



HANGAR TALK

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There's a saying around here in spring, "if it ain't snowin', it's blowin'!". That's been very true so far this year! Hopefully soon things will settle down and more good flying days will be had. There are a lot of events around town starting in June. - *HT Editor*



HOT ITEMS:

- **Safety Alert!**-See Page 4
- Next club meeting is May 28th, 9:00 am at the field.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

By Mike Feitinger, MAS President

Holy windstorms, eh? It sure has been windy lately. Many opportunities to maiden some new airplanes has been lost as I too am anxious to get my new “rides” into the air for the first time. But soon enough it will happen. One has to be patient this time of year.

Our Clean Up Day ended up happening even after we decided to postpone it due to the high winds early that morning. I apologize if you did not come out after I canceled it that day, but a bunch of us hard headed guys went out regardless and ended up knocking it out. I thank all of you knuckleheads that came out and helped. Extra thanks to Jeff Griego for bringing out his tractor, that was a huge help.

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 in March. 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.

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

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

Preventing Accidents

I've been in the occupational safety and health field for most of my career. Unfortunately, I have had to investigate a lot of accidents that involved injuries and property damage. The positive side of it is finding the causal factors and root causes to prevent these types of accidents from reoccurring. It's rare that equipment failure plays part in the accident, provided you've done the preventive maintenance. Statistics show that approximately 69% of accidents are caused by the person themselves.

Unless you address human factors (your own behavior), errors and decisions will be made that will result in injuries— *that's a guarantee*. It's guaranteed because we all make mistakes. Even if we know the risk, know the rules, and know the consequences, the bottom line is when we're rushing, frustrated, tired or complacent, we're more likely to make an unintentional error, make a poor decision, take a shortcut. Here are 4 states of mind...rushing, frustrated, tired or complacent, that *can cause or contribute to these critical errors*...eyes not on task, mind not on task, in the line of fire, or loss of traction or grip...*which will increase the risk of injury*. In most of my investigation findings, at least one or more of these causal factors played a role in the accident. Mike Feitinger can attest that when the cockpit of an airliner goes into a "sterile condition", they must be 100% focus in flying their aircraft; their eyes and minds must be on task. Distractions can, and have, caused accidents.

There was an injury recently at the field where a pilot had inadvertently put their hand into a spinning prop (OUCH!). I think most of us have or come very close to doing so. I don't know the root cause of this event was, but when it had happened to me it was because I had gotten complacent. My mind was not on task. Luckily the prop only nicked my finger nail. Analyze the close calls and small errors (to prevent the big ones). I have a lot of respect for that turning prop now!

Remember to stay focus, think about what you're going to do before you do it.

1. Before connecting your battery to an ESC, is the throttle on your transmitter at idle?
2. Move any loose materials near the motor or engine before starting or run-up. Loose materials could get sucked into the prop area.

3. Don't stand in the "line of fire". Have others stand back in case something does go bad and parts or debris fly off.
4. The list could go on...

Think safety...make it a habit! It not just to protect yourself but others around you as well.



Meeting Minutes / April 2022

- Meeting held April 26th via Zoom.
 - Meeting Called to order by President Mike Feitinger at 6:08pm.

 - President Michael Feitinger-present
Vice President Mark Nicastle-present
Treasurer Bill Howlin- present
Safety Officer Ken Roberts- not present
Field Maintenance Officer Joe Moore- not present
Board member Lee Overholt- not present
Board member Larry Litsey- not present

 - Attendees-3

 - Treasurer's report was given by Bill Howlin.
 - 43 members to date. Bill reports he is working on the King Soopers fund raising idea.
 - CONEX search continues, prices are still very high. A decision will have to be made whether or not to move forward and invest in one.

 - Old business:
 - Runway Status- on schedule to be finished May 31st and June 1st.
 - Field Clean Up happened successfully. All junk removed from the field.

 - New Business:
 - Bill H and Lee O replaced the siding on the north gable end of the clubhouse.
- Motion to adjourn and seconded at 6:32pm.



FIELD REPORT

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

- The Field Cleanup Day was cancelled via email due to very windy conditions, however, being that we have hard headed members LOL, it happened anyways. About 15 guys showed up at the field and we got it handled. Big thanks to Jeff Griego for bringing out his tractor, it was a huge help! All of the junk sitting around has been removed.
- Runway resealing project is scheduled for completion May 31, June1. The field will be closed during that time (gate will be locked).
- The shade structure project is still under review. Further bids will be collected.
- Bill Howlin and Lee Overholt (the Tinkering Twosome) removed and replaced the North gable end of the clubhouse with new siding. Thanks guys!
- If you see Prairie Dog activity on our property, make note of where and report to Bill H or Mark Nicastle please.
- 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!



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.



HANGAR TALK FROM THE PAST...

A sample of newsletters from the past

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well looks like I survived the trip to the hospital. I came away with a little less bowel and Chron's disease. Not really sure who won in that trade.

Exciting things happened at the last meeting. We 20+ members decided to levy a runway assessment. The assessment is \$100.00 due by August 5, feel free to donate more if you're independently wealthy. Members not willing to pay will be removed from the roster. I sincerely hope that all members see our point and can pay. Members needing special dispensation please submit your circumstances in writing to a board member by the July meeting. That is about the drift of the motion that passed.

Now we move forward to pave the runway, with asphalt. We figure the runway should cost around \$6,000.00. I will be contacting firms to get bids, these will be presented at the next board meeting and then the club meeting. We can then select the best bid and schedule the work to begin. The club really came together on this one. I'm glad, we needed to do something about the runway and we are. Yes it costs money but everything worth having you usually have to pay for. I'm sure this column and others will be filled with runway

information in the coming months.

Lets move on to airplanes.

While in the Hospital I received RCM, Model Airplane News, Model aviation and Flying models. My wife graciously brought them to me. In RCM and Model Airplane News I found an advertisement for a deHavilland Mosquito (my favorite plane) with a great intro. price. The ad was from APICOM Hobbies in New Jersey. Well we promptly phone in an order for the plane. Well it took the company only 1 day to process the Master Card. The plane still has not arrived. Stay tuned to the newsletter to see if they turn out to be slow or slime. I'm personally hoping for slow. Only time will tell. Friendly advice, be careful where you order things from, you may even wish to check them out with the BBB before ordering. *(Paying by credit card is also smart. Gives you a chance to fight it if necessary. ed.)*

There was a record crowd out at the field Sunday, anyone not there missed a good time. Beware of wandering video cameras taping your landings for the Mall Show.

Gary

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THE QUARTER SCALE SCENE



"No, no! The one on the left—pull it back!"

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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
May 24 – Indoor flying 7-10PM https://actionhobbiesco.com/	Foothills Sports Arena -Lakewood
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
Sep 10 –(A) - Warbirds Over The High Plains	Mile Hi RC - Strasburg
Sep 15-18 (A) –Warbirds & Classics over the Rockies	Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Sep 17 - Jets over Pikes Peak	Pikes Peak RC club – Colo Spgs
Sep 17 – Indoor flying 7-10PM https://actionhobbiesco.com/	Foothills Sports Arena -Lakewood
Sep 24 – RC Eagles Sept Airshow/ Fun Fly + BBQ 10-12:30PM	Denver RC Eagles - Aurora
Sep 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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