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BAS MINUTES 2/9/2011

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PRESIDENT David Goodnow opened the meeting for business at 6:30 pm with 15 members present. David ask for a motion to accept the minutes of the last months meeting as they appeared in the news-letter. Motion to accept minutes by Al Coehlo with a second by Rich Anderson. Motion voted on and passed.

TREASURE REPORT-- In the absence of Treasure Dean Ehn President David Goodnow gave a detailed report of the clubs finances.

1ST VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT-- 1ST Vice President Augie Bruno stated the club has one new member Scott Trube which brings our total membership to 63 of which 15 are float fly members.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT-- In the absence of 2nd Vice President Joe Sherran Rich Anderson reported Joe Sherran now has the club trailer which is used to haul the mower to the field. Rich stated that Joe Sherran has volunteered to mow the grass at the field this coming season.

OLD BUSINESS-- David reported the club has made the decision not to attend the Wings Over the Rockies Museum show this year. Augie reported he now has his model returned to him from the Boulder History Museum which they had on display since last fall.

NEW BUSINESS-- David asked members to help pick days for the coming season of club activities. After discussion it was decided to have a spring work day on Saturday May 7 at 9:00 am. More discussion was held if we want to have a club picnic what activities and when to have it. Motion by Al Coelho with a second by Augie Bruno to have the club picnic on Saturday August 13th. Motion voted on and passed. Rich Anderson stated the Boulder Reservoir will be looking again for boat inspectors this year and if any member would like to volunteer to help for them to see Rich or David. Augie Bruno stated the AMA District IX is having a Webinar Tuesday February 15,7:00pm. To get more details on how to attend meeting get in contact with Augie Bruno. A discussion was held on the clubs dues and our financial planning. No action was forthcoming from the discussion. Al Coelho and Mike Gulizia preformed an audit of the clubs financial standing Al reported all accounts balanced for last year. Motion by Al with a second by Mike Gulizia to adjourn the meeting. Motion voted and passed.

SHOW AND TELL-- Rich Anderson displayed a nicely constructed wood case he purchased from Hobby Lobby for \$14.79. He is using it for his electric flight box.

Respectfully submitted Rudy Glick.

Do FAA Regulations Mean Blue Skies or Storms Ahead?

In your March Publication of Model Aviation on page 18 you can read about what the FAA is up to.

Let your Voice Be Heard

Below is the letter you can send to your Federal Representatives. If you have not done it by now it is very easy, just go to this link and follow the directions. It only takes about one minute to do.

<http://amagov.modelaircraft.org/>

I am pleased the U.S. Senate has adopted an amendment to the FAA reauthorization bill exempting the operation of model airplanes from unnecessary federal regulations. Nevertheless, as one of your constituents and a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), I'm writing to urge you to ensure that this amendment is included in the legislation when it is sent to the Executive branch for signature.

The Federal Aviation Administration is currently developing new regulations aimed at enabling the operation of commercial and public use unmanned aircraft in the National Airspace System (NAS). And, while I fully believe in a safe and coordinated system, the inclusion of model airplanes in the new regulation for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) is absurd and flies in the face of a recent Executive Order to improve the regulatory process and a commitment to curbing unnecessary and burdensome regulation. Model aircraft are distinctly and decidedly different from the sUAS platforms developed by the defense industry and now being used in the civil environment. As a proven and strictly recreational endeavor, model aviation is far from adding to the problems posed by the growing number of unmanned aircraft currently being developed for the commercial sector.

Model aviation has operated safely and harmoniously in the NAS since before manned flight and has achieved an impeccable and truly enviable safety record through AMA's oversight, self-governance and common sense. With 140,000 members in more than two thousand communities nationwide, AMA represents a community of responsible and conscientious aeromodeling enthusiasts. Now, however, it appears this proposed regulation will place unnecessary restrictions on the hobby that may, in turn, devastate our modeling community, curtail our youth programs and science-related educational projects, destroy an established seeding ground for aviation, and will almost certainly create a debilitating burden on a \$1 billion-a-year industry.

I trust you share my concern for the future of model aviation, will act on our behalf, and urge the FAA to focus on more pressing aviation issues.

Members Birthdays for March 2011

Neil Huebner, Gerald DePoorter, Ashley Weibel, Jim Ewing, Bob Lewan,
Michael Farnsworth, Steven Engelking, John Mack, Karl Schultz.

New Service for BAS Club Members

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NOTICE

BAS Meeting, March 9th
6:30 PM Hobby Town USA

See Web Page for Event Listings
www.boulderaero.org