



TAILSPINNERS

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FLIGHT LOG FOR JANUARY MEETING

Jan. 8, 2003

MEETING QUORUM

Quorum requires 10% of voting membership

Of 127 current members, 28 were present at meeting. Quorum satisfied.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roy Olsen read the December minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marvin Sanders reported the current bank account balance as \$xxx. The last statement from Janus shows account value at approximately \$xxx. Total cash and securities are approximately \$xxx. The Polar Fly event on Jan 1st generated a profit of \$xxx for the club. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

GUESTS OR NEW MEMBERS

Jerry Satterthwaite joined the club as a new member and was introduced at the meeting. Jerry is new to RC flying and has had 4 successful student flights under the guidance of Rick Emerson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Membership stands at 127 current members.

Publicity and Publications Committee Report

Mile Hi RC will put a sign up at the entrance of the Aurora Fire and Ice Festival to generate some interest and encourage spectators at the field on Feb. 8th. John Corliss will check with the City of Aurora to determine whether a "sign permit" is required. Members are encouraged to be at the field on Feb 8th to demonstrate RC flying to visitors. Dave Teich, Bob Bergin, and Mike Wilson will build and paint two 4'x4' "tent signs" for the event.

Contest Committee

Combat - George Kerr (Combat Chairman) brought a 1/12th scale Corsair model as an example of scale combat aircraft. He showed the club the basic foam construction, and encouraged other combat flyers to build a plane for the next combat season. Scale combat aircraft can cost as little as \$12 for the kit plus a .26 or smaller engine and radio. George reported that scale combat would begin in March during the regular combat meet.

George showed cuts and bruises on his leg caused by dropping his corsair while attempting a hand-launch. George also confirmed that the Mile HI RCCA Combat event will be held on August 2nd and 3rd this coming summer.

Field Maintenance Committee

Runway Sealing - Dave Teich has signed a contract with Rock Mountain Asphalt to seal the runway around late April or early May for \$3440. The work can be completed when the runway temperature reaches 50 degrees. As reported in the last meeting, a work party will be held at the field to fill remaining cracks prior to the sealing job.

Field Safety Committee

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Polar Fly – The event was a real success with 24 registrations and 18 participants. Club Profit was \$xxx. Larry Ott announced the Best Dressed winners as:

1st Place: Jim Rogers – full tuxedo and daughter, Ellen, in evening gown playing the violin during his flight.

2nd Place: Larry Ott – M&M costume

→ Winners both received remarkably cheap bottles of wine from John Corliss.

→ Special thanks to Marvin Sanders and Lee Parsons for shoveling the runways prior to flying.

NEW BUSINESS

Aurora Fire and Ice Festival – See Publicity and Public Relations Committee Report

Dawn Patrol – Membership passed a motion to invite the Dawn Patrol to affiliate with Mile High RC as discussed in the December meeting. The Dawn Patrol is invited to fly at the Mile High facility one Saturday per month as long as they continue to hold their annual IMAA Giant Scale Event at the Mile High Field. Dave Teich will relay the invitation to the Dawn Patrol, and will report to the club at the next meeting.

Jeffco Aeromodelers Auction – Once again, the Jeffco Aeromodelers are holding their annual RC auction on Feb 1st and 2nd. This is the largest RC auction in the US, and John Corliss reported it is a great place to spend a whole lot of money.

Control Line – The club voted to approve the concept of allowing control line flight at the Mile Hi field. The proposed U-Control area is in the southwest corner of the field, and the Board will consult the AMA safety rules to determine exactly how to set up the area.

Appreciation Awards – Bob Bergin presented the following people with plaques for their exemplary efforts to further the Mile Hi RC Club.

Rick Emerson – for years of service teaching newcomers how to fly

Mario Accardi – for volunteering time to maintain and improve the facility

Walt Stroessner - for volunteering time to maintain and improve the facility

Dave Teich - for volunteering time to maintain and improve the facility

Marvin Sanders – for volunteering time to maintain and improve the facility and keeping the books and records for the club.

