



AMA Charter 1344
Gold Leader Club

Hangar Talk

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Just a reminder about the pattern contest this weekend. (that would be August 27 and 28th) This is the month for nominations for club officers for next year. How about some new people get involved. We also need input right away for items we want to include in a grant request to Adams County. We missed getting one in last year and now we need one more than ever. Earl's tractor is down again and we are going to have to do something to get the field mowed. If we have to pay to have it done, we will need to increase our dues. The same is true for the replacement of the roof on the club house. Now is the time for everyone to come forward with ideas and suggestions on how we approach these and other problems we will face in the coming year.

Double L

July 28th Meeting
Adams County Fair
August 3-7
August 25th Meeting
August 27th and 28th



July Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order.

Total Attendance 8

Motion to approve of minutes without amendments. Motion seconded. Motion approved

IMAAC event went very well. Received a lot of compliments.

Substantial discussion on how to increase participation in club activities. Motion to table ideas to increase participation in events (i.e. work bond), motion seconded and approved. Discussion tabled to 2017

\$279.23 received from King Soopers as rebate for purchases on the gift cards. Year to date, we have received approx. \$600 this year. If you are not participating, please see Larry L to obtain a card.

Bethesda event – rousing success. They sent us a thank you card.

Adams County Fair – Starts Wednesday 8/3/16. Reminder, cost for parking will be reimbursed at the Fair when you show up. Also, we still need help.

Kids Day – Saturday after the fair. Looks like we have enough equipment but may not have enough bodies to cover all of the areas and give breaks to the staff. Please volunteer if you can. Question asked about flyers for the event. Larry L will speak to Larry Ott about flyers and food.

New Business:

Lee had question about advertisement for the upcoming Pattern Event. This would be up to contest director.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Motion to approve.



HISTORIC AVIATION

History: Development of the Corsair began in 1938, when the US Navy issued a request for a new single-seat carrier-based fighter. The Chance-Vought company won the contract with their unique, gull-winged airframe pulled by the largest engine then available, the Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp. The wing design was necessitated by the tall landing gear which was, in turn, necessitated by the huge propeller required to propel the plane at the desired high speeds.

The prototype of the Corsair was first flown on 29 May 1940, but due to design revisions, the first production **F4U-1** Corsair was not delivered until 31 July 1942. Further landing gear and cockpit modifications resulted in a new variant, the **F4U-1A**, which was the first version approved for carrier duty.

The Corsair served with the US Navy, US Marines, the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force (and later, the French Aeronavale), and quickly became the most capable carrier-based fighter/bomber of the war. Demand for the aircraft soon overwhelmed Vought's manufacturing capability, resulting in additional aircraft being produced by the Goodyear Company (as the **FG-1**) and the Brewster Company (as the **F3A-1**). Production ceased in 1952. Over two dozen Corsairs are believed to be still airworthy, most in the United States.

Nicknames: Bend-Wing Bird; Bent-Wing Ensign Eliminator; Bent-Wing Monster; Whistling Death; Horseshoe; Super Stuka; U-Bird, Hose Nose; Hog Nose; Sweetheart; Hog.

Specifications (F4U-1A):

Engine: 2,000hp Pratt and Whitney R-2800-8 radial piston engine

Weight: Empty 8,980 lbs, Maximum Takeoff 14,000 lbs.

Wing Span: 41ft. 0in.

Length: 33ft. 4in.

Height: 16ft. 1in.

Performance:

Maximum Speed at 20,000ft: 420 mph

Cruising Speed: 185 mph

Service Ceiling: 37,000 ft.

Initial Climb Rate: 3,100 feet/min.

Armament:

Six 12.7mm (0.50 in) machine guns, wing-mounted.

Number Built: 12,571

Number Still Airworthy: ~28



2016 Club Officers

President **Larry Litsey**
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Board **Lee Overholt**

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Web Page

<http://www.miniatureaerosporters.org>

Serving the Northeast Denver Area the Miniature Aero Sportsters flying site sits on 48 acres with a 500 foot paved runway. The club is open to all who have a current AMA membership. The Miniature Aero Sportsters consists of a group of individuals with a common interest in radio control aircraft. Club meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at Echo Park Automotive, 500 East 104th Street, Thornton, CO Meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm. All M.A.S. club members are encouraged to attend meetings, and to become actively involved in the club's activities

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. Check out the web page for more information.

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Gary Hodges

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