



HANGAR TALK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

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Spring has sprung! There have been some wonderful flying days already, so hopefully you have been able to capitalize on at least one of them. Please share some pics and info on your new builds and projects! I am always looking for content for the newsletter! Happy Flying and Happy Easter!



HOT ITEMS:

- **Safety Alert!**-See Page 4
- **Field Clean-Up Day, April 23rd , 9:30am. Please Help!**
- **Next club meeting is Apr 23rd, 9:00 am at the field.**
- **Remembering Larry Stoughton - page 8**



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

By Mike Feitinger, MAS President

Wow, time is already flying by! Here we are in April and our summer flying season is getting going! There will be much activity this year along the front range as local clubs are recovering from the lull associated with Covid and are again having many events.

I wanted to talk for a minute about our club membership and the current participation level inside the club. We are still seeing a steady decline in memberships year over year. While it's understandable that folks interests change and our time can be in short supply, what is more concerning is the lack of new folks wanting to join our club. Unfortunately, we are again entering into a deficit as our costs associated with running the flying field outweigh how much income we bring in from memberships. Some of you may ask "what about the funds we received last year from Mr. Keffer?" While it is true we have those funds available, they are not intended to backfill the needed cash to pay our bills. That would only drain out our savings until we no longer can afford to be open. Maintaining the field to a usable and safe level is expensive and requires money, and that is what those funds are for.

So what am I saying? Simply put, we need to continue to be friendly and inviting to potential new members, and also to existing members, so they don't feel unwelcome and decide to leave the club. If you think you have friends or co-workers that may be interested in RC, be forthcoming and mention the club! Let them know how much you enjoy the hobby and our facility! Maybe invite them out to see for themselves. We have had new members join after visiting and seeing how nice it is at our field. Let's continue to be friendly and cordial to each other at the field and participate in some functions. Attend a meeting here and there, be involved in the club's direction. With most meetings being held via Zoom, or at the field on a Saturday, it is easier than ever to attend! A lack of participation sends the message you don't really care about the club and its facilities, and really wouldn't care if it closed down someday (and I am sorry if you feel that way). Let's change that message and show some interest in protecting a nice flying site!

Happy Flying!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is stylized and cursive.



-THE TREASURER'S REPORT-

By Bill Howlin, MAS Treasurer

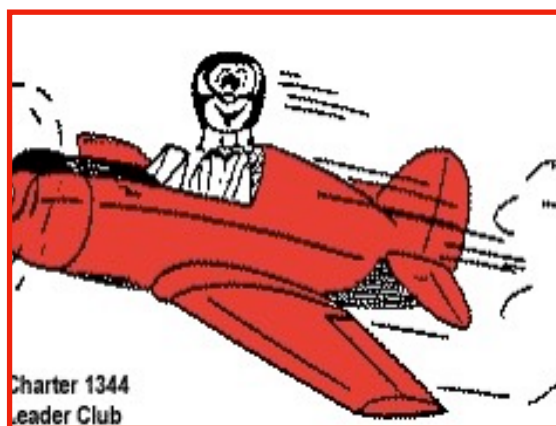
The gate code has changed! If you paid your dues you should have received the new code via email. If you feel there was an error, contact me. The renewal rate is back to \$90/year. You may either mail me a check or use the website PayPal link to pay (subject to a fee). Remember, dues are due January 1st (*Feb. is grace, after March 1 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 guest 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 bhowlin088@gmail.com.





SAFETY TIMEOUT

by Ken Roberts, MAS Safety Officer

FLY SAFE-LIVE SAFE

Hello MAS pilots! Hope everyone has been out enjoying the nice weather. A couple of weekends ago we had a nice turn out of pilots and flight line safety came to mind. The risk of having an incident increases with more persons in the pits and/or more planes in the air. The National AMA and MAS Club have written safety codes and local rules to help mitigate the risks when followed. A few members asked that we should review the field rules and courtesies with all to ensure we are being **safe** and having **fun** at the same time. Below are a few rules (not all inclusive) when using the field:

