



From the President

Fellow Members,

The flying season is definitely in high gear now. The temps are warm and the days are long - hope you are able to take full advantage of the high season.

In case you haven't heard, the proposed runway improvements were approved at the June meeting. The work is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 9th. Probably about the same time as you receive the link to this newsletter. The work is expected to take 2-3 days to complete and the field will be closed to all flying during that time. A follow up message will be sent when the field is re-opened. Given the harsh winter and seemingly endless asphalt damage, I was pleasantly surprised how quickly we were able to get the work scheduled. They actually wanted to start earlier but it would have meant closing the field over a weekend, something we hoped to avoid if possible. It should be ready to go in time for our Club picnic the following Saturday (14th).

Speaking of the picnic, I really hope for a great turnout. There should be something for everyone. Open flying through lunch, just like any normal Saturday. For the flyers and non-flyers, there will be a swap meet in the parking lot during the morning hours. AND...a FREE lunch for all members. After lunch, there will be some recreational pylon racing. More details should be elsewhere in the newsletter.

I'm assuming there will be a recap of the recently held IMAC contest and the Heli fun fly in the newsletter. It sounded like both went off very good. Thanks to Bert Sutton and the St. Johns for leading their respective events.

A couple of reminders and requests in closing. For those that haven't already done so, please get your membership renewed as we are now into our first month of a new year. And lastly, with two large events coming up it almost goes without saying that volunteering a couple of hours of your time and selling the three books of raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated. Your efforts in the past have made today's improvements possible. Your efforts in the future will make future improvements possible.

Hope to see you at the field soon!

Mark Smith

New Members

Joseph Adamian
Bryan Boshinski
George Harris
Roger Rosnik

Next Meeting

Wednesday July 11th, 2007

Upcoming Events

Swap Meet/Picnic/Swamphang

July 14th

Central Wyoming Fly-In

July 20th—22nd

Big Bird Festival Aug 17th—19th

Jet Fun Fly Sept 8th

Warbirds Over the Rockies

Sept 21st—23rd

New Year's Frost Fly Jan 1st

Steve Cowell will be the speaker on Wednesday. He owns the last flying T-6 used by the Tuskegee Airmen

Minutes of Club Meeting

Dated: June 13, 2007

Mark Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Guests:

We were pleased to have Matt Herbert from Loveland visiting with us this month.

New Members:

No new members at this months meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Our treasurer, Joel Stein gave the club an updated treasurer's report. Joel reported that the funds are in fair shape but reminded all to get dues paid up as recent expenses and upcoming expenses were depleting available funds. Anyone needing more detailed information please feel free to contact Joel. Members voted to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Old Business:

A motion was made and members voted to accept the minutes of the May meeting.

Mark Smith gave the members a update on the new field lease. The new lease will be effective starting 06/07 through 05/22. The lease will have an annual increase of \$100.00 per year after the third year of the lease. The lease has no vacate clause. The lease does have a buy out clause where the club would receive either 10% of the remaining contract amount or \$5,000.00 if the property were sold and the club forced to leave the property. The new lease also includes an escape clause for the club which requires a one year notice and the clean-up of the field. Thanks went out to all board members that were involved in securing this new lease with the Drakes.

Mark Smith also presented the Boards recommendation to the previously discussed runway improvements. There were three options presented.

OPTION 1: Do nothing at all

OPTION 2: Increase the length of the runway by 200' at a cost of \$20,000.00

OPTION 3: Increase the length of the runway by 200' and also widen the runway by 12' at a cost of \$39,000.00

The board was recommending that the funds be borrowed from the clubs designated funds and that the improvements be completed prior to the upcoming Big-Bird and War-Bird events.

During the discussions on these improvements two commitments were given by member, Brian O'Meara. The first being that he would commit to keeping the Warbirds over the Rockies event at Drake Field for at least 5 years. The second commitment was that Brian guaranteed the club a minimum of \$5,000.00 back from the War Birds Over the Rockies this year if the membership approved Option 3 which included both lengthening and widening the runway.

After additional discussion a motion was made to proceed with Option 3 on the runway improvements. This motion was seconded and approved by the majority of members present.

New Business:

Andy Hillard, who works at the City of Loveland told the members present about a City work day that was held in May 2007. Andy stated that Bert Sutton, Speed Wings and himself had set up some aircraft for display and also provided some electric flying demonstration with the Loveland-Ft. Collins Airport. This was done to show off the airport and also to promote Love-Air RC. Thanks to all that participated in this event.

Andy Hillard also informed the members that on July 4, 2007 there will be a full scale static aircraft display at the Loveland-Ft. Collins Airport. There will be some older military aircraft at the airport from July 2nd

at the Loveland-Ft. Collins Airport. There will be some older military aircraft at the airport from July 2nd through July 6th. Andy has also been asked if Love-Air RC could bring out some models for static display at this event. If interested please contact Andy.

