

September, 2007



Smooth Landings

Rocky Mountain Modelers

New Member:
Steve Richardson
Welcome to the club!

Greetings Modeleers,

You have already heard about my accident, so I won't rehash the details. I do want to give my thanks to all of you who expressed sympathy and offered assistance. I am overwhelmed and cannot possibly use all of your help, but the offers are extremely welcome. I give you my heartfelt thanks.



Next month's club meeting will be a most important one with two huge issues on the agenda. September is the month designated in the by-laws for election of club officers. This year, the positions of president, vice-president, and treasurer are open and must be elected. I hope some of you are considering serving the club in these positions. The work is fun and not difficult with all the willing support that this club offers.

The second issue that must be settled is the status of our air show for next year. The consensus of the July 4th planning committee was that we should go forward next year with an easier-to-execute event at our own field on a different date than the 4th (possibly Memorial Day). There was considerable opposition among those in the group present, but the issue was tabled for discussion at next month's meeting due to the small number of members present at the meeting.

The last meeting also saw the club commit to an update of the current field using packed road base to extend the runway. Randy Treadwell has taken on the job of seeing that the work is done with a cost cap of \$1,500. Thanks, Randy.

The field has largely recovered from the damage wrought by 600 cows during a storm two weeks ago. The voluntary application of heavy equipment by Travis Horton has greatly reduced the damage. Our field improvements should clean up any remaining roughness. Everyone should be aware, however, that the field to the north and east of our runway is still very rough and pitted and that emergency landings in those areas will certainly result in aircraft damage.

Thanks go out to Marsha Hultgren for the fine mowing job at Modeleers Field and to all the Hultgrens,

President's Letter Continued...

Jerry Craig, and Fred Damm for extensive shovel work to repair cow damage too close to the asphalt for heavy equipment.

See you all September 1st.

Wheels down landings,
Jim Brink



Mike Lohr's Ultimate at Modeleers Field (8-26-07)



Photo of the Month

Joe Wilson with his kit-built Kaos .46 at Modeleers Field (8-11-07)



Next Meeting - Saturday, September 1st, 10:00 A.M. at Modeleers Field in Wellington



Minutes of the August Meeting

Minutes of Monthly Meeting Rocky Mountain Modeleers August 11, 2007 Horton Field, near Wellington

President Jim Brink called 15 members to order at 10:00 A.M. New member Steve Richardson attended his first meeting.

Minutes: The minutes for July were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Burmeister summarized the state of the current 2007 budget. The income was \$4456.25 with expenses of \$2,885.29, leaving a checkbook balance of \$2,428.42 and savings account of \$2,001.61 with \$28.81 in petty cash. By the end of July, 60 paying members belonged to the club, bringing the total to 75 with family members. The treasurer's report was approved and adopted.

Safety Officer's Report: Bo Viger displayed the notice giving the directions and the procedure to direct emergency vehicles to the field. He posted them on the outside of the frequency pin box.

Old Business: Jim Brink brought a bag of frozen candy bars left over from the July 4th event, and they were divided among those present. He also proposed a silent auction of a shock flyer and discus launch glider that had been donated to the club in past years. They were auctioned at the end of the meeting. He also reviewed results of the July 4th air show. Gene Burmeister said the show grossed about \$1,100 with expenses of \$850 leaving a final income of \$300. Bo Viger and Dave Sampson donated materials (and labor) to construct the transmitter impoundment boards, and Sam Kotby donated \$100 to defray costs. Thank you, Sam! Jim Brink informed the group that the 4th of July air show attracted only 350 visitors, probably due to other holiday conflicts and the bomber visits to the airport. The committee had e-mailed an inquiry to the members soliciting their opinions on a future air show, but Randy Treadwell received only 2 replies. It was suggested by Fred Damm that a fly-in be hosted by the club at Horton Field on Memorial Day instead of the July 4th air show. A vote was called, but tabled by Fred until next month. Jim Brink felt that not enough people were present to represent the club. There was no other old business.

New Business:

1. Our runway recently received a nocturnal visit from 600 of Horton's bovines. They really churned up the area. Travis will attempt to repair the damage with a box scraper, when the ground dries. You can still use the

runway; just pretend it's an aircraft carrier. In the meantime, Love-Air generously offered their field for the more timid among us.

2. Randy Treadwell received a bid from the neighboring paving company to our north to extend the runway ends. The project includes grading, adding structural fill (road base), and compacting. Unfortunately, they misunderstood and quoted extensions of 50 feet at each end instead of 100 feet. Randy will contact them for a corrected bid. To speed the process, it was moved and seconded that the club authorize Randy to proceed with initiating the work if the bid doesn't exceed \$1,500.00. The motion passed unanimously. Randy later suggested that in the future, the club treat weeds at the runway with a commercial granular weed killer.

3. It was also noted that the door on the frequency cabinet at Jax was broken. (Note, although nobody volunteered, it was fixed the following week. Thanks to the phantom cabinet fixer).

Show and Tell: Loren Deines brought his new World Models 72 inch wingspan AT-6. It will be powered by an O.S. 91 FS Surpass 4-stroke and has an on board glow system. This plane is modeled after the North American AT-6 Texan that first entered service in 1938. The Air Force designated it 'Advanced Trainer 6' and it was designated an SNJ by the Navy. This was the basic fighter trainer for both Services during WWII. It was equipped with a single .30 caliber machine gun for basic aerial and air to ground gunnery training. Approximately 17,000 were produced.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for September 1st at Horton Field. The field should be in good shape by then.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Craig
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



YOUR Club Needs Volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer your time serving as an officer for the Modeleers, come to this month's meeting. The positions of president, vice-president, and treasurer need to be filled!

Remember: Your service would not begin until the first of the year!



MEET
the
MEMBER



**Larry
Watson**

Born/raised: Born 1949 in Denver. Went to TJ high school and CU in Boulder.

Married: Married in 1970 to Cathy Perron from Denver (and she still puts up with me)

Children: Son living in Seattle (a computer nerd like his dad) and a daughter getting a degree in pharmacy.

Occupation: Software Engineer, worked for 20 years for HP, then founded my own company - Rockysoft Corp.

Years in hobby: 50 years in hobby. My father got me into it and is still an active flyer in Denver. He is one of the founding members of the RC Eagles. My first RC plane was a Mini-Esquire with a single channel button, once for right, twice for left, and three times to change the motor speed. (Don't forget to wind the rubber band for the esc.) Before that was U-control and free flight. Of course, many RC flights became free flights by default. I remember chasing planes a long way, that is why there was always a name and address on it.

Member since: 2006

Planes owned: After raising my kids, I decided to get back into the hobby. I hung up the gassers. (I still have a Super Kaos and Quick Fly 2.) I now fly totally electric. Planes include: Protegy, E-tana, Mini-Inspire, Mini-Katana, FoamtanaS, Icarus F3A, Unicorn Wing. (I don't like to talk about the ones I destroyed RIP)

Recently been doing helis: Blade CX, Blade CP Pro Brushless, T-Rex 450SE.

Favorite plane/ heli: I am really enjoying the heli's; they are simply so hard to fly I get the old adrenaline rush just to land them in one piece.

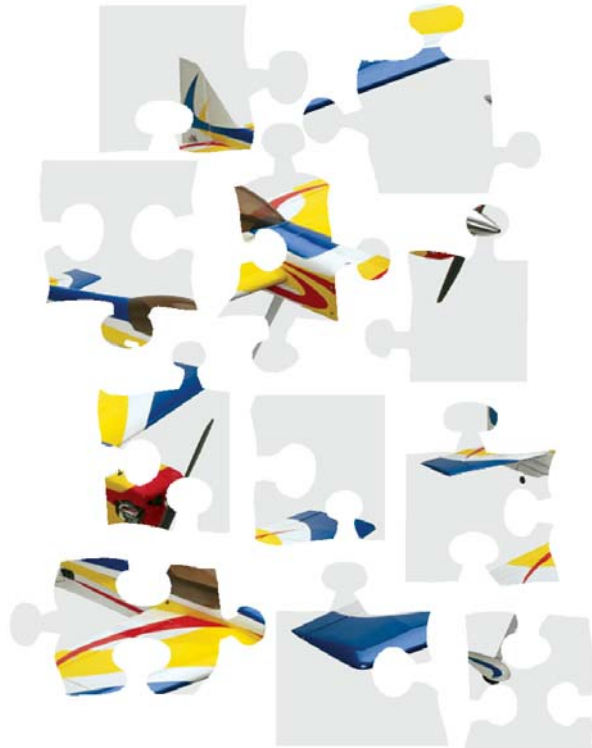
Worst crash: Built a custom tapered wing for Mountain Models EVA. First flight, full throttle, two seconds after take off, no control at all. Just marveled as it buried itself into the ground.

Something you may not know about me: Worked for Royal Products from 1964 to 1973. I used to exchange hours for merchandise. Don't tell the IRS.

**"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"**
**Aeroworks
Stingray**

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

Fred Damm

Jerry Craig was a close 2nd!





Annual Dues:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$30

Family: \$70

Half price after July*

(*Only for new members!)

One-time runway fee: \$50



AMA Charter #1824

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:

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| President | Jim Brink | 223-3975 |
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| Secretary | Jerry Craig | 484-9417 |
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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:

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