



# TAILSPINNERS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 2 7:00pm Club meeting at the Iliff Fire House one block east of Havana on Iliff
- Nov. 12 10:00am Patch work at the field

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## CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Adam Bryant
Vice-President:	Gary Brady
Treasurer:	Roy Olsen
Secretary:	Bob Porter

At Large Board:  
Robert Plant (Chair)  
Dave Teich  
Rich Dix  
Bob Bergin

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Adam Bryant

## WEBELOS VISIT MILE HI

On Oct. 16 we had several Webelos and parents visit our field for a day of flying. All of the Scouts and their parents got a chance to fly using a buddy box and all of them commented on how great a time they had. Ric Emerson, Rich Dix, and Walt Stroessner did their usual great job as instructors and Bob Bergin and others pitched in wherever assistance was needed. The kids also got some up close looks at various airplanes and some information about the engineering that goes into our models. The weather was cooperative for most of the day, with the wind holding off long enough for everyone to get some flying in. Although this was not a formal event, the support by the club was great and just another demonstration of our club member's commitment to the youth of our community. Thanks to new club members Dave Kennedy and his son Scott for organizing this visit.

## CONTAINER BREAK-IN

Unfortunately, it has happened again (although for the first time at the new field). Our container was broken into and our generator was taken. The thieves drilled out the tumblers of the locks to gain access. This required them to dig out from underneath the bottom lock to get enough clearance for their drill. We have been discussing the possibility of welding angle iron or other material underneath the locks to make it much more difficult to drill out the locks, yet still leave enough space to unlock them normally. We are also investigating the possibility of locks with stainless steel mechanisms instead of the brass of the current locks. The lawn mower and any other items of value are currently being stored offsite.

## MEETING NOTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance/Meeting Called to Order – Adam Bryant, President

Quorum – Require 8 members present (10% of voting members)

- 15 members present

Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes – As posted in newsletter by Adam

Bryant

- Approved

Approve Treasurer's Report – Tony Zang, outgoing Treasurer

- Income and expense summary from 2011 reviewed.

- Approved (contact a club officer for amounts)

Approve Investment Report – Gary Brady, Investment Officer

*Approved (contact a club officer for amounts)*

## Membership Report – Gary Brady, Vice President

New member introduction or name announcement

*- 1 associate member, 3 new members, 22 total members as of today.*

## Contest/Events Committee Report

Neighborhood Event Sept. 17 recap.

*- Very successful for a first time event with a good turnout by club members and 10-15 neighbors.*

*- Lots of buddy box flying.*

*- I-70 Scout reporter was very impressed. Gary is trying to find the other paper with the whole story.*

Walt Stroessner's Mile Hi Get Together Oct. 1.

*- Beautiful day for flying and chatting with visitors from Crosswinds and the Denver RC Eagles.*

## Field Maintenance Report.

- John Neumeier was going to do some research about alternate adhesives for runway patches.

- Need to have a patch party soon.

- Dave Teich suggested 3M77 or similar spray adhesive.

- Roy suggested calling Bowman and seeing what they recommend. Roy will call.

## Safety Report.

- Chuck saw a very large rattlesnake near the field last week. Bob Porter said that this was a dangerous time of year as rattlesnakes may not rattle before they strike.

- Chuck talked to Ric about his being the safety officer and he didn't know he was it. According to the AMA we need to have an elected safety officer.

- We need to do a better job of letting new members know about our safety procedures.

- We need to emphasize that we need to follow the procedures always.

- It was brought up that some fly south of the runway in their “look-at-me” type patterns.

- Have we updated the field rules for the new field? It is suggested that we have a diagram of the field that defines in what circumstances (if any) we should be allowed to fly south of the runway. Adam will draw a diagram of the field for approval by the members next month.

- Marvin suggested also formalizing our engine start area and sticking to it.

## Unfinished Business.

- Annual dues are due by Oct. 1 with a grace period until Oct. 31. After Oct. 31 there will be a late fee assessed. After Nov. 30 you will be required to rejoin the club including repaying the runway improvement fee.

- New chairs – Please keep them under the shades. They will last longer.

- Marvin would like revisit the issue of putting electricity into the field.

## New Business

- Audit of 2011 financial records will happen after the meeting tonight.

- 2012 Budget – will be sent out prior to the November meeting and voted on at the November meeting. Tony says that we may have an issue where approval of the budget doesn't necessarily mean that individual items are automatically approved. If the budget is approved by the membership, then is it okay for an expenditure over the by-law limit okay as long as it is in the budget?

- Tax filing with State and Federal. Adam will do. State has to be done in November. Federal is anytime between now and Feb.

- John N. spoke with Brian Hanlon about purchasing our field. At this time Brian wants to keep things as they are, but will give us first right to purchase if he ever decides he needs to sell the land. (We need to get this in writing). Gary will talk this over with Brian when the opportunity presents.

- Webelos will be visiting our field Sunday morning at 8:00am. They will



get a Mile Hi patch for participating.

- Chuck thinks we need to revisit the AMA Introductory Pilot program. Dave Teich thinks this is a good thing for our club. Dave Teich made a motion that we as a club restart this program. Motion approved. Adam will send an email to the membership to see who wants to be an introductory pilot.

- Recent terrorist case involving model aircraft.

- *Would have been nearly impossible to do significant damage, but the public doesn't know that.*

- *We MUST always be cognizant of our image to the public. If you fly a park flier type plane in a local park, do it with the UTMOST care! Be VERY careful about what you say to a non hobbyist about our hobby.*

- *We must be on the lookout for people interested in model airplanes for the wrong reasons.*

Adam's ideas for the coming year.

- *More younger fliers. R/C modelling is a good way to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Electronics, Math) education*

- *More contest directors. George Kerr, Walt Stroessner*

- *Rotating events*

- *IMAC*

- *Scale*

- *Combat*

- *Pylon racing*

- *Electric fun-fly*

- *?? Your ideas ??*

- *More participation at club meetings and events and for maintenance of the field. Maybe a two week volunteer thing like we did at the old field. Bob liked the thing we used to do where we gave points for participating with a year end drawing and maybe a Christmas party with a white elephant thing also.*

- *All volunteers eligible for prize drawings at events*

- *Adopt a local military unit. Have an Armed Forces day where members of that unit can bring their family to the field for food and flying.*

- *Visit to Children's Hospital. Could make the plate planes with them.*

Next Board Meeting – As needed.

Next Club Meeting – Weds. Nov. 2, 7:00pm at Iliff Fire House

Chuck suggested that everyone bring something they might want to swap for the next meeting.

Drawings

Colpar

Air Scharnell

Program/Meeting Adjournment

## WISDOM FROM THE TRAINING MANUALS

'Never trade luck for skill.'

-*Author Unknown-*

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in military aviation are: 'Did you feel that?' 'What's that noise?' and 'Oh S...!'

-*Authors Unknown-*

'Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.'

-*Basic Flight Training Manual-*

