



**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4th, 6:30 PM, at HobbyTown (Fort Collins)**

## A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers

We seem to be cruising along with few impediments club-wise which always makes me nervous. So, I decided to create a problem. There was a minor glitch with the anemometer intermittently failing to report wind speeds. The weather station is in a very dusty environment and I figured the bearing just needed to be cleaned like was done last year. So, Dave Dust and I climbed on top of Horton's office roof to access the weather station and cleaned and lubed the bearing and it started working again. Mission accomplished! However, a couple of days later, the wind speed again dropped to zero during the night and early morning. Thinking it needed a more thorough cleaning, we took the weather station down to dismantle the anemometer and exposed the lower bearing which had a small amount of crud that we removed. However, I had to remove an e-clip retainer and cautioned Dave that the little buggers were famous for springing off and disappearing. One way to corral the things was to do so inside a plastic bag (the difficulty is the bags are difficult to see through clearly.) But since we didn't have a bag, I went ahead anyway and very carefully pried it off the shaft in the back of Dave's SUV. I covered the likely path of flight with my hand and just as I cautioned, the little bugger sprang off and disappeared in a glint of light. We spent an hour tearing apart his car looking for a tiny metal disk before I fetched a c-clip from Bomgaar's since they had no e-clips. It was a little large, but we crimped it a little and made it work. Mission accomplished! The next day, the same reading of zero was obtained from 2AM to 10AM. Dave said do you think maybe the auxiliary battery that supplements the solar cell during the night might be bad? Duh! We returned and replaced the battery and...Mission accomplished! The next day the wind was reading zero again. Back to the weather station where Dave found the c-clip had slipped and jammed the anemometer spindle. So he pulled the spindle and made a final trip to Ace Hardware to secure a proper e-clip, Dave reports that the wind speeds are still being recorded. I just now checked to confirm and it is so. Mission accomplished??? This is how a couple of incompetent retired guys spend their time. Glad we weren't being paid by the hour.

Anyway, that's all the news I have. Our upcoming club meeting has a mild agenda, so come prepared to talk about stuff and we will look at any aircraft you want to display.

We will meet on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM in the basement of HobbyTown at 3500 So. College in The Square Mall. This will be our last indoor meeting before we start our outdoor meeting at Horton Field.

I hope to see you there.

Jerry Craig President

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## Minutes of the March 2018 Meeting

**Date and Location:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM at HobbyTown (3500 So. College in The Square Mall).

**Call to Order:** President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with 10 members in attendance, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, and Secretary David Dust.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February meeting were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$3,379.28 and the savings balance is \$10,629.77. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**Safety Officer's Report:** In the absence of Safety Officer Joe Wilson, President Craig encouraged the membership to practice removing the fire extinguisher from its stand at the flying field, because there will be drills this spring! President Craig further encouraged the membership to carefully check all of your flight control surfaces and told of his experience when the rudder detached from his Extra 260 following a knife-edge spin. This led to a discussion by several

mount failure on an Alpha 40 and Charlie Greeb shared his experience with the catastrophic failure of an Eagle II wing-spacer during flight.

**Old Business:** President Craig initiated discussion of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> swap-meet, including whether or not the Club should consider organizing a swap-meet next year. Several suggestions were made to help improve turnout including:

- Offering a discount for the pre-registration of tables;
- Having the swap-meet earlier in the year, such as in January; and
- Poling the membership 6 to 8 months prior to the swap-meet to get a sense of the membership's interest.

2. President Craig led a discussion of the proposal submitted by Carl Beisel to install a solar-powered recharging station at the flying field with an estimated cost of approximately \$2000. The membership approved unanimously to express sincere gratitude to Carl Beisel for preparing the proposal, but to not approve and implement the proposal at this time due to cost and security concerns.

**New Business:** Secretary Dust floated the idea of having a "Classics" fun-fly event (potentially similar to our "Warbirds" fun-fly event) intended to promote the flying of both "classic model aircraft" and "models of classic aircraft"; however, the idea was not met with much enthusiasm.

**Show and Tell:** Rich Samuelson presented two foamy aircraft that he coated with "MINWAX Water-Based Polycrylic" protective coating with a glossy finish to protect the finish of the aircraft. The membership was impressed with the results.

2. Secretary Dust presented his twin-motored E-Flite X-Vert aircraft (which was a Christmas gift from Charlie Greeb) that takes-off and lands vertically and then flies like an airplane. After discussing the switch set-ups and motor arming procedures, Secretary Dust was cajoled into demonstrating the hover flight-mode and managed to do so without breaking anything!

**Meeting Adjourned** at about 7:35 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
David Dust  
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary




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