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# HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

## CLUB PRESIDENT- JACK DUNKLE

*From the President ...*

Hello all, as you're reading this message, our membership drive has come to an end and the gate codes have been changed. As always, for returning and new members, you should have received an email welcoming you to MAS 2026 with the new gate and clubhouse codes. As always, do not share this code with anyone. If you didn't receive the welcome letter and have checked your email trash, please reach out to Dan or myself via email and we will check it out. Just a note - this doesn't mean you can't join the club at this time, as we still haven't met our membership cap.

Our event campaign is in full swing and we are working on two events, one in the spring and one in the late fall. I'm looking forward to seeing you all out at the field, since we've had such great flying weather during this warm winter season. To all of you - have fun and happy flying.

Thanks,  
Jack Dunkle

### COMING EVENTS:

**MONTHLY MEETING MAR 28TH, 2026 -  
9:30AM - AT THE FIELD**

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**CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON**

*From the Vice President...*

No article submitted.



-- **SUPER-GLUE VICTIMS**

**CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER**

*From the Treasurer -*

Current membership at 51. Finances are in good shape. All annual state and AMA requirements are complete. We are in good standing with both.

Dan



"I'd say it's running a bit lean..."

This is for you Cowboy Bob!

**SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS****The safety of having a spotter with you while you fly**

Why do we need a spotter? They are there for several reasons. The spotter is there to help keep midair collisions from happening. These don't happen often but still do, so it's good to have someone watching the other planes that are flying near to you. Spotters are very useful when the pilot loses orientation or loses the plane and can't see it. A good spotter will help save the plane and get the pilot back to where he or she needs to be in flying the plane. Spotters are great if the pilot is nervous or hasn't flown in a while. Spotters can talk to the pilot and keep them calm and relaxed.

Flying First Person View requires a spotter to maintain constant visual contact of the model and can take control of the model if things don't quite go as planned. While wearing the FPV, the pilot cannot see what's going on around them and needs to have someone there to be his/her eyes and ears so the pilot can concentrate on the flying, not what's near them. FPV flying tends to be more for drones and not as much with airplanes, but there still are some that will use FPV for their airplanes for the real flight experience.

I remember a friend spotting for me at the field, and I was having trouble dialing in a delta-wing plane. I let the plane go out too far and lost orientation of the plane. Thank goodness my friend was there. He was watching it the total time I was working with the settings and talked me through getting my orientation back and safely landing the plane. Had it not been for a spotter that day, the plane might have been lost to a fast stop with the ground. A second time I was flying at the field, and Larry was spotting for me as I made a bumpy landing. Larry calmly said to me to take it around again and try to land without the bouncing, so I did. He helped me work out what I was doing wrong and made a nice smooth landing. Just two examples here of how good it is to have a spotter. AMA does not require a spotter other than for FPV, but it's always a welcome sign to see one and have them to help the pilots. Now this was just two examples of the use of a spotter at the field. A big thank you goes out to all that have helped and spotted for our pilots. You do more than you think you do.



**JUNE 12-13, 2026**  
**JEFFCO AEROMODELERS**  
**CHATFIELD STATE PARK**



Miniature Aero Sportsters  
Meeting Minutes / February 2026

Meeting was called to order 9:30 a.m. February 28, 2026, at the field.

Attendees: 14 members present

Club Officers' Present:

- Jack Dunkle (President)
- Dan Brandenburger (Secretary/Treasurer)

Board of Directors Present:

- Bob Salmon
- Lee Overholt
- Mark Nicastle

Club Officers' Absent: Sean Sutton (Vice President) Ken Roberts (Safety Officer)

Board of Directors' Absent: Larry Ott

Treasurer's Report given by Dan: March 1, 2026 membership is at 51. Bills are paid. All annual AMA and State reporting requirements have been completed. Club roster available from Dan.

**Old Business:**

- First aid kit at the field still on Jack's to-do list - coordinate with Larry Ott.
- Club House Painting project and runway sealing are still on the upgrade agenda for spring.
- Additional rock for the entry road is needed and will be worked in the spring/summer.
- Jack is finalizing our revisions to By Laws and will have them posted on our website and save hard copy.

**New Business:**

- Gill Chavez has volunteered to work on our annual fun-fly for mid-to-late summer. He will be seeking others to assist.
- Jack will discuss mowing plans with Bill Howlin and determine training requirements for volunteers.
- Jack still wants to get updated signage around the field and will work with the VP.

Motion to adjourn 10:35 a.m.

\*The club financials are not published in the minutes. Members in good standing may request specific information from the club treasurer directly.