim Ferry, and Bo Viger for their years of service in each of their respective positions as well as thank Clint Hultgren for his efforts and expertise in maintaining the club website. Make sure to thank each of these members – if it weren't for them, YOU may have been forced into submission!

At the last meeting, we decided to host our annual informal club fun-fly at the October meeting. Members present approved the club to purchase hamburgers for grillin'! If you have room in your vehicle to bring along some food, please do so! I invite you to come out on Saturday morning, October 3rd, at Modeleers Field in Wellington. This will be our last scheduled outdoor meeting of the year, so make sure to get out there and have some fun with the rest of the gang!

If you have a new model to show off, this month's meeting would be a great time to bring it along (maybe even for a test flight)! After that, it is time to start on your winter project!

Garret Hultgren, president

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 3rd, Noon, at Modeleers Field in Wellington

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers

Sept 5th, 2009

Horton Field, near Wellington

President Garret Hultgren called the meeting to order at 11:56 A.M. with 15 members present.

October 2009

Monthly Minutes

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the state of the club's fiduciary health. The year-to-date income is \$2,979.33 with expenses of \$4,235.17. The check-book balance stands at \$2,083.35 with \$18.61 in petty cash (he bought stamps!). The passbook savings has \$1,500 and \$2,000 remains in certificate of deposit. The treasurer's report was approved.

Safety Officer's Report: Bo Viger was absent and had no safety issues to relay. After watching the open flying of Warbirds Over the Rockies at Love-Air last weekend, Randy Treadwell reminded us that we need to watch out for each other while flying. When several planes are in the air, offer to spot for a pilot.

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

New Business: Lance Albanese has switched over the club's web site to his company's hosting services. As mentioned previously, he will host the site at a cost savings to the club of \$100 annually. Clint Hultgren rebuilt the club website to a new and improved design. Thanks, Clint and Lance!

2. Mark Hartman is now in charge of the newsletter. Sadly, he will now experience the oddities and quirks of the secretary first hand. Thanks again, Mark!

3. Kirk Churchill was awarded the club's certification that he soloed. He did this in record time without too much damage to aircraft and surroundings. No, Kirk, if you crash after you solo, you do not have to solo again; you have joined the ranks of the rest of us who regularly create havoc and crash at arbitrary intervals.

4. Since no members threw hats into the arena for the club elections, the current officers agreed to serve another term. Current nominations are the same: Garret will remain as president, Randy Treadwell as vice president, Jerry Craig as secretary, Jim Ferry as treasurer, and Bo Viger as safety officer.

5. Garret informed the group that low-key efforts are underway to investigate possible flying sites closer to Fort Collins. The purpose of the inquiry is to find a future alternate flying site that could be developed if either Horton or Clifton Fields is lost. Although Horton Field will always have wind issues, it is not likely to be threatened with nearby housing development, and the landlord is

ideal. On the other hand, Clifton Field is being encroached upon to the south, and additional development of the site is inevitable when the Vine Street realignment occurs. A field search committee comprised of Randy Treadwell, Lance Albanese, and hopefully Mike Herbst was appointed to look into possibilities.

6. The owner of Clifton Field stopped by and notified us that weed control was required on his land west of the field. Although we had mowed the traditional field, we were unaware that he also owned the land to the west. Garret Hultgren, Jerry Craig, Fred Damm, and Randy Treadwell chopped down the offending vegetation. The owner also raised concern about liability insurance for his property beyond our AMA insurance. Since we do not own the land, we cannot carry such insurance. We will wait to hear his response.

7. The fun fly/picnic is scheduled for the October 3rd meeting. Members approved funds to purchase hamburgers for the event. Please bring accoutrements and plan to have fun.

8. Gene Burmeister will schedule the winter service of the Port-A-Potty by the end of September.

Show and Tell #1: Randy Treadwell passed around the remains of a 2 cell 2500mAh LiPoly battery that was found at Clifton Field after the heli fun fly training class. It had totally consumed itself, leaving sheaves of scorched leaves. Impressive. Rather than immediately catching fire, damaged packs may ignite half an hour to an hour later, so be sure to place a suspected pack in an area away from combustibles.