Mark Smith reminded members to show your Love-Air RC membership card at SpeedWings and receive a 10% discount on any purchases. SpeedWings is located at 2387 W. 8th Street in Loveland.

Thanks went out to Fred Jennings for his recent mowing around the field and runway.

We were all reminded about the upcoming IMAC event and Dan St. John provided an up date on the heli event. Bob Ferrero gave an update on the upcoming Big Bird event and reminded us all that this event is the clubs largest fund raiser. We do this by selling raffle tickets. All members were encouraged to sell a lot of tickets this year.

Fred Damm informed the members present about the Modeleer's upcoming July 4, 2007 Fun-Fly. The event will be held at the Old Ft. Collins Airport. Members were invited to come by and enjoy the day flying with the Modeleer's.

Mark Smith also proposed a Love-Air swap meet with open flying, lunch and an informal pylon race. This was suggested for July 14, 2007. If interested please come out and bring any items you would like to sell or trade.

Program of the month:

No program this month.

Raffel Prize:

Mark Smith had a Formeco Tach this month for a raffle prize. The lucky winner was Jennifer St. John.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Colson for absent Secretary DurbinSeidel

Loveland Public Works Day by Andy Hiller

Bert Sutton and Andrew Marjama of Speedwings in Loveland kneel in front of Bert's plane at the Public Works Day event held by the City of Loveland May 23 in Loveland's Centennial Park. At the request of the Fort Collins/Loveland Municipal Airport, LARC set up a plane display, with both Bert and Andrew flying electrics at the adjacent ball field. The event was attended by the general public and about two dozen busloads of school children from the Thompson School District.



2007 LoveAir IMAC by Burt Sutton

This years Love Air IMAC was held on June 16 and 17. This year for a change we had good weather and a good turnout. 16 Pilots participated with 7 in basic. The only down side to such a large percentage of Basic pilots is that the pool from which to draw qualified judges is limited. That having been said, my thanks goes out to all those whom I called upon time and time again to help with the judging and scribing duties. With a special thanks to Jen St. John for her great job of data entry in the scoring program. This is possibly the most labor intensive job of the contest and the least visible. Needless to say without Jen crunching the numbers we might still be wondering what the final results were.

In spite of the good turnout we were missing a few key players that kept us from running 2 flight lines. As mentioned above, there just weren't enough qualified judges to field two panels. This makes for a slow moving contest with not a whole lot of flights for each pilot. My apologies to those who would have liked to get in a few more rounds.

It was really great to see so many first time pilots in Basic this year and a larger overall turnout than we have had in the last 2 or 3 years as well. It's always fun to watch the improvement the pilots can make in a single day of competition. This sport will push your limits if you are in the right class, and winning your class is really secondary as long as your skills improved. Thanks again to all who attended for your help and patients. Here are the final results.

BASIC

Jim Hamm	1st	5942.3 points
Greg St. John	2nd	5373.4 points
Bob Provopulos	3rd	4998.7 points
Ben Beyer	4th	3758.6 points
Cody Wilson	5th	3494.2 points
Joe Prirrozzoli	6th	3414.6 points
Don Simon	7th	1576.4 points

SPORTSMAN

Geoff Leicefter	1st	4820.8 points
Greg Franks	2nd	4661.8 points
Ron Davis	3rd	3129.6 points
Chris Bart	4th	3000.0 points

INTERMEDIATE

Mark Dennis	1st	5000.0 Points
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ADVANCED

Tony Bretherton	1st	5000.0 points
Jim Brink	2nd	4889.1 points
Bill Chester	3rd	3322.3 points
Dan Underkoffler	4th	2599.2 points

Heli Fun Fly a Sizzling Success by Dan St. John

The 6th annual Northern Colorado Heli Fun Fly was held from June 29th to July 1st at Drake Field. The turnout was superb with 38 registered pilots for the weekend. There was also a large number of spectators on both Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday night saw 4 pilots arrive with their campers to set up camp. The storms northeast of the field provided the campers with a impressive light show. Friday saw more pilots arrive ready of a great weekend. A total of 15 pilots registered on Friday and had a great day setting up camp and flying. Saturday dawned clear & warm, a perfect day for flying. The Novice flying competition was held Saturday morning with 4 entrants. The pilots had 3 tasks to complete, a bottle knock, a 30 second hover and a pylon shuffle. All three events were timed and the lowest total time was the winner. 3rd place was Mikki Vestal, 2nd went to Chris Doerr and 1st was Patrick Vestal (all three from Denver). While the novices were battling it out, the rest of the field was busy with open flying.

