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Rocky Mountain Modeleers Club Newsletter | October 2019



Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30 PM, at HobbyTown

A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers

Happy New Year from Durbin on behalf of all the new and returning board members. This is the first time in about 6 years that Jerry Craig has not written the president's message. Jerry, thank you very much for your service to the Modeleers over the past years. Thank you to Dave Dust as well for your many years of service as club secretary and for taking on the role of Safety Officer to replace the outgoing Joe Wilson. Joe, thanks for your encouragement and direction over the years regarding the many aspects of RC aircraft safety. Joe is a full scale pilot with less time in town than previously so had to give up the S.O. role. Safe flying to you.

Welcome to Angus Day, our newly elected Secretary and Charley Greeb our new Vice President. Jim Ferry graciously agreed to yet another year as Treasurer. I appreciate the folks joining me on the board in 2020. That just <u>sounds</u> like a good year!

And, last but not least, thank you to Larry McClure for continuing as our Web Master.

The main business for the January 8 meeting (6:30 PM at HobbyTown) is reviewing and hopefully passing the budget for this year. Jim will have copies available for review and discussion. Bring your checkbooks to renew your club membership. Remember to renew your AMA membership before flying this calendar year. (We are a bit flexible; AMA is not!)

In future meetings there will likely be discussion of the ongoing regulatory activity from the FAA regarding RC flying in the nation's airspace. The jet pilots, large scale modelers and glider pilots are more affected than most of us but flying under 400' altitude is still pretty restrictive.

I really wanted to fly today, January 1, but the wind didn't seem to be cooperative. I'll be anxious to hear whether any of you flew. Dave may have had to in order to get enough flying days in this year!

Best to you all in 2020, Durbin Seidel, President

Minutes of the November 2019 Meeting

Date and Location: Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 at HobbyTown.

Call to Order: President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30 AM with 11 members and 1 guest in attendance, including Vice President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, and Secretary David Dust.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$1693.88

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		Safety Officer's Report: Filling in for Safety Officer Wilson, President Craig told the membership of a You-Tube video of a flier trying to start an engine by stomping on the propeller with his foot, with the end result being the engine being ripped from the front of the aircraft. President Craig strongly discouraged the membership from trying to start an engine in this manner.		
		Perspective Member: With prompting from President Craig, Matt Bishop, a perspective member, introduced himself and briefly described the types of glider flying that he enjoys.		
		Old Business: With prompting from President Craig, Secretary Dust gave a brief account of the runway repairs (primarily crack filling) that were done with 3 bags of sand and 2 buckets of asphalt sealant and filler.		
		2. President Craig explained that the Office of President for next year is currently vacant and asked if anyone was willing to fill the position. Vice President Seidel volunteered to President, instead of Vice President next year. This opened the Vice President position for next year. When President Craig asked if anyone was willing to be Vice-President, Charlie Greeb volunteered to be Vice President. Durbin Seidel and Charlie Greeb were elected unanimously to President and Vice President, respectively.		
		New Business: Since the first Wednesday in January falls on New Year's Day, President Craig's motion to shift the January Meeting to Wednesday, January 8 th was approved unanimously.		
		2. President Craig described the circumstances and efforts associated with the relocation of the weather station and expressed appreciation for the help provided by Travis Horton.		
		3. President Craig relayed a warning from Travis Horton that members should not venture into the agricultural field in search of aircraft when the gaits are closed and there are crops in the field, due to concerns regarding potential exposure herbicides or pesticides.		
		4. President Craig's motion to allow the Secretary Dust to relay information to the membership of Jefco's January 25 th Auction, when it becomes available, was approved by a majority.		
		5. President Craig described that the south pilot station requires replacement of the plastic barrier fencing. Secretary Dust volunteered to check within the storage shed for sufficient green plastic barrier fencing for the south pilot station. Charlie Greeb volunteered to donate red plastic barrier fencing that he had used at his home.		
		6. President Craig opened for discussion the idea of having the October meeting indoors, as opposed to keeping the meeting at the flying field. The motion to have the October meeting on the first Wednesday of October at 6:30 PM at an indoor location was approved unanimously.		
		7. President Craig opened for discussion the idea of having Club meetings on a bi-monthly basis instead of on a monthly basis. The motion for having Club meetings on a bi-monthly basis was rejected by a majority.		
		Show-N-Tell:		
		1."Tack" (Donald Baker) presented his Flex Innovations Cypher VTOL aircraft that features four ducted fans with the two rotating rear fans. Tack explained that the aircraft can fly like quad-copter and switch to flying like a delta-winged aircraft, but cautioned members that the aircraft requires 3-cell batteries with very high C-ratings		
		2. Charlie Greeb presented his Rage "Vintage Stick Micro Ready to Fly Airplane" that he purchased from Amazon. Charlie described that he purchased the plane to demonstrate model aircraft flying to his grandson in an open-space near his home.		



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