



March, 2001 Edition

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President's Message

At our meeting on 2/28/01, the following items were discussed:

1. The paving has been given the OK to proceed. Andy Taylor will check with LaFarge Corp for a quote. I would ask that everyone reconsider additional pledges to help with the runway fund.
2. The float fly will be May 19. The advertisements are out. Plan to attend with an airplane or to help. This is a major event and we need help.
3. Received two checks from Terry Edwards for the remaining materials given to us. Terry took them to the auctions. Thanks Terry for the help.
4. A possible interference problem was reported at the soccer fields. Ken Jochim got out his maps and our field is over 2 miles away. This is not a problem.
5. Steve Kranock from CU was a visitor. He has a RC that he is putting a computer in that will learn to fly the plane. He will tell us about this project at the March Meeting. This will be most interesting.
6. The Longmont Air show will be June 24. I would hope our club will bring airplanes to fly or show and help Tony and Arnold.
7. The 2001 dues are due(40) so we can mail in the Charter and the membership list to AMA for Ken Jochim has really nice new cards for us. Contact Ken at 303-444-3206, 3865 Norwood, Boulder 80304 to pay dues.
8. The march cleanup day is Mar 17. Dean is being operated on Mar 9, so he will be the boss.

Wendell Wickstrom, President

Minutes: February 28, 2001

President Wendell Wickstrom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Wendell introduced Steve Kranock who is working on a project involving trying to teach a computer how to fly a model airplane. Steve will keep the club posted on his progress.

Ken Jochim gave the Treasurer's report. Currently the club has \$13,433.23 in checking. Ken asked the members to pay their 2001 dues which are due by mid March, and to pay any pledges made for the paving project. Wendell encouraged the members to consider making additional pledges towards the paving project. President Wickstrom reported on the recent Officers meeting. The officers were in favor of moving forward with the paving project.

There was discussion about the possibility of interference caused by people flying at some soccer fields at the end of

47th street. Ken Jochim agreed to map out the area and to determine the possibility of interference. Ken brought some graphs showing that the distance is about two miles and that interference was not likely to occur, unless the distance was less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

Wendell reported that he had some preliminary information that the LaFarge Paving Co. has some grant money, up to \$30,000.00 to assist with paving projects. Wendell has not yet been able to get specific information. Andy Taylor said that he has a contact at the company and will get information. Richard Anderson agreed to take Herb's place on the paving project.

Wendell asked for a field work day to be held on Saturday, March 17th.

Wendell reported that Terry Edwards had done an excellent job in getting the donated equipment and building material to the auction. Terry was able to get nearly \$800.00 for the club. Great job Terry!

Arnold Peckar reported on the annual Longmont fly-in, to be held June 23rd, and 24th. There is an opportunity for the BAS to participate in the RC demonstration flying on Sunday, June 24th. The planes will be on display before the flying demonstration. Tony has agreed to coordinate with other clubs in the area, but will need some help. Arnold asked that someone shadow Tony, in order to take over for him in the future. Arnold stated that the planes can again be stored in his hangar prior to the demonstration. Arnold suggested someone should take some pictures of the event which could then be sent to the model magazines.

The BAS Float Fly will be held on Saturday, May 19th, at the Boulder Reservoir. Club members are distributing fliers to the area clubs.

Program:

Andy Taylor demonstrated several tools that he has found to be very handy. Table saw, bits, grinding wheels, electric sander (Braun electric tooth brush), and a method he developed to paint foam. Ken Jochim demonstrated a foam cutter that he had made. Dean Chandler brought several tools, including clothespin clamps, awl, a device to solder batteries, a tool to clamp tubing, and pliers modified to make Z bends. Andy Taylor showed a video titled "Afterburner Boogie". Several members brought airplanes for display. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Russell Larsen, Secretary

This sentence left blank internationally... Si! Ja! Yes indeed. (Definition: *Joke...* Duh!)

Perspective.....

ONCE again our President called for a volunteer work party to clean up Chandler field, and once again no one answered the call. We are about to embark upon exhausting the club funds on a massive repavement project; perhaps the time has come to readdress this issue.