We also tried a new event this year, Poker Flight, modeled after a poker run. Every time a pilot flew, he would come to the registration desk and draw a playing card, the more times he flew, the more cards he had. Before the pilot drawing on Sunday, the pilot made his best hand from the cards he drew. He then received drawing tickets corresponding to his hand. All of the pilots who took part in the event enjoyed the challenge; one pilot flew 23 times in 3 days!



Saturday night, we enjoyed a beef brisket & chicken BBQ from BBQ Bob's in Loveland. After the BBQ was done, the pilots prepared for night flying. Due to a rough landing on one heli, we only had 2 pilots fly Saturday night. However, with the full moon on Saturday night, the conditions were perfect and provided a beautiful sight.

On Sunday, the autorotation contest was held. In this event, the pilot climbs to altitude, switches to throttle hold (engine at idle) and glides the heli down, trying to land on an X on the runway. Each pilot performs 3 autos and the lowest total distance from away from the X wins. 3rd place went to Duwayne Clark, 2nd place went to Dan Hughes and 1st place went to Dr Bob Motazed, whose total distance for all three autos was only 7 ½ inches!



At Noon on Sunday the event results were announced and the pilot drawing was held. Many prizes were handed out, the highlight being Ron Prewitt winning a Mini-Titan heli kit and Mikki Vestal winning the grand prize, a T-Rex 600 heli kit.

On the financial front, this was our most successful fun fly yet. After paying all of the expenses, we returned the \$1000 advance we received in April plus an extra \$572!



I would like to thank our sponsors, Hobbytown USA, Colpar Hobbies, Dellenbach Motors, Home State Bank, V-Blades, Rick's R/C Helicopters, Magnum Fuels, and Things with Wings.

I also want to thank my family, Rita, Greg, Jenny, Greg's girlfriend Stacey, and friends Ron & Terry Prewitt for all their help with the whole event. I could not have done it without their help.

Three Bombers and a LoveAir RC booth by Andy Hiller

Mark Smith, Andy Hiller and Gary Bauerle manned a booth all day July 4 at the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport open house. The event was attended by thousands of adults and children from northern Colorado and beyond.

You'll probably be surprised to learn that the main draw was not Bob Ferrero's Edge or the half-dozen other planes exhibited at the booth, but a trio of WWII bombers—B-17, B-24 and B-25—full scale and flying!!

The LARC trio showed off the planes and promoted the upcoming Big Bird and Warbird events. They passed out hundreds of event flyers to interested onlookers. They also sold about \$100 in raffle tickets.

President Smith was very enthusiastic about the response to the booth and the interest in the upcoming event. He felt the booth was a fine opportunity to promote the LARC events, since all the visitors to the open house were aviation fans.

Other aircraft available for viewing included bi-wing planes, an unmanned drone, sport aerobatic planes, a corporate jet, a firefighting tanker plane, homebuilt aircraft, a Civil Air Patrol plane and a WWII British fighter. About a dozen businesses and aviation organizations had booths displaying their products and services.



Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Runway extension and widening will take place Monday the 9th of July through the 11th of July. The field will be closed during this time period as there will be equipment on and around the runway.
- A work day will be scheduled for the near future. The runway will need new striping and "X"s on the ends. The new pilot stations will need fencing and some other work associated with the runway improvements will need to be accomplished. This will be scheduled at the next meeting.
- The LoveAir Swap Meet, picnic, and pylon race will be held Saturday the 14th of July. The plan is to have an informal swap meet in the parking lot. Bring a table or the space around your vehicle. There is a free lunch for the members and other attendees. There will be "recreational" pylon racing in the afternoon. The classes will include "True Trainers" (dihedral and the word "trainer" on the box), Sport (< 1CU - 2 cycle or < 1.25CU - 4 cycle), Open (anything EXCEPT true race planes, we will not have the safety equipment necessary to handle true racers). There will be open flying all other times so come out and enjoy the day, do a little racing, and find those true gems your fellow club members wish to sell. Andy Hiller will be helping with the swap meet and will be leading the pylon racing.



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- costs \$30,000/hr to rent
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- Carl Goldberg Extra 300 68" ws. 90% built, \$100
- **Contact Matt Thoma at 970-217-8457 for details.**
- Piper PA22 "Tripacr": 63" span with flaps, O.S. 46 engine with Pitts-style muffler. Includes a Futaba T6XA radio system and buddy cord. \$225
- Piper PA38 "Tomahawk" kit new in box. 72" span with flaps. Engine size .36 to .50. Futaba R127DF receiver, NR4J battery pack, and 5 each 3003 servos included. \$125
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- Aeroworks 31% Sukoi SU31 Builder's Kit 101" span, 87" length. Engine - 3.7 to 6.0 CUI (100cc). \$350
- **Contact Lloyd McConnell 330-5101 for details.**

It is free to list items for sale in the newsletter. Contact the editor with the items for sale.

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., July 11th