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LOVE-AIR R/C



President's Message

March certainly came in like a lion, with blizzard-like conditions, snow and high winds. That's Colorado for you. Hopefully, we will now get some lamb-like weather and we can get in some flying.

Spring is coming soon and before we know it, summer will be here. And then it's August and Big Bird time. I ask all of you to start thinking about how you will volunteer for this, the premier flying event in this area. We have a tradition for hosting a well run, safe and enjoyable fly-in. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes and at the field to make it all come together. Won't each of you want to be some part of this event?

Also coming up is the pattern contest, the IMAC, the Heli event and the Jim Parnell Memorial. All of these events require man power, so I ask all of you to consider giving a little of your time to make all this happen. If you don't want to work an event, attend the events. Lets make it happen this year!!

See you all at the meeting March 10th. I would like to request a board meeting at 6:30.

Bob Comiskey



Mr. & Mrs. Comiskey offer assistance to a mother and her young son as they build their Delta Dart. Foothills Mall Show
Dennis Spencer photo

There will be a several drawings at the Club meeting for items from the Smithsonian Air Museum.

New Members:

Adam Omerick
Stephen Singleton
Jessica Waltz
Thomas Waltz

Next Meeting:

Wednesday
Board of Directors
Training Instructors
General Membership

March 10th
6:30 p.m.
7:10 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Foothills Mall Show

The Love Air RC Club and the Rocky Mountain Modeleers held a joint static display at the Foothill Fashion Mall on Saturday February 7, 2004. The show included a variety controlled helicopters, scale models, giant scale aerobatic aircraft, electric "park flyers", trainers, and other sport airplanes. Special attention getters included Extra 300s (Ron Colson and Neil Miles).

Matthew and Paul Johnson brought their simulator and assisted all who wanted to give it a try. The Modeleer's also had a simulator and both were in use virtually all day. The young kids who have played video games since a young age have great hand eye coordination and little trouble learning to fly the simulator.

Our Make and Take activity was a major hit with everyone with nearly 60 models built. There were a few stuck fingers (to be expected) and plenty of direct interactions with budding modelers of all ages. It was great to see Moms, and Dads helping out too. The amphitheatre area near JC Penny was a buzz with AMA Cubs as they were flown by proud builders. I want to extend a special thank you to those folks who took time to assist with the building.

Finally, I want to thank every one who participated in the event. Mall management was very impressed with the show, its organization, and your participation and would like us to return once again next year. Let's really grow participation next year.

Michael Harrington



R/C Flight Instructors WANTED

There will be an organizational meeting for 2004 flight training instructors at 7:10 PM prior to the general Love-Air March meeting. Please plan to attend if you are interested in doing some official instructing. An RC instructor manual, taken from the Internet, will be available for those who would like to become an instructor, but have some reservations about it.

This year, the instructors are planning to be better equipped to handle a majority of transmitter makes and models, so I would like to know what training equipment you have.

We will also set a date on meeting at the field when the weather warms.

Questions? call Gene Burmeister 674-9820



2004 Fort Collins Foothills Mall Show
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Minutes of the January Meeting

Date: February 11, 2004

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

Guests: We welcomed Dan St. John from the Ft. Collins Modeleers to our meeting. Dan was our only guest at this meeting. Dan is the current president of the Modeleers.

New Members: We also welcomed new members Ron Kilburn who lives east of Loveland and is a heli pilot.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Andy Hiller reports that our funds are in good shape. Anyone needing more detailed information feel free to contact Andy.

Minutes: Members voted to accept the minutes for the January meeting.