- All persons using the flying field are required to have a current AMA License and must be a member of Miniature Aero Sporters Club (MAS). Members must always have their AMA and MAS membership cards while using the field.
- All pilots are expected to operate according to the AMA National Safety Code
- No 72 MHz transmitter is to be turned on for any reason without the appropriate frequency pin from the frequency board that must be attached to the transmitter. The person holding the frequency pin should place their MAS club card or AMA card on the frequency board in the appropriate frequency slot being utilized.
- No more than 5 pilots flying at the same time.
- Limit your flying time to 20 mins max.
- Taxi straight out to center line (90° from pits). Do Not taxi behind pilots
- **Look** to see if someone is landing before taxing out. Landing aircraft ALWAYS have priority
- **ALWAYS** announce *“Taking Off”* and *“Landing”* and *“On the Runway”* loudly so other pilots are aware.
- Please make your take offs, flights, and landings in the pattern
- **DO NOT** fly over pits or parking lot. Keep flights over the runway centerline or Northeast of it.
- 3D flying or helicopter hovering **must** be accomplished on the **Northeast side** of the runway (over the grass)! Do not fly directly in front of the pits!! (This especially applies when other aircraft are flying).

- No flying *directly towards* the pits.
- In case of emergency or out of control aircraft, yell “*Heads Up*”
- “*Dead Stick*” aircraft have emergency priority of the airspace. Fly your aircraft away from or vacate the runway to allow that person the attempt to land.
- Use pilot boxes (behind netting) while flying. Do not stand on runway.
- HAVE FUN!

Please report to me any near-misses or lessons learned that we can share among our members. You can be anonymous. kensandir@gmail.com



Meeting Minutes / March 2022

- Meeting held March 26th at Keffer Field.
- Meeting Called to order by President Mike Feitinger at 9:30am.

- President Michael Feitinger-present
Vice President Mark Nicastle-not 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 present

- Attendees-15

- Treasurer's report was given by Bill Howlin. 39 renewals so far, that's down almost 20 from previous year. Lease application has been submitted to the state.

- Old business:
 - Runway Status- currently scheduled to be finished May 31st and June 1st.
 - Field clean up date has been set for April 23rd. Please plan on helping!
 - Prairie Dogs- Still seem to be getting a handle on them.

- New Business:
 - Ken Roberts Safety Officer talked about being careful when retrieving an airplane that may have went down on the field. Be mindful about flying aircraft, maybe wait until they are not flying to retrieve yours. Also watch out for the prairie dog holes out there!

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 9:45am.

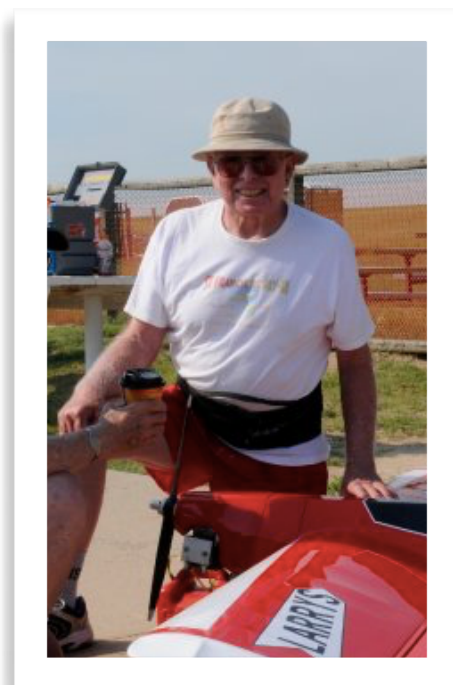
FIELD REPORT

The latest updates to the flying field and what's going on.

- Clean up day is April 23rd at 0930, immediately following the monthly meeting. **Show some care for your field and lend a hand!** Should not take long and a bbq lunch will be served. We are mainly focusing on cleaning up the junk behind the sheds and loading into a dumpster. Flying can resume after the cleanup.
- Runway resealing project is scheduled for completion May 31, June1. The field will be closed during that time (gate will be locked).
- If you see Prairie Dog activity on our property, make note of where and report to Bill H or Mark Nicastle please.
- Mike Feitinger has received bids for the shade structures. The Board will review them and make a decision on whether to proceed with the project.
- Bill H., Mark N., Lee O., and Mike F. recently split and removed all the deadwood sitting behind the sheds. We now have a plethora of firewood for the clubhouse!
- 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!



