



## The Aerial View

### June was a very busy month!!

The club meeting at Drake Field on June 10<sup>th</sup> was attended by some 20 members - the usual faces and a few new ones. The swap meet went relatively well. I was able to sell a number of engines and an airplane for the estate of George Smith. These items were given to the club to further our training efforts.

The June 17<sup>th</sup> IMAC contest was ably CD'd by Bert Sutton with the assistance of a variety of club volunteers. While the turnout was not what Bert had hoped for, there was a strong contingent of local pilots. I attended for most of Saturday morning to witness a number of flights under challenging crosswind conditions. Both Bob Ferrero and Tom Yamada complained that the wind always came up only during their flights. The event was finished by the end of the day allowing club members access to the field on Sunday. Elsewhere you will find the results and photos.

Bert is offering assistance to all pilots wishing to improve aerobatics competency through flight workshops at Drake Field on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm.

The now annual event, the Heli-Fun Fly, June 23-25, was attended by some 32 pilots, who flew the rotors off their machines, as well a numerous spectators. Once again Dan St. John, Don Simon and others did a great job organizing the event. A special thanks to Rita St. John who ran the lunch kitchen. This event is jointly sponsored with the Modeleers.

### Gate and Field Access

General observations indicate that the signage and gate at Drake Field have proven to be a deterrent to casual use of the field by non-members. However, sometime last week someone apparently drove through the gate. It took Michael Derks several hours to make repairs. Thanks to Michael!! There is also evidence of motorcyclists using the runway for drag racing, etc. If you see any unauthorized use such as this get license numbers and please inform one of the Board members.

You may recall the club's intention to lock the gate. A combination lock has been purchased and will be in use effective August 1. You will receive the combination with your membership renewal. Those that have received their 2006-2007 cards will be receiving the combination from Frank Ostermiller.

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### New Members

**Don Hoag**

**Basic Flight instruction is every Thursday**

**Advanced Pilot Training is the First and Third Tuesday**

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday July 12, 2006, 7:30 PM  
At Ferrero Auto Center**

### Upcoming Events

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| <b>July 12</b>    | <b>Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| <b>July 29:</b>   | <b>Field Clean up, complete painting and install sound system wiring</b> |
| <b>Aug 2:</b>     | <b>Downtown Rotary Presentation</b>                                      |
| <b>Aug 5:</b>     | <b>Larimer County Fair Exhibit 2-9pm</b>                                 |
| <b>Aug 18-20:</b> | <b>Big Bird Festival</b>   |



I spotted this flyer at Drake Field during the IMAC contest on June 17th. When I asked him to show me his 2006 AMA and

Love-Air cards, he refused to comply. If you see him at the field, remind him that it is time to send in his dues for 2007! You did remember to send in your dues didn't you??

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### Horton Field Use

Elsewhere you will find an article concerning flight operations at the Modeleers' Horton Field. One of our members managed to somehow fly close to a neighbor's property such that his horses were alarmed. The irate rancher visited the field to complain. It should be noted that the runway at Horton does not parallel the road; rather it runs slightly NW to SE. Care must be taken to stay well to the east while flying and especially on landing approach.

### New Vice President

We are pleased to announce that Dan St John has agreed to fill the VP vacancy created by Chris Gallo's resignation. We welcome Dan to the Board and look forward to his active participation as well as his continued excellent efforts with this newsletter. Dan is a modeler of note having won the Top Gun several years ago with a scale Bell Heli. Dan also flies a turbine heli as well as fixed wings aircraft. Dan is a both CD and turbine CD and has served as president of the Modeleers for several years.

### Board Meeting

- **Storage Container**

Our efforts to locate a suitable storage container have been thwarted by the quality of those close to the local area. The used containers have considerable rust that would need attention to assure longevity. The Board has decided that it would be in the best interests of the club to purchase a reconditioned unit that has been freshly painted. Quotes for these units are running approximately \$3000 delivered to the field. The Club approved \$2500 for this purpose, the Board recommends that an additional amount be approved to purchase a storage container.

