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LOVE-AIR R/C



President's Message

Spring has sprung with the wind and the rain. Well, a little bit of rain. Our field weather station reports .91 inch of moisture to date. At this rate our grass might be non-existent. All the work and seed we put in last year might be for naught. The field looks good except for the grass. The runway and pit area seem to have survived the winter well. The guys have been good about cleaning the field this spring. The tumbleweeds have been sent on their way and there is very little litter. Thanks guys for your efforts.

Instructors are needed now that we have that extra hour of daylight. Come on out on Thursday evenings. If you don't feel comfortable instructing you can help with checking new airplanes, setting needle valves and just being there for new flyers. They need to know we welcome them to this fascinating and sometimes frustrating hobby. Please don't ask about the frustrating part. I won't quit. I'll just keep trying till I get it right.

Come to the meeting prepared to be asked to help on the up-coming events. The first is the IMAC scheduled for May 29-30. We are gearing up {retracting the landing gear for higher speed for the annual Big Bird. We want to continue the high standard set by the hard workers of past years, so come ready to sign on. We will have a Big Bird meeting prior to the membership meeting. Please come at 6:30 and be a part of the premier event in the Colorado area. See y'all there.

Big Bird and Board meeting combined. 6:30 April 14th.

Bob Comiskey, President

President's Service Award



Tom & Carol Yamada

As one of his last responsibilities, outgoing President Lloyd McConnell acknowledged the outstanding contributions and efforts from Tom and Carol Yamada by honoring them as the 2003 President's Service Award winner. The Yamada's have been long time members of Love-Air and well known by many of us. The next time you see them at the field thank them for their efforts to make this the great club it is.

For the new or nearly new members, ask Tom or Carol how you can get more involved and make Love-Air and even better organization.

REMINDER: Membership in the club shall be open to anyone who is interested in model aviation and who is a (current) member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Make sure you have renewed your AMA membership.

New Members:

Richard Granberg
Michael LeBrun
Greg Marino
Robert Provopulos
Dennis Ricker
Kurt Smith

Next Meeting:

Wednesday April 14th
Big Bird & Board (all welcome) 6:30 p.m.
General Membership 7:30 p.m.

Attendance at Club meeting

Members—We have approximately 170 members as of date. However, only about 20 to 25 seem to show up at our meetings. I think we have good meetings, good camaraderie, and a lot of great information. Our meetings would be even better if more members attended.

We all want to get the most out of our fine hobby. I am also concerned that members that don't show up may not be as informed about safety, rules, and the goings-on of the club. If we need to have a larger meeting place I am sure that can be arranged.

Bob Comiskey and his support staff are doing a great job!! Let us help support them.

Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and usually end by 9:00 p.m.

Also, you can look at all the newest Dodges, Chryslers, and Jeeps. Joke ha ha.

Bob Ferrero

P.S. We usually conduct a raffle for very nice prizes.

"House call"

This month afforded the opportunity for only one "house call". The Yamada's graciously invited me into their home and obviously cooperated with my request to take their picture. Given all the work they've done for the Club over the years I figure the least I could do was acknowledge their efforts to the rest of the membership. Publicity wasn't their motivation but a little publicity is what they deserve. With so many new members the last year or two I didn't want to assume that everyone knew Tom and Carol.

For those of who do know Tom, we are well aware he is prolific builder or RC aircraft. He keeps several of our members well stocked with planes and slips in a few for himself as well. The photo at the right so Tom in his well organized basement shop. The photo only shows two projects but trust me there was evidence of many more just out of view of the camera or in the back room.

Next month, if time permits I hope to pass along an update from Erik Richard about his latest project. Drop me an email if you have any other leads about projects under construction by fellow members. I would like to tap into a few of our numerous new members but since I haven't been flying much of late I need some help finding out who's working on what.

Mark Smith

In memory of
Jim Kolm



I'm sad to report that on March 11th, Jim Kolm lost his battle with West Nile virus. Jim, wife Sandy and their staff at the local Hobbytown USA stores have always been friendly and supportive towards Love-Air and our members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kolm family.



Tom Yamada in his basement workshop with several of "his" projects. I jokingly say "his" because Tom builds more for others than himself.



New member, Greg Marino (R) and Fred Jennings (L) check out Greg's 60 size Edge 540T from Yellow Aircraft. Power is supplied by a Saito 100.

Minutes of the January Meeting

Date: March 13, 2004

President, Bob Comiskey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Guests: Dick Grandburg

New Members: Mike Maxwell and Greg Marino

Treasurers Report: With the absence of Andy Hiller, Bob Camiskey reported that the funds are in good shape. Anyone in need of more detailed information should contact Andy. A motion was made and accepted (with one dissention) to accept the report.

Minutes: Members voted to accept (with one dissention) the minutes from the February meeting as presented in the March newsletter.

