



## November 2016 Edition

### Officer nomination will be at the November meeting

#### A message to all club members

On Tuesday November 1st, our President received an e-mail from a neighbor of our field concerning the flying of drones over their property.

This is a good neighbor, which fully identified themselves, but I have intentionally left off any identifying information as it is not relevant to the situation.

*"... We have had a drone flying over our property at least five times. I live quite a distance away from your air park.*

*I have never had any problems with anyone flying planes, noise or even a fire when a small aircraft went down west of your property on the open space. My son and brother help put it out.*

*I don't know what the rules are for flying drones. Just checking. As recent as Friday evening around 6:30 pm a drone was flying over my property. "*

The following email reply was sent by our president:

Thank you for your email and inquiry as to drone operations. I am assuming you're speaking of the multi-rotor type of drone that sounds like a swarm of bees flying overhead and that it has caused you some concern, rightly so if it is lingering overhead.

The Boulder Aeromodeling Society's flying field is owned by the City of Boulder and our club built and maintains the field. Our club has a membership of almost 90 but there are a significant number of non-members who also fly off our field due to Boulder's rules on the use of their property. Our membership has been "schooled" well about flying etiquette and respect for our neighbors as well as the wildlife we coexist with and we

hope we've been responsible in our use of the field. Obviously I can't say whether it is a member of our club or not who is operating their drone over your property but that really doesn't matter and I would try to help if inappropriate operations are going on.

If you think they are operating from our field and they are flying over your property inappropriately you can give me a call (785-282-0114) and If I am able I will go to our field to see if we can identify the operator that concerns you. It is extremely important to us, and to you, that we be good neighbors and we will do our best to help you on this. (And while we're talking about help, we appreciate your help with the fire near our field.)

Again, thanks for your heads-up on this and don't hesitate to give me a call if this happens again as I am about 12 minutes or so away from the field. If you want to visit further on this you are welcome to call as well.

Murray Lull, President  
Boulder Aeromodeling Society

#### **Your help is requested.**

Are you aware of the individual/individuals possibly causing this concern? They may not be members and therefore would not see this message.

Should you observe any operation at the field which has the potential of causing neighborhood concerns, please approach and make the individual aware of this.

Most people will respond favorably to a suggestion, but should the individual not seem responsive to your suggestion, do not create a confrontational situation. If you feel that further action is required, please contact one of our officers.

## BAS Officer Positions

Well club members, that time has come around again. You've gotten your renewal invitation from AMA and the club is looking at new officer nominations this month.

BAS Officers are nominated in November and elected in December. Officer and Appointed positions are for one calendar year and run January 1 through December 31. There are no term limits on any officer or appointed positions.

Previously a description of each officer position was presented in a monthly series. This month I have included a description of all positions, **to assist you in selecting the position you would like to run for...**



If you decide that you would like to run for a position, please attend the November meeting and throw your hat in the ring.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but still want to run, then contact Murray Lull, our President, or any other officer listed on the website.

<http://www.boulderaero.org/officers.html>

Remember, a member cannot be nominated without their permission.

Our Bylaws, Article 1 - Officers states:

*“Elected officers of the Boulder Aeromodeling Society shall be, at a minimum, a President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must be current AMA members, 3 of which must be adult members. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers. All elected officers shall act as Field Marshals.”*

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### **President:**

The club President is the Chief Executive Officer of the club. In that capacity he/she is responsible, directly or indirectly, for all club activities, policies and procedures.

The President presides at all club meetings and acts as spokesman for all matters pertaining to the club. These include, but are not limited to, interfacing with the City of Boulder and City Council issues, club finances and capital proposals, Membership issues as well as miscellaneous issues regarding the activity of the Boulder Aeromodelers Preservation Committee (BAPC). The President makes all appointments for special duties such as Instructor Coordinator, Instructors and Event Directors as well as any other ad hoc positions, as required.

Upon termination of the final year of service, the President automatically becomes the Senior Advisor for a period of one year.

The President presides over the Executive Committee and is elected for a term of one year. There are no term limits.

### **Vice President:**

The primary responsibility for the VP is to act for the President when the President is unable to serve. This includes chairing club meetings and interfacing with outside groups that have influence on club activities (AMA, FAA, Boulder Open Space/Parks & Recreation and City Council). In addition, this position serves as the club Executive Committee representative on the BAS Preservation Committee and is the liaison between the two groups. The position is also responsible for email contact to the general membership for issues impacting operations of the club (emergency field closures/restrictions, AMA/FAA communications, etc).

The VP is a voting member of the Executive Committee and is elected for a term of one year. There are no term limits.

### **Secretary:**

The Secretary acts as both the recording and correspondence Secretary for the club. In that capacity he/she attends the meetings and records the number of members present and a summary of the discussions held at the meeting. Within one week after the meeting, the Secretary forwards the minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

The Secretary is responsible for all official correspon-

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dence with the AMA and is the contact person between the club and the AMA. In that capacity, the position is responsible for filling out and filing the annual club charter that provides AMA insurance for the club.