- **Donation**

Another donation to the club was received from Chuck Lane. Chuck provided 5 aircraft: a Sig 4 Star with OS 70 four cycle engine, a U Can Do 3D with Saito 70 four cycle engine, a Goldberg Freedom 20 with OS 25FS, a Funtana electric and a E-flight Gypsy Moth electric. All airplanes have servos, receivers and batteries. There are also 2 new Futaba Sky Sport radios chargers and glow igniters. All equipment is new and unused. Chuck would like this equipment to go to youth members. With the exception of the Freedom 20 none of the airplanes can be considered a beginners airplane. The Board decided that we should take advantage of this donation along with the previous donation from the George Smith estate to develop a more formal juniors program.

- **Juniors Program**

Earl Weston, father one of our junior members, Rick, approached me about developing a program to build interest in modeling specifically for teenagers. Earl will provide trainers and necessary equipment to get the teens started and will supply 2<sup>nd</sup> aircraft that each person would build. He has advertised in Hobby Town and will also run an advertisement in the Coloradoan. Earl has a commitment for the use of Hobby Town's backroom as a meeting space. We need a few volunteers to assist with training and building in this activity.

The Board recommends that the club consider providing a 1 yr free membership to juniors in this program. Similar arguments could/should also be made for the CAP program that has been running for the past year or so. If this program is successful we might want to continue the program into the future.

- **Events**

The Board has heard concerns about the frequency of events at Drake Field which apparently was more profound with the IMAC and Heli Fun-fly during June. Certainly the Board is sensitive to these concerns but also must balance this

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### Incident at Modeleers Field involving Love-Air Member

It has come to our attention that there was an incident with a Love-Air member overflying the houses to the west of County Road 5 at Modeleers field on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Modeleers have had problems with this rancher complaining about flying over his horses in the past, so they are very sensitive to where they fly. Mike Harrington and I have discussed the incident with Jim Brink (Modeleers President) and we all agreed that it occurred due to Love-Air members not knowing of the problem. The runway at Modeleers field is at a much greater angle to the county road than appears. To stay away from the houses, the Modeleers fly a more circular pattern, rather than a normal square pattern.

To help prevent future problems, we decided to print some photos of the field showing the boundaries that the Modeleers use. The photo below was taken standing in one of the pilot stations. The Modeleers have run tests and



found that if you keep your plane to the EAST of the high voltage tower, you will stay well clear of the county road and the houses. Another thing to be aware of, that high voltage tower is a LOT closer than it appears. It is only about 1/4 mile from the end of the runway.

I have talked with a few Love-Air members who have tried the approach pattern suggested by the Modeleers and said that it does work and

it is easier than it sounds. If there is any doubt, please discuss it with one of the Modeleers before flying.

We are lucky to have the agreement with the Modeleers allowing us to fly at their fields when we have events at Drake Field. When flying at Modeleers field please remember to avoid flying over their neighbors; we do not want to be responsible for the Modeleers losing their field.

### New signs posted at Drake Field.

The two photos below show the new signs posted on the road into the field and at the gate. Currently the gate is not locked, but the last member leaving the field should close the gate and secure the chain.

At the June meeting the club members present decided to start locking the gate on August 1st. The combination will be provided to members who have paid their 2007 dues. Please pay your dues to keep from being locked out.



## Love-Air 2006 IMAC Contest

On June 17th, 8 pilots competed in 3 different IMAC classes. Greg St.John & Greg Franks flew the Basic sequence; Neil Miles, Danny Stejskal, Bob Ferrero & Tom Yamada flew the Sportsman routine; Jim Brink and Dan Underkofler competed in the Intermediate class. The skies were partly cloudy with a fairly strong wind that switched directions throughout the day.

