



# THE INVERTED FLYER

NEWS of the BOULDER AEROMODELING SOCIETY  
AMA Charter # 906

**Jay McDonald, 1939 — 2009**

**December 2009 Edition**



The club has lost a great member and I have lost a long time friend. I met Jay in 1970 and we began flying RC together, in Raleigh NC, in 1971. We continued this friendship and flying after we moved to Colorado in 1976. We originally flew airplanes but got into the helicopter environment in 1989. Jay was the driving force, which brought us to the flying field 4 days a week. We flew Mon & Tue, rested our thumbs on Wed, and flew Thu & Fri. We left the weekends for the working people.

Jay was a lifetime AMA member and in addition to his BAS membership was a lifetime LAMA (Longmont club) member. We were both very active in the Longmont club prior to moving over to the Boulder club. Jay was president of the LAMA club for 2 years, Contest Director for the annual LAMA Heli Fun Fly, which was held for over 10 years, and in recent years Contest Direct for the annual LAMA Electric Fun Fly.

In addition to his passion for flying, Jay was always there to help with a BAS work party, or any other project which needed his assistance. I remember him and I helping Rich Anderson hang the Gutter on the shelter

one cold day, giving a presentation, on behalf of BAS, at the Frazier Meadows Care Facility, and taking the float fly boat trailer home for a weekend where it emerged looking like a new unit (compared to what he started with).

Jay was the only heli flyer at the float fly and although he dunked one a couple of times, he also had one sink to the bottom and spent 13 days dragging for it. He finally found it, restored it and it flew again. (It was given the nickname of Sunken Treasure.)

Prior to his illness, Jay was always recognizable at the field as the person who always wore a hat (never a cap) and always brought out a pot of coffee.

Although flying was his main passion lately, over the years of our friendship we enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting together. He was a very successful long time trap & skeet shooter.

For those not aware, Jay discovered that he had bladder cancer about a year ago. Following his first series of chemotherapy he returned to flying, but about 2 months later cancer cells were discovered in his abdominal fluid. Jay went through a second series of chemotherapy and never really returned to flying after that.

Jay passed away Friday, Nov 6 leaving his wife Joan of 49 years, three great sons and 3 grandchildren.

So, after 39 years of friendship and flying, I say goodbye to my friend.

**By Al Coelho**

## **BAB Meeting Minutes 11/11/2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Hine at 6:30PM. 16 members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

In the absence of Treasurer Ken Jochim, President Hine presented the Treasurer's report. VP Augie Bruno reported that we have 106 members for 2009. He is also in the process of re-keying the locks and obtaining new keys for 2010. Renew early!

Rich Anderson reported on the Mal Meador Youth Program. One student is currently enrolled and (hopefully) will solo before the winter sets in.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Hine reported that he is keeping abreast of the Reservoir Master Plan discussions and has spoken with Matt to assure that we are 'on the radar'.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

BAS has lost some good friends this past month:

George Eisenberg

Mrs. Sandy Irwin

Jack Kidd

Jay McDonald

The loss of these folks diminishes the size of our world. But their memory enriches us all. May they rest in peace.

**Hobytown announced that their Holiday sale will once again take place from Nov. 15th, to New Years Eve. AMA/Club members will receive employee pricing on most items in the store and they will be happy to order anything not in stock. Be sure to take advantage! Bring your current AMA and BAS ID cards.**

### **ELECTIONS**

November is the month for nominations for office for 2010. A discussion was held and a final slate of nominees will be voted on at the December meeting. Current officers agreeing to return, if elected, were:

Augie Bruno First VP/Membership Chairman

Ken Miller Newsletter editor

Rudy Glick (in absentia) Secretary

Mike Gulizia (in absentia) Webmaster

Dean Chandler nominated Rich Anderson for President. President Hine will be stepping down but will be retained as Senior Advisor to the new President for one year. Ken Jochim was also nominated for President (in absentia). Pending Ken's acceptance of this nomination, Dean Ehn will accept the nomination for Treasurer. David Goodnow accepted the nomination for 2nd VP and Safety Officer.

**POST MEETING NOTE** -- Ken Jochim has declined the nomination for President.

Additional nominations will be accepted either via email to President Hine before December's meeting or from the floor at the meeting prior to the final vote. If you have a desire to join the executive committee and steer the direction of the Club in the coming year give Greg Hine or Augie Bruno a call!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 and was followed by an auction of some kits and equipment from George Eisenberg's estate (proceeds to the family).

**Respectfully submitted,  
Augie Bruno**

The Jefco Aeromod'lers auction will no doubt be held again in early February. If you want to try to sell your RC stuff before the auction list it in the next newsletter. Just email the details, written up in such a way your newsletter editor can just cut and paste, to [RockyTopKJM@msn.com](mailto:RockyTopKJM@msn.com).

### Members Birthdays in December

<b>Mel Kooy</b>	<b>Bruce Reins</b>
<b>Alexander Neiman</b>	<b>Keith Holub</b>
	<b>Murray Lull</b>

See Web Page for Event Listings  
[www.boulderaero.org](http://www.boulderaero.org)

### Dear Club Members:

As the recession deepens we here at HobbyTown USA would like to help all AMA and local club members continue with your hobby in these financially strained times. To help with the holiday season we are offering every club member:

### ALL AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT RELATED PRODUCTS AT EMPLOYEE PRICES!!!!

The sale will run from now to New Years Eve. The only stipulations are that you must be an active member and must have an active Academy of Model Aeronautics membership. Both must be presented at the time of sale. This offer includes all in stock and special order items!! Because all merchandise is being sold at employee prices (10% over cost) no other offers, coupons, or discounts can be used in conjunction with this promotion. HobbyTown USA is also making it easier to become an AMA member. For new members Hobby Town members HobbyTown USA has joined with AMA to offer instant sign up in the store. We are passing on a \$4 discount to all new members. The staff at HobbyTown USA again thanks you for your support and we hope to help make your Christmas a Joyful one!

Sincerely,  
Gary Kolm  
President – HobbyTown USA

### Electric flight 101

At the flying field, Rich Anderson asked a question about LiPo chargers. He is looking at getting into electrics, had done some research on a couple of chargers, and was looking for a second opinion.

Although far from an expert on the subject, I joined in on the conversation. Well, one thing led to another and following the conversation I did a write up for Rich as to why I thought he should invest in a 150 watt charger versus either of the two 50 Watt units he was looking at. After reading the write-up, Rich asked if I would be interested in doing a write-up for the newsletter as he thought that many of our members would appreciate the information.

So here I am, far from an expert, but I will try to relate my understanding of the electric environment to anybody who is interested. First, you must understand that my actual experience with electrics has been limited to smaller 3D type planes such as the Aeroworks SU31, the E-Flight Cap 230 and T-Rex 450 size helis.

What started as a one-page article, on charger selection, has gotten quite large. Due to its size, currently 12 pages, I am making it available through a link versus inserting it into the Newsletter. The document is in Acrobat format and you need the Acrobat reader to view/print it. If you review the document and have any questions or concerns, please get back to me. Next month I will talk about any questions, concerns or updates made and you will be able to retrieve the updated version. If you are an experienced electric flyer and can contribute anything to this article please contact me.

Document link:  
<http://www.rchelibase.com/bas/eflight101.pdf>

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### NOTICE

**BAS Meeting, December 9th  
Hobby Town USA at 6:30 pm**