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LOVE-AIR R/C



The Aerial View

Foothills Mall Show

The Foothills Mall Show was held jointly with the Rocky Mountain Modelers on Saturday, February 18. We arrive to find that the Mall staff coordinated by Melanie Davis had all of the tables set! What a change from previous years when we had to bring the tables, etc out of storage. We had a good turn out from our members and an excellent display. Once again we had a very successful AMA Dart building program, with more than 100 planes constructed. Bert Sutton, Bill Moxon and Matthew Johnson demonstrated indoor e-flyers. You will find representative photos elsewhere in this issue.

Annual Banquet

Some 40 members and spouses attended the annual banquet on Saturday, February 25 at Schmidt's Bakery and Deli in Loveland. After no host social time with a slide show from the Big Bird (compliments of Dan St John), we had a great dinner of roast beef, chicken paprikash all of the fixins and even a Love Air RC logo cake. The food was great!. A number of members were recognized for their contributions to the club.

Those receiving framed classic aircraft stamp collections were past president Bob Comiskey, Ken Anderson, Bob Ferrero, Ron Colson, Paul and Matthew Johnson, Durbin Siedel, Mark Smith and Tom Yamada. Carol Yamada and Nancy Ferrero were recognized for their contributions at the Big Bird Festival; they both received gift cards from Foley's. Although not in attendance, Kay McConnell was also recognized for her outstanding contributions to the club and the Big Bird Festival and will a;sp receive a gift card.

Michael Derks was named the MVM (most valuable member), made enumerable contributions as vice president last year. Michael received a framed set of commemorative stamps and an electric Edge 540 kit. Other members recognized with certificates of appreciation included Bert Sutton, Michael Derks, and Don Simon. Additional members recognized, but not in attendance, included Dan St John, Neil Miles, Dennis Spencer, Gene Burmeister, Braydon Fisher, Darwin Idler, Andy Hiller, Dave Genet, Brandon Strait, and Lloyd McConnell.

Members were entertained with a slide show review some of the club's activities for 2005. All spouses received a rose and a ticket for door prize drawing for a ½ day visit to Trios Spa in Ft Collins. This prize was won by Nancy Ferrero. A special thank you goes to Chris Gallo for all of the arrangements. Thanks Chris!!!

For those who did not attend you missed a fun time with excellent food, great friends and a great program. Check out the pics.

Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors has been meeting separate from the Wednesday club meetings. We've taken this step so that we could discuss a variety of issues that often required more time than is available prior to club meeting.

We've decided that the annual banquet would be better held in the fall. We will be selling tickets to this year end event to be held in November prior to Thanksgiving.

New Members

Carl Gooding
Scott Laswell
Anson Owens

Next Meeting

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

Upcoming Events

Mar 11 Greeley Mall Show
Apr 1 Indoor Fun Fly



Love-Air's 2005 "M V M"

Michael Harrington (r) presents Michael Derks with a plaque recognizing him as the Club's Most Valuable Member for his contributions in 2005.

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Aerial View cont.

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We will be consulting a tax attorney for further advice as to what steps the club should be taking relative to non-profit status.

We have developed a budget that will be presented at the upcoming meeting and will also discuss our plans for new members.

I will appoint a "membership committee" with a charge of making prospective members and new members feel welcome in the club. We also decided that effective January 1, 2006; all new club members will be receiving a club badge as part of the membership. We believe that we need to make sure that both prospective and new members feel welcome.

Newsletter Editor

As indicated previously, Mark Smith our newsletter editor has indicated that he wishes to step down from this crucial position hopefully by his anniversary date in April. We've had a bite or two on this position and are keeping our fingers crossed!!! But as Yogi says "It ain't over 'til it's over", I hope that we will be able to land one of these prospects. Until then please contact Mark or myself if you are interested in this important position.

Keep it on the short grass.

Michael Harrington

Indoor Fun Fly - April 1st

Jim Richardson at Things With Wings has plans to host a second indoor fun fly on Saturday, April 1st. The location will again be in a hangar at the Greeley airport. He has some changes planned for the second event so contact him for more details by calling **970-352-1067** or sending an email to **ThingWW@aol.com**

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Things with Wings

...on the way to pick up a trainer cable...

I was in need of a specific trainer cable so I arranged to pick one up from **Gene Burmeister**. When I arrived Gene was in his shop working on a woodworking project. I found it interesting so thought I'd turn the visit into a modeling and share it with the rest of you.

Since my original intention was just to pick up a cable our conversation was even more casual than if it were a planned "modeling bio" visit. We didn't get into specifics but I do know that Gene is a long time member of both Love-Air and the Modeleers. I know he's been an officer in both clubs. Turns out he's been leading our training program for a long time as well. He reminded me that when I was President ('92-'93) that he responded to my request for someone to lead the training program. And I thought 3 years as Newsletter Editor was a long tour of duty.

Work wise I recall bumping into Gene in the halls of HP at the Fort Collins site during the 80s. After 25 yrs at HP he moved on to work for a division of the USDA. Something to do with soil conservation and software development. This is where the "more casual than usual" comes into play because I was taking even fewer mental notes than normal. He's been with the USDA for over 15 years and that retirement is one of his short term plans. His woodworking project/venture is his way of "practicing for retirement".