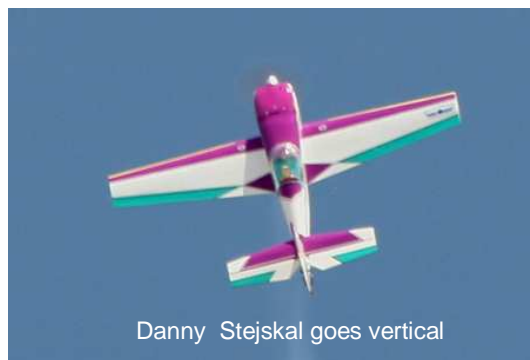


Dan Underkofler's Yak 54 taking off

Since the wind was blowing, the pilots decided to fly reverse order, Intermediate first, then Sportsman, and Basic last, hoping the wind would die down later for the newer competitors. First up was Dan Underkofler flying his Quicke Somenzini 35% Yak 54 with DA-100 power. Dan was followed by Jim Brink flying his 33% Aero-Works Extra 300L also using a DA-100. Both Dan & Jim flew great rounds especially considering the tricky crosswind they were fighting.

Next up was Sportsman, Danny Stejskal was the first one up. He was flying a World Models 27% Extra 300 with a Moki 1.8 for power. It quickly became evident that this young man (I believe he said he was 15) could fly very well. Next up was Neil Miles with his 2.6 meter Composite-ARF Extra with a DA-100. Neil took off, started into the routine, then bailed out. After he landed, he told me he was having a problem with the rudder. After further investigation, he found that he would not be able to fix it at the field, and dropped out of the contest. Bob Ferrero was the next pilot in the box. Bob was flying a 35% Radiocraft Extra 330 also with a DA-100. Bob flew a good round while battling the changing winds. Last up was Tom Yamada with his 35% Radiocraft Extra. Tom & Bob's Extra's were sister ships, same kit and power plant. Both models flew well throughout the day.

It was now time for the Basic boys to fly. However, the winds were still blowing hard and changing directions. Greg Franks decided to stand down and not fly this round. However, Greg St.John accepted the chal-



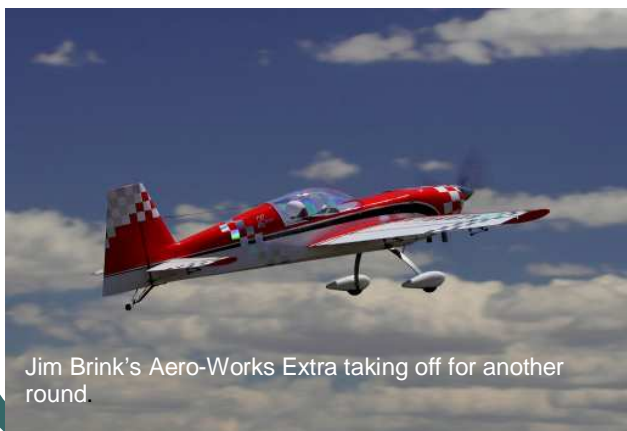
Danny Stejskal goes vertical

lenge. He fired up the BME 95 in his 2.3 meter Composite-ARF Extra 300L and launched into the blue. About 3/4 way through the sequence, Greg declared an emergency. He had lost one of his contact lenses! Since I was calling for him, I asked if he wanted me to take the plane. He said "No, Get Bert!", talk about demoralizing! Bert Sutton took the radio and safely landed the plane for Greg. Surprisingly Greg found his contact on the ground, cleaned it up and put it back in so he could continue later rounds.

After Greg's excitement, they started at the top of the order. Through everyone's hard work the pilot's were able to complete three rounds. The pilots agreed to use those three rounds to decide the winners and not fly on Sunday (which was Father's Day).

At the end of the day, the results for Basic class were Greg Franks first, Greg St.John second. In Sportsman class Danny Stejskal took first, Tom Yamada placed second, and Bob Ferrero placed third. In Intermediate class Dan Underkofler was first and Jim Brink came in second.

It was another successful event with all the pilots having a great time. Thanks to Bert Sutton for putting on the contest.



Jim Brink's Aero-Works Extra taking off for another round.



The "Basic Boys" Greg St.John (left) & Greg Franks. Both were flying Composite ARF Extras.

## Northern Colorado Heli Fun Fly a success!

On June 23rd through 25th Love-Air and the Rocky Mountain Modeleers hosted the 5th annual Northern Colorado Heli fun fly. We had a total of 32 pilots attend the event with 20 pilots pre-registering.

The Thursday before the event we had some early arrivals show up; Bill Jones from Prescott AZ, Larry Miranda from Las Vegas NV, and Ron & Terry Prewitt from Salida CO set up camp early. Friday saw some more campers show up, we ended up with a total of 7 campers this year.



Miniature electric helis, like this Align T-Rex are quickly growing in popularity. This little heli will do everything a glow model will do.

Friday was a good day with 18 pilots registering. We set up the field with 6 pilots stations along the runway. Through most of the day we had 4 stations filled, with helis all over the sky. This year many of the pilots had brought small electric helis along with their glow powered birds. The Align T-Rex is a very impressive model, especially when set up with a brushless motor and Li-Po batteries. It is fully 3-D capable and can do anything it's glow powered cousins can do.

Saturday was another great day, with lots of flying. I made a change to the event this year. We did not have any planned events, I left it up to the pilots if they wanted to do any tests of their skills. I did get a request for a scale contest and an auto contest, so we scheduled both of these for Sunday morning. With

no events, the field was open for lots of flying. One pilot told me during the BBQ dinner that he had burned 2 1/2 gallons of fuel in 2 days! That is a lot of flights on his helis. Also on Saturday we had Hobbytown USA set up a tent at the field selling kits, radios, parts & fuel. Craig Schriener (Ft. Collins Hobbytown manager) told me that they had a good day selling fuel & parts to the pilots.

Saturday night we had a delicious dinner of BBQ Beef and Chicken prepared by Big Mike's BBQ from Denver. Why get a caterer from Denver? Well, I taught Mike how to fly helis years ago, and Mike wanted to give his friends a good feed. The 30 people who stuck around for dinner remarked how good the BBQ was and we all sat around with full bellies waiting for the night flying. Unfortunately Mother Nature had different ideas and we had to cancel the night flying session due to high winds.

Sunday morning we held the scale contest and an autorotation contest. In scale, 3 pilots competed with Tom Powers flying his Jetranger and Huey models for a total of 4 scalers flying. The judge had a hard time but finally awarded Larry Miranda (Las Vegas, NV) with first, Tom Powers Jetranger second, Steve Bernard was third with his MD-500 and Tom's Huey was fourth. In the autorotation contest, we had 2 competitors, Dr



Duwayne Clark (from Denver) getting down real low with his Miniature Aircraft Fury Heli. Duwayne burned 2 1/2 gallons of fuel by Saturday night!

Dr. Bob Motazedi, from Franktown, putting it right on the X in the auto contest



Bob Motazedi & Duwayne Clark. Both pilots shot 3 autos, the 3rd having to be deadstick. They were trying to get as close to a chalk X on the runway. Each attempt was measured, we kept the shorter of the first 2 tries and added to it the distance from the 3rd. Dr Bob won with a total for 2 autos of 13 inches to Duwayne's 33 inch total.

On the financial front, after paying for the BBQ, lunch supplies, and pilot prizes, we had a net profit of \$150.88. This amount will be split with the Modeleers, so each club will get \$75.44 in addition to the funds they advanced me last month.

All of the heli pilots had a great time and they all wanted me to pass on their thanks to all the Love-Air members for hosting the event.

## Minutes of Club Meeting

**Dated: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

H. Michael Herrington called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. The meeting this month was held at Drake Field on Saturday morning.

**Guests:** none

**New Members:** none

### **Treasures report:**

Joel Stein gave a detailed report on the club financials. He reported that the funds are in good shape. Any one needing more detailed information should contact Joel. The report was voted on and approved.

### **Minutes:**

The written minutes from last month were approved with no acceptations.

### **Board Meeting:**

There was no board meeting this month.

### **Old Business:**

- Michael H noted that the Pylon Races were well attended and suggested we try it again later this summer. He emphasized (more like wined) his desire for a true trainer class race with no Stiks.
- Field cleanup day was very successful this year. The next cleanup day will be scheduled for just before the Big Bird event.
- Michael H. is still working with the vendor to get a decent storage container that is not fully rusted and falling apart. No luck so far.
- No new news from the Big Bird committee.

