



AMA Charter 1344
Gold Leader Club

Hangar Talk

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From the President

Meeting Minutes

B-29

Someone told me Friday that there were only 80 days left until Christmas. And just to mess with us, the weather gods sent a message too. Saturday I woke up to find snow on the trees and grass. I guess, if you still believe, I do, its time to start putting together a list for Santa. What's on your list?

Fall is usually a great time to be outdoors in Colorado so there will still be some good days to get out and do some flying. Cooler temps also help our motors run better, well at least the glow ones. HeHe.

The big news at the September meeting was an unexpected report from Lee Overholt and Tom Glaess about an ongoing investigation by the Adams County Sheriffs Department. They met with Lee and Tom during the week before the meeting to ask about how the M.A.S. Runway improvements were paid for. The details provided apparently satisfied the officers and there was no indication that the club did anything wrong. I am sure Tom will have more in the meeting minutes.

We talked about the picnic tables again and decided to take another look at them on Saturday during the combat event. Jeff, Larry F, Larry L, Bob, Dennis and myself looked them over and determined that the 2 white tables are in good shape but need to be cleaned and repainted. 2 of the red tables are also in good shape and 2 more need new wood for the tops and seats. There really isn't any urgent need to fix them right away since all the scheduled events for this year are over, so we can make a decision at the October meeting and do the work over the winter.

The last item under old business was a discussion of a solar powered charging station for electric batteries. I briefly recapped the story about an electrical engineering grad student who worked on a research project at his university to develop similar charging system. After some discussion, the members voted to pursue that equipment if it is available. As luck would have it, I ran into Steve and Bobby, the grad student, at the airfield Monday evening. Bobby agreed to speak with the department head on our behalf. I received an email from Bobby the next day, here is the relevant part in his words:

"I wanted to send you a quick note as I did manage to speak with our controller for assets today in regards to the panels. Unfortunately there is a senior design proposal that was approved just last week that has claimed the materials. Apparently the juniors from a previous semester knew about them and are trying to expand on last years senior design project. I do apologize however at least we know the answer now." So, we are back to square one. I still believe that electric power will play a larger and larger part in the future of R/C and at some point it will be in all of our interests to implement a charging system at the field, but that is a topic of discussion for another meeting.

The final bit of business was the nomination of officers for next year. A motion was made and seconded that the current officers be placed in nomination for next months election. All three of us, Jeff, Tom and myself accepted, and the motion passed. I am not aware of any board member that has expressed a desire to resign, so the slate of officers for the election is set. Nominations are still open next month until we are ready to vote.

Many of us were on hand for the Air Park Combat event on the 29th. Tom Neff and the CAP did another outstanding job and we all had a great day. 3 MAS members flew in the slower, SSC, class. I managed to place 2nd with my T-28, but it died in the last round when Tom and I mid-aired. The T-28 is toast. Isai also had a midair, but his is repairable. Tom Neff ended up winning both the SSC and open "B" classes.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at the airfield.

Here is an up coming event:

Lucky Duck Float Fly – Standley Lake - Arvada Club October 13th

Upcoming meetings and events

Oct 25th Meeting

September Meeting Notes

First off, Herb thanked people for sending cards about his Mom.

The only expense this past month was for the toilets. \$180 for their care in October.

Note: the following are notes from the meeting. As of this writing, the combat event has already happened. Combat is this Saturday (9/29). It's was delayed because of the something the other club had going. As with the pylon event, we'll sell two hotdogs, chips, and pop for \$5. They are expecting 15-25 people plus our club members. Planning on ~40 people. Dennis will get the food. Jake will get the pop. Larry O. will get water. The field will be closed from 9am until around 2pm.

Christmas get together: Dec. 8th at the Platteville Double Tree Inn. This is with Things With Wings. We aren't doing anything just for MAS. 6:30pm (dinner around 7pm).

If you haven't heard, the Adams County Sheriff's dept. has been speaking with a few of us about the lengthening of the runway we had done back in 2005. A couple of officers have been to the field and talked the Lee (and others) there and they've spoken with me as well. Lee told them about club history and our 30 year history with the county commissioners. They helped us moved to current site 25 years ago. They helped with grating and concrete then. (we did the building).