Show and Tell #2: On a related note, Don Vagge presented a pottery container that his wife Pam had made to store his batteries while not use. They tested it with combustibles and confirmed that it was snuffed out almost immediately. The larger version for 2100-2500 size cells will sell for around \$26. Pam does beautiful work that your spouse will appreciate when you litter the kitchen or dining room table.

Show and Tell #3: Randy Treadwell displayed a 1974 Kraft 4-channel transmitter complete in the original box with receiver and servos. This collector's item still has the shipping slip attached. It makes one appreciate how far we have come. Randy also brought an assortment of carbon fiber cut-offs free for the choosing.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
RMM Secretary



ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODELERS

From the Wings RC Club, Le Mars, Iowa

Fun Fly Ideas

Taxiing Contest: This is a timed event. Airplanes will start at a start/finish line, taxi to a turnaround line, and taxi back to the start/finish line. Fastest time wins. Two wheels must remain on the ground at all times. In the case someone enters a tail dragger, the rear wheel can come off the ground.

Hints: Make sure your steerable wheel is aligned and that your airplane will track straight on the ground. Apply full down trim to the elevator to keep your airplane from taking off. As soon as possible apply full throttle while keeping the model moving straight. Somewhere between 40 and 50 feet from the turn around, decrease the engine's power to an idle to avoid tipping the aircraft while turning around. Keeping the model moving in a straight line with full power can be tricky; it would be a good idea to practice before the contest. You might have to apply a little down elevator to keep the model from taking off when it picks up speed.

Timed Take Off and Landing: This is a timed event. The airplanes take off from beyond a start/finish line. The stopwatch starts as soon as the model is airborne. The aircraft circles the field, comes in, and lands beyond the start/finish line. The stopwatch stops as soon as all three wheels are back on the ground.

Hints: Try not to gain too much altitude after taking off. After crossing the finish line a spotter will call out "turn." Make a sharp turn, cut power, and come in on a short approach. Make sure you carry enough speed for the model to land beyond the finish line or that run will be disqualified.

Spot Landing: Three circles are drawn on the field. Landing inside the small circle will count for five points, the middle circle four points, and the large three points. Two attempts are permitted, scores are added and the highest score wins.

Hints: This event is not timed. I suggest you make a long approach to the field, this will allow you to line up with the circles better. On approach a combination of engine speed and up elevator trim will allow you to make a shallow, controlled approach at a low speed. As you near the circles, decrease engine speed and drop down onto the field.

Hands-Off Event: This is a timed event. Take off and climb to 200 to 300 feet. Put in some left or right rudder or aileron trim, just enough to make the airplane fly a wide, slow turn. Add enough up elevator trim and engine speed to keep the airplane from losing altitude in its slow turn. When you are happy with the trim, put the transmitter down and tell the timer to start. Before the model hits the ground or flies out of sight pick up the transmitter and the stop watch records the total hands-off time.

Hints: You will have to adjust for any wind by starting upwind. How much engine speed you let the airplane fly with will depend on the design of your airplane. Too much speed and it will gain too much altitude. Not enough speed and you will have a short run. Make sure you have a full fuel tank.

For informative R/C how-to's, tips & tricks, and fun aviation-related articles and cartoons, visit:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/index.html>

This website is a wealth of information. Make sure to search through the "archives" section for past issues.

NAME THAT PLANE GAME

Email the name of the airplane pictured on the front page to seven_tigers@hotmail.com to receive a free cash gift of \$10 donated from club member Mark Hartman.

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 2nd person to email the correct answer is the winner!

Last month's winner: Jim Brink

Last month's answer: Sea Fury

New Member:

Gary Marascola

of Windsor, CO

Welcome to the Club!



Fred Damm: fueling up his beautiful DeHavilland Chipmunk at the July 4th meeting at Horton Field. It was great to see airborne.

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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 noon 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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