Black Forest Soaring Society – Clay from the Black Forest Soaring society presented a video and explanation of full scale soaring after the close of meeting. This club is located 40 miles south of Denver and many members stayed after the meeting to talk with Clay about his sport.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held at Roy Olsen's house on February 10, 2003 at 7:00pm. If Roy's house is not available, the John Corliss will host the meeting.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be at 7:00pm, Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at the Aurora South Library.

DOOR PRIZES

Action Hobbies - \$20 Gift Certificate: John Jauglis

Blue Yonder - \$20 Gift Certificate: Rick Emerson

Colpar Hobbies - \$20 Gift Certificate: Jerry Dignan

Blue Yonder gallon of Fuel – Larry Ott

CLOSE OF MEETING

Motion to close the meeting was made, seconded and accepted at 7:56 pm. The Black Forest Soaring Society made their presentation after meeting close, and concluded around 8:30pm.

=== END OF MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY MEETING ===

FIELD SAFETY

It's that time again. This month's subject shows up repeatedly as it is probably the most common modeling related accident. New member Adam Rondeau reported that he witnessed an undesirable propeller/finger interface recently at the field. A club member was attempting to adjust the needle valve from the front of the plane instead of from behind the propeller. The pilot's hand apparently did not clear the propeller resulting in cuts to the finger tip of his pinky and deep gashes and a fracture of the ring finger. Some engine starting safety reminders:

1. Ask for help holding your plane during starting and tuning.
2. If you see someone starting a plane by their self offer to help.
3. Always adjust the needle from the back of the plane. Never reach around the prop.
4. A spinning propeller is almost invisible. Some people paint the tips of their props yellow or white so the "disc" of the spinning propeller is evident.
5. Make sure you have no loose articles of clothing that might dangle and get caught in the propeller.

If in doubt refer to the following chart:

	Hand Okay	Hand NOT Okay
Propeller not moving	X	
Propeller moving		X

Feel free to cut out this chart and tape it to the nose of your airplane for reference. To use, determine if your airplane's propeller is spinning, find this option on the left hand side of the table, then go across the table to find the column marked **X**. The column heading for the column marked **X** will tell you whether or not it is okay to have your hand in close proximity to the propeller.

AERIAL EXTREMES

- The Bumble Bee II had a wingspan of only 5'6".
- The Antonov An-255 Mriya has a maximum certified takeoff weight of 1,322,750 pounds!
- The Gossamer Albatross, which crossed the English Channel on human power, weighed only 96 pounds.
- The Spruce Goose still holds the mark for longest wingspan at 320 feet.
- The airship Hindenburg at 804 feet remains the largest object ever to fly.
- Fastest "acknowledged" speed for an in atmosphere airplane is the SR-71 at a speed of 2,193 mph.
- However, if you considered the Space Shuttle to be an airplane its re-entry speed of 17,500 mph (Mach 25) makes the SR-71 look slow.
- The Burt Rutan designed Voyager was the first plane to fly around the world **without refueling**.
- The Tupolev ANT-20 had an airfoil that was so thick that mechanics could reach and work on its six engines from inside the wing.
- Extremely numerous? For many years it was the German BF-109 fighter with more than 30,000 being produced, but Cessna has now produced more than 33,600 Cessna 172's.

AERIAL HUMOR

Submitted by Larry Ott.