The Secretary is a voting member on the Executive Committee and is elected for a term of one year. There are no term limits.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall handle all club money, including collecting dues from the Membership Coordinator, payment of all bills and expenses, and maintaining the financial records of the club.

The Treasurer will present a financial report at club meetings.

The Treasurer will participate in and provide records for the annual financial audit.

The Treasurer registers the club with the Secretary of State to maintain the club as a nonprofit organization

The Treasurer is a voting member on the Executive Committee and is elected for a term of one year. There are no term limits.

**Senior Advisor:**

The Senior Advisor is the immediate past President and serves for a period of one year as a voting member on the Executive Committee. The purpose of the position is to insure continuity of the Committee.

**AMA Safety Coordinator:**

The AMA Safety Coordinator will be responsible to ensure that the club acts on all AMA distributed safety information. This individual must have an E-mail address, which will be provided to AMA.

The Safety Coordinator is an appointed position required by AMA with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

**Membership Coordinator:**

The Membership Coordinator is responsible for collecting dues, validating membership, issuing membership cards and maintaining the club database.

The club database is maintained using the RC Club Management program that is available to the club's elected and appointed officers. This database must be updated

regularly to account for changes in membership and/or status of the members. Certain data in the program are also updated to the BAS website and are available to all club members. A Windows PC is required for program operation.

Funds collected by the Membership Coordinator are recorded in the club's management program and transferred to the Treasurer for deposit. A transfer sheet is created for tracking the transfer of money to the Treasurer.

The Coordinator is responsible for the establishment and communication of the gate lock combination to the membership.

The Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the AMA club membership list. This activity is performed on-line.

Any supplies used by the Coordinator, i.e. card stock, printer supplies, lamination materials/device, postage stamps, etc. is reimbursed by the club with the receipts submitted to the Treasurer.

The position participates in the annual club financial audit.

The Membership Coordinator is an appointed position with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

**Float Fly Coordinator:**

The Coordinator is responsible to coordinate and interface with the Boulder Reservoir Manager (currently Stacy Cole) to maintain agreement for days/time that BAS can fly at the reservoir and/or any other issues regarding float-flying activities.

The Coordinator is responsible to ensure that the Colorado State boat and trailer registration fees are paid each year (typically paid on-line via credit card with reimbursement from Treasurer).

Prior to March of each year, ensure the necessary registration process with the Boulder Reservoir is completed by filing an on-line application, obtaining the required liability insurance certificate and taking the boat over to the Reservoir for inspection and registration payment (typically paid via credit card with reimbursement from the Treasurer).

Maintain the float boat and trailer to ensure that it's DRY,

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clean and acceptable for the reservoir gate inspection and is in good operating condition. Maintenance of the boat includes trailer, motor, oars, life vests, and keeping the battery fully charged.

Via e-mail, coordinate with all float fly members the day and time for any weekly flying and also ensure that the Coordinator (or a club member) will take the boat out to the reservoir with a fully charged battery on the established flying day.

The Float Fly Coordinator is an appointed position with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Newsletter Editor:**

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for assembling and distributing the club monthly publication, The Inverted Flyer.

The Editor will assemble inputs to the newsletter; members birthdays, meeting minutes, items for sale, changes at Chandler Field, upcoming meeting information; date, time and place, or anything that pertains to the membership.

The Inverted Flyer shall be sent out one week before the next meeting as a reminder to the members of the upcoming meeting.

All newsletter distribution is electronic, via email attachment. The club's management program (See Membership Coordinator) has a function for providing the newsletter distribution list.

Any supplies used by the Editor; address labels, stamps, printer ink, paper, etc. is reimbursed by the club with the receipts submitted to the Treasurer.

The Newsletter Editor is an appointed position with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Webmaster:**

The Webmaster is an appointed position that maintains the club website. The club website is [www.boulderaero.org](http://www.boulderaero.org). The Webmaster is responsible for light maintenance of the site, to include repairing broken links; adding activity information for other local clubs as available; updating club officer contact information at the start of each calendar year; answering or forwarding emails directed to the Webmaster; and uploading the monthly newsletter, to include establishing the appropriate new links. The site is

currently maintained using Adobe's Dreamweaver application, however any HTML capable editor can be used. The member listing, BAS activity calendar, BAS media gallery, and club member frequency use pages are all automatically updated by an application called "The R/C Club Manager." While the Webmaster has control of all website formats and content maintenance, it would be expected that changes to look and feel would be peer reviewed before implementation.

The Webmaster is an appointed position with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Club Auditor:**

The Club Auditor is responsible for conducting the yearly audit of the club finances.

The club's by-laws require that an audit of the club's funds be performed at least once annually. Although no specific month is defined, the audit should be performed early in the year after the change of officers.

The club has two positions, Membership Coordinator and Treasurer, handling the funds that provides for a separation between income and deposits allowing for cross checking.

