



JULY 2024

HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

CLUB PRESIDENT-JACK DUNKLE

From the President ...

I would like to bring up a concern about parking at the field. We have areas for parking at the field and have bent the rules a bit for a few with disabilities to park closer to the pits behind the fence. In the past couple of weeks there has been someone parking in the pits between the tables and the flight line. This needs to cease as number 1, it is direct violation of our safety policy and also, the concrete pit area is not made to drive on with a car. This will damage our pits and runway area.

When we have events this year like family days we will enforce parking to all cars being in the outside parking area. This will leave the spectator area open for spectators and the pit area open for pilots only. Think Safety as we have a great safety record and would like to keep it that way for all members and guests.

Thank for your attention

Happy Flying,
Jack

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETING JULY 27TH AT 0900AM

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CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON

Hey everyone,

I hope you are all doing well and getting in some stick time at the field. Stay hydrated if you go flying in this weekend's brutal heat! If you do decide to hit the field, consider having a buddy fly with you. It's always more fun to fly with friends and someone to have your back if anything goes knife edge out there. Aside from having safety in numbers, I myself like to have a co-pilot standing next to me when possible to coach my flying skills to become a better pilot and also to observe the surrounding airspace when more guys are flying. Sometimes you can get so zeroed in on what you're doing and not see what's coming so it's very important to have good spatial awareness, something I need to improve on myself.

Anyways, have fun out there and I wish you all happy landings!

See you soon!

Sean



CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER

From the Treasurer -

Club is solvent. Balances will be reported at our next regular meeting. Member count is 45. Four members have lapsed AMA memberships. I will attempt to contact them to determine desire to renew and remain members of the club. We have a couple folks that need to renew AMA membership in August.

Thanks!
Dan



SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS**RC Aircraft Safety: Hints & Tips for a Safe Flight**

The thrill of piloting an RC aircraft, whether it's an plane, helicopter, or drone, is unmatched. However, to ensure an enjoyable experience, safety should always be a top priority.

COMPLETING PRE-FLIGHT CHECKS

Before you even think about taking off, it's crucial to perform thorough pre-flight checks. This applies to planes, helicopters, and drones alike. Carefully inspecting your aircraft for any signs of damage, loose components, or malfunctions is a must. Make sure your batteries are securely connected and adequately charged. Ensuring everything is in proper working order significantly reduces the chances of unexpected issues mid-flight.

CHECKING WEATHER CONDITIONS

Favorable weather conditions are a big consideration in RC aircraft safety. Remember, the weather conditions you are able to fly in will vary based on the type and size of your aircraft. For example, lighter aircraft such as micro helicopters or foam planes need a still, calm day where a larger gas-powered planes can withstand some wind. As a general rule, avoid flying your aircraft in poor weather conditions, such as strong winds, rain, or low visibility. For best results, pick calm, clear days for your flights. Weather-appropriate flying enhances control and reduces the risk of accidents. Most free weather apps will give you temperature, wind speed and visibility information.

MASTERING BASIC MANEUVERS

Regardless of your choice – plane, helicopter, or drone; start with mastering basic maneuvers. Takeoffs, straight flights, and gentle turns are the foundation flying. As you become more confident, then progress to more advanced maneuvers. Each flight prepares you for more complex maneuvers by building your skills, confidence and understanding of your aircraft's capabilities.

MAINTAIN LINE OF SIGHT

Never lose sight of your aircraft, whether it's a plane, helicopter, or drone. Continuous visual contact, or "line of sight," enhances control and helps you respond promptly to unexpected situations. Fly within a manageable distance, especially if you're still honing your piloting skills.

LANDING TECHNIQUES

A safe landing is the perfect end to your flight so practice landing techniques specific to your aircraft type. Whether it's a plane, helicopter, or drone, learn to control descent speeds and approach angles for smooth landings. Regularly practicing landing on various surfaces refines your skills and minimizes the risk of damage upon touchdown. Even experienced pilots crash sometimes so don't get discouraged. If you have a rough landing, assess the damage, make repairs, and get back in the air!

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pilot, safety is non-negotiable when it comes to flying RC planes, helicopters, and drones. Prioritize pre-flight checks, scouting appropriate locations and ensuring favorable weather conditions before your first flight each day. Mastering basic maneuvers, maintaining visual contact, and perfecting landing techniques will safeguard both you and your RC aircraft.

By adhering to these safety guidelines, you'll unlock the full potential of your aircraft while keeping yourself, others, and your equipment safe and secure.



This month we are excited to announce that the Miniature Aero Sportsters were chosen as the Club of the Month on the AMA Air live program! This is great exposure for us and is well deserved. Thanks to everyone who has helped in keeping our club and facilities great!

Here's a link to the YouTube show announcing it: (skip to 27:55 if you want)

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vhP7zrK1mv8?si=lm71rQ8F8PLYfWOf>

Miniature Aero Sportsters Meeting Minutes / 22 June 2024

Meeting was held at the field and called to order by President Jack Dunkle at 9:00 am.

Attendees: 12 members present.