### **New Business:**

- Funding of \$350 was approved for the purchase and installation of new underground speaker wire used by the PA system. Frank Ostermiller will coordinate the effort. Hopefully the better speakers will help with Neil's jokes.
- The group recognized the work of Bert Sutton and the glass donation of Doug Morey for the new transmitter impound board. There is also a new space for the first aid kit. It's nice to have a handy man around the place sometimes.
- The group also recognized the work of the gate committee on the new signs and gate. Thanks to everyone involved.
- The gate will officially be locked starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. The combination will be sent out with the new membership cards. Therefore you must renew your membership (due in June) before August 1<sup>st</sup> to have access to the field.
- IMAC Contest will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Modeleers field will be open to Love-Air members during the contest.
- Heli Funfly will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Modeleers field will be open to Love-Air members during the event.
- Modeleers July 4<sup>th</sup> event has been cancelled.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

### **Program of the month:**

This month the first annual swap meet was held right after the meeting. Many deals were available. For those that were there, the exchange of cash and balsa was well enjoyed. I personally walked out of there with much less cash. (*Editor: Mr. Derks did not walk out with much less cash, he paid me by check!*)

Respectfully submitted for Ron Colson by Michael Derks.

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with the need to accommodate the interests of all members. Ideally we would have one or more events which would be of interest to all members over the course of the flying season.

- **Jim Parnell Memorial Fun-fly**

We need to schedule the Parnell Memorial Fun-fly probably September 9 or 16<sup>th</sup>. This event would include another round of pylon racing, the Swampthang Challenge, and other fun events with invitations to the Modeleers and Valley View clubs. Even if you don't participate in these events, the festivities make for great spectating.

- **Precision Aerobatics Workshop**

There is also a request to do a 1 day precision aerobatics/pattern workshop possibly Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. This differs from the IMAC training that Bert Sutton is doing on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month.

- **Jet Event**

Finally, we have had various discussions about the possibility of holding a jet event with an eye of growing the event to replace the major jet rally that used to be held in Denver. This could also become a major fund raiser for the club. For this year we would look at a one day event sometime in October with a possibility of growing the perhaps in May of 2007. There are some 30-40 jet pilots in the Denver area that have a loosely organized monthly jet fly-in at one of the area clubs. We believe that a well organized jet event could grow to the same size or larger than the Rocky Mountain Big Bird Festival.

Keep it on the Short Grass

*Michael Harrington*

### Big Bird Raffle Ticket News

All members should have received their Big Bird Raffle tickets by now. This year we have 4 members who have a supply of tickets in case you need more. The contact people are listed below. Also, remember that the lucky winner has his or her choice of either the airplane or \$500.00 in cash!

Eaton: Mike Maxwell 970-454-1431

Greeley: Dennis Spencer 970-330-8917

Loveland: Ron Colson 970-635-0649

Ft.Collins: Dan St.John 970-231-4252 (cell)

### 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.

### Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Love-Air R/C  
c/o Frank Ostermiller  
332 63rd Ave  
Greeley, CO 80634**

**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) 376-7836**

**Field Weather Station: Phone (970) 686-9026**

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

#### **2006 Officers:**

President	Michael Harrington	226-4820
Vice President	Dan St. John	223-0849
Secretary	Ron Colson	635-0649
Treasurer	Joel Stein	482-3396
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	Jim Hamm	223-2778
	Neil Miles	282-0930
Safety	Dennis Spencer	330-8917
Newsletter Editor	Dan St. John	223-0849
Webmaster	Matthew Johnson	229-5816
Freq. Coordinator	Gene Burmeister	674-9820

Instructors	<b>Thursday evenings</b>	
Coordinator	Gene Burmeister **	674-9820
Lead Instructor	Dennis Spencer *	330-8917
	Brayden Fisher	219-8859
	Darwin Idler	225-2431
	Andy Hiller	223-5068

#### **Weekends by appointment only**

Dave Genet	674-0058
Brandon Strait	226-6211

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.

## **LOVEAIR R/C**



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**Next meeting is Wednesday, July  
12th at Ferrero Auto Center,**

**7:30 PM**