We didn't talk much about airplanes but Gene had a typical assortment of planes "hangared" not too far away. I can recall a period when he competed in pattern along with Darwin Idler. He has more interest in twin engine planes than the typical modeler. One can be seen at the top of a photo where it is suspended from the ceiling. There were one or two more stored not far away. Before Jim Parnell's death the two of them hooked up and modified some SIG Kadets of various sizes for cross country flying. He obviously enjoys the challenges and variety the hobby offers and the reward of teaching new members to fly.

So just was the project that got my interest? Gene was working on a hardwood case for a fly rod. Sounds straightforward enough until you realized these are nearly five feet in length, hexagon shaped and inlays near both ends. Adding to the challenge the six sides are all "book marked" so that when assembled the grain pattern in the wood flows from side to side around the case. Lots of angles, lots of jigs and lots of steps to get from a block of hardwood to the finished product. In the top photo Gene is holding one of finished cases, the photo doesn't do it justice.

After having less than desirable results brushing on a clear varnish Gene developed a clever alternative. If you look closely at the bottom photo you will see one of the cases suspended in a vertical position. Gene has set up a dipping station using a piece of pvc pipe, pulleys, string and a small electric motor. He dips the fully assembled case into the tube filled with varnish and then slowing the electric motor pulls it out. He then flips it over to repeat for the other half. Then they are hung to dry leaving a final result that is a very smooth finish.

Gene sells these through fishing shops around the area. One customer liked his so well he decided to order a bunch more to give to his staff. He's in the process of filling that order which would explain why he was in his shop and not at the flying field. His goal of flying at least once each month (hopefully much more) may get challenged by the demand for his other hobby.

Now you have something else to ask Gene about the next time you see him at the field.



Mark Smith

Fort Collins Mall Show



Annual Banquet



Minutes of the February meeting

Date: February 8, 2006

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

Guests: We were pleased to have Anson Owens from Loveland who was this year's winner of the Quinn Cadet given away at the Big Bird. We also were pleased to have Carl Gooding who recently moved to this area from Fairbanks Alaska. We welcomed the guests to the meeting.

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

Treasurers Report: Our 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 present.

Program: Bert Sutton gave a riveting demonstration of the 2006 Basic Known IMAC sequence. Bert provided a description of the required maneuver and some helpful hints regarding control inputs to perform the maneuver. Bert is still working on a training night time for pilots interested in participating in the upcoming IMAC events or those who just want to learn some basic aerobatics and improve their piloting skills. Thanks to Bert for this presentation.



Old Business:

- A correction to the January minutes was discussed. The revision is that the Heli-Fun Fly was report to be on June 24th and 25th. This event will actually begin on Friday June 23rd and run through Sunday, June 25th. With the above change a motion was made and members voted to accept the minutes of the January meeting as revised.
- Michael Harrington confirmed that the two mall shows had been confirmed. The Ft. Collins show is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2006. Set-up will begin at 8:00 – 8:30. Members are asked to bring your planes. This show will be shared with the Ft. Collins Modelleers. A list was pasted around for volunteers to man the "make and take" building area throughout the day. The Greeley mall show is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th. Please plan on participating.
- Michael Harrington advised that the Annual Banquet had been scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2006 at Schmitt's Deli in Loveland. The banquet will start at 6:00PM and the cost will be approximately \$20.00 per head. There will be slide show presentations, possibly videos, and award presentations. The dinner will be a buffet style and should be enjoyed by all. All members are encouraged to attend and bring their spouse.
- Ron Colson gave an update to the members on his research into additional insurance coverage for the club and it's directors and officers. This type of insurance is expensive and limited in coverage. It was reported that the cost could be in the \$3000.00 range if a company could be found to accept this risk. Ron had spoken with the general agent that has worked with the AMA over the last 25 years and currently provides the club coverage for all AMA clubs.
- Michael Derks discussed his recent research into the clubs option regarding non-profit organization status. Michael had learned that Love-Air would not qualify to be a 501-C-7 organization but could qualify as 501-C-3. The advantages would be the reduction of the possible tax liability on the club. It was determined that the club needed the assistance of a tax CPA and possibly a tax attorney. A motion was made and approved to allocate \$500.00 for further discussions with a qualified CPA and possibly an attorney on this matter.

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February Minutes continued

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- Don Simons gave an overview of the committee recommendations regarding the signage and gate to be placed at the entry to Drake Field. The recommendations included signage along the road indicating that there would be a locked gate ahead and a gate at the entrance to the Drake Field parking area. The final recommendation was that the first member into the field would open the gate and the last member out would lock the gate. This method would not deter spectators from coming to the field and watching the flyers. This committee will continue to gather information on the cost to install the gate and speak with Mr. Drake to determine if this is an acceptable plan.

New Business:

- Michael Schauer, a recently missed member, was present at this months meeting. Michael gave an update on the field weather station which is currently inoperative. John Murphy and Dennis Spencer agreed to work with Michael to investigate the cause of the weather station failure and attempt to get this back on line for all members.
- UAV Flight Systems was present at the meeting and talked with the members to clarify possible misunderstandings with Love-Air members. UAV wanted to let the club know that they have not used Drake Field since November and would not use our field until a decision was made regarding their use of Drake Field. UAV also wanted to make certain that Love-Air member knew that they never used the Arvada club field for autonomous flight..

Drawi:ng: No drawing was held this month.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Colson



Chapter #2356

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
1429 Canal Dr.
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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	\$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>

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	Darwin Idler	225-2431
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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., Mar. 8th