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LOVE-AIR R/C



The Aerial View

Kung He Fat Choy: Happy Chinese New Year – The Year of the Dog

AMA Convention

I attended the AMA convention in Ontario CA several weeks ago. I was struck by two things: the near market dominance of ARFs (and really great looking ones too!) and wide appeal of electric aircraft. At least 50% of the vendors were heavily electric flyer oriented. There were lots of new goodies, including a very nice Yak from our good friends at Aeroworks. These models, available in several sizes, have outstanding craftsmanship and come pre-hinged. I was very impressed with the quality. Congratulations, Rocco!!

A highlight of the convention was a dinner honoring Bert Rutan of Spaceship 1 fame during which he was inducted into the Model Aviation Hall of Fame. Mr. Rutan gave a very engaging discussion of his background in model aviation, the challenges he has encountered and his future plans to provide a new generation spaceship for commercial space travel. By the way, he is interested in hiring "craftsmen" who know how to pay attention to detail to assist with building the next generation spaceships. Go to www.scaled.com

Still more on UAV Flight Systems

I had a chance to visit with Dave Brown and Carl Maroney at the AMA Convention about UAVs in general. As previously indicated these types of activities are excluded under the AMA Safety Code. In addition commercial operations are also excluded. What I did learn is that these activities are allowed with an approved waiver. Waivers are granted on a case by case basis and typically involve educational institutions.

I spoke with Lee Reep about UAV use of Drake Field this past fall. It turn out that they were misled by a former club member who indicated that "as club member, they were his guests". UAV Flight Systems has not used the facility since they visited the club meeting in November. The company would like to work with the club as much as possible.

Drake Field is not to be used for commercial purposes without express consent of the Club. I would appreciate learning about any questionable activity.

Annual Banquet

The annual banquet will be held on Saturday, February 25 at Schmidt's Bakery and Deli, 808 14th St SW, Loveland. Festivities will commence with conversation and no host bar at 6:00 pm followed by dinner and program at 6:45. I hope that you can attend.

Foothills Mall Show

The Foothills Mall Show is scheduled for Saturday, February 18. Once again, we will do this event jointly with the Rocky Mountain Modeleers. We are planning the repeat of the very successful AMA Dart building program. Jim Brink (RMM president) and I are working together to develop a schedule for the Make and Take tables. Please make plans to attend this terrific opportunity to "show off your stuff", advertise the club and to promote the Big Bird Festival. The Greeley Mall Show is confirmed on March 11. More details to come in the March Newsletter.

Newsletter Editor

Mark Smith our trusty newsletter editor and MVCM (most valued club member) has indicated that he wishes to step down from this crucial position hopefully by his anniversary date in April. The club purchased Microsoft Publisher to facilitate the publisher's job and to create a professional publication. Please contact myself or Mark if

Next Meeting

Wed., Feb. 8th, 7:30 p.m.

February Program

Topic: Control inputs
& aerobatics

Presenter: Bert Sutton

Upcoming Events

Feb 3-5 Jefco R/C Auction

Feb 18 Ft. Collins Mall Show

Feb 25 Annual Banquet

Mar 11 Greeley Mall Show

Apr 1 Indoor Fun Fly

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you are interested in this important position.

Incorporation

The Board took up the matter of incorporation as a non profit with the IRS. We learned that Love-Air can not qualify as a 501c7, a class recommended by AMA and usually associated with social clubs such as ours, because our gross receipts from the Big Bird, etc. exceed 30% of our annual income. This leaves 2 other options: incorporate as a "for profit" corporation or seek 501c3 status as a non profit educational organization. The latter requires considerable effort and a \$500 filing fee. The Board recommends that the club seek advice from a tax attorney.

Michael Harrington

...from the Editor

Due to business and personal travel last month I missed the meeting, the indoor fun fly and any opportunities to schedule one of my "house calls". As a result, I am woefully lacking of my usual amount of newsletter material. Hopefully, next month order will be restored!!

I did get this recap from Jim about his indoor fun fly ... wish I had been there!

Mark Smith

I think the electric fun fly was a huge success. We had 50 people registered and many guests. For the unofficial awards Mike Hurley gets the prize for the most crashes. Bill Moxon gets the award for the most times through the limbo poles. Bill even had a buddy box for the newbies to try their hand at flying. For door prizes we had 7 planes, a battery and a 6ch radio. Bert Sutton won the 6ch Spektrum radio.

