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SEPTEMBER MEETING

PLEASE NOTE!! The September meeting will be held at Ridge View Academy on Tuesday September 6, 2005 at 7:00pm.

PLEASE make every effort to attend this meeting! We will be electing club officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

If the gate is closed, drive to the right of the small building and press the button on the speaker box and when prompted state your name and state that you are with Mile Hi RC and are coming in for the club meeting. When you get to the main building, you will have to sign in, turn in your car keys, and get a visitors badge. They will then direct you to the meeting room. Come a little early to get through the security routine.

RIDGE VIEW ACADEMY IS A NO SMOKING FACILITY. SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE PROPERTY.

FLIGHT LOG FOR THE AUGUST MILE HI RC MEETING

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

No board meeting notes were available

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order 7:00pm
2. Welcome and introductions
 - a. Introduce officers and board members
3. Do we have a quorum?
4. Read and approve last months minutes. Approved.
5. Treasurers report
 - a. Cash on hand \$xxx
 - b. Bank balance \$xxx
 - c. Ameritrade \$xxx
 - d. Current annualized return 23.3%
 - e. Report approved.
6. Committee reports
 - a. Membership report
 - b. Contest committee report
 - i. Ridge View Day at Mile Hi presentation
 - ii. 1st Annual Don Lorentzson Dawn Patrol Fly-In July 16th
 1. 18 registered pilots
 2. \$xxx
 3. Volunteer recognition
 - iii. Dogfight over Aurora August 6
 1. Volunteer signup list going around
 - iv. Aeroworks Fun-Fly update
 1. Sandy Mariani and Judy Ham from Cerebral Palsy of Colorado.
 - a. CP of Colorado has been around for 58 years.
 - b. CP of Colorado serves a wide variety of children, not just those with CP.

- c. Rocco has volunteered to match registration fees up to \$500 and challenges everyone to make him pay up!
 - d. We will be setting up two additional port-a-potties, one handicap accessible, for the event.
 - e. Ridge View is donating the food, paper products, and cutlery for the event at cost.
 - f. Rocco has lined up a number of donations as well.
 - g. Quality Awards is donating the plaques for the event.
 - c. Field maintenance report
 - i. Thanks to Denny Edwardson and his maintenance crew!!
 - ii. Need 15-25 volunteers for the next fiscal year. Each person will have a 2 week commitment.
 - iii. It is everyone's responsibility to empty the trash cans into the dumpster if they need it.
 - d. Flying safety committee report
 - i. Interference problems at the field.
 - 1. Had Scanner out on July 24th. Saw no problems at the field with interference on any channel. There was a VERY small, semi-frequent something on channel 43.
 - 2. There was absolutely no interference anywhere on the Ridge View property.
 - ii. EVERYONE is responsible for field safety and ANYONE can talk to someone who is observed doing something in an unsafe manner. It is not just the Safety Officer's responsibility, it is YOURS!!
 - e. Field Acquisition Report
 - i. There is a meeting at Ridge View on August 26 with the State of Colorado. This is the critical meeting for us moving our field to the Ridge View site.
 - ii. If things go well at this meeting and the move is approved, we would need to form a committee to plan and execute the move.
 - iii. A possible layout for new runways was displayed.
 - f. Any other reports from the club?
- 7. Unfinished business
 - a. Bylaws change and field improvement grant
 - i. 94 ballots returned. Only ballots returned by July 24th
 - 1. Field improvement grant 88 for 6 against
 - 2. Club purpose 90 for 4 against
 - 3. Student classification 89 for 5 against
 - 4. Investment policy 93 for 1 against
 - ii. The word "warfare" was omitted from the club purpose statement.
 - b. Nominations for officers as it stands now.
 - i. President John Neumeier
 - ii. Vice President Chuck Brant
 - iii. Secretary Anthony Puca
 - iv. Treasurer John Ballman
 - v. Board members (3 elected)
 - 1. Gary Brady
 - 2. Chris Branam
 - 3. Adam Bryant
 - 4. Randall Eaker
 - 5. Jim Lewis
 - 6. Rocco Mariani
 - 7. Jerry Warrington
 - c. Nominations from floor for all positions. Movement was made and approved to close nominations.
 - d. Year end banquet
 - i. September the 24th is the suggested date.
 - ii. It was suggested to have the dinner here at Ridge View.
 - iii. John Fry offered that we could come early and dine in the cafeteria and interact with the students.
 - iv. The approximate cost may be \$15-\$20 per person.
 - v. If you have volunteer lists from any event, please forward them to Adam Bryant.
- 8. New business
 - a. Elections coming up in September
 - i. Elections September meeting
 - ii. New officers take over October meeting
- 9. Announcements
 - a. Board meeting August 30 at Bob Bergin
 - b. Next club meeting September 6th, Ridge View Academy

