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Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:30 PM, at Home State Bank

A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers,

Well, February managed to slip by without offering very many flying days, mostly thanks to the winds and some heavy snow. I wonder what March holds since it is usually the windy month. I might need to investigate a plane with the wing-loading of a brick.

As some of you may not be aware, Fred Damm suffered a LiPo battery induced garage fire that demolished many of the aircraft he had hangared there. Fortunately, it looks like his insurance will cover the loss, but nothing will replace the artistry and craftsmanship he lavished on them. I hope some of you took advantage of Fred's invitation to acquire some of the lesser damaged planes. He donated several aircraft to the Club and over the next months we will be making them available to those attending our monthly meetings. Fred's fire rattled me and made me reevaluate the conditions under which I charge my batteries. I have been playing with fire (literally) and only blind luck has saved me. I'm seriously thinking of charging my batteries in my fireplace (when not in use)! As Safety Officer, I expect that Joe Wilson will have a few things to say about Fred's fire and my bad example.

It was recently brought to my attention that for the past several years we have not been furnishing you with a membership roster as required by the Club's bylaws. To correct this oversight, Secretary Dave Dust will provide you with a membership roster in the next month or so by which time everyone should have renewed. At the February meeting the members present voted that the list you receive will include: member name, phone and email address. I apologize for the oversight.

Per the members' vote at the February meeting, I have contacted LoveAir to inquire about their willingness to host another joint funfly/swap meet at Drake Field in July. I'll keep you apprised of the progress.

We will meet at Home State Bank on 303 E. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30PM. This will be the last indoor meeting before we convene at the flying field in April. If you have a winter project nearing completion, please share it with us.

Jerry Craig President

Minutes of the February 2016 Meeting

Date and Location: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Home State Bank

Call to Meeting: President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM on a Wednesday evening with 9 members, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, and Secretary David Dust in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$5,361.87 and the savings balance is \$7,522.85. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: President Craig indicated that Safety Officer Joe Wilson had nothing new to report.

Old Business: President Craig described that he, Jeff Stolzenburg, Gene Burmeister, and Dave Dust met at the Club's weather station to evaluate options for repairing or replacing the anemometer. The group observed that the weather station's anemometer appears to function appropriately when the temperature is above about 35 degrees. It was then decided by the group that it would be appropriate to evaluate options for replacing the weather station, after the current station ceases to function. President Craig and Secretary Dust volunteered to investigate options for replacing the weather station.

2. Mr. Don Vagge briefly described how well the “scratch-build” class was progressing and thanked President Craig and Safety Officer Wilson for excellent instruction and for doing an amazing job of setting things up! This roused a round of applause from the audience.

New Business: Mr. Dave Sampson described a video showing that the Danes have trained eagles to down quadcopter/drones.

2. President Craig’s motion to coordinate a fun-fly with LoveAir this summer was approved unanimously.

3. Vice President Seidel described a video showing a flame-throwing quadcopter that appears to be produced by HobbyKing and encouraged the membership to object to the video.

4. President Craig led a discussion regarding the release of a Club’s roster to the membership, as specified by the Bylaws. President Craig made the motion to release to the membership the Club’s roster (comprised of the member’s name, phone number, and email address), but allowing members to opt out of having their information released in the roster. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 “yes” to 2 “opposed”. For the record, Mr. Don Vagge objected to the limitation of the member’s information included in the roster.

5. The membership had an extensive discussion regarding the criteria and purpose for granting “Honorary Membership” to a distinguished member of the Club. Secretary Dust asked if he had the current list of all of the Honorary Members, because the list he has only has two members listed and he doesn’t know if their information is even current. President Craig and Secretary Dust indicated that they would review the Bylaws and look for other lists of Honorary Members, as preparation for further discussion into the matter.

Show & Tell: Mr. Fred Damm presented his rather unique custom-built LT-40 fuselage that allows the wing to be mounted as either a “low-wing” or “high-wing” and described how he had initially considered making it a bi-plane. The plane features an OS-95 – 4 stroke engine and is another example of Fred’s fine craftsmanship.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:43 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM at Home State Bank (303 E. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins).

Respectfully Submitted,
David Dust
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



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