The purpose of forming and joining a club is to share a common interest among many and to take from it the warm experience of fellowship and sharing of ideas and labor. No club can exist without common goals. Many of our members have become part of the Boulder Aeromodeling Society for the sole purpose of obtaining the key to the entrance gate and using Chandler Field for flying their aircraft. They do not attend meetings nor do they join any activities. Other members attend the meetings and don't fly. A few members attend the meetings and also fly. This same handful are the core of the active members, and a small group of these do all the work that is far less glamorous than flying or building. Ultimately, the heaviest labor and responsibility for maintaining our flying field falls on the shoulders of one person. Without complaint, Dean Chandler has performed the function of field maintenance. As it comes to all of us, age and wear take a toll on our bodies, and so they have taken a toll on Dean Chandler. Dean is going to undertake a serious medical operation that will take a great deal of time to recover from. It is time the rest of our organization picks up where Dean will leave off.

At the time of the last elections, our membership stood at a 109 count, yet fewer than 25 people come to the meetings. Many members have never been to a meeting. Our President has instituted and organized an informative and entertaining program at each meeting. His goal is to make the meetings a fun place to come. Hopefully the business meetings can be a place that, once a month, will put the thrill of our youth into us for a couple of hours. A place where one can relax among peers.

PERHAPS, we need to shelf our repaving project until we are sure we can maintain our flying field.

PERHAPS, the idea of hiring out the field maintenance is not such a bad idea.

AND...

The entertainment Program for March promises to appeal to many of our members. "*Luftwaffe on Water*", from the series "Wings of the Luftwaffe", will be shown at this month's meeting. This is a 40 min. film of all the German water aircraft of WWII. If you like seaplanes this is a must see!!! Again, bring your most unusual or favorite tool and share with us your answer to those difficult problems. Show and Tell. We are always looking for your latest projects. This is the time of the year to show off your latest project and "bragging rights" will be yours!

Andy Taylor, Program Chairman

Getting Our Money's Worth

by John Locke

Recently there was a thread on the District VIII mail list concerning volunteerism and the cost of volunteering. The

following excerpts from messages in that thread are presented here to give you food for thought when you begin to think that you may not be getting your "money's worth" from the movers and shakers in the AMA and this club. I have listed only the first names of the writers in order to protect their privacy.

"Modelers really do not know what it cost to be a volunteer! Just being a club president costs since sometimes you see things that need to be done, and pay for it out of your own pocket. Being a volunteer is a costly job."—Max
"They must know that it is very expensive, so few can afford it."—Red

"But the price is always right! Thanks to all who give of their time, energy and resources. We couldn't be without it!"—Ed
"I think that all modelers should have to do some of this kind of volunteer work so that they will learn how to appreciate the hard efforts of the few who go that extra mile to insure that everybody has a place to play.

"Being a club president, field manager, construction crew, maintenance crew, chief gopher, object of criticism, and many more titles that go along with the territory, I get PO'd at the modelers who think we volunteers owe them this free effort. It sure would be nice to just be able to sit back and do nothing.

"Unfortunately, in my opinion, there is something inside all volunteers that drives us to serve our fellow modelers and does not allow us to give up.

"We know what it would be like if nobody put forth the effort it takes to insure we all have a place to enjoy our hobbies.

"As Max stated, there are a lot of out-of-pocket expenses that take place just to make sure thing run smoothly. If we had to wait for an approval on everything that got done, it would take forever, windows of opportunity would be missed, and momentum would be lost, not to mention the criticism for not taking the appropriate action at the appropriate time.

"Of course, you get the backlash for not asking the folks who don't support you to start with. It's a no-win situation when it comes to trying to please everybody, so I now just concentrate on the ones who are involved and care, and do the best possible job to help them. The heck with the slackers and whiners.

"As the old saying goes 'Help those who help themselves.' There are no free lunches.

"If you want something bad enough, the only thing one needs to do is get off the couch and pursue your goals. It's definitely not going to get done by itself." —Rick

"Ditto. Well, I have been president of the Hill Country Aeromodelers for five years, and newsletter editor for seven. My gas costs alone would pay for a dozen memberships or more. This is not an easy job." —Bill

"Been there done that. And it is a rewarding job.

Newsletter editor for life. President for seven years until I could talk the former president into taking it over again if I would continue as newsletter editor.

“Of course we are a very small club, only 100 +/- members. But we are in a college town and retirement area where not many have the time to spend on club activities.”—Red

“I agree that in any club there are always a few who are the doers and many who are the criticizers. I have served as club treasurer, newsletter editor, general flunky, chief cook at fun-flys, and fund raiser for the club and MDA.

“The new president thanked me this year by deciding that it would be better to have only one vote per household, regardless of AMA status or how much you worked for the club. (In the past we have had all club members vote and allowed those with family memberships to have a vote and a say in the club.)