Using the data maintained by the Treasurer and the audit function of the club program, the basic audit requirement would be to ensure that all expenses recorded on the bank statements are supported by a receipt, or otherwise validated, and that all income is recorded on the bank statement as a deposit.

In addition to the funds audit, the club maintains a budget analysis, which is updated by the Auditor using the information collected during the audit. The current budget analysis is maintained on an Excel spreadsheet.

The results of the audit and the updated budget are reviewed with the Treasurer and Membership Coordinator before being presented to the officers and club members for acceptance at a club meeting.

Upon completion and acceptance of the audit, all audit documentation is then provided to either the Webmaster (software output) for storage on the club website or the Secretary (hard copy) for future availability.

Although not mandatory, the availability of a Windows PC and a spreadsheet program may be desirable in per-

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forming the audit. A Windows PC is required to run the club program containing dues and assessment data. In the event that the Auditor does not use a Windows PC the program is capable of producing hard copy output. Duplicating the software and database used by the Treasurer (currently Quicken) is also useful however hard copy of this data should also be available.

The Auditor is an appointed position with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Chairman of the Boulder Aeromodelers Preservation Committee (BAPC):**

The BAPC Chairman chairs the BAPC. The committee is composed of the Chairman, the BAS VP and volunteers from within the club and community. It's Chairman's responsibility is to represent the club on all matters pertaining to the preservation of the current flying site by interfacing with the variety of outside organizations impacting on that site. These include, but are not limited to, the City of Boulder, the Boulder City Council, Parks and Recreation, Open Space, AMA and FAA. The Chairman reports directly to the club President. In addition, should it become necessary to move the flying site, this position will act as the focal point on the overall project.

The Chairman is an appointed position with no term limits. It is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

—— End of officer description ——

#### **AMA Foundation**

One lucky person will win the Grand Prize. A trip to AMA Expo in beautiful Ontario, CA and a ride in Lady Alice, a P-51 mustang. Another will receive a brand new transmitter!

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amafoundation/sweepstakes/>



#### **Minutes of BAS Club Meeting, 10/12/16 Hobbytown, Longmont.**

The meeting was called to order by President Murray Lull at 6:29.

Dean Ehn moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

There were no reports from Chester Shans or David Goodnow.

Dean Ehn reported on the club finances. The runway sealing job has been paid for.

Al Coelho reported that we have 87 members including 22 in the float fly subgroup.

Murray thanked David Goodnow for the excellent job managing the runway sealing. Looks very nice. There was a discussion about what to do about the depression in the runway. Murray will look into some cold patch type material to fill it in.

Murray also reported that the East-West runway now has an official flight station with fencing.

It was also discussed that despite the recent FAA relaxation of the 400 ft. flight ceiling for model aircraft operating under AMA rules, THE 400 FOOT CEILING REMAINS AT OUR FIELD due to our proximity to the Boulder Airport and our agreement with them. Ken Jochim made a motion that we add signage at the field on the topic. Motion passed. Murray will follow up on it.

There was a discussion regarding a proposal from another area club about reciprocal memberships. It was generally agreed that we did not want to pursue that.

It was noted that Hobbytown in Longmont was providing fliers regarding our float flying and encouraging folks to get involved.

Nominations for officers are due at next month's meeting. Al Coelho will publish the officer job descriptions.

It was moved and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Following the meeting, everyone watched the excellent video by Brent Warren on the construction and flight of the Spruce Goose model.

Respectfully Submitted - Ken Jochim, Secretary.

## Hangar 9 P-51 Mustang For Sale

Email received from a non-flying, non-club member. Call or email Ron for more information.

I have a new P-51 Mustang kit for sale, new in the box. I would like \$95 OBO.

[ronjakaitis@hotmail.com](mailto:ronjakaitis@hotmail.com) or 303-499-8039

Ron Jakaitis



## This months Food-For-Thought

(from your Editor)



Steven Croft

Sophia Lull

Michael Morter

Donald Reynerson

## Informative links

as you can never remember them...

Club Website: <http://www.boulderaero.org>

BAS RC forum: [www.tinyurl.com/boulderrc](http://www.tinyurl.com/boulderrc)

FAA UAS home page:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

FAA UAS Registration page:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

AMA home page: <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

AMA Newsletter:

[http://www.modelaircraft.org/publications/AMA\\_Today.aspx](http://www.modelaircraft.org/publications/AMA_Today.aspx)

AMA Air: [www.youtube.com/modelaircraft](http://www.youtube.com/modelaircraft)

AMA District IX (Yahoo groups)

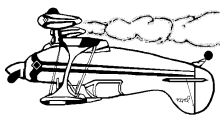
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/amadistrict-ix/info>

Will purchase Estate Lots or entire large RC collections.

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*Links should be active. Mouse over and click on them.*

**Next Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday November 9th at Hobbytown USA, Longmont.**



## THE INVERTED FLYER

Editor: Al Coelho

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