

August 2016 Rocky Mountain Modeleers Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Saturday, August 6th, 11:00 AM, at Horton Field

A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers,

Well, it continues to be a relatively uneventful summer. That, or else I'm just not paying attention. It has been brought to my attention that the GeoTex fabric on the north runway is wearing thin. Those of you who helped install it may recall that one section toward the center on the east appeared to have a manufacturing flaw that resembled a ladder run in a woman's hose. It proved to be a weak spot. We will investigate acquiring another section that can be laid over the problem area. We will probably have to go to Denver to get the product like we did in the past. It comes in 15 foot long rolls from Conteck in Denver, so we will have to find a means of transporting it. I hope to finalize the project at our upcoming August meeting.

When you drive into the field, you will be greeted by fresh metal signage directing visitors and smokers (including smoking visitors.) Doug Bland did a great job purchasing and erecting them. Thanks Doug.

Remember that on Saturday, August 6 we will be meeting to fly our warbirds, have a barbecue, and work in a business meeting. Hopefully all of you who plan to eat at the BBQ have RSVPed with Dave Dust. Otherwise, you will probably have to bring your own sandwich, or hamburger meat or out-wrestle someone lower in the pecking order. Remember that warbirds are not mandatory if you want to fly. Any civilian aircraft will simply be treated as target drones.

Once again, I hope to see you at our business meeting at 11 AM on August 6th at Horton Field.

Jerry Craig President

Warbirds/Cookout - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunrise to 11 am:.....Open Runway
11 am to ~12 noon:.....Club Meeting
~12 noon to ... :.....Open Runway
~1 pm to 2 pm:.....Lunch Cookout
... to Sunset:.....Open Runway

Minutes of the July 2016 Meeting

Date and Location: Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Horton Flying Field

Call to Meeting: President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM on a Saturday morning with 15 members, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, Safety Officer Joe Wilson, and Secretary David Dust.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$5,330.00 and the savings balance is \$7,523.98. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: Safety Officer Joe Wilson led an extensive discussion and demonstration of propeller safety and made the following key points:

- Propeller Safety with Engines:
 - Propeller "Danger Zone" extends from wing tip to wing tip.
 - During engine run-up, secure aircraft with ground-mounted aircraft restraint and/or qualified helper.
 - Keep tools/transmitters out of Danger Zone.
 - Observers should stay out of and behind Danger Zone at all times.
 - Make needle valve adjustments from behind the propeller (as opposed to reaching over the propeller).

- Caution: a too lean of a fuel mixture for 4-stroke engines can cause back-firing, which can cause the propeller to fail and detach from the engine.
- Take action to prevent any loose clothing, starter cords, and/or transmitter straps from being caught in the propeller.
- Beware of the propeller condition: damaged, old nylon and propellers of unknown origin can catastrophically fail.
- Propeller Safety with Electric Motors:
 - Keep tools/transmitters out of Danger Zone when and after arming the motor/ESC system.
 - Turn on and verify that your transmitter has the correct model selected, prior to arming the aircraft's electrical system.
 - Take special care when moving aircraft with armed electrical systems from the pit area to the taxiway/runway.

Old Business: Doug Bland ordered four “No Smoking and Spectators Beyond This Point” signs. (Update: Thanks to Doug Bland, the signs have since been mounted and hung on the chain link fence.)

2. David Sampson and Vice President Seidel are in the process of investigating the option of adding an “excessive noise” type rule to the Club’s safety rules and report their findings at the next meeting.

3. The Club’s warbirds and cookout event will be on the same day as the August Club meeting on August 6th, 2016. Charlie Greeb and Secretary Dust volunteered to purchase the food and accoutrements for the cookout. Secretary Dust volunteered to send an email to the entire membership announcing the event and requesting an RSVP for the cookout.

4. Don Vagge expressed his sincere appreciation to Safety Officer Wilson and President Craig for conducting the “scratch-build” class this past winter/spring.

New Business: Secretary Dust reported that the Petramate geo-textile at the north end of the runway was wearing thin and that the Club and that it is probably appropriate to start planning on replacing or repairing at least the east panel of the geo-textile.

2. Tom Keller suggested that a load of dirt/gravel should be dumped in the depression at the entrance to the flying field to prevent the large mud puddle from forming when it rains. President Craig suggested that it may be appropriate to contact Travis Horton regarding this.

Show & Tell: Fred Damm presented his SBD Dauntless dive bomber that features a Saito 180 engine with an ignition system, oleo struts, electric retracts, and split/perforated dive brakes. Fred indicated that he hope to have the plane ready to fly for the Club’s warbirds event.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:50 AM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 6th, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Horton Field

Respectfully Submitted,
David Dust
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



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