“I was asked to do the newsletter this year after being told I was not important enough to voice my opinion or vote. I said NO! We have only had 1 newsletter go out. (Gee, no one wants to do it.)

“So I thanked him also and have only been involved in the fun-fly by manning impound. Since my husband was CD I felt I should help out. Personally I am glad to not have to feel responsible for anything except having a good time.

“When I have been asked how I did something in the past I have simply answered ‘To the best of my ability ...’ I figure, let them figure it out.

“We will have a new board soon and I will probably do more but only if I am once again allowed to vote on things. Many times the wives are willing to do things so their husbands can go about the fun of flying and not have to worry about the other things like who will cook at the fun-fly, etc.

“I have always enjoyed being a part of the club and doing things like the newsletter, taking pictures and cooking at club events. I enjoy being a part of my husband’s hobby in a different way than flying.”—Bonnie

“Fellow club worker bees ...

“If it makes it any easier, think about it this way. We have about a dozen workers out of a club of 100+. It makes things easier to do when the 12 (which includes the four officers, newsletter editor, field manager, contest chairman, chief instructor) decide and just go ahead and do it without ever bringing it to a vote.

“We have bought new mowers, a trailer to haul them on, carpeting for pit area, a chain link fence, shelters with cement floors, a concession shelter, carpeted set-up tables, seed and fertilizer, storage building, etc., using the ‘their’ dues.

“We look at it like them subsidizing our hobby for the privilege of flying on ‘our’ field once or twice a month while we enjoy it three or four days a week. We would maintain a field anyway, but it would cost us a lot more.”—Red

“As past president and BOD member of two large organizations, I found that there are four levels of membership in a group:

1. 10% who will work for a goal without being asked.
2. 20% who will help if you can convince them they are needed.
3. 65% who go along for the ride.

4. 5% who will work to destroy whatever everyone else does.

The individuals in groups one and two will change with the administration, but groups three and four seem to have permanent membership.”—Roger

**from the Texarkana R/C Flyer
John Locke, Editor**

The Lock will be a-changing

We are planning to change the lock at the field on April 1st, and we will mail out new keys to all current members before that date. Members need to get their dues in if they want to stay current and not have to pay a new initiation fee. Also, we are moving forward with the repaving project, so for those of you who made pledges, now is the time to settle up! If you have not made a pledge yet or want to help out more, additional donations will be gratefully accepted! If we get enough, we may be able to pave the E-W runway as well.

Ken Jochim, Treasurer

Notes

Wow! It’s almost flying weather! Yes, I know, for a lot of you, daytime is flying weather! As far as that goes, I know of a group up in Arvada that flies at night. So for them flying weather is anytime... One thing for sure, there will always be a lot of strange people in the world... er, and a lot of RC Modelers too! For me, the fall of 1998 was flying weather.

Where was I? Oh yeah... Wow! It’s almost flying weather! So are you ready? Cycled your batteries lately? Checked over your equipment? Checked your props? You say you switched to Jets? Good for you... Check your props! Are they cracked? Chiped? Balanced?!? You can always tell when your prop is out of balance; your engine shakes itself off the motor mount. Don’t fly unless your engine is on the airplane. Just kidding go ahead and fly; if you can!

Speaking of engines... Is your engine safe? Of course not. Is your table saw safe? Be careful out there... Sticking your finger in a prop can spoil any flying weather.

Definition: *PROPELLER* - Handy tool for cutting away excess skin on knuckles

Speaking of sticking your finger... If you use superglue, keep some de-bonder handy. Also, use the buddy system, tell your wife that you will be gluing. (She will know, of course, because she’ll notice the glue missing from the meat compartment of the refrigerator.) That way, when you don’t show up for diner, she can come out and debond you from your workbench! Yeah, yeah, you’ve never done that. Neither have I, never... well almost never. At least not for a long time. Let’s face it, it’s been a long time since I’ve been at my workbench!

Definition: *CYANOACRYLATE* –1) Special glue, designed to instantly glue fingers to balsa structures. 2) Special glue, instantly curing when parts are misaligned, will hardly (if at all) cure when parts are correctly aligned.

Remember, take off if you want to, land when you must.

Chuck Armantrout, Editor

ON THE HORIZON

BOULDER AEROMODELING SOCIETY

<http://www.milehighflight.com/BoulderRC.htm>

March 28 Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM
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