Club Officers Present:

- Jack Dunkle (President)
- Sean Sutton (Vice President)
- Dan Brandenburger (Secretary/Treasurer)

Club Officers Absent:

- Ken Roberts (Safety)

Board of Directors Present:

- Mark Nicastle
- Bob Salmon

Board of Directors Absent:

- Mike Feitinger

Treasurer's Report: Given by Dan, all accounts in good order, we are solvent, 45 members.

Safety Officer Report: Fire danger at the field due to high temperatures and dry conditions. Be cautious in all you do.

Old Business:

- Sean/Jack still working No Firearms signs and adding a reminder to close/lock club house on one of the departure fence posts, it's been found open more than once this season. Still awaiting updated sign from AMA for the west side of the club house.
- Jack working the solar panel replacements and routing charging stations outside.
- Dan reported all spring field spruce-up painting is complete.
- Purchase of crushed asphalt 2" deep for inbound drive to around the corner into the lot was discussed. Jack working this. Anyone with a "friend in the business" please contact Jack.

New Business:

- Mark Nicastle brought a motion to the floor to purchase a new 6' Brush Hog for better weed control around the field. Motion was passed by members in attendance and two board members. Larry Ott, Jack, and Dan will work this. Plan to possibly use a portion of the funds in the Edward Jones Association Account set aside for field maintenance was discussed but not finalized. Larry looked up a price while at the meeting, found one for \$2,099.00 at a company in Bennet.
- Sean picked up a new children's swing at a thrift store.
- Purchase of a Defibrillator to be located at the field was discussed. May apply for AMA grant money to purchase. Sean will look into how we can apply and will seek advice/guidance from Mike Feitinger.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20 am.

Annual

OPEN HOUSE

FLY-IN 2024

FOOD
AND FUN!



*Be
Our
Guest!*

JETS -AEROBATICS-HELICOPTERS-MORE!

SEPT 21

*0900
am!*

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AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO FLY - BRING YOUR CARD!

Front Range RC Flying Events Calendar for **2024** (Ver 3b)

by Mike Cross – Longmont Associated Modelers Association (LAMA) 11 Jun (AMA 11 June)

Note 1: This events calendar is very dynamic and being updated frequently, bear with me on changes.

Note 2: Some of these events are not firmed up ---- **verify before you plan to attend.**

Note 3: The events with a **(A)** = are **AMA sanctioned events** and **(I)** = are **IMAC sanctioned events**.

These events were gathered from the AMA Web site calendar, club web sites and emails from club officers.

Purple – Newly added event Please send updates to: Hotcross.RCFlyer@Gmail.com

Jun 7-9 (A)	Warbirds & Classis over Denver		Jefco - Chatfield
Jun 15 th	Indoor flying @ Foothills Sports Arena	7p-10p	Action hobby - Lakewood
Jun 15	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Jun 14-16 (A)	2024 Colorado Pattern Challenge		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Jun 21-22 (A)	Colorado Jet Rally (Jet Drivers)		LoveAir - Ault
Jun 21-23 (A)	Heli's Over North East Colorado	16480 CoRd 370	Sterling, Colo
Jun 22	Bi-Planes over Pikes Peak		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Jun 30	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Jul 13	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Jul 12-14 (A)	3rd Annual Parker Pattern contest		CrossWinds RC Club
Jul 18-21 (A)	6th Lama Fest 2024 and Swap meet – see WEB flyer		LAMA – Dacono
Jul 20	July Air Show		Denver RC Eagles – Cherry Creek
Jul 20-21 (A)	Warbirds & Classics over Pikes Peak		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Jul 27	Fun Fly and Swap Meet New Date		LoveAir – Ault
Jul 27	Big Stik & T-28 Invite		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Jul 28	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Aug 3	PPRC Electric Fun Day		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Aug 8-11 (A)	2nd Rocky Mountain Big Bird Fly-In		LAMA - Dacono
Aug 10	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Aug 11	PPRCC Family Day & Swap Meet		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Aug 17 th	Indoor flying @ Foothills Sports Arena	7p-10p	Action hobby - Lakewood
Aug 23-24 (A)	Summer Scale Classic		LoveAir - Ault
Aug 24	Fun fly July		Denver RC Eagles – Cherry Creek
Aug 25	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Aug 24-25 (A)	LAMA Colorado Pattern Contest		LAMA - Dacono
Sep 6-7	Warbirds over Cherry Creek		Denver RC Eagles – Cherry Creek
Sep 6-8 (A)	Mike High Heli Showdown		LAMA - Dacono
Sep 7	Tutor & Tiny RC Airplane Day		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Sep 7	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Sep 14 th	Indoor flying @ Foothills Sports Arena	7p-10p	Action hobby - Lakewood
Sep 14-15 (A)	Jets over Pikes Peak		Pikes Peak RC - Colo Spgs
Sep 20-21 (A)	Colorado Warbirds		LoveAir - Ault
Sep 21 (A)	Miniature Aero Sportsters 3 rd Annual Open Fly In		MAS – Brighton
Sep 22	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Oct 12	Indoor flying @ Foothills Sports Arena	7p-10p	Action hobby - Lakewood
Oct 12	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Oct 27	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Nov 2	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Nov 17	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Nov 30	Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada
Jan 1, 2025	Frozen Finger Fun Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers - Arvada