In 2008, Lee ran into Alice Nichols and asked for help with sealing runway. Alice arranged to get that covered for us. We paid and the county reimbursed us. The officer listened to all of this and then asked for more details on the lengthening/widening that we did in 2005. Lee directed the officer to ask me what paperwork we had. I met with him and gave him everything we had on the 2008 resealing (invoice, refund from county, etc.). We have no paperwork on the 2005 lengthening. The county covered that for us, so we never got any invoices or anything on the work.

The officer seemed pleased that we had what we had and didn't seem to think we'd need to provide anything else. He noted our community service (Kids Day, Adams County Fair, Grace Wonderers, etc.) and said that there doesn't seem to be any issues with what happened.

The September meeting is when we nominate people to serve as next year's officers. The members present nominated all three of us current officers. We all accepted. Nobody else at the meeting was interested in any position. If you are, please come to the October meeting and let us know. The election is still open.

Jake brought up power at the field. Last month, Steve G. mentioned a solar power setup that he thought he could get from CU for minimal cost. Steve was not at this meeting so we don't have any new details. A motion was made to move on Steve's CU solar equipment if we can get it for minimal cost. That motion passed with 1 dissenting.

Jake brought up that he is willing to donate \$100 to make it all happen. He said others are up for the same deal. We assume the batteries in this system would likely not be good anymore, so we'd need to purchase those.

Picnic tables: two are in better shape than the rest. They're not good, but better. Jeff said he'd fix the two tables on his own time/money if the club bought the materials. The concession tables are in good shape.

Events for next year: The pylon and combat events won't be at our field because that club has gotten their field back. So, we'll do another IMAC contest and we're considering a Pattern contest. The only thing brought up about all this was that we should keep events out of August. The month is too crowded with the Fair and Kids Day.

That's it for this month. The October meeting is the last of the year and is also when we hold elections.

HISTORIC AVIATION

The **B-29 Superfortress** is a four-engine [propeller-driven heavy bomber](#) designed by [Boeing](#) that was flown primarily by the United States toward the end of [World War II](#) and during the [Korean War](#). It was one of the largest aircraft to see service in World War II and a very advanced bomber for its time, with features such as a pressurized cabin, an electronic fire-control system, and remote-controlled machine-gun turrets. The name "Superfortress" was derived from that of its well-known predecessor, the [B-17 Flying Fortress](#). Though the B-29 was designed as a high-altitude daytime bomber, it was used extensively in low-altitude night-time [incendiary bombing](#) missions. It was the primary aircraft used in the American [firebombing campaign](#) against the [Empire of Japan](#) in the final months of World War II and was used to carry out the [atomic bombings](#) that [destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki](#). Unlike many other World War II-era bombers, the B-29 remained in service long after the war ended, with a few even being employed as flying television transmitters for the [Stratovision](#) company.

The B-29 served in various roles throughout the 1950s. The [Royal Air Force](#) flew the B-29 and used the name *Washington* for the type, replacing them in 1953 with the [Canberra jet bomber](#), and the Soviet Union produced an unlicensed [reverse-engineered](#) copy as the [Tupolev Tu-4](#). The B-29 was the progenitor of a series of Boeing-built bombers, transports, tankers, reconnaissance aircraft and trainers including the [B-50 Superfortress](#) ([the first aircraft to fly around the world non-stop](#)) which was essentially an enlarged^{[[citation needed](#)]} and re-engined B-29. The type was finally retired in the early 1960s, with 3,970 aircraft in all built. While dozens of B-29s have survived through today as static displays, [only one, *Fifi*](#), remains on active flying status.

A transport derived from the B-29 was the [C-97](#), first flown in 1944, followed by its commercial airliner variant, the Boeing [Model 377 Stratocruiser](#) in 1947. This bomber-to-airliner derivation was similar to the [B-17/Model 307](#) evolution. The tanker variant of the B-29 was introduced in 1948 as the [KB-29](#), followed by the Model 377-derivative [KC-97](#) introduced in 1950. A heavily modified line of outsized-cargo variants of the B-29-derived Stratocruiser is the [Guppy](#) / [Mini Guppy](#) / [Super Guppy](#) which remain in service today with operators such as [NASA](#).



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The first year there is a once a lifetime \$35 initiation fee charged to all new members. Total first year dues are \$125, every year after that Annual membership dues are \$90.

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