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LOVE-AIR R/C



President's Message

The eleventh Big Bird Festival is history!! We had a very successful event, thanks to the masterful direction of Michael Harrington, C.D. This massive undertaking was made possible by the dedication of people like Carol and Tom Yamada, Bob and Nancy Ferrero, Chris Ferrero, and the Mutschler's who all moved out to the site, parked all the RV's policed the site and generally were hosts to our guests. Then there were the members who showed up to prepare the field. Enough willing hands were there for us to get up all the fences, mow the greenery (I almost said grass) paint the tables and just generally work their tails off so that we were done by eleven o'clock. Amazing. And all who showed up to work the Festival. Again too many to name. And after the close, everything disappeared like magic and the field was back to normal. Thanks a million, it's good to know you guys can come through like this. I got nothing but compliments from every one I talked to. Several officers from other clubs asked how we got people to work like you did.

All I could say was that you were true members who realized that we were not just a flying club but that we had a mission to put on the best and biggest event in the region, and that it took work to do it. Again, thanks for coming through.

It will not be long before we will elect new officers. Start thinking about who you want to represent you. You will definitely have to have a new President as I do not choose to run again. Its time for some one to start a campaign. Why should Bush, Kerry, et al have all the fun? Once again, my thanks to all you wonderful guys who make up Love Air R/C.

Bob Comiskey

Next Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 8th

Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.

General meeting 7:30 p.m.



Due to budget constraints Chip Hyde had to fly a scaled down bird for the exhibition flights!! Tee Hee

Photo by Tom Auga



A panoramic view at midday of the 2004 Rocky Mountain Big Bird Festival.

Photo by Tom Auga

2004 Rocky Mountain Big Bird Festival

This year's Festival was a grand success!!

We had 105 registered pilots from CO, WY, MT, KS, IA, MN, AZ, and NE. Forty of these had pre-registered. Thanks to Neil Miles' Model Aviation article, there were spectators from Florida, Kentucky and California. Registration and check in went off without a hitch.

There were 139 aircraft inspected for flight operations, many more that were HQ (hanger queens) or NYRTF (net yet ready to fly) as well as an assortment of smaller craft that were flown after close of the event. Flying was generally uneventful with only a few mishaps. I believe that there was only one mid-air; but there were several models destroyed due to crashes or damaged due to engine failure. Our new field lay out was amenable to both safety of all present as well as spectator viewing.

Our advertising efforts proved to be quite effective as there were more than 700 cars parked in the spectator lot on Saturday and about 2/3 that amount on Sunday. Old-timers indicated that the Saturday crowd was the largest ever. The Greeley Tribune ran a front page article on Sunday featuring Burt Sutton and highlighting the show.

Ron Colson did a wonderful job in securing prizes and attracting vendors to the event. The club gave away 6 kits and lots of support accessories. Amazingly, yours truly scored an Aeroworks 27% Ultimate. The vendors did quite well, with Rocco and the Aeroworks folks needing to return to Aurora to restock their trailers.

The noon air shows were performed with music and kept the crowd engaged. The show provided an overview of model aviation including a scale 1911 Avro (Jay Maguire) complete with wing wrapping, a turbine helicopter (Greg and Dan St John) and a turbine powered AcroJet (Gary Jones). Egil Wigert and Brian O'Meara contributed strong performances with warbirds. Our own Michael Shauer and Burt Sutton, of newspaper fame, (Can I have your autograph?) put on well orchestrated aerobatics demos. Of course the highlight was the unparalleled flying skills of Chip Hyde who made the 33% Aeroworks Ultimate do things that airplanes shouldn't. Members of the developing Front Range Air Show Team, an AMA sanctioned air show team, contributed a number of the acts.

The Quinn Cadet was won by Rob Black of Alliance, NE. Rob was a registered pilot at this year's event.

Michael Harrington, CD



Featured pilot, Chip Hyde, flying the AeroWorks 33% Ultimate during the noon time airshow.

Photo by Tom Auga



Is this a full scale Corsair or a scaled down model? In fact it was model flown by either Brian O'Meara or Egil Wigert. A tribute to both the builder and the photographer.

Photo by Tom Auga

2004 Events Calendar

- *Sep 4-5* *Wings & Wheels full scale fly in (Steamboat Springs)*
- *Sep 4-5* *Pikes Peak IMAC 2004 (Colorado Springs)*
- *Sep 11* *Love-Air Memorial Fun Fly (Drake Field)*
- *Sep 11* *Arvada Harvest Festival Air Show (Arvada East Field)*
- *Sep 17-19* *Cow Patty Fun Fly (Springfield, CO)*
- *Sep 18* *Aeroworks Mile Hi RC Fun Fly (Aurora)*
- *Sep 18* *Modeleer's 50th Anniversary Fly In (Horton Field)*
- *Sep 25-25* *Sam 1 Grosheider Memorial 2004 (Model Museum
Flying Club, East of Denver)*

2004 "SWAMPTHANG" Challenge

The object of this contest is for each team (up 4 members) to design, build and fly an airplane within a 45 minute time frame. You may form your own team but register with:

MIKE HARRINGTON 226-4820 (h), 491-6280 (w), email: wdal@lamar.colostate.edu or

MICHAEL DERKS 278-1383 (h), email: michaelderks@frii.com

Entry Deadline August 30

The Rules:

1. Each team must provide:
 - .15 to .25 2-stroke engine, 4 mounting bolts or screws
 - fuel tank and fuel line
 - a pilot
 - radio, receiver, servos, 4 control horns, control rods, EZ connectors
 - xacto knife
 - foam compatible CA, regular CA and accelerator, 5 minute epoxy
 - Optional equipment (must be shared if asked): screwdrivers, razor saw, hand drill, bits, pliers
2. The Club will provide all other necessary materials on the day of the contest. A portion of all materials provided must be used and must contribute substantially to the structure/function of the aircraft. There is a 20-point penalty for not using a part of all materials.
3. Only specified tools and supplied materials may be used.
4. Hand drills, drill bits and razor saws must be shared if needed by another team.
5. Scoring. The points will be determined by totaling points from the following factors:
 - First in flight
 - Flight maneuvers
 - Technical achievement
 - Beauty contest

A complete list of details will be posted on the Club's website.

Minutes of the August meeting

Date: August 11, 2004

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

Guests: We were pleased to have Weldon Lee present at our meeting. Weldon is planning on joining the Club and is need of instruction.

New Members: We had no new members present at the Club meeting.

Treasurers Report: Andy Hiller was not present at the start of the meeting so Bob Comiskey gave the Club's treasurer's report. Bob reported that our funds are in good shape. Anyone needing more detailed information feel free to contact Andy. Members voted to accept the treasurer's report.

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

Old Business:

- Bob Ferrero gave a report on the weekend display that occurred at the Ranch for the Larimer County Fair. Bob reported that the club had several nice aircraft on display and raffle tickets were sold for the Big Bird plane. Bob reported that the display was well attended by fair goers. Thanks went out to all members that participated in this display.
- Bob Ferrero also reported on the continuing plans for the Big Bird. Bob reported that Durbin Siedel had volunteered to head up the parking for this event. Bob also reported that he had been contacted by a full scale pilot that wanted to perform some aerobatics over the flying field on Saturday in a full scale 540T. This was discussed and a time slot of 10:30AM was agreed to. All members were reminded on the field clean-up and set-up that would be held on Saturday August 14, 2004. Bob was still in need of lead volunteers for some of the more important tasks at the Big Bird.
- Mark Smith and other members shared a brief history and may stories of the Big Bird event with all members.
- Darwin Idler discussed the Pattern Meet that was held at Drake Field on July 31st and Aug. 1st. Darwin stated that the meet had 10 pilots that flew 4 rounds each. Darwin indicated that the event was a good time for all and the club raised approximately \$120.00 with this event
- A reminder was made to all present with regards to signing up teams for the upcoming SwampThing contest. This will be held at the fun fly event held on September 11th at Drake Field

New Business:

- Andy Hiller discussed the possibility of allowing businesses to post signage or advertising at the flying field. This would include banners hung on the fencing. The idea was discussed and tabled at this time
- A reminder went out to club members regarding the upcoming LAMA events. This included an electric fun fly held on August 28th and 29th and the LAMA pattern meet held on September 18th and 19th

Program: There was no program this month.

Drawing: This month's drawing was for any member that had sold three books of tickets for the Big Bird aircraft. Congratulations to Tom Auga who was the lucky winner of \$200.00 cash prize that was given away for this month's drawing

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Colson



Samantha Klawin (left) is Tom Auga's (center) new best friend after pulling his name out of the drawing as the winner of the \$200 cash prize. Raffle coordinator, Dennis Spencer (right) once again did an impressive job of managing not only the drawing but the all the tickets sales for the public raffle.

Photo by Mark Smith

Photos from the 2004 Big Bird Festival



Dennis Spencer (left) with this year's winner of the Quinn Cadat, Rob Black (kneeling) of Alliance, NE. Shortly after the event Rob put the Quinn Cadat in the air for a successful maiden flight. Photo by M Smith



Another fine photo from Tom , this time of Bert Sutton's now famous Stars & Stripes plane.

Photo by Tom Auga



Using either a very tall ladder or the magic of digital, member Tom Auga created this picture featuring Gary Jones' turbine powered AcroJet. See page 4 and note that Tom was the lucky person at the August meeting.

Photo by Tom Auga



For Sale

Seller: Gary Pugh 970-484-5184

- Sig Kadet LT40, O.S. 40 FX and Futaba 4YF ~~\$250~~ \$225
- Sig Somethin Extra, O.S. 46 FX and Futaba 6EXA ~~\$325~~ \$275
(photo right)



Everything new in '04 and in excellent condition

Seller: Erik Richard 303-655-8732
erikrichard@comcast.net

- Christen Eagle II (1 / 3.7 scale) \$600
with Zenoah G-38 gas engine. Very scale: complete detailed full cockpit, covered with Ceconite and pinked, painted in classic Eagle paint scheme with K&B SuperPoxy. Excellent aerobatic flyer!
- Christen Eagle II (1 / 3.7 scale) \$300
(w/o engine) Same as above except has a fiberglass fuse with silvered canopy. This one has a thicker airfoil for better slow flight performance. Wings covered with Ceconite and pinked, and also painted in classic Eagle paint scheme with K&B Superpoxy. Another great aerobatic performer!
- 1/4 scale Piper J-3 Cub \$300
with Quadra gas engine. This is a modified Bud Nosen J-3. Covered in Ceconite and pinked and painted with original Piper Cub Yellow. An outstanding slow flyer, perfect as a large scale trainer.
- 1/3 scale PA-18 Super Cub \$300
Partially complete. This is a nearly exact scale PA-18 from my Father's original drawings (drawings included – 6 sheets). The fuselage and wings are complete and covered with Ceconite, rib-stitched and pinked. Both the wings and fuse are painted with white butyrate. Horizontal stabs needs to be completed as well as lift struts and landing gear.

Seller: Frank Parrish 970-587-4602
fnjparrish34@aol.com

- Dewey Ville Special \$250
Price includes: 8 Channel PCM radio, new O.S. FS .91 engine, 6' wingspan and 1400 MA receiver pack



- Monocoupe 90 A 1/4 Scale 96" Wingspan \$550
Partially complete, needs covering to complete. Price includes the partially completed plane, a new Quadra Q50S gas engine and a long list of misc. items like a smoke kit, battery pack, servos and much more.



The 2nd Annual Love-Air 2004 Memorial Fun-Fly

9:00 am. Sept. 11th,
2004



Love-Air Fun-Fly

The fun-fly is open to all club members and their families. This is an opportunity to relax, enjoy, and share experiences with fellow flyers at the end of a great summer. Bring your planes to show off and even fly. Buddy boxes will be provided by the Love-Air Instructors for family members wanting to try RC flying.

Jim Parnell Scholarship Fund

As a tribute to Jim Parnell (Former Love-Air Club President), the CSU Manufacturing Technology and Construction Department has initiated the Jim Parnell Student Professional Development Fund. It will help pay for expenses related to student competitions and other professional development activities. Your entire fun-fly landing fee donation will be contributed to the James Parnell Scholarship Fund. They hope to raise over \$250,000. More information about the fund can be found by contacting Larry Grosse at drfire07@mindspring.com.

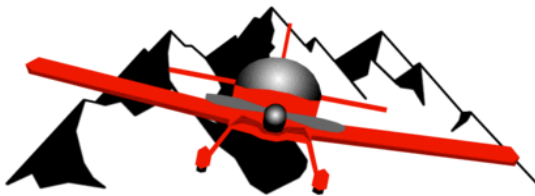
Possible Events:

- * The Famous Swamp Thing Challenge
- * X-Country High Speed Taxi
- * Spouse's Contests
- * Runway Slalom Race
- * Flying Limbo
- * Bomb (not plane) Drop

Prizes for top finishers will be provided by Love-Air RC.

Lunch Provided

Barbecues will be fired up for hamburgers and hotdogs. Make room for side dishes and soft drinks as well.



Rain delay will be on September 18th.



Meet Director: Michael J. Derks (michaelderks@frii.com)

The Rocky Mountain Modelers
of Ft. Collins, CO
invites you and your club
to our
50th anniversary celebration Fun-Fly

That's right: we've had 50 years of flying fun,
and now we are having a party.

What's happening: a full-day fun-fly for all ages and abilities. We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks for a picnic lunch. Feel free to bring a side dish to share that doesn't require refrigeration. Please RSVP to David Mielke (chiphead_dave@yahoo.com) with an approximate number of people attending.

Come see our new shelter, pits and pilot station fences.

Events: Open flying most of the day. There will be: --- several 15-minute periods dedicated to flying electrics and helicopters; -- fun events for novice to expert; -- lunchtime flying demonstrations; club trainer aircraft available for your use.

When: September 18 7:00am -dusk

Location: Modelers Field is located on the Horton Feedlot property, three miles north and east of Wellington. Take exit 281 east off of I-25. Drive east on Owl Canyon Road 1/2 mile to County Road 5. Drive north on C.R. 5 for 1/3 mile, past the Horton Feedlot buildings and grounds. Look for a wind sock on the east side of the road that marks Modelers Field.



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Membership in Love-Air R/C, Inc.

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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.



Chapter #2356

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ AMA # _____

Freq. _____ Birth date _____

E-mail Address _____

Newsletter type: Electronic or Hardcopy (circle one)

Mail to: Love-Air R/C
c/o Frank Ostermiller
1429 Canal Dr.
Windsor, CO 80550

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

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

2004 Officers:

President	Bob Comiskey	352-4048
Vice President	Michael Harrington	226-4820
Secretary	Ron Colson	635-0649
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	Dennis Spencer	330-8917
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Webmaster	Rick Sothen	669-7011

Freq. Coordinator Gene Burmeister 674-9820

Instructors	Thursday evenings	
Coordinator	Gene Burmeister **	674-9820
Lead Instructor	Dennis Spencer *	330-8917
	Brayden Fisher	207-1178
	Darwin Idler	225-2431

Weekends by appointment only

Dave Genet	674-0058
Brandon Strait	225-6211

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. If the winds have died below 10MPH then the instruction session will still take place that evening.

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