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Rocky Mountain Modeleers Club Newsletter | June 2019



Next Meeting: Saturday, June 1st, 11:00 AM, at the Horton Flying Field

A Letter from the President

Greetings Modeleers

You may recall at our May business meeting it was agreed to remove the badly weathered fabric from the south taxiway since nobody uses it anyway. Well it didn't take long for a bunch of wind grounded pilots to take out their frustration and tear it up a week later! Thanks guys. We'll let it go back to grass.

I was looking back through my files and realized that I have served as the club's president for six years. I have enjoyed the presidency and you folks have made it an easy job. But, I find that I'm getting kind of jaded which isn't good for me or you. So, I think it is time to get some fresh blood in the chair with new ideas and enthusiasm. I'm asking you all to consider running for president, it really is an enjoyable job. Elections are not until September, so I'm giving plenty of notice. I am not serving another term. Seriously, I'm not. No, I'm not.

This coming Saturday is June 1st so we will have our monthly business meeting at 11:00AM at Horton Field. The agenda is brief, so the interruption shouldn't be long (see, a new president would have lots of things to discuss).

See you there.

Jerry Craig President

Minutes of the May 2019 Meeting

Date and Location: Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at the Horton Flying Field.

Call to Order: President Jerry Craig called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM with 16 members and 1 guest in attendance, including Treasurer Jim Ferry, Safety Officer Joe Wilson, and Secretary David Dust.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ferry reported the club's current checkbook balance is \$3243.39 and the savings balance is \$10,644.47. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: Safety Officer Wilson led a detailed discussion of propeller safety with the key points being summarized as follows:

- 1. Electric Motor Powered Aircraft
 - Don't buy "cheap" props.
 - Don't glue together broken props.
 - If working on your plane, take the prop off.
 - Be very careful carrying "armed" electric aircraft and your transmitter, including holding the throttle stick down with your thumb.
- 1. Fuel Powered Aircraft
 - Don't use white nylon props.
 - When starting your engine, keep loose neck straps/clothing tucked-in and keep tools/starter cords away from the propeller.
 - Adjust needle valves from behind, as opposed to reaching over the spinning propeller.
 - Be careful to not burn your hand on the exhaust pipe and accidentally moving your hand into the spinning propeller.

Secretary Dust chimed in that it is very important to check your propeller for damage following prop strikes during landings, before throttling-up.

Old Business: Secretary Dust reported that the lawnmower is in working order, finally, and that he will be checking the Club's email on Wednesdays for "Trade-N-Sell" posting requests.

2. President Craig led a discussion of how the runway repairs faired over the winter and potentially maintenance tasks. The motion to remove the south-taxiway fabric was approved unanimously.

New Business: None.

Show and Tell: Kent Trumpeter presented his Durafly T-28 (purchased from HobbyKing) featuring retracts, flaps, speed-brake, and a beautiful blue, white, and gold paint job.

2. Secretary Dust presented his EFlite F-27 (a pusher-prop, hand-launched, flying wing type aircraft) and discussed his plans for a twin launch-rod launching system.

Meeting Adjourned at about 11:30 AM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

David Dust

Rocky Mountain Modeleers Secretary





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