REMEMBERING LARRY STOUGHTON



Some of you may already know, but just this week we lost long time member Larry Stoughton, he was 78. He fought a long battle with health problems. Larry was a pivotal pillar of the club, contributing large amounts of his blood, sweat, and money into this club and facility that he was a part of. And as you may have witnessed, his aircraft builds were a work of art!

Larry joined the Miniature Aero Sportsters around 1985 and became actively involved right away. His son Jason was also very active and an accomplished flyer. Larry's name is mentioned some 35 times in the club's history document. He was awarded numerous times for Outstanding Service to the club, including the MAS Award. He was also awarded Outstanding Builder numerous times and had aircraft he built featured in magazines like RC Modeler Magazine. He was a master at fabrication, and also paint techniques using automotive finishes. He owned several milling machines in his home workshop, creating custom metal parts for his models.

Much of the current flying field was built by Larry and his son Jason, including the assembly tables we still use today! Larry once told me it cost him over \$300 a table (in the late 80's!) for him to make, which came from his own wallet!

I will miss his endless knowledge and experience and I regret that I didn't have more time with him to learn some of his wealth of skills. God Speed Larry, we will miss you!

AIRPLANE FOR SALE



Brand New 2022 Tower Hobbies Uproar V2! I assembled it for you, just add your engine and radio. Includes all hardware, more decals, and instructions. Can be either glow or electric.

I need this to go! \$80 (save yourself about \$50!)

Contact Mike Feitinger if interested: mfight43@gmail.com or 720-839-3320



Shop? What's that for? Ora Dewalt doing his thing.



A beautiful Saturday at the field!

HANGAR TALK FROM THE PAST...

A sample of newsletters from the past

March 22, 1994

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi everyone, it seem that each month I have good news to pass along. Our mallshow at Buckingham Square went off with out a hitch. We had a very good location right off the main square. The corridor provided us ample room yet was narrow enough to nudge people close to our displays. We passed out over 500 flyers, that means 500 more people now are aware of MAS! I think the airplane count was around 34 all very nice looking stuff. Thanks Guys & Gals for a job well done. Also out of that 500 was Bonnie Kluck, Marketing Director for the Lakeside Mall. She was so impressed with our displays as to call me and invite us to display at the Lakeside Mall! This was discussed at the March meeting and voted to go there for our pre Airshow Mallshow June 25th & 26th. Also to sweeten the pot so to speak, Bonnie offered a \$200 donation to MAS!

More good new, I have received our Sanctions for the Airshow and the Lamar Steen Memorial from AMA and IMAA. Tony Tunis and Mike Martinez report that the Airshow plans are on schedule. Both still need some additional volunteers so give them a call and offer a hand, thanks.

Our next project is the work-party April 30th, we need all members to come out and pitch in! Come on out and show your support for our great flying site. Bring a paint brush, hand tools, power tools, whatever you think we might need to get the job done. Rumor has it that Judy and Joann are planing lunch so that alone should convince you to take part!

Then the May 15th we host the cross country with the Arvada Assoc. Modelers. This should prove to be a ton of fun for all and also a new experience for some of our newer pilots. I want to encourage all of the newer pilots to take part in this event. It is not any harder than flying from a fixed position after you take off you don't realize you are moving. I flew my first crosscountry at the old Adams county field before I had learned to land. If I remember right Earl Thompson was riding in the pickup with me, on arrival back to the field E.T. landed the plane for me! The concept of really flying your plane from one place to another is a great kick, Try It You'll Like It!

Another good news item is that this issue contains our first add from Action Hobbies!! Glen was more than willing to make a donation for the raffle in payment for the add. Glen has a first rate shop, stop by and take a look I'm sure you will like it.

Well you can thank our slave driving Editor Charlie, he called tonite and said he is picking up this article tomorrow otherwise I might ramble on all night!!

Enough Already Stan...

FOR STEAL

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UGLY STICK 60
with OS 61 ABC,
Aircronic 4-channel FM & charger
New Batteries in Radio
\$250.00

10 MOTS
with Fitec Patrick 60,
Futaba FG 7-channel & charger
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Contact: Pete Jensen
289-7058

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SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2022

KEFFER FIELD, BRIGHTON COLORADO

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.MINIATUREAEROSPORTSTERS.ORG

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT # 12628

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Front Range RC Flying Events Calendar for 2022 (Ver 1cc)

by Mike Cross – Longmont Associated Modelers Association (LAMA)

8 Mar - AMA 29 Mar

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Note 1: This events calendar is very dynamic and being updated frequently, bear with me on changes.

Note 2: Some of these events are not firmed up --- **verify before you plan to attend.**

Note 3: The events with a (A) = are AMA sanctioned events and (I) = are IMAC sanctioned events.

These events were gathered from the AMA Web (W) site calendar, club web sites and emails from club officers.

Purple – Newly added event

Please send updates to: Hotcross.RCFlyer@gmail.com

April 30 – Indoor flying 7-10PM https://actionhobbiesco.com/	Foothills Sports Arena -Lakewood
May 24 – RC Eagles May Airshow/Fun Fly + BBQ 6-7:30PM	Denver RC Eagles - Aurora
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Jun 10-12 – Warbirds & Classics over Denver	Jefco Aeromod'lers - Littleton
Jun 11 –(A) – Pluckrose Memorial Event	Mile Hi RC - Strasburg
Jun 17-18 –(A)- LoveAir R/C Scale Summer Classic	LoveAir – Ault
Jun 18-19 –(A)- 2022 Colorado Pattern Challenge	Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Jun 21 – RC Eagles Jun Airshow/ Fun Fly + BBQ 6-7:30PM	Denver RC Eagles - Aurora
Jun 25 - PPRCC T-28 & Big Stik Invite	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Jul 2-3 –(A)- LAMA IMAC	LAMA – Longmont -Dacono
Jul 09 – LoveAir Swap Meet /Fun Fly	LoveAir – Ault
Jul 16 - PPRCC Warbirds over Pikes Peak	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Jul 21-24 –(A)- 4th LAMA Fest 2022	LAMA –Dacono
Jul 26 – RC Eagles Jul Airshow/ Fun Fly + BBQ 6-7:30PM	Denver RC Eagles - Aurora
Jul 30 - PPRCC Electric Fun Day	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Aug 06 - PPRCC Fun Fly	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Aug 12-13 –(A)- Colorado WarBirds	LoveAir – Ault
Aug 14 - PPRCC Family Day & Swap Meet	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Aug 20 –(A) -Mile Hi RC Club Open House Event	Mile Hi RC - Strasburg
Aug 23 – RC Eagles Aug Airshow/ Fun Fly + BBQ 6-7:30PM	Denver RC Eagles - Aurora
Aug 27-28 –(A)- LAMA Pattern Challenge	LAMA -Dacono
Sep 3-4 (A) – Warbirds & Classics over Pueblo	Sky Corral - Pueblo
Sept 9-11 –(A)- 2021 Mile High Heli Showdown	LAMA –Dacono
Sept 10 –(A) - Warbirds Over The High Plains	Mile Hi RC - Strasburg
Sept 15-18 (A) –Warbirds & Classics over the Rockies	Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Sept 17 - Jets over Pikes Peak	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Sept 17 – Indoor flying 7-10PM https://actionhobbiesco.com/	Foothills Sports Arena -Lakewood
Sept 24 – RC Eagles Sept Airshow/ Fun Fly + BBQ 10-12:30PM	Denver RC Eagles - Aurora
Sept 24 –(A)- Miniature Aero Sportsters Open House Fly In	Miniature Aero Sportsters -Brighton
Oct 02 - PPRCC End of Summer Club Event	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Oct 7-8 – (A)- Colorado Jet Rally	LoveAir – Ault
Oct 15 – Indoor flying 7-10PM https://actionhobbiesco.com/	Foothills Sports Arena -Lakewood
Nov 19 – Indoor flying 7-10PM https://actionhobbiesco.com/	Foothills Sports Arena -Lakewood



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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