- c. Dogfight Over Aurora, August 6th
 - d. 4th Annual Aeroworks at Mile Hi Fun-Fly September 17th.
 - e. 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Big Bird Festival, August 20 & 21.
 - f. First Annual AMA District IX "Vintage Radio Control Society" and "Old Timers" Fun Fly. August 27 & 28.
10. Program
- a. John Fry, Principal of Ridge View Academy
 - b. Ridge View represents about 1/3 of the male youth committed to the Colorado Department of Youth Corrections.
 - c. They have the lowest operating cost per diem of any youth correctional facility.
 - d. They do over 30,000 hours of community service per year.
11. Drawings
- a. Fuel – Dan Blanco
 - b. Air Scharnell – Mike Wilson
 - c. Blue Yonder – Larry Ellis
 - d. Action Hobby – Rick Scharnell
 - e. Colpar – Mark Johnston
 - f. Rocky Mountain RC – John Neumeier
12. Adjournment 8:30pm

=== END OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST MEETING ===

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Annual Aeroworks at Mile-Hi Fun-Fly, September 17,2005

This annual event just keeps getting better. This year's event proceeds will benefit Cerebral Palsy of Colorado. This event is open to all flyers. Contest activities include spot landings, most loops in 30 seconds, and a bomb drop. Noontime demos will include 3D aerobatic, Acroject, and electric airplanes. Registration is from 8:00 to 9:00. There is a landing fee of \$10 for participants. We will need lots of volunteers to help out as we expect a significantly larger turnout of spectators than is normal for an event. The way this event usually runs it is easy to both volunteer and fly. The more people we have on hand to help out, the more time you get to fly. If you are participating and want to use a different airplane for different events, you will have to pay the \$10 for each airplane used in an event.

NEW SEGMENT: BACK WHEN I STARTED...

Editor's note. This new segment is for you to sound off about anything that relates to when you started in this hobby, or when you helped someone else get their start. Some possible subjects are:

- ✚ The person that helped get you started in this wonderful hobby. I am particularly interested in stories and anecdotes about Alex Pluckrose since he seems to have trained a significant portion of our members.
- ✚ A memorable story from your early days in this hobby.
- ✚ A description of the equipment you used in your early days. Maybe it was long enough ago that you used a single channel reed setup. Or maybe you started in the 70s and built your first transmitter from a Heath kit. Maybe you fondly recall that first .60 size engine that put out a whopping .1 horsepower.
- ✚ A description of your first airplane. Maybe you purchased the kit for \$1.00 or had to mow lawns for a summer to afford the silk for the covering. Or maybe it took you 10 years to complete your first one. If there is an interesting story about any early airplane you built (particularly if it shows a marked contrast to today's buy-and-fly planes) I want to hear about it.

I want your input and want to hear your stories and so do others in the club. Please email your stories to adamdb@juno.com. I think the following story from the AMA Insider is a good start:

from the Gold Coast Radio Controllers Club, Boca Raton FL

My Favorite Airplane

by Howie Kelem

That's right! Go ahead and laugh. Everybody does when they first see this crazy looking airplane. I admit that it really is an odd-looking airplane. But there's a story behind it all.

This was built by one of my students when I was a teacher, a long, long, time ago. When it came to grading their airplanes, this is what young McKinley brought to my desk. McKinley was a very nice looking, shy, 15- year-old black student. Most everybody in the class started to laugh and make all kinds of remarks, like "what a stupid looking airplane." Well, McKinley was a little slow and I just had to defend him.

"Look at that wing, it's made up of pieces," someone yelled.

"Well maybe he's trying to design a new kind of airfoil," I said back

"Oh yeah, it's got two rudders," someone else said.

"Well, there are lots of airplanes with two rudders," I said.

"The body is bent in the middle," another explained.

"That's not so unusual," I replied. "Lots of airplanes have different shapes.

"But look at the back wing, it looks like half of it is missing."

"Well," I said, "airplanes do get shot up during war and capable of flying home. Maybe he's testing a new design."

They kept pointing out all the abnormal things about the airplane and I kept making up all kinds of answers until one student called out, "I bet it can't fly!"