Old Business:

- Bob Comiskey and Bob Ferrero are in talks with Denise Drake to extend the airfield lease by another 5 years with an option for 10 years. An increase in fees (based on current lease plus cost of living adjustment) needs to be determined. The current lease is set to expire on May 15th. Bob and Bob feel they will be able to close the deal by the end of March.
- Bob C. and Bob F. are also discussing with Dennis Drake the option of including about 7 acres of land that Love-Air uses for parking during the Big Bird. Since the land is not useful for farming after the packing caused by the cars Dennis is interesting in making a deal for the use. Current talks include the price and who will be responsible for planting grass.

New Business:

- Dennis Spencer announced a new season of flight instruction. All new and past instructors are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting at about 5:00pm on April 8th at Drake Field. (First Thursday after the time change). Gene Burmeister will be covering training materials and procedures. We would like to have more trainers this year so please attend if you want to help.
- Bob Ferrero announced he is working on a possible "Star Flyer" for the Big Bird noontime shows. A discussion ensued about the financial issues around hiring a flyer. At this time it is difficult to determine if the added attendance offsets the cost of hiring a flyer. Many people voiced opinions that a world class flyer was a big draw and helped bring both guest flyers and spectators. No change in the current situation was recommended.
- Also discussed was the need to encourage more vendors to show their wares at the show. No fees would be charged.
- The Big Bird committee will have their first meeting at 6:30 before April's club meeting and will continue meeting through August. Bob Ferrero encouraged everyone who wants to help to please attend.
- Bob Ferrero also brought up the idea of float flying off Lake Loveland from his house. If you are interested please let Bob know so he can arrange group times (970-667-2841). Next month's meeting program will be on float planes.
- Darwin Idler confirmed that on July 31st and August 1st will be the Love-Air Pattern Meet.
- Please note that the dumpster has been moved to directly west of the shade structure. Members are asked to empty the smaller trash cans before they are over half full, or after they are less than half empty.
- According to Frank Ostermiller, over 40 Love-Air members did not renew their AMA membership. Frank will be calling those who did not reapply for more details. According to the bylaws, in order to fly at the Drake Field one must be a member of both AMA and Love-Air.

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Program:

- Michael Derks, Love-Air's Safety Officer, presented the annual safety talk. See the newsletter for the text.

Miscellaneous:

- A new style of Love-Air hats is now available from Dennis Spencer at a cost of \$15.00. Contact Dennis also for name badges. Call 970-330-9817.
- Due to the combination of a poor cab heater and sub-zero temperatures in Montana, the water truck is still in Montana. Plans are to bring it down this spring and park it at the Drake house.

Drawing: Dave Perry, Joel Stein, Mark Smith, and Durbin Seidel won Smithsonian Museum shirts, a soldering iron, and other great stuff.



The winners in March (left to right): Joel Stein, Ken Anderson, Dave Perry and Durbin Seidel

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Derks for Ron Colson,

Michael Derks

2004 Events Calendar

- Apr 10 MECA Swap Meet (32nd Youngfield)
- Apr 17 LAMA Spring Auction (Longmont)
- May 1 Mile Hi RC RCAA Open B Scale Combat
- May 8 Pylon Racing (Airpark Elite)
- May 15-16 LAMA Pattern Contest (Longmont)
- May 29-30 Love-Air IMAC Contest (Drake Field)
- Jun 5 Modeleer's 50th Anniversary Flyin (Horton Field)
- Jun 25-27 Modeleers Heli Event (Drake Field)
- Jul 18 Sweetheart Fun Fly (Arvada East Field)
- Jul 31-Aug 1 Love-Air Pattern Contest (Drake Field)
- Aug 8 Old Timer's Fun Fly (Arvada East Field)
- Aug 21-22 Love-Air Big Bird Festival (Drake Field)
- Sep 11 Love-Air Memorial Fun Fly (Drake Field)
- Sep 11 Arvada Harvest Festival Air Show (Arvada East Field)

Love-Air Safety Precautions

Drake Field is located almost 20 miles from the nearest emergency care facilities in Ft. Collins. Therefore, I ask you to include two items in your field kit every time you head out to fly. They are:



A cell phone,
And your brain



If you use your brain and think about safe operation of your aircraft you won't need to use the cell phone to contact emergency personnel.

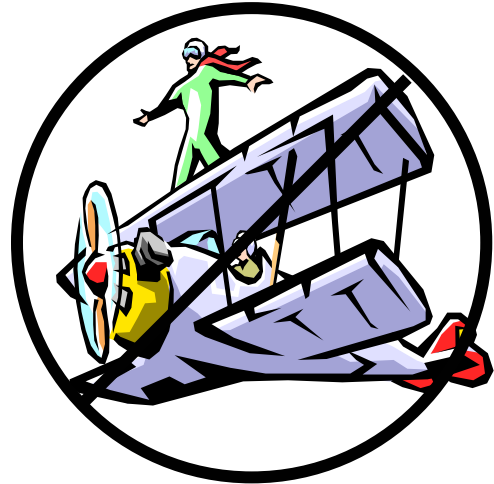
It is also recommended that members bring a car style fire extinguisher with them to the field.

The Love-Air R/C Club and AMA Safety Code is an honorary system that relies on the individual members to comply. The overall concept is one of risk management to minimize accidents resulting in injury, death, or property damage. There is a complete list of the Love-Air Flying Field Regulations (updated Spring 2003) on our website in the membership information section under field regulations. The AMA has its 2004 Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code (something with that long of a name must be important) under it website at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/templates/ama/PDF-files/105.pdf>. Remember, membership can be revoked for failing to adhere to these rules and regulations.

Some regulations and procedures that are empathized at our field include, but not limited to:

- 1) The Love-Air R/C Club flying field is for the use of members with good standing in both the AMA and Love-Air R/C Club only. Visitors and guests of current members may fly twice per year only if currently an AMA member and accompanied by club member.
- 2) Spectators, especially children and pets are to remain in the parking area only (west of fence) when aircraft are running.
- 3) No burning allowed. Dispose of trash into the dumpster at the end of every session. Cigarettes should be disposed of properly, especially in the high fire danger months.
- 4) No consumption of alcoholic beverages prior or during model operations.

- 5) **Call 911 for emergencies.** (Other contact information and directions to the field are now posted on the frequency board.)
- 6) You must have the correct frequency pin and replace it with a valid Love-Air Card (exp.2004) in order to turn on any transmitter. Visitors may use their current AMA card.
- 7) All forward flight must be east of the flight line. The flight area is located east of a line parallel the west side of the runway running *to infinity and beyond*. (See official rule for more detail.)
- 8) Preflight inspection is a must. If you are new pilot or have a new plane, have an instructor or an experienced member help you.
- 9) Engines may be started in the pit area only if the plane is held either mechanically or by a helper, otherwise started on the east side of the taxing area (note the white lines). No unrestricted taxiing in the pit area. Be aware of and respect others when running engines in the pit area.
- 10) Call out to other pilots your intentions. As always a landing plane takes priority, a dead stick landing or other inflight emergency takes the highest priority.
- 11) No other R/C related devices are to be used at the Drake Field. Also, no rocketry.
- 12) No wing walking on any R/C aircraft is allowed.



Again, the Love-Air R/C Club and AMA Safety Code is an honorary system that relies on the individual members to comply. Use your brain. If that doesn't work use your cell phone to call for help. Please don't take away from someone else's day by having to deal with your safety issues.

Please use great caution while working around powered props or blades. I have not met a modeler who hasn't gotten at least nicked, sometime severely, by a prop. There is a restocked first aid kit on the transmitter board with lots of finger bandages should things go wrong. Let me know if the supplies dwindle.

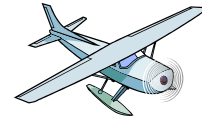
If you have any questions, comments, or would like a more complete listing of the rules please contact me at michaelderks@frii.com. Significant incidents/accidents must be reported to me, the safety officer, for investigation per AMA rules.

Fly safe,

Michael Derks
Love-Air R/C Safety Officer

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Membership in Love-Air R/C, Inc.

For new members or for the renewal of persons who have been members of LARC in the past.

The details of membership in Love-Air R/C are printed on the rear cover sheet of this newsletter. Annual dues are \$60 per year and run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. There is a one time runway assessment fee for new members. To join as a new member or to re-activate a prior membership, send this application **with a photocopy of your current AMA membership** to the address shown to the right.



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Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ AMA # _____

Freq. _____ Birthdate _____

E-mail Address _____

Newsletter type: Electronic or Hardcopy (circle one)

Mail to: Love-Air R/C
c/o Frank Ostermiller
1429 Canal Dr.
Windsor, CO 80550

Come fly with us.

The Love-Air R/C Club is a club organized to enjoy and promote the sport of flying radio controlled models. The club is a chartered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), a national organization whose purpose is to promote the sport of model aviation.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Collision Repair building at the Ferrero Auto Center in Loveland.

The annual membership fee is \$60.00 and covers from July 1st through June 30th. Membership cards are issued and a monthly newsletter is sent to each member. Current membership is required to fly at the Love-Air flying site. The club requires that all members who use the club flying field are also current members of the AMA. New members Welcome! Ask any member for information. See a club officer or check the box on the Freq. Board for membership forms.

	Adult	Junior	Family
Annual Dues (1/2 price after Jan 1st)	\$60.00	\$20.00	\$80.00
Runway Assessment (One time only)	\$75.00	-0-	\$75.00

Membership Chairman: Frank Ostermiller (970) 674-3199

Field Weather Station: Phone (970) 686-9026

LARC Home Page: <http://www.fortnet.org/loveairrc/>

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*Instruction Coordinator**
Lead instructor**

Flight instruction is offered at no charge to members. Beginners night will be on Thursday evenings during Daylight Savings Time. Priority shall be given to beginners flying with instructors. Anyone desiring instruction needs to make arrangements ahead of time with an instructor. If the weather station reports winds over 10MPH at 4:30 PM, wait until 6:00 PM and call the weather station again. If the winds have died below 10MPH then the instruction session will still take place that evening.

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