

# HANGAR TALK

#### THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

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Happy New Year! Hopefully your holidays were joyful and fulfilling. Now that you probably got some new toys, we can't wait to see them in action at the flying field! Lots of winter projects are probably in full swing right now as well. Feel free to share them for the newsletter! Email Mike Feitinger with pictures, it would be greatly appreciated! *Stay warm*!



# **HOT ITEMS:**

- Snowbird! pictures on page 7
- Dues are Due! Treasurers Report page 3
- Next club meeting is Feb 24th., 7:00pm.
- New Field Report section, page 5



# FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season and have many new planes as a result! As the new year starts we the Board have lots of work to do to continue improving the flying site and make it the best that it can be, for you, the club members. I look forward to finishing a couple of projects in the shop myself, as I'm sure many of you are busy on your own projects. Don't forget, renew

your dues if you haven't already, we look forward to a great 2022 flying season!







# -THE TREASURER'S REPORT-

Dues are due! The renewal rate is back to \$90/year. You may either mail me a check or use the website PayPal link to pay (subject to a fee). Remember, dues are due January 1st (Feb. is grace, after March you're locked out).

PLEASE, do not share the gate code!! Our insurance will

not cover non-members using the field that are not a quest of

an active member.

Be sure to lock the building and gate if you are the last one to leave.

Please make sure I have 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 <u>bhowlin088@gmail.com</u>.





# **SAFETY TIMEOUT**

by Ken Roberts, MAS Safety Officer

#### Solving a Mystery\*

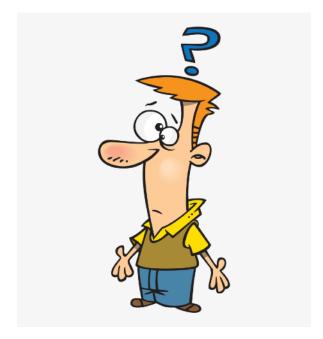
I read a story in Model Aviation Magazine years ago regarding using a mixture of brands of transmitters, receivers, and servos. All of the electronics have their own programming and settings, and when things don't work together it can be difficult to find the problem. The modeler suspected it was a manufacturing flaw in one part but could not isolate it. The factory said it wasn't the company's fault. After much investigation, the trouble was at last located.

The modeler admitted sheepishly that it was all caused by his failure to read the instructions. In his own defense, he said it was in small print and buried in the cautionary boilerplate, but there was the answer.

Ego and experience were no help in this case. Having successfully flown so many models, the pilot trusted his own know-how and confidently skipped a detailed reading of the programming manual. It takes courage to admit something embarrassing such as this, but he did so we can all learn.

Take a few extra minutes and read the instructions and the fine print. Happy Flying!

\* AMA Model Aviation magazine April 2013-Safety Comes First



# FIELD REPORT

This new page will have the latest updates to the field and what's going on.

- New lighting has been installed inside the clubhouse for those early or late times at the field. It runs off the batteries in the clubhouse and was installed by Lee Overholt. Thank you Lee for the work!
- The anemometer (wind speed indicator) in the club house is currently inoperative, thanks to apparent recent vandalism. A new one has been ordered but like everything right now it is on backorder.
- Discussions are being had about installing a cell service booster at the field. This would help those who have poor service in the area. This could also be used for a future weather station currently being discussed.
- The runway reseal project is due to be finished in May. The first phase was completed last fall entailing the crack seal. Many have noticed that the cracks are still quite large and this will be addressed during the next phase in May.
- Recently we have had two separate incidences of people breaking into, and out of (??) our property. First occurrence was by driving over the gate into the property, completely destroying the gate. Second occurrence was someone driving out through the barbed wire fence in the SW corner by the gate. Keep aware of your surroundings and who's coming and going into the field. If you see someone you don't recognize, report that to the officers so we may determine why this keeps happening.
- Future thoughts for field improvements include adding shade structures to the flight line benches so you may assemble/repair your aircraft and not succumb to the heat of the sun. Estimates for costs are being researched currently.
- Have a suggestion for the Board? Submit it via email! Mike, Mark, or Bill will note your ideas. *OR* attend the club meeting and suggest it there!



#### **Meeting Minutes / January 2022**

- Meeting held January 27th via ZOOM.
- Meeting Called to order by President Mike Feitinger at 7:00pm
- President Michael Feitinger-present Vice President Mark Nicastle-present Treasurer Bill Howlin- present Safety Officer Ken Roberts- present Field Maintenance Officer Joe Moore- not present Board member Lee Overholt present Board member Larry Litsey not present
- Attendees-9
- Treasurer's report was given by Bill Howlin. IRS application for non-profit has yet to be returned, no word yet. A tax Accountant needs to be hired ASAP.

#### • Old business:

- Runway Status- Still planning on being completed May of 2022.
- Conex container search- No good leads as of yet, still too expensive. Decision was made to wait for possible price reduction in the future.
- Prairie Dogs- Mark Nicastle and Bill Howlin have been working to eradicate them. Treatment has been applied and a grader was used to help level the holes.
- New Business:
  - Clean Up Day needed to remove junk form behind sheds/fenced area. A roll-off will be rented and also a possibility of having a burn pile too.
  - Amend By-Laws- Mike Feitinger mentioned that it is time for the Board to review the By-Laws and make necessary amendments. Board will make the changes and present to the club members next meeting.
  - Events for 2022- Fun Fly/Open House in Sept. again, Mike Feitinger will coordinate. Jack Dunkle will also host a few events as well this year.
  - Shade Structures proposal- Voted to continue and obtain cost proposal, Bill Howlin will handle.
  - New Battery Charging System/Weather Station/Security Cameras Proposal- Mike Feitinger
    presented an idea to upgrade our charging station system to meet Love Air RC Club's system
    and include an online weather reporting station, plus online viewable cameras. Proposal was
    motioned and seconded to gather a cost estimate.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:00pm.



High hopes were made for the annual Snowbird Fun Fly, as member Jack Dunkle had organized and presented this years event. The Snowbird Fun Fly has been a club tradition since the 1970s, with the winner being presented the ugly trophy. As you may recall, the weather on New Year's Day was not so nice with lots of snow falling and a temperature of about 5 degrees! Well, as Jack had said in his flyer for the event, Sunshine or Snow, we're flying! Jack, Bill Dewald, and Bill Howlin braved the frigid weather and actually got several flights in! Congratulations to Jack Dunkle, the 2022 Snowbird trophy winner!





# HANGAR TALK FROM THE PAST...



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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The mall show has been set for August 3 & 4 at Buckingham Square. Make sure you keep one plane in good shape for it. Does anyone have a video camera? It would be nice if we showed a tape of us in action out at the field. Show the people that we really do fly the planes.

Speaking of flying last weekend was nice out at the field. We need someone to help huck Perkins with the field maintenance. huck has done a great job staying on top of things but could use some help. Don't be shyjust give me call and you can do it, I won't even tell the other members you're doing it.

We desperately need to drag and roll out the runway, it is in pretty bad shape.

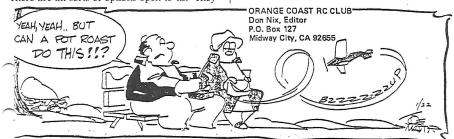
While I'm on the runway subject, lets talk about some options. We can pave the runway, we can pave part of it this year and later pave the rest. What if Adams county were to ponsor us? We can oil the runway and roll it. There are all sorts of options open to us. They

all cost money and will require work. In the end I think we will benefit from a good smooth runway. I would ask all members to think seriously about what they would like to see done with the runway and how to finance it for the next meeting.

Finance brings me into the next topic, Raffle. Do we want to raffle a TV at the mall show, raffle a kit at the Lamar Steen or both? Whatever we decide we need to get rolling on it. It takes time to get the license from the state; also the quicker we can sell tickets the more we can sell. I like the idea of raffling a TV for the Mall show. We could generate a lot of money for the club by appealing to a larger audience. Then we could use some of the money and purchase a kit to raffle at the Lamar Steen. This might be trying to do too much but its just an idea.

Hope to see you out at the airfield.

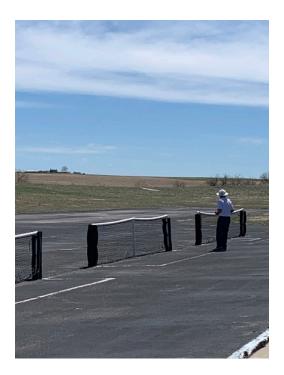
Gary



#### **JAN/FEB 2022**



Jeremiah getting checked out on his first gasser!



Lee Overholt flying his glider



Glenn Bruner and his SBD Dauntless



Jack Dunkle and his mini electric twin

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FOR SALE**



New Logo Version \$20



Classic Version \$10

#### CONTACT MIKE FEITINGER TO PURCHASE! I CAN ALSO ORDER SHIRTS AND HOODIES IF MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED. EMAIL MIKE FEITINGER FOR INFO.

#### STICKERS ARE FREE! CONTACT MIKE FEITINGER! LIMIT 2.





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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