FLYING CLUB RULES FOR MEN

1. Thou shall never, under any circumstances, finish a model in pink unless it is for a female member of your family (and she must be the only one that ever flies it!).
2. When a fellow modeler's plane "goes in" you are allowed to help him pick up the parts, disassemble the parts, buy him beer, and listen to him whimper. But, under no circumstances may you ask him, "What happened?" And, you are allowed to clobber anyone who does.
3. Further, even if you know with 100% certainty that a friend's crash was due to pilot error, you must agree with any excuses he offers. Criticizing him for anything related to the crash is strictly forbidden.
4. When you are questioned by a buddy's wife, girlfriend, or mother, you must not provide any useful information whatsoever as to his whereabouts or about his modeling expenditures. You are, in fact, permitted to deny his very existence!
5. Any person who walks up to a modeler and tells him how he would have done "this or that" differently on the model is to be placed in his own "Information Booth" located on the end of the runway.
6. You may exaggerate any modeling story told at a flying site or club meeting within a reasonable limit. (Exception: When trying to sell a used airplane, in which case there is no limit.)
7. Secretly hoping to watch some mid-airs at the field is bad karma unless it is directed toward T-34 racers.
8. Complaining about the brand of prop you borrow from a buddy is absolutely forbidden. You may, however, gripe if it's cracked or has obviously already been used as a paint stirrer.
9. Agreeing to distract another flier while your buddy goes after the frequency clip is your required duty! And should you accidentally take a frequency clip home with you, your pals are forbidden to ever speak of it.
10. Before selling a model acquired from a friend, you are required to ask that friend's permission, and he, in return, is required to grant it.
11. Women who claim, "I love to watch R/C flying" must be treated as spies until they demonstrate intimate knowledge of the sport... and the ability to clean a model after flight. (This is especially true of a woman trying to convince a modeler to marry her.)
12. The internationally accepted compensation for buddies who help you find a lost model is free beer and pizza... lots of pizza! (written for the 900 guys I've helped retrieve their planes)

You might be an RC airplane modeler if...

1. You have more than one scar on your "cranking hand."
2. You spend more time at the office browsing online hobby sites than doing your work.
3. You have 47 miscellaneous NiCd batteries and can't find a pair of D cells for your flashlight.
4. You see your wife ironing while wearing a thin nighty and it reminds you of the Monokote job you need to finish.
5. 110 degree scorchers are forecasted for the weekend and you hope it isn't breezy.
6. You smash your thumb with a hammer while doing a project for your wife and the only thing you worry about is will it be healed by the weekend.


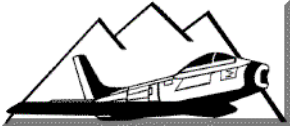


7. You have fuel stains on the knees of your favorite slacks.
8. You have plenty of paper towels and Windex but your car windshield is always dirty.
9. You keep feeling for the trim tabs on your TV remote control.
10. You have at least three planes in various stages of completion.
11. You use your field box to crank your weed eater.
12. You think R/C flying should be an Olympic event.

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 below, please let me know so I can make the appropriate changes.

These local businesses support our club through donations and discounts on material for the club. Please show your appreciation of by giving them your business.

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Carden 30% Extra 300 NIB* \$450.00. If ordered from Carden today, it would be \$499 + \$50 shipping. Save \$100.

Contact Jim McGee (303) 699-3346

Giant Scale 1927 Travelair Biplane D4D

Wing span: Upper 72" Lower 64" Length 58" Height to top wing 22"

Covered with Dark Red 21st Century Fabric. Has been flown with a Moki 1.8 but would be perfect for a small to medium gas engine (G23- G38)

Extras: 2 Servos in top wing with extension cables, flying wire rigging \$450

Mile Hi R/C Official Wear

Contact Phillip Kenney Phone 303-369-7044 or pkenny17@sprintmail.com

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 Bill Robinson 303-646-9784 for the following Kits, (NIB) for sale. Top Flite Zero, .60 to .80 engine, 61" WS, \$125.00 All kits are without Engines and Radios.

Contact Hans Pennink after 6:00 pm (303) 699-7411 for the following FOR SALE ITEMS:
Royal Escort Flight Box Kit (not built yet) \$20.00

Contact Paul Noveshansky: Weekends and Evenings (303) 751-8315 Weekdays (303) 572-3800 Email anytime

1. Goldberg 1/4 Scale Piper Cub Float Kit - NIB \$50.00 Reduced to \$35.00
2. 40 size 3 channel trainer, tail dragger, add engine and radio, Ready to Fly \$75.00
3. K&B 40 N.I.B. \$35.00

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 T-Shirts Small, Medium, Large X-Large \$12.00 Summer Jackets \$53.00 3" Patches \$5.00
All Items sold at Club Meeting!!

See Bob Bergin at the Club Meeting or call at (303) 693-9727.

