



From the President

The season is definitely in high gear now. It seemed like it took forever for the winds to settle down and now the daylight hours are slowly slipping away already. And we are half way through our events calendar with three down and three to go. I hope you get a chance to participate in one or more of the remaining events. I've definitely seen an increase in warbirds at the field of late as many of you are putting the final touches on new birds. It'll be fun to see all the new planes come together at the WOTR. But before that, let's get ready to welcome Jason Noll to Colorado and the BBF. Lots of opportunities for fun in the next few weeks!!!

And I'd be remiss if I didn't suggest you take an hour or so out to assist somewhere along the way. I know many of you already have signed up to help so thank you for that. If you would like to help but not sure how or when, just look me up when you get there and we'll find something reasonable.

Speaking of events, a big "attaboy" goes out to Jim Brink and Bert Sutton for their running of the IMAC contest last month. As a participant I thought it ran very smoothly and appeared to come off without a hitch. I'm assuming there is a recap of this event elsewhere in the newsletter so I won't dwell on it further. Now if I just wasn't so inconsistent with my flying, oh well, maybe next year! It was still a good learning experience and fun to boot.

So how about the look of that new infield area? Pretty awesome I'd say. Which aligns with all the comments I've heard so far from many of you. Let's give credit where credit is due – to Stuart Rafos. I asked Stuart earlier this year about what he thought might look good and function well. I'd say his vision for the area was spot on!!!! And working together it was completed very,



very quickly. Stuart was a great assistance throughout and a pleasure to work with. AWESOME JOB! We have something we can proud of for a long time. Thanks from all us. And thanks again to other members that helped with the starting stations and rock. For those that can't put a face with the name I've included a nice mug shot of Stuart captured by Don Simon while at the IMAC contest. Now you can express your thanks in person the next time you see him at the field.



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New Members
Christopher W. Glaser
Edward Pettit
Next Meeting
Wednesday August 13th, 2008

Upcoming Events
Big Bird Festival Aug 15-17
Longmont Electric Fun Fly
August 23rd
Jet Fun Fly Sept 12-14
Black Hills Air Rally
September 12-14
Warbirds Over The Rockies
Sept 26-28

A foursome of us put together a small but effective static display at the Larimer County Fair on Saturday the 2nd. The timing is nearly perfect for raising awareness of our two events open to the public. Michael Derks, Evan and Mike Harrington and myself had some good conversations throughout the day as we handed out over 200 flyers. It was definitely time well spent promoting the BBF and the WOTR.

Did you notice we now have fully functioning weather station again? Thanks goes out to Henry Schauer for donating and installing a new temperature sensor. Hopefully now we will have a reliable system again...except for the occasional reboot of course. Keep your fingers crossed that our aging system will hang in there for a while.

You probably get tired of hearing me say thank you for this or that, but I don't. It's great to observe help coming from so many of the members throughout the year. With that I will sign off in my customary way:

Remember, it's our hobby so let's have fun with it!

Mark Smith

August meeting program

We have a special treat this month. Van Kratzenstein will be doing a "monokote" covering demonstration along with discussing and showing some special tools. Come to the meeting and learn some trick and tips along with more reasons to acquire new toys ... I mean tools.

Combination change

This is a reminder that the grace period is over and the combination has been changed. If you have not paid your dues, you will not have the combination to access the field. Make that check payable to the club and get it to Frank Ostermiller to renew your membership. It would be a shame to miss a real nice flying day because you cannot get through the gate.

Big Bird registration reminder

The Big Bird event is right around the corner. If you would like more information or want to pre-register. The form is on the Love Air web site. Sign up and come prepared to show off that new airplane, maneuver, or just do a little flying.

Meeting Minutes for August

Jeff Allen-Young brought his massive 16' wingspan "Spruce Goose" and started all 8 Saito 100 engines!



Several guests were in attendance.

A big thanks to Dave Kler for all his work on the new concrete pads at the field.



Previous minutes were approved.

Treasurers report – Given by Mark Smith in Joel's absence this month. Approved.

Frank Ostermiller – 120 of 185 have renewed their membership.

Dan St John - June 27-29 heli fun fly. 31 pilots in attendance. Also had a 3-D training class off site.

Josh Moen brought a large screen for evening simulator flying. Thanks to Hobby Town in Fort Collins for letting us use their computer and simulator. There was a slight loss of only \$122 due to raffle sales being down. Todd Bennett will be back next year just to fly.

Dan showed a CarbSmart automatic mixture control by CSM Intelligent Technology in England. Uses a thermocouple to monitor head temperature and adjust the mixture to keep the temperature at or below your set point. He will try it on a heli and fixed wing and report back.

The next event is the IMAC on July 19 and 20.

August 16 & 17 Big Bird update by Mark K. - Color flyers have been printed for both the public and pilots.

We will raffle an Avistar both days – Raffle tickets will only be sold at the field.

Jason Noll is our guest pilot this year.

Note from Mark Smith regarding 3-D flying over the Big Bird weekend- 3-D will be allowed on Friday, after 4:00 on Saturday and after the close of the event on Sunday.

Big Bird newspaper advertisements will be in local papers.

Mike Maxwell is going to seal the taxi-way on Monday, July 14.

Van K. regarding Warbirds - There will be a guest speaker at the banquet (which is now going to be at the CSU student center.)

Van suggests we try to get more people to go to the Grand Island, Nebraska event next year since they are so good at supporting our events.

The Mitchell, NE club has another event the last weekend of July as well. They have a wonderful facility including indoor plumbing and a grass field.

Field improvement project - Stewart R started excavating the field improvements the day after our last meeting! It will be done by the end of July.

Mike Maxwell - Dial in access for a new weather station is problematic as the new systems are web accessible but not by phone. Mike thinks it would be desirable to have a weather station at the field. He will still pursue some options.

Thanks to all who have helped on projects for the club.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Durbin Seidel

Drake Field IMAC 2008 Report

By Jim Brink

We had 19 entries making this the largest IMAC event in Colorado in years. The weather was hot with just enough breeze to keep the temps tolerable without bothering the flying.

In Freestyle we were treated to two great pilots who really put on a show. Adam Bry and Mark Dennis went head to head with Mark winning by a nose.

There was great competition in three classes. Basic saw Mark Klawin and Stuart Rafos very close in spots #1 and #2 with the rest of the field in a bunch lead by Tony DeCrosta in 3rd. These guys flew great patterns and it looks like Sportsman will be hot next year. Mark and Stewart were #1 and #2 on reverse order last month in Albuquerque so it looks like the rivalry is on.

Scott Marks edged out Joe Pirozzloi in Sportsman with Greg Franks flying consistent patterns for third. Scott's early lead was challenged in the later rounds by Joe and it all came down to round 5 with the trophy on the line.

Mark Dennis ran away with Intermediate, showing his remarkable progress in IMAC style flying. Hope he's not thinking of moving up to Advanced next year. Bob Motazdi flew well and consistently in second place, saving his best showing for the unknown.

Advanced was a dogfight with Dan Underkofler and Ralph Lang exchanging the lead until Dan took over in the unknown sequence. Both these pilots demonstrated what IMAC smooth is all about. They were a pleasure to watch.

Eric Richard flew well in Unlimited but couldn't catch the pro quality flying of Adam Bry.

Saturday night we all got together for a barbecue sponsored by AeroWorks. There was beer, barbecue, BS and great fun in about equal parts.

A huge thanks to all the helpers who came out to give us a hand.
Thanks to Love-Air for the use of that great flying field. What a venue!
Another huge thanks to all the sponsors who sent prizes. We gave out over \$2000 worth of stuff.

Hope everyone is planning to return next year. It looks like AeroWorks is going to step up into a position of primary sponsorship but we haven't worked out the details.

Wheels down landings,
Jim Brink and Bert Sutton



Additional pictures

I had several additional pictures this month that I wanted to share. Enjoy...



This is a large project. The exposed servos in the tail caused some problems during first flight attempt.



Construction is a lot of foam and fiberglass



The newest field improvements



Correct use of the new starting stations



Some IMAC aircraft. They are a colorful bunch...



Everyone is a judge at IMAC

SPECTACULAR AIRSHOW

Giant-Scale Radio-Controlled Aircraft Aerobatic Maneuvers Unseen in Full Scale

15th Annual
ROCKY MOUNTAIN



BIG BIRD FESTIVAL
and Weld Food Bank Benefit

August 16 & 17

Main Event Show at Noon Each Day



Noon Show Features Jason Noll

of Team Fortaba & Team Aeroworks
2 time DIAC NATS Champion
Masters World Aerobatic Championships
Tucson Aerobatic Shootout Invitational
ETOC Champion



Where:

Love-Air R/C's Drake Field
Highway 14 - 9.5 miles east of I-25
or 4.5 miles west of Ault
For maps or more information visit www.LoveAirRC.org

Schedule:

Saturday, August 16
9 am - Noon Giant Scale Flight
Noon Show Featuring Jason Noll
1 pm Public Raffle
1 - 4 pm Giant Scale Flight

Sunday, August 17
9 am - Noon Giant Scale Flight
Noon Show Featuring Jason Noll
1 pm Public Raffle
1 - 2 pm Giant Scale Flight

Bring the whole family!
Bring cameras, lawnchairs, hats and sunscreen
Parking donation only \$5/car

25% of proceeds to benefit Weld Food Bank

Weld Food Bank



An example of headquarters at work

Mike Harrington forwarded the following blurb from AMA president Dave Mathewson.

Dear AMA Members:

As many of you know yesterday, August 6, 2008 we took a big step forward in promoting model aviation and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

A little over seven months ago when I became AMA president, I said that I wanted to get model aviation on ESPN and yesterday we accomplished that objective! While this was a relatively short clip, and our ultimate goal still is to get feature coverage of an aeromodeling event, we now have our "foot in the door".

ESPN's daily show, "ESPN First Take," featured footage (provided by AMA member Fred Midgett who is President of High Planes Productions) of the 2008 XFC and AMA All-Star Andrew Jesky flying his helicopter. ESPN First Take, formerly Cold Pizza, is aired Monday-Friday from 10 AM-Noon ET on ESPN2.

During the segment, host Dana Jacobson mentioned that she doesn't think of model flying as a sport although she thought it was "very cool". While many of us view modeling as our hobby, there are just as many of us that describe today's aeromodeling activities as sport. Let's contact Dana, thank her for featuring model flying on her show, let her know that competing in championships such as the XFC is indeed a sport, and that we, as AMA members, would love to see more model flying on ESPN.

You can contact Dana at: espnfirsttake@espn.com

If enough of us contact ESPN, perhaps we can continue to see model flying on national T.V.

Sincerely,

Dave Mathewson

AMA President

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 7:00 P.M. at the Ferrero Auto Center located in the Centerra Motorplex.

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

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Flight instruction is offered at no charge to members. Beginners night will be on Thursday evenings from May through October. Priority shall be given to beginners flying with instructors. Anyone desiring instruction needs to make arrangements ahead of time with an instructor.

Special note: We need more flight instructors! If you are interested in helping, please contact Gene Burmeister.

Next meeting is Wed., August 13th, 2008