We will be doing it again April 1. For more info drop a note to THINGSWW@AOL.COM

Jim Richardson

Minutes of the January meeting

Date: January 11, 2006

President Michael Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

Guests: We were pleased to have Alex Barr from Loveland at our meeting this month. Alex flies mostly electric aircraft and was interested in visiting our club. We welcomed Alex to the meeting.

New Members: We had no new members at this months meeting.

Treasurers Report: Our newly elected treasurer, Joel Stein gave the club an updated treasurer's report. Joel reported that the funds are in good shape. Anyone needing more detailed information please feel free to contact Joel. Members voted to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Program: Fred Damm brought in a variety of servos including some analog and digital servos. Fred gave an informative talk on servos and showed some interesting yet simple testing devices. Thanks to Fred for this presentation.

Old Business:

- A motion was made and members voted to accept the minutes of the November meeting as written. There was no meeting held in December.
- Michael Harrington thanked all officers and directors for their service to the club.

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Minutes of the January meeting continued

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- Michael Harrington discussed the request from UAV Flight Systems for a possible corporate membership. Michael indicated that there would be no coverage by AMA for flights by a programmed flight path aircraft. Michael had also spoken to the Arvada club president and discovered that the situation UAV had with the Arvada Club was not as presented by UAV to Love-Air. Michael was also told by club members that on some occasions during the fall of 2005 UAV had used Drake Field without obtaining any permission to do so. It was determined that Love-Air could not allow UAV to fly their aircraft at Drake Field and that the board would prepare and send a "Cease and Desist" letter to UAV Flight Systems.
- A tentative schedule of events was discussed for this upcoming year. The dates are as follows:

Foothill Mall Show	February 18 th	(Tentative)
Greeley Mall Show	March 11 th	(Tentative)
IMAC	June 17 th and 18 th	(Tentative)
Pattern Meet	Undetermined	
Heli Fun Fly	June 24 th and 25 th	
Big Bird Festival	August 19 th and 20 th	
Annual Fun Fly	Undetermined	
- Michael Harrington again brought up the annual winter banquet. Due to low attendance to the banquet Michael set up a survey on a web based polling site. Michael indicated that he had received about 25 responses but encouraged all members to visit the site and take a poll so a better decision could be made on the banquet.

New Business:

- The Club board has decided to look into additional insurance coverage for all officers and directors. Ron Colson was asked to solicit bids on this liability coverage for any acting officer and director.
- The Club board has also discussed looking into the advantages of shifting Love-Air RC from an incorporated non-profit organization to a 501c.3 entity. Michael Harrington will attempt to locate other clubs that may have this 501c.3 standing and try and determine the advantage seen by the club verses the cost and time associated with this type classification. More information will be presented to the club on this matter.
- Unauthorized use of Drake Field was discussed. Suggestions were made to look into placing a lockable gate at the entrance to Drake Field. Other suggestions were to place a current rooster at the field and have member police the users of the field while there. A small committee was form to further investigate the possibilities and report back to the members. The committee includes Chris Gallo, Bert Sutton, Mike Maxwell, Don Simons and Denise Spencer. If you have any question or comments on this matter please let one of the committee members know.
- The board has also suggested obtaining a secure storage container that would be placed at the south end of the field. This would be a metal shipping container that could be used to store lawn mowers, fencing, signs and other items used periodically at Drake Field.
- Michael Harrington also discussed a proposal being considered by the AMA for a special class of membership for the electric flyer only. Michael explained that it is being proposed to reduce the AMA membership dues and also provide less insurance coverage. The membership is targeted to electric flyers only and all the detail have not been worked out. A brief discussion was had on this subject with some pros and cons discussed. A "straw" poll was conducted and found that roughly 60 percent of those present were not in favor of this proposal based on the limit information available.

Drawing for: This months raffle winners included Fred Damm, Michael Derks, Mike Maxwell and Paul Johnson. Congratulations to the lucky ticket holders

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Colson

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

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

2006 Officers:

President	Michael Harrington	226-4820
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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.

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Next meeting is Wed., Feb. 8th

Program on aerobatics lead by Bert Sutton