

# Rocky Mountain Modeleers October 2016 Newsletter

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, October 1st, 11:00 AM, at Horton Field**

## A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers,

The upcoming meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> will be our last one before we move indoors. Remember that we will elect officers. It appears that the same cast of characters has been nominated, but the list is not set in stone. If anyone wishes to try their hand at one of the committee positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer) or seek appointment to the Historian position, show up on Saturday. By the way, since all positions have nominees, it will be safe for you to come to the field. No one is going to going to shanghai you into serving.

Dave Dust repainted the stripes on the runway and it is now shipshape. Thanks for the roller work Dave. I've noticed that everyone's landings have improved significantly as a result. The fabric is tight as a drum and the anchors are holding. Don Vagge picked up additional soil staples when he was visiting his daughter in Denver so we should be good if work is necessary

(thanks Don!)

For those of you wondering about the ongoing saga of Carl Van Hess' Ugly Stick in the cornfield, it has been recovered. After hearing the story, Dave Swenson disappeared into the green jungle and returned twenty minutes later with the plane! When asked how he found it so quickly after previous searchers almost became children-of-the-corn, Dave said "I've seen how Carl flies." You will have to talk with Dave to understand that logic.

Aside from the elections, I have no new agenda items, so please feel free to add your own. If you have a show and tell, bring it.

In November, we switch to the Home State Bank meeting room on the first Wednesday of the month. I'll give you details when things are finalized.  
See you at the field October 1 at 11:00, earlier to fly.

Jerry Craig President

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## Minutes of the September 2016 Meeting

**Date and Location:** Saturday, September 3, 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 14 members in attendance, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, Safety Officer Joe Wilson, and Secretary David Dust.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August meeting were approved unanimously, with the following correction: thanks also go to Guy Tritico for helping install the new runway geotextile.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$3,240.49 and the savings balance is \$7,524.36. Recent expenses included \$1,200 for the Horton Field rental and \$667.20 for the runway geotextile and staples. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**Safety Officer's Report:** Safety Officer Wilson informed the membership to "fly safe and have fun"! Charlie Greeb relayed his experience of accidentally full-throttling his electric aircraft while on the taxi-way by bumping the throttle while walking. The membership then discussed and demonstrated ways to prevent this type of mishap, including Jack Patton's safety tip of holding the throttle in the off position by placing your thumb at the base of the throttle stick.

**Old Business:** In response to President Craig's request, Secretary Dust's motion to purchase a

box of 16 gauge fabric staples, at a cost of about \$30, was approved unanimously.

2. President Craig announced his intention to repaint the runway striping at 9 am tomorrow/Sunday (September 4<sup>th</sup>) morning and asked for a couple of volunteers to help.

3. Following discussion by the membership, Secretary Dust's motion to add a "Warbird/Cookout" event to the Club's budget for next year was approved unanimously.

4. At the last meeting, Vice-President Durbin contacted the manufacturer to check if the fire extinguisher should be more protected from UV exposure and reported that the manufacturer's primary concern was that the extinguisher should not be stored at temperatures above 125 degree Fahrenheit.

**New Business:** President Craig described how Garret Hultgren used his quadcopter to try to find a plane lost in the corn field and that it may be useful in the future.

2. Following President Craig opening the meeting up for officer nominations and a brief discussion, members of the club suggested that the current officers be re-nominated, if they are willing to serve another year. All of the current officers agreed to be nominated for their current office (as listed above in the "Call to Meeting" section). Elections will be held at the next meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Show-And-Tell:** Charlie Greeb presented his Dynam FW-190 foamy warbird (featuring retracts and a three-bladed propeller) and briefly described the history of the aircraft's development and numerous variants.

2. Fred Damm presented his Hanger 9 Valiant (featuring a 108.3" wingspan and a 2 cylinder/40cc gas engine), plus he described that it has easy flying characteristics and may be suitable as a trainer type aircraft.

3. Secretary Dust presented his Phoenix Models Tucano (featuring a 62.1" wingspan and 46 sized motor) and described that it flies well using a 4000 mAh – 4 cell battery.

4. President Craig presented his beautifully constructed Top-Flite C-47 kit finished in a Navy R4D color scheme. Plus he graciously thanked Joe Wilson for the kit and the others that contributed to the project.

**Meeting Adjourned** at approximately 11:50 AM.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Horton Field.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Dust  
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



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