He had me there and I had no answer. I knew it couldn't fly. So I said that if I tried flying it now, it would probably fall apart because the glue is still wet. Let it dry overnight and tomorrow, and then we'll check it out.

That satisfied the class and they all settled down. All except McKinley. I must have frightened the living daylights out of him because the next day he did not come to school. When the class left, I tested the airplane and just as I suspected, it couldn't fly. So, I sat down and studied it. I added a piece here, a piece there. I made some pieces larger and some smaller. I added some weights. I did my very best, yet keeping the same configuration.

The next day, when my class came in, they were they were on pins and needles. I held them in suspense for almost the entire period. Then came the crucial moment; I launched the airplane into the air and it glided so majestically and gracefully across the room and almost flew out the window. The class went wild screaming and yelling. McKinley was a hero.

When he came to school the next day, everyone told him how great his airplane flew. He couldn't believe it. Prior to this, he was a quiet little kid with not many friends. He was more of a loner. But now, a whole new world opened up to him. Everybody spoke to him. He made a load of new friends. Everybody liked him. He and his airplane became so famous in the school that it was put on display in the Entrance Hall Showcase and I had to draw plans for his model called SCRAPPY, so that other students could build it.

He later became involved with RC airplanes and won first place in a city-wide contest on Lincoln Memorial Day. He was invited on the Joe Franklin television show, which resulted with an invitation to the White House to meet President Carter with me as chaperon. Today he manages a six-building complex, 24 stories high in Rockaway, New York. He has a gorgeous wife and two beautiful children. He is like family to me and my wife.

He still flies and designs RC models and is a member of the PARCS RC Club in Brooklyn, New York. I honestly believe that this odd, stupid, crazy-looking changed his life and made him what he is today.

TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

from the Sierra Flyers, Marysville CA

Tools for Beginners

Jim Kitchen, editor

A beginner does not need a lot of fancy tools to do a good job. However, there are a few inexpensive tools that make life easier.

- X-acto blade and holder, usually a number 11 for most jobs.
- Coping saw.
- Razor saw to cut across grain and hardwood.
- T-pins. They come in three sizes, but generally the small and medium sizes are the most useful.
- 18-inch steel rule is very handy. If the rule tends to slip when using, try spraying with 3M-77 on the down side. Once dry, it acts as an antiskid.
- 90° plastic triangles: For squaring assemblies. (Video cassette boxes are square, will stand alone, and are very useful for holding two parts such as a horizontal and vertical stabilizer when assembling).
- Sandpaper: Aluminum oxide sandpaper is best. This is sold at auto paint stores, has a long life, and is often less expensive than what is found at hardware and model stores.
- Sanding blocks: Always use a sanding pad or block. Various lengths of suspended ceiling tile grid make good, light weight sanding blocks. (Use 3M-77 spray or rubber cement to attach sandpaper strips to a sanding block. Use a heat gun to loosen the adhesive when it must be replaced).

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Mile Hi R/C Official Wear - Winter Jackets

Prices are as follows: S-XL \$60.00; 2XL \$61.50; 3XL \$63.00; 4X\$64.50; 5XL \$66.00 Prices do not include tax.

Winter jackets have your first name and AMA number on the front and the club logo on the back. The jackets appear to run on the small size so we recommend ordering one size larger than you normally wear.

Do you have other embroidery needs, Contact Phil, He can take care of all of your customized embroidery needs.

Contact Phillip Kenney

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Mile Hi R/C Official Wear

🚩 Hats: Summer Edition (Mesh on top for venting) Blue, Club Logo up front \$12.00 Winter Edition (full twill) Blue with Club Logo up front \$12.00

🚩 3" Patches \$5.00

🚩 All Items sold at Club Meeting!!

Javelin II ARF manufactured by Cermak

New in the box. Uses a .45 - .50 size engine and is great for aerobatics. \$100.

Contact Jim Rogers

303-977-1313

Wanted To Buy - New or used SPACE WALKER - ARF

1/4 scale. They have been discontinued.

I am currently a member of Love-Air - Colorado .

Contact Ted Wahler
(970)667-7110

Editor's note

My email address for any submissions is adamdb@juno.com. If you have a new plane picture, a building tip, an item to sell, or anything else that might be of interest to your fellow club members, please let me know! Also, if you have sold any of the items or want to update any of the items currently shown in the classifieds, please let me know so I can make the appropriate changes.

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