



SEP 2026

HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

CLUB PRESIDENT- JACK DUNKLE

Welcome to September! I am excited for our upcoming Family Day open house event on September 19th. This promises to be a great event thanks to the team of volunteers managing the press, field maintenance, food and drink, and everything else required to make this happen. Thank you all for your hard work. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our hobby and our flying field with family, friends, guests, and other local clubs.

Additionally, we have two remaining meetings for 2026

- September 26: We will be taking nominations for 2027 Club Officers (all positions are open), among other business.
- October 31: We will hold the election of officers, alongside other final business for 2026.

Best regards,
Jack Dunkle

COMING EVENTS:

**MONTHLY MEETING SEP 26TH 2026 -
9:30AM - AT THE FIELD**

FAMILY FUN FLY SEPT 19TH

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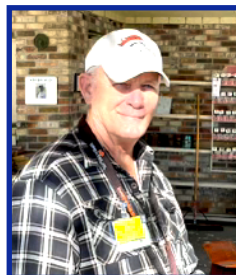
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CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON

No article submitted.



Club member Dan Scheib shared his Freewing SR-71 and says "I am not good enough to fly it yet so it is on my wall. I placed two motion lights for the jets to light up red."

CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER

Membership is at 60. Sean Kennedy has returned to MAS after a 14 year break. Welcome back Sean!

-Dan

Miniature Aero Sportsters Meeting Minutes / August 2026

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 29, 2026, at the field.

Attendees: 13 members present

Club Officers' Present:

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

Board of Directors Present:

- Mark Nicastle
- Larry Ott
- Bob Salmon

Board of Directors' Absent: Lee Overholt

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

Treasurer's Report given by Dan: Current membership at 60 – renewal members Sean Kennedy and Joe Moore added to the roster. Bills are paid.

Old Business:

- Runway crack sealing completed!
- Heli/Drone Geotech pad – still being worked by Jack
- **AMA sanctioned fun-fly day is a go for the 19th of September start time 8 a.m., George Kerr POC. Other local clubs have been invited. Hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, potato salad, chili, and water provided by the club. Other food/drink contributions are welcome! Mark Nicastle and Gil Chavez are coordinating food and drink purchases.**

New Business:

- **Mike Feitinger has volunteered to add a "show and tell" section to the newsletter. If you have a new airplane, helicopter, drone, or other project to share, i.e. pictures/write-up, contact Jack. Thanks Mike!**

Motion to adjourn 10:00 a.m.*The club financials are not published in the minutes. Members in good standing may request specific information from the club treasurer directly.



MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

RC FAMILY FUN FLY

★ SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 ★



REGISTRATION BEGINS
AT 8:00 AM



PILOT MEETING
AT 8:45 AM



FLYING STARTS
AT 9:00 AM

FOOD

WILL BE PROVIDED
TO PILOTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!



**NO TURBINE
AIRCRAFT ARE
ALLOWED TO FLY.**



**OPEN TO ALL
OTHER TYPES OF
AIRCRAFT.**



**PROOF OF AMA
MEMBERSHIP IS
REQUIRED.**



All Are Welcome!

**BRING YOUR FAMILY • BRING A FRIEND
COME FLY AND HAVE FUN!**

FAMILY ★ FRIENDS ★ FUN ★ GREAT PEOPLE ★ GREAT AIRFIELD

MAS does not allow turbine aircraft

SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS**Sun Glare Safety**

Ken Roberts- Safety Officer



I recently reviewed an investigation report involving an auto-pedestrian accident. A contractor was installing some in-pavement lighting system on a closed runway site at DIA, when he was run over by a water truck. One of the contributing factors was the driver was blinded by the rising morning sun. The employee survived his injuries.

Beginning in early September through February, the sun's angle in combination with inclining hills along the highway can create a blinding sun glare for drivers traveling eastbound in the early morning hours. The glare occurs from sunrise until approximately 8:30 a.m. annually during the fall and winter months. If driving to the airfield on 120th, please take in consideration the time and morning sun. There's really no need to get out there that early as you probably don't want to be flying with the sun directly in your face.

Driver Safety Tips

Motorists should consider adjusting eastbound travel plans to before sunrise or later in the morning if possible. If you can't adjust your travel plans, here are some additional safety tips to help:

- Make sure your windshield is clean – inside and out.
- Ensure your vehicle has plenty of windshield wiper fluid.
- Wear a good pair of sunglasses to provide shading.
- Adjust your speed to avoid sudden reactions.
- Let off the accelerator and slow down gradually instead of slamming on the brakes.

Drive Safe, Fly Safe, Live Safe!

PLANES n' PROJECTS

SHARE YOUR PROJECTS HERE: [CLICK ME](#)

Editors note: This is a new section starting this month featuring projects of the MAS club members. Feel free to share anything you're working on, newly flying, or even have been flying. Club President Jack Dunkle starts us off by sharing his project.

Hi everyone,

Here is a quick overview of the building and flying of my 1905 Wright Flyer model. I built this last year and have since completed over 30 successful flights.

Specifications:

- Scale: 1/7
- Wingspan: 69"
- Length: 48"
- All-Up Weight (AUW): 4 lbs
- Power: Two 1150 kv motors with counter-rotating 10-4-3 pusher propellers (left and right)
- Batteries: 3200 mAh 3S (provides approximately 7 minutes of flight time)
- Airframe: Laser-cut plywood parts from a Radical RC short kit; all flying surfaces are foam sheet.

The Build Process:

Building this model was a lot of fun, though capturing the scale details presented a few challenges. To replicate the look of the spruce used on the original aircraft, I stained and clear-coated all the wooden parts.

While the full-scale Wright Flyer used fabric over a wooden structure, I opted for foam sheets to keep the construction lighter and simpler. To provide vertical support, I glued a 1/8" carbon rod to the leading and trailing edges of the foam sheets to act as a wing spar. I then rubber-banded the foam to the wing ribs and applied heat to form the airfoil shape. The main fuselage structure was completed by bonding the wooden components together, and the flying surfaces are held in place on the ribs with rubber bands.

Installing the electronics was relatively straightforward, though hiding the servos and radio gear to maintain a scale appearance required some effort. Like the full-scale aircraft, this model uses wing warping for roll control. To keep the batteries out of sight, I built custom, non-scale fake fuel tanks up front. I also added a 1/7 scale Wilbur and Orville pilot figure found on eBay, a scratch-built wooden dummy engine, and non-functional rigging wires made from light fishing twine and small springs to keep them taut.

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Flight Characteristics:

