

Rocky Mountain Modeleers February 2016 Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd, 6:30 PM, at Home State Bank

A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers,

I really have nothing exciting to share with you. The January cold, wind and snowcover have generally been uncooperative and I was able to fly only three times. So I've been holding up in my workshop where I'm progressing slowly on my 80" TopFlite DC-3 that Joe Wilson and his henchmen acquired for me. Of course the slow progress is my own fault since I am converting it to electric which means two 32 power motors, ESCs, a battery compartment and access, and electric retracts. I also designed detachable wing panels and eliminated the control horns which caused a great deal of head scratching and attendant hair loss. The fuselage is sheathed and the wings soon will be so I hope to embark on fiber glassing in a month. Luckily my fingers have become integral to the airframe only half a dozen times although I do spend evenings sitting around nipping dried CA from my fingertips.

If you procrastinated and still have not renewed your \$60 membership, please remember that membership renewals received after January 31st are delinquent and a \$10 late fee of \$10 will be assessed. However, the delinquent charge will be waived if you pay by the upcoming

February 3rd business meeting.

If you have not yet registered with the FAA, you have until February 19th to do so. The AMA continues to resist the FAA's unnecessary rule making and met in Washington this week with members of Congress and their staff. They remain optimistic that they can exempt the AMA from the process. You can keep up to date on the AMA's progress with the FAA at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/gov.aspx>. Remember that in addition to displaying your Name, Address, phone and AMA number of your aircraft, you must also include your FAA number as well.

Let's continue the swap meet at the end of our February business meeting. If you have something to sell, swap or sneak into unsuspecting member's unlocked vehicles, bring it. As always, any items of interest or presentations are always welcome at the meeting.

We will meet at Home State Bank on 303 E. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins on Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30PM.

Jerry Craig President

Minutes of the January 2016 Meeting

Date and Location: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Home State Bank

Call to Meeting: President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM on a cold Wednesday evening with 15 members, including Vice-President Durbin Seidel, Treasurer Jim Ferry, Safety Officer Joe Wilson and Secretary David Dust in attendance.

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

Safety Officer's Report: Safety Officer Joe Wilson cautioned everyone to be very careful at the flying field because the snow and ice in the pit area can be very slippery. Plus, Safety Officer Wilson urged everyone to do careful pre-flight inspections to insure that your aircraft are air worthy.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$4,435.77 and the savings balance is \$7,522.85. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Craig asked Gene Burmeister to report on the status of the weather station who reported that the anemometer bearings have worn out and that it may be appropriate

to order a new anemometer, and repair our current anemometer to serve as a backup.

2. President Craig described the club's 2016 Annual Budget (of \$2,780.00) line-by-line and the motion to approve the budget was approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer Ferry asked if the club wanted to have the Treasurer's records audited, as he has done this time of year ever since he has been the Treasurer. Secretary Dust volunteered to review the Treasurer's records (primarily to make Treasurer Ferry happy).

4. President Craig described the FAA's new requirements that have a February 19th deadline for RC pilot registration and informed the membership that the AMA is currently trying to negotiate with the FAA to have a pilot's AMA's registration suffice for the FAA's registration for RC aircraft. The following are links to the FAA's registration webpage and the AMA's video series regarding the FAA's requirements:

Link to FAA: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

Link to AMA: <http://air.modelaircraft.org/>

Show & Tell: Safety Officer Wilson presented his Goldberg Falcon that he scratch built as a prototype for the "scratch build class" and described his modifications to the plans for the aircraft.

2. Gene Burmeister briefly described his Inflight Power Acquisition System (IPAS) which is a data-logger that collects servo voltage and current data during the flight of an aircraft.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:38 PM.

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(303 E. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins).

Respectfully Submitted,
David Dust
Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary



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