

# September 2016 Rocky Mountain Modeleers Newsletter

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, September 3rd, 11:00 AM, at Horton Field**

## A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers,

The August 6<sup>th</sup> war bird flying and barbeque was a success in no small part to Dave Dust's organizational skills. In addition to Dave's planning, he and Charlie Greeb selected and purchased the hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, drinks, condiments, plates and utensils. This was my first experience with apple/meat hotdogs and they were delicious. Pat Chant jumped in and did yeoman duties cooking. Nothing was raw, overcooked or too gritty. Those of you who missed it, too bad, you will have another chance next year. I think the consensus was that the laidback war bird theme was a success and we should consider making the barbeque an annual event. Let's discuss this on Saturday.

It happened again. That great green monster to the east of our runway consumed another hapless victim. Carl Van Hess and Guy Tritico recently spent 3 hours searching for Carl's Ugly Stick in the humid, muddy ten foot corn rainforest to no avail. After the exhausted pair abandoned all hope, I entered the scene and convinced them to resume the search two weeks

later. But this time we would enlist the latest technology, Garret Hultgren's quadcopter and success was a sure thing! Dave Dust, Carl and Guy embarked upon a return safari, this time with aerial reconnaissance! I selflessly remained behind to direct the recovery operation thereby avoiding any exertion, mud or heat prostration. And, once again the trio emerged wet, muddy, and plane-less. We were able to find the searchers from the air, but the corn was just too high and Guy disappointed us by not landing his Ugly Stick gently atop the corn canopy where it would have been visible. Thanks to Garret and Dave for the effort, I think the drone approach has merit if the pilot is considerate enough to crash earlier in the growing season or better yet, after harvest. One of Horton's cows may be treated to a hors d'oeuvres of YS engine later this winter but probably not since it may be buried under six inches of mud. A warning to the rest of you, don't play over corn!

After I located a source of Geotex runway fabric, Jack Patton donated his Friday and drove his suburban and trailer to get it at Centennial. He donated not only his time, but also fuel. Thanks Jack, you make duty delegation easy. A great crew showed up on short notice at 10AM on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and had the fabric laid and stretched in less than 3 hours! Several of us had difficulty getting back up having knelt that long, but no paramedics were summoned. The enthusiasm for pounding soil staples sometimes interfered with accurately laying the fabric panels, but in the end the new covering generally goes the same direction as the old runway. Thanks to Dave Dust, Matt Davis, Jack Patton, Jerry Gallaher, Mike Lohr, Jeff Stolzenburg, Fred Damm, Don Weber, Carl Anderson and Garret Hultgren and several other folks who apologized for being unable to assist. While I expected Jack Patton to want to make amends for snagging his plane in our precious runway, I'm again awed and thankful that we have a membership that shows up for these work sessions and enthusiastically lend their time and effort. Thanks folks, you make my job a pleasure.

All that is left now is to repaint some stripes and the Xs at the runway ends. I'll schedule another painting work session soon. In the meantime, I hope we don't find a puzzled United jet blocking our take-offs.

At our upcoming business meeting we will nominate club officers for the October elections. So, those of you planning a coup to overthrow the current regime should get together first and try the electoral process. You may find that the incumbents would rather flee than fight.

I'm planning to debut the 82inch wingspan Navy R4D (aka civilian DC3 or Army C47) on Saturday. I started it last winter and now it is done. Please bring your latest precious and try to out do me.

I hope to see you at our business meeting at 11 AM on September 3rd at Horton Field.

Jerry Craig President

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## Minutes of the August 2016 Meeting

**Date and Location:** Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Horton Flying Field

**Call to Meeting:** President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM on a Saturday morning with 18 members in attendance, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, and Secretary David Dust.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$5,169.58 and the savings balance is \$7,524.18. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**Safety Officer's Report:** In Safety Officer Joe Wilson's absence, President Craig relayed the Safety Officer's message to "fly safe and have fun"!

**Old Business:** David Sampson and Vice President Seidel reported that the AMA has not written any rules that address non-engine related noise issues. The motion to **not** revise the Club's rules to include an "excessive noise" type rule was approved unanimously.

2. President Craig described investigations into non-woven geotextile fabrics appropriate for resurfacing the north runway apron that has deteriorated. The Geotex fabric available at a Centennial distributor comes in 300 ft. by 15 ft. rolls that cost \$600 per roll. Vice-President Durbin's motion to spend up to \$650 dollars for the Geotex fabric and appropriate staples was approved unanimously. (Update: Two panels of the north runway apron and one panel of the south runway apron were covered with new fabric on Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> by Carl Anderson, Jerry Craig, Fred Damm, Mathew Davis, Dave Dust, Jerry Gallaher, Garret Hultgren, Mike Lohr, Jack Patton, Jeff Stolzenburg, and Don Weber.)

**New Business:** Concern was expressed regarding the weathered appearance of the fire extinguisher and Vice-President Durbin volunteered to check if the extinguisher should be more protected from UV exposure.

2. President Craig announced that Club officer nominations will be taken at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting for the elections at the October Club Meeting, per the Club's By-Laws.

**Meeting Adjourned** at approximately 11:30 AM and the Club's warbirds/cookout event recommenced.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Horton Field.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Dust  
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



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