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# HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

## CLUB PRESIDENT-MIKE FEITINGER

This month will be my final newsletter as President. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to take MAS forward and hopefully we improved the club. I thank you for all your support, but I certainly didn't do anything by myself. The Board and other leaders provided tons of support and effort to assist me in getting the club where it needs to be. Jack Dunkle was super supportive as VP, Bill Howlin did an excellent job as Treasurer and also as general handyman, along with Lee Overholt. I also thank Mark Nicastle as well for his advice and guidance. I will be stepping into a Board member role and will also continue to publish the newsletter and website.

Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement over the past couple of years! I know MAS will be in good hands going forward.

### **Open House was a success....**

Thanks to all that came out and attended the Annual Open House Event. More on the event in this newsletter!

### **Vote for Leadership positions this month!....**

Reminder that we will be voting for the Executive Board member positions at this month's meeting.

Happy Flying!, Mike

**COMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

**CLUB MEETING OCT 26TH**

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**CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-JACK DUNKLE**

From the VP-

Hello again, as promise it's time to have a continuation of our past member Larry L's RC estate sale, and the addition of Jeff O's RC estate. There are still a lot of nice planes and equipment from Larry, and now with the addition of Jeff's estate that consists of about 15 nice airplanes, most of which are electric, and most are Almost Ready to Fly or are ready to Bind and Fly. There are a few large nitro 4-cycle powered planes in this collection that are beautiful and ready to go. I think most of these planes will go fast, so early comers will have the best chance at these planes.

This sale will be at my home again: 20312 E 52nd Ave Denver, CO 80249, on Oct. 14 from 9 am to 3pm. As before, parking in the street near my home is limited, so there is parking across the street near the community garden. Please do not block the neighbors driveways.

Also note, you can contact me anytime and come look at the goods. You don't have to wait for the sale.

Any questions can be sent via email: [jdunkle747@yahoo.com](mailto:jdunkle747@yahoo.com) with estate sale in the subject line and I will reply as soon as I can. - Jack

**CLUB TREASURER-BILL HOWLIN**

Currently we have 53 members. Welcome new members!: Chris Sussek

-Bill

**SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS****Safety Tips for Flying RC Planes: Best Practices and Precautions**

Credit: USAWIRE

Flying radio-controlled planes can be an exhilarating hobby for enthusiasts of all ages. Regardless of your experience level as a pilot, prioritizing safety is essential to ensure a pleasant and incident-free experience. This article aims to provide you with vital safety tips, best practices, and precautions to adhere to while operating RC planes.

**Pre-Flight Checklist**

Performing a pre-flight checklist is a vital step to ensure your RC plane is in optimal condition before takeoff. Check the control surfaces for proper movement, and inspect the wings, tail, and landing gear for any damage or loose parts. Verify that the batteries are fully charged and secure. A thorough pre-flight check significantly reduces the risk of accidents due to mechanical issues.

**Proper Maintenance and Inspections**

Regular maintenance and inspections are essential to keep your RC plane in excellent condition. Clean your plane after each flight to remove dirt and debris. Check the integrity of the fuselage, wings, and control surfaces for any signs of wear or damage. Pay attention to the motor and propeller, ensuring they are in good working order. Regular maintenance will enhance the longevity and safety of your RC plane.

**Handling Batteries and Charging**

Always adhere to the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when handling batteries for your RC plane. To prevent overcharging, always utilize the appropriate charger for your battery type. Additionally, it is essential to continuously observe batteries during the charging process and guarantee their storage in a cool and dry location. It is crucial to handle batteries with care as mishandling can lead to fires or other hazardous situations.

**Adhering to Local Regulations and Laws**

Always adhere to local regulations and laws governing RC flying. Familiarize yourself with any restrictions on flying locations, altitude limits, and registration requirements. Follow guidelines regarding privacy, noise, and flight times to ensure the hobby remains enjoyable for everyone. By obeying the rules, you contribute to the safety and reputation of the RC flying community.

**Flying in Suitable Weather Conditions**

The flight characteristics and safety of RC planes are greatly affected by weather conditions. To guarantee the safety of your aircraft, it is recommended to avoid flying in challenging weather conditions, including high winds, precipitation, or thunderstorms. These conditions have the potential to cause loss of control or damage. Instead, opt for calm weather with clear visibility to ensure optimal flying conditions. Be mindful of temperature extremes that can affect battery performance. Flying in suitable weather conditions ensures a more controlled and safe flight.

**Maintaining Line of Sight and Avoiding Distractions**

Maintaining a clear line of sight with your RC plane is crucial for maintaining control and avoiding collisions. Maintain constant visual contact with the aircraft and refrain from flying beyond your visual range. Steer clear of distractions like mobile devices or conversations that may divert your attention from flying. By staying focused, you minimize the risk of accidents and maximize the enjoyment of your RC flying experience.

**Managing Flight Range and Height**

Be mindful of the flight range and height limits of your RC plane. Respect these limits to prevent losing control or interfering with other aircraft. Signal loss between the transmitter and receiver can occur when flying at high altitudes, posing a potential risk of a crash. Stay within the recommended range and height to ensure a safe and controlled flight.

**Dealing with Emergency Situations**

Despite all precautions, emergencies can still occur during RC flights. Stay calm and composed if you encounter an emergency, such as a loss of control or mechanical failure. Practice emergency procedures in advance, such as activating failsafe settings or performing an emergency landing. Reacting calmly and swiftly will minimize the risk of accidents and potentially save your RC plane.

**Establishing Communication with Other Pilots**

If you are flying in a location with other RC pilots, establishing communication is crucial for coordination and safety. Use appropriate radio frequencies and channels to avoid interference. Be courteous and inform others about your intended flight path or maneuvers. Maintain a respectful distance from other pilots and avoid flying too close to their planes. Effective communication ensures a harmonious and accident-free flying environment.

**Avoiding Flying Near People and Wildlife**

To prevent injuries or harm to living creatures, avoid flying your RC plane near people or wildlife. Maintain a safe distance from bystanders, children, or pets, ensuring that they are outside the flying area. Respect the natural habitats of wildlife and avoid causing distress or endangering their well-being. Fly responsibly to preserve the safety and serenity of the surroundings.

Engaging in the thrilling and fulfilling pastime of flying RC planes demands skill, caution, and compliance with safety protocols. By adhering to the safety guidelines, recommended procedures, and precautionary measures described in this article, you can enhance your RC flying experience while reducing the chances of accidents or harm to your aircraft. Remember to always prioritize safety, stay informed about local regulations, and continuously improve your flying skills. Happy flying!

## Meeting Minutes / Sep 2023

- Meeting held via Zoom on September 21st, 2023.
- Meeting Called to order by President Mike Feitinger at 6:04pm.
  
- President Michael Feitinger-Present  
Vice President Jack Dunkle-Present  
Treasurer Bill Howlin- Present  
Board member Lee Overholt- Present  
Board member Mark Nicastle- Present  
Board member Bob Salmon-Not Present  
Safety Officer Ken Roberts- Not Present
  
- Attendees-10
  
- Treasurer's Report: Given by Bill Howlin. 53 members currently. State Lease paid for 2024.
  
- Old business:
  - Internet Hotspot project; Jack will be addressing full time after Open House event.
  - Jack will be purchasing wood for the stove soon. Also will be repairing chimney soon.
  - Charging Station Upgrades; Mike F will be addressing full time after Open House event.
  - Open House: Mike Feitinger reported everything is ready and looking good!
  
- New Business:
  - Nominations for Officers for FY2024 were presented. So far:
    - President: Jack Dunkle and Mark Nicastle
    - Vice President: Sean Sutton
    - Secretary/Treasurer: Dan Brandenburger
  - Lee Overholt has requested to step down as a Board Member.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:34pm.

## Nominations for Board Members

The following members have been nominated for leadership positions for 2024:

President:

Jack Dunkle  
Mark Nicastle

Vice President:

Sean Sutton

Treasurer:

Dan Brandenburger

Lee Overholt has asked to step down as Board Member at Large. Bill Howlin has stated his desire to not hold any position on the Board.

Voting will held via electronically online, and also in person at the October meeting.

## 3RD ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE FLY IN

Our annual event in September occurred on September 23rd, 2023. The weather was looking good early that morning, however, by 9:00am the wind picked up to quite a breeze, and a direct crosswind to boot! It seemed like the event may be lack luster by mid morning, as no one was willing to fly in the less than favorable wind.

By 11:00 lunch was served and quite a gathering of friends and family arrived! So much so, we ran out of food! As luck would have it, immediately following lunch the wind slowed down and switched to a more favorable direction, and so the flying began!

Jose Barragan was the first to brave the wind and he put on a very nice 3D flying demo for the folks. That was followed by Jack Dunkle flying his awesome Airwolf helicopter, very scale indeed. After that, Mike Feitinger fired up his jet and demonstrated turbine flying with speed, noise, and the smell of jet exhaust.

Many other flyers took to the air and joined in the afternoon fun in what turned out to be a great event. See you next year!-Mike









# GRAND OPENING!

JULY 26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 27<sup>th</sup>

COME FLY

WITH US AT OUR  
NEW FIELD!

ALL AREA CLUBS INVITED!

CEREMONIES AT 1:00 PM SAT.

HOSTING IMAA CHAPTER 90

SEE MAP REVERSE SIDE