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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

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Fall is in the air at the newly rededicated Keffer Field and the flying has been great! Our Anniversary Fly-in went well with a great turn out! Hopefully you were able to attend and enjoy the food and camaraderie. Our officer elections for 2022 are this month (October) so be sure to get in your nominations and vote! Enjoy your fall!



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Treasurer's Corner

We thank those of you that have renewed your membership, but PLEASE, do *not* share the new gate code!! Our insurance will not cover non-members using the field that are not a guest of an active member!

Please make sure Bill has your current email! We seem to have many club members whose email is no longer correct.

Questions or constructive comments concerning membership dues may be addressed to Bill at 720-988-6336 or by email to bhowlin088@gmail.com.



Meeting Minutes / September 2021

- Meeting held September 13, 2021 at the Field.
- Meeting Called to order by Vice President Mike Feitinger at 0900.

- President Jeremy Wehner-not present
Vice President Mike Feitinger-present
Treasurer Bill Howlin-present
Safety Officer Steve Graham-not present
Field Maintenance Officer-vacant
Board member Lee Overholt-not present
Board member Larry Litsey-present
- Attendees-13

- Treasurer's report was given by Bill Howlin.

- Old/Continuing business:
 - Runway reseal project: awaiting scheduling by the contractor. Bill Howlin said he was trying to reach them and get a firm date.
 - Anniversary Fly-in: Mike Feitinger gave an update, everything is on track. Food will be purchased during the week just prior. Mike Feitinger said he will be working all during the week prior to the event to get ready. Flyers were sent out to all the local clubs and were passed it on to their membership.
 - Prairie Dogs: Mark Nicastle has lined up a contractor for dealing with them. They will come out in November.
 - Keffer Funds update: Mike Feitinger and Mark Nicastle have interviewed prospective investment firms and has recommended to the board Edward Jones. The board has approved and a majority of the funds will be managed by Josh Dees at Edward Jones.

- New business:
 - Officer Nominations: It's that time of year and all officer positions are open. If you are wanting to nominate either yourself or someone else, please email/contact an officer to be nominated. It was decided to hold the voting process electronically this year via an online survey prior to the October meeting.
 - Field Maintenance position: Joe Moore has graciously volunteered to fill the position.

- Meeting adjourned at 0945 am.



FISHER FIELD 35TH ANNIVERSARY FLY IN

words and pictures by Mike Feiting

Did you make it to our 35th Anniversary Event? If not, you missed a good one! We had quite a good showing at the field to help celebrate 35 years at our current location (the club is 49 years old) and had a good time. Veteran members, newer members, and guests alike shared in the festivities, which included a flag retirement ceremony, officiated by George Kerr, and lots of food and flying. It's hard to believe it's been 35 years since this field opened and thankfully it's still going strong.

The day got started with Vice President Mike Feiting addressing the attendees with a welcome and thank you, followed by a re-dedication of the flying field in honor of the late Earl Keffer. A street sign has been placed at the entrance to the parking lot naming it "Earl L Keffer Lane", compliments of Bill Howlin and Lee Overholt. A wall plaque naming "Keffer Field" with a photo of Earl has been affixed to the club house for all to see. After reviewing Earls massive contributions and dedication to the club a round of applause was given in his honor.





George Kerr officiated an official Flag Retirement ceremony to replace our worn and tattered flags. Several members and guests participated in the event which became moving for many. Many of us had never witnessed such an event before. You can watch the ceremony via a link on our website if you like.

After a pilot briefing, it was off to the runway for some open flying and chatting about old times! Everything from micro sized electrics by Jack Dunkle to Giant scale gassers by Mike Feitinger were flown. The weather turned out beautiful! Before long the grill was fired up and burgers and hot dogs were cooked up for the crowd. Larry Litsey generously prepared and brought out some BBQ pork for sandwiches that was delicious! We were sorry that Larry couldn't stay to help celebrate with us. Not long after gobbling up the delicious BBQ a celebratory cake was cut.

I would like to thank the many club members that helped prepare the flying field for the event as well as help out during the event to make it a success! Let's look forward to another event next year!







A LETTER FROM GEORGE KERR

AMA Sanctioned Events

The recent 35th Anniversary of Fisher Field Fly In was an AMA sanctioned event. The fact that it was an AMA sanctioned event and that proof of current AMA membership would be required was not on the event flier as it should have been. This was an over site and will be corrected for future events.

It is apparent that many members are not aware of the special circumstances of AMA sanctioned events. AMA sanctioned events are not your ordinary flying day at the field., even if it's an open Fly In type of event. The AMA provides additional insurance during a sanctioned event for the club, non members of our club, and for the Land Owner. It is important that everyone flying at a AMA sanctioned event be an AMA member. Following is copied from the AMA-Contest-Directors-Guide: "You must verify each pilot's membership status by viewing a current membership card or paid receipt, or by electronic means through the AMA membership website. This is very important. Failure to check may place the CD and/or contestant in an awkward position in the event of an accident or protest."

Exceptions. There are two exceptions to the above. If you do not have proof of your AMA membership, and it cannot be obtained electronically, which we have no Internet at the field, you may pay the AMA membership fee and fill out an application, which then must be sent to the AMA with the event documents by the CD. I chose not to do this or collect any money at our event. The second exception is an non AMA member may fly on a buddy box with the primary pilot being an AMA member.

When signing the Pilot Flight Declaration Form, your are confirming that you understand the conditions of a AMA sanctioned event. You are agreeing to the following, which was available at the event:

Pilot Requirements:

- You have the appropriate experience to participate or will be assisted by experienced participant.
- **All aircraft and control systems must have flown successfully prior to this event.**
- All maneuvers to be performed by the pilot must have been successfully completed prior to this event. • If flying an aircraft with a gas turbine engine, the pilot possesses a current AMA Turbine Waiver.
 - If you will be buddy-box flying a gas turbine engine aircraft with an instructor, the instructor must meet the current requirements of an experienced turbine pilot as outlined in the AMA Turbine Pilot program.
 - If you are flying an aircraft that weighs more than 55 pounds, you must possess the required permit to fly for that specific aircraft.

- By signing the following Flight Safety Declaration, you are confirming that have read, understand, and agree to these requirements.

I hope many of you take advantage of MAS and other club's events and are prepared for an AMA sanctioned event.

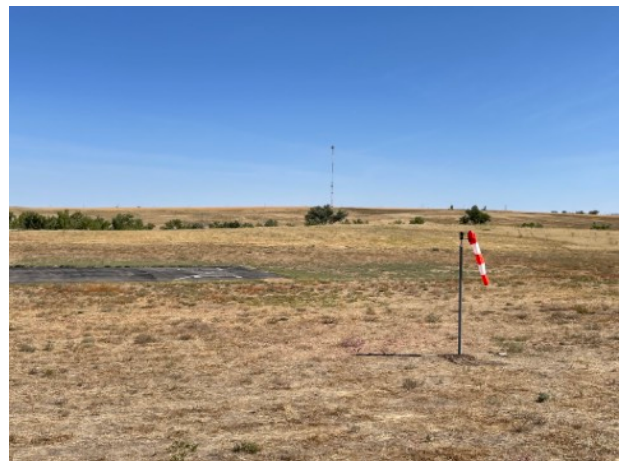
Happy Flying,
George Kerr
AMA #4362



NEW WINDSOCKS ON THE FIELD!

You may have noticed that we finally have been able to replace our old windsock, and add a couple more for better visibility. The original sock had seen better days and a new one was donated to the club. This new setup is for a full scale airport so it is a very durable frame system and sock.

Our field maintenance officer Joe Moore suggested we add two additional windsocks, one abeam each end of the runway, for improved visibility by the pilots. No more turning around to see the windsock behind you, simply look at the one in the corner of your eye near the ends of the runway! Thanks Joe for your help installing these!





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. 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

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