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Next Meeting: Saturday, May 7th, 11:00 AM, at Horton Field

A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers,

Due to lack of participation, it was necessary to cancel last month's April business meeting at the flying field. We couldn't even marshal a quorum of the officers. Could it have been the cold, blustery weather? Anyway, we are going to try again this Saturday. The weather forecast for Saturday may be flyable, but I'm so gun shy I'm not laying any money down. The March meeting minutes are attached below, since you will be asked to approve these minutes at this Saturday's meeting.

As those of you who tried to access the weather station discovered early this month, our weather station computer mother board went out and didn't come back. So the timeline for our weather station committee to research and purchase a new system was advanced. Committee members Gene Burmeister, Jeff Stolzenburg, Dave Dust and I examined the various systems and selected the Davis model that operates independent of a computer, is wireless, downloads to Weather Underground and incorporates seamlessly to Horton's routers. The system also has dial-up capability and Gene and Jeff are investigating avenues to restore that method of getting data.

Until we do establish a dial-up link, you will have to go to our website for the current conditions or go directly to the Modeleers station at Weather Underground at <https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCOWELLI12>.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Dave, Jeff and Gene for their prompt, considered action. Speaking of debt, this year's budget of \$350 for the weather station upgrade was trampled. The Davis weather station had several advantages the others did not such as solar power, wireless connections, and replacement parts (particularly the anemometer cups that suffer from hail.) The final bill was \$300 more, but your Executive Board believed it to be a good investment. We will make up the difference in other areas (such as mowing!)

Speaking of mowing, new member Doug Bland has already become dear to my heart. He lives 6 miles away from the field and after feeding his cows, loaded up his mowing deck in the afternoon and mowed, not only the perimeter of the field and flight and preparation stations but also the parking lot. He's even casting a determined eye on weed control!

So, let's try again to have our business meeting at 11AM at Horton Field on May 7th when we can get together and avoid crashing our planes. If it is nasty, we can adjourn to the TBar...or any bar.

Jerry Craig President

Minutes of the March 2016 Meeting

Date and Location: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Home State Bank

Call to Meeting: President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM on a Wednesday evening with 11 members, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, and Secretary David Dust in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$5,771.87 and the savings balance is \$7,523.24. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

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

Old Business: At President Craig's request, Secretary Dust gave a brief update of the ongoing research into weather station options and described that the recommendations provided on the Weather Underground webpage provided a very useful starting point.

2. President Craig briefly described how well the “scratch-build” class was progressing.
3. President Craig reported that the process for arranging the fun-fly with LoveAir has begun and will inform the membership when LoveAir selects a date.
4. Per the Club’s By-Laws, President Craig described how “Honorary Members” are nominated/elected by the membership and that the Executive Committee votes annually to renew the honorary memberships. Following brief discussion, the motions to approve Mr. Travis Horton and Mr. Tom Keller for Honorary Membership were approved unanimously.

New Business: President Craig announced that the club has a new member, Mr. Doug Bland.

2. At President Craig’s request, Fred Damm described the conditions behind and aftermath of the lithium-polymer (LiPo) battery fire he had in his garage, with his concluding remark being “don’t leave your charging batteries unattended.” The membership then discussed numerous approaches for safely charging, storing, and transporting LiPo batteries.
3. President Craig read from a very interesting article about drone/UAS defense systems emailed to him by Mr. Tom Keller.

Show & Tell: None

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:52 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Horton flying field

Respectfully Submitted,
David Dust
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



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