Old Business:

- The lease of Drake Field was again discussed. The Board of Directors has asked that Bob Ferrero and Bob Cominsky meet with the Drakes and renegotiate a new 5-year lease on Drake Field. It was also discussed that there had been some discussion about leasing the field to the west of our current location. This area is used as parking during the Big Bird event. This will be discussed during the meeting with the Drakes and information will be brought back to the club for discussion.
- Our long lost member, "Bart" oh I mean Bert Sutton was in attendance and suggested that the IMAC event be held on May 29th and May 30th this year. This date was discussed and approved. Bert will be looking for help in this event so please let him know that you are willing to lend a hand.
- Gene Burmeister, Love-Air's lead instructor, brought one of the two donated Jline training radios to show the members. Horizon Hobby donated these radios to the club. In exchange for the radios Horizon ask that we send them a members list of our club. This was discussed and it was decided to send a member list without e-mail addresses or phone numbers. Thanks go out to Horizon Hobby for their generous contribution to the training program of Love-Air RC.
- Gene Burmeister was also appointed as new frequency coordinator for our club. Gene will replace Jim Richardson in this position as Jim is no longer a current member of Love-Air RC. Thanks to Jim for his years of service in this position.
- The annual Heli Fun Fly was discussed. This event is scheduled for June 25th through June 27th 2004. This is a cooperative event sponsored by Love-Air RC and the Ft. Collins Modeleers. The event looks like it will be bigger and better than last years and all members should plan to attend. Drake field will be closed to fixed wing aircraft from Friday June 25th through Sunday June 27th. Any pilot wanting to fly will be allowed to use the Modeleers flying field during this time.

New Business:

- Neil Miles approached the AMA about writing an article on last year's Big Bird event. The AMA was not interested in an article about a single event however Neil convinced the magazine to allow him to write an article on "How to Run a Big Bird Event. It was reported that Neil is in the process of preparing this article and we could see this article in the AMA magazine by the summer. Congratulations to Neil for this great effort.
- During the board meeting prior to this month's club meeting the board was notified by Director Van Kratzenstein that he was resigning for his director's position. This decision was made due to time restraints on Van. The board was forced to accept this resignation. At the meeting Michael Derks was nominated from the floor to fill this open director position. As there were no other nominations made Michael Derks was accepted to replace Van for the remainder of this position.



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- The Mall show was discussed briefly by Michael Harrington. The Mall show was held February 7, 2004 at Foothills Mall. The show included approximately 35 planes and helis at the Modeleers tables and approximately 15 planes at the Love-Air tables. Michael also reported that about 50 Darts were built at the make and take table. A motion was made and approved to continue this annual event for the upcoming year
- It was brought to the clubs attention that Lou Slocum was recovering from some recent medical problems. Our best wishes goes out to Lou for a speedy recovery.
- Lloyd McConnell announced that the annual Longmont Auction is currently scheduled for April 17, 2004. The auction will be held in Longmont at the Sanborn Elementary School.

Program:

- Lloyd McConnell gave out awards and service pens to members that have greatly contributed to the Love-Air success of the last year. These awards were presented at our annual banquet however there were many members that were unable to attend so Lloyd presented the awards to the members present at this meeting.
- Don Simons also brought aircraft and a heli to help demonstrate the recent developments in electric motor aircrafts. Don had a heli that he was currently building that is powered by a Kohler motor. He also brought an EX-2 flying wing that is powered by an Aveox motor. These were very impressive motors and aircraft. Thanks to Don for this demonstration.

Show and Tell: Don Simons heli and flying wing.

Drawing: **Andy Hiller** won an electric MIG jet
Darwin Idler won an "classic" t-shirt
Michael Dirks won a "classic" t-shirt

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Colson



Andy Hiller (C) was the big winner— an electric MIG jet. Evan Harrington (L) and Paul Johnson (R) were also winners at the February meeting.

2004 Events Calendar

- Apr 17 *LAMA Spring Auction*
- May 15-16 *LAMA Pattern Contest*
- May 29-30 *Love-Air IMAC Contest*
- Jun 5 *Modeleer's 50th Anniversary Flyin*
- Jun 25-27 *Modeleers Heli Event (Drake Field)*
- Aug 21-22 *Love-Air Big Bird Festival*
- Sep 11 *Love-Air Memorial Fun Fly*
- TBD *Love-Air Pattern Contest*

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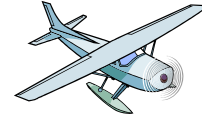
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Come fly with us.

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	\$30.00	\$80.00
Runway Assessment (One time only)	\$75.00	-0-	\$75.00

Membership Chairman: Frank Ostermiller (970) 674-3199

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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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