

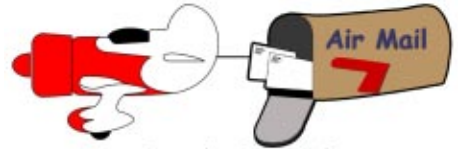


Rocky Mountain Modelers



Smooth Landings

www.modelers.org September, 2005



Jim Brink, President

In order to clear up some recent confusion, Dan St. John and Don Mitchell did some research with the AMA and found that there is no prohibition of handlaunching in the national regulations. There is, however, a strong statement about "reckless and/or dangerous" flying. What constitutes reckless and/or dangerous is a judgment call and depends on the pilot, the conditions, the presence of others, etc. Recently, I lost control of an airplane while landing in a gusty crosswind situation, causing minor damage to the plane upon impact with the pilot station next to me and major damage to my ego. Truth be told, my landing pattern was too tight, (okay, I was hot-dogging), and at least three wrong decisions were made in the space of a second. All of us can think of mistakes in judgment that caused or could have caused problems. The point is that when I started the maneuver, I thought it was safe and that I could handle it, but I was wrong. I'm just glad that no one was standing in that pilot station. In my view, there are three levels of safety.

- 1) Safe for the aircraft
- 2) Safe for the pilot
- 3) Safe for others present

The third is the most important. Safe for others is a judgment call and may only come from a gut feeling. I hope that in our club we will foster an atmosphere in which colleagues can voice concerns in a friendly manner and have those concerns respected in most cases. That is to say, even though I may not think I'm being unsafe, I'll try to respect the issues of others although I may disagree. I have a responsibility to maintain a level head and respectful attitude in the face of other pilot's concerns. Others have the right to hear polite voicing of safety concerns from me.

Thanks go out this month to Ken Gillpatrick and Ron Hartman who rode the mower at Clifton Field this month for six hours in order to fulfill our contractual obligations. Ken and Loren Deines did some evident work trimming and killing weeds at Modeleers Field. Things look great. Thanks, guys.

Our VP, Bill Tuttle, (484-8378) is organizing our participation in the Wellington Centennial Celebration on Saturday, September 17th. We will have a float with planes at 9:00 A.M. and a demonstration of small

electrics in the baseball field about 10:00 after the parade. Then at 11:00, we will host a demonstration of larger aircraft of all kinds at Modeleers Field for the town. Watch your email for further details. Contact Bill if you want to participate or have ideas. This promises to be a fun event, so polish up your best planes and join us.

The board voted to postpone our Picnic/Fly-In to the October 1st meeting because of the dual conflicts of the Wellington affair and a Fly-In already scheduled by Mile Hi R/C Club of Aurora. More on that next month.

Wheels down landings,

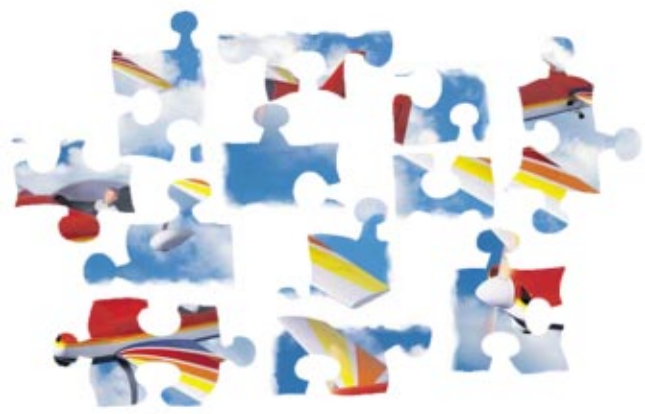
Jim Brink



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!



October newsletter submission deadline: **September 20th**

New Member: **Rich Nash**
Welcome to the club!

Next Meeting -- Saturday, September 3rd, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field

Minutes of the August Meeting



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Rocky Mountain Modeleers
August 6, 2005
Modeleers Field, 12000 N County Rd 5,
Wellington, CO 80549

Vice President Bill Tuttle called 24 members to order at 10:03am, thanking those who helped seal Modeleers Field recently.

Announcements: Ken Gillpatrick and Ron Hartman volunteered to mow Clifton Field. Jay Palmer will report back on the cost of a wide mower that a neighbor has for sale. Don Mitchell has posted a series of pictures of the runway work crew on the club website. Secretary's note: Ken Gillpatrick has measured the GPS coordinates for Modeleers Field as N 40°45'85", W 104°58'82". For comparison, the city of Fort Collins's coordinates are N 40°58'33", W 105°0'83", according to RC Groups.com.

Minutes for July were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Members approved an additional \$100 outlay to seal the Modeleers Field runway. That job had been estimated at \$400, but in the end, cost \$500. Dan St. John clarified the profit made for the club at the recent heli run-fly.

Old Business: Fred Damm will expedite installation of a pilot station for the new heli/small electrics pad north of the storage shed at Modeleers Field.

New Business

1. A member wondered if telephone cable spools might be available from the city of Fort Collins to use as tables at club fields.
2. Members approved striping the runway at Modeleers Field but not at Jax (because we'll lose the latter sometime soon). Sam Kotby will provide the necessary equipment and supplies.
3. Dan St. John was authorized to buy a frequency meter for ~\$50, to be kept in the shed at Modeleers Field.
4. Ken Gillpatrick volunteered the expertise of his wife, Cheryl, to sew a replacement wind sock for Clifton Field. Cheryl, who was unaware of this generous donation at the time of Ken's announcement, will use blue nylon material for the new sock.
5. We discussed September 17th or 24th as dates for the fall club fun-fly and picnic, settling on the former.*
6. We discussed inflammatory posts on the club website. Recently, an unknown author started a thread in which

he suggested young members are being driven out of the club. Although his specific concerns were not explicitly laid out, his posts made it clear that he felt two members had treated him shabbily and that this reflected badly on the whole club. Members voted unanimously to strike the thread from the website because the author chose to raise serious accusations without stating clearly who and what he had in mind.

Show and Tell

1. Fred Damm showed his very impressive B-25 bomber, replete with many scale details such as functioning bomb bay doors. This plane is a Kondor Model Products ARF weighing ~16 lb with wing loading of 41 oz/sq. ft. that Fred will fly with twin Saito 72 four-strokes. He hopes for a first flight in time for the Big Bird. Fred noted that "ARF" stands for "almost ready to assemble."

2. Karl Hill provided evidence that, with help from Larry Grover, he can recover a fallen aircraft – in this case, his LT-40, which is now handsomely readorned with yellow Ultracoat. One member noted helpfully that this exercise could have been avoided if the pilot had not crashed.

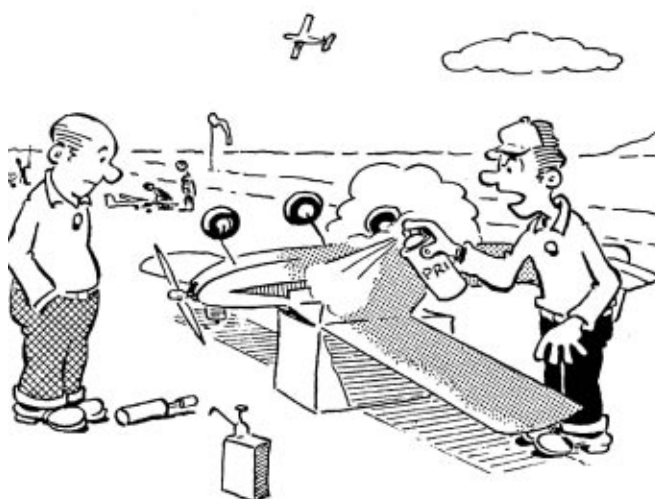
Next Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 3rd, at Modeleers Field.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sampson, Secretary*



*Editor's Note: Due to conflicting schedules, the fun-fly/picnic will be postponed to the October 1st meeting.



"I don't see what good this will do... Some guy told me it would start easier if I primed it!"

Meet the Member



Mike Lohr

Born/raised: Born December 1949 in Lima, Ohio. Raised in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and California. Moved to Ft. Collins in 1976.

Married: October 1971 to Laura

Children: One boy age 33. He lives in Los Angeles.

Occupation: Landscape Architect/Land Planner/Cad Operator/Surveyor. Have worked for Stewart & Associates - Consulting Engineers since 1978.

Years in hobby: Introduced to model building and control line flying in 1962. Then I did RC flying with single channel escapement and "Galloping Ghost" in 1965. (Does anyone remember what "Galloping Ghost" was?) My first proportional system was a 3 channel Kraft I bought in 1969.

Member since: 1980 or 1981 when a group of us started RMM up again.

Planes/ helis owned: Everything from a Goldberg 1/2 A Skylane to a Das Ugly Stick to a Joker. Probably around 50 or 60 different airplanes. I have a lot of un-built kits also.

Favorite plane/ heli: Goldberg Extra 300 and a Super Kaos. Also, my shoestring Racer.

Worst crash: A mid-air with Joe Butler. My Kaos was totally destroyed. It rained balsa for several minutes.

Something you may not know about me: My wife and I collect antiques.



The Modeleers' group at the 12th Annual Big Bird, (August 20th-21st).

Classified Ads



For Sale -- New Futaba 8-channel FM receiver with channel 15 crystal -- **\$75. Call Clint at 224-4350**

For Sale — Futaba "Skysport" 4-channel FM transmitter radio — Channel 50 — works very well -- **\$55**

- 400 "Super" canned motor and speed control — ESC is BEC capable and preconnected to motor -- **\$25**
- 7.2 V/1000 mAh Ni-MH battery — never used -- **\$22**
- 550 canned motor with 2:1 gear preinstalled with ESC — Brand new, never used -- **\$25**
- 8.4 V/2100 mAh battery with Tamiya connector — new, never used -- **\$10**

Call Tom at 988-8811 (evenings) or (720) 744-8273



Fred Damm's pretty B-25 bomber

Photo of the Month



Loren Deines at Modeleers Field with his dog "Duke."



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 at
10:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month at
Modeleers Field.

(Call an officer for directions if necessary.)

Thought for the Day!

**You know you've landed with the wheels
up when it takes full power to taxi.**



Officers:

President	Jim Brink	223-3975
Vice Pres.	Bill Tuttle	484-8378
Secretary	Dave Sampson	223-9088
Treasurer	Gene Burmeister	674-9820

Editor	Garret Hultgren	224-4350
Webmaster	Ryan Korzyniowski	231-1857

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)	
Don Botteron	223-8050 (Adv., by Apmt. only)	
Don Vagge	223-1169	



— Over 100 Franchise Stores Nationwide! —

Justin Mueller, Manager

The Pavillion Ft. Collins, CO 80525
4348 South College Phone (970) 226-3900

Fort Collins • Longmont • Westminster

Next Meeting -- Saturday, September 3rd, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field

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