

# LOVEAIR R/C



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**LoveAirRC Club is Northern Colorado's Premier RC Flying Club located at Drake Field**

[loveairrc.org](http://loveairrc.org)

## President's Thoughts

I hope everyone had a terrific summer of flying. Personally, I finally had the breakthrough I was hoping for last year, and managed to get my first gas-powered, kit-built plane flying (a Sig FourStar 120 piloted by an initially terrified, but now growing slightly more comfortable Minion named Dave – who bears no direct relationship to or intentional resemblance with our Safety Officer). With that under my belt, I'm looking forward to getting my shop cleaned up from the general state of disarray it's been in since the spring flying season started and do some building over the winter months.

We had an excellent summer of flying with an extremely successful Huckfest/Cubfest (Rich Perry, CD) event in June featuring our major raffle that brought in a significant sum of money for the club. The Jet Rally (Mike Harrington, CD) brought many excited observers out to the field, as did the General Quarters / Battlestations (Dave Mosier, CD) event in August. These events are hugely important to our club as they not only bring in much needed funding for the club – they also attract new members. We had several people join our club (new to the hobby) as a direct result of being at one of our events. Additionally, we had a terrific fun fly and swap meet with the Modeleers. Finally, Jim Goins and his merry band of Old Farts had a terrific showing virtually every week and started cooking lunch out at the field sometime back in June or July, I believe.

Our community is strong and getting stronger – our board has been blessed by the increasing number of volunteers coming forth to pitch in and help out with the club. Ken, Van, and Keith successfully found and acquired a tractor to replace our failing older tractor. Not only is it larger and in better condition, but the team managed to come in under budget - the net outlay by the club to date has been \$1700 as we were able to sell the old 1939 Ford for \$1K. We intend to purchase a blade for the tractor and work on keeping the road into the field in better condition – especially during the rain and snow season.

We're asking all of you to consider coming to our general membership meetings in October and November – not only will we be holding elections and voting on capital expenditures, *we'll also be raffling away two E-flite helicopters to those attending the meeting!*

Finally – with the club dues dropping to \$125, it's a terrific time to get some of our old friends to come back. And if you're out recruiting new members, we're offering a program matching the AMA new-comer rate of \$25 for the first year. Our club is strong and getting stronger – get the word out and let's get our club membership back over 110 members in 2019!

Have a great building season and I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and out at the field!

Happy Flying, Paul Mantey, President, LoveAir RC



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## **Next Meeting: Wednesday October 10th @ 7 pm—Windsor Recreation Center**

### **Board Elections - Opening for VP**

After serving as VP for the past two years, Van Kratzenstein has asked to step down from the board. We very much appreciate Van's tireless contributions to LoveAir RC; he will be sorely missed. He will continue to drive our Huckfest / Big Bird Festival to be held in June.

This means that we are need of a new board member and for either an existing board member, or that new board member to step into the role of VP.

### **New Dues Structure**

At the August 11 meeting at Drake Field, the membership voted on and approved the new dues structure of:

\$125/year for individual memberships

\$150/year for families

\$25/year for Junior Members

\$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> Year if new AMA Member



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## Runway Update

- Fred and Van met with Paul Hunt from Connell Resources on Thursday, Oct 4. They negotiated a final cost of \$900 for the runway maintenance performed last April. (This represents ~\$900 - \$1000 reduction from the original quote!)
- After a bit more discussion, the subcontractor to Connell Resources accepted our suggestion of a 501(c)3 donation reducing the club's final cost for the runway maintenance to \$0.
- We have asked Connell Resources to provide on-going maintenance and repair work to the runway at Drake Field with the intent of keeping them as our provider over the next 15 years.
- Connell Resources to provide consulting / advisory services each spring, assessing the condition of the runway on a pro-bono basis.
- LoveAir RC will pay the maintenance contractor set up by Connell Resources for the work performed on the field.
- If we follow an annual maintenance evaluation / performance plan, our runway should have a lifespan of 15 years or more.
- The LoveAir RC Board will continue to set aside \$1500 / year for annual maintenance.
- LoveAir RC intends to engage Connell Resources to re-surface the runway once the existing runway reaches end of life.



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## Capital Expenditure

- The board is proposing utilizing up to \$5000 of our budget (largely from funds freed up by the reduced budget requirements of on-going runway maintenance) for Capital Expenditures.
- Current membership discussion around allocating these funds towards the following projects:
  - Weather station with cellular service connection
  - New tables for both East and West Fields
  - New shelter for West Field
  - Solar charging station for battery charging on-site
- Voting on these proposals will be held at the November general membership meeting to be held at Windsor CRC on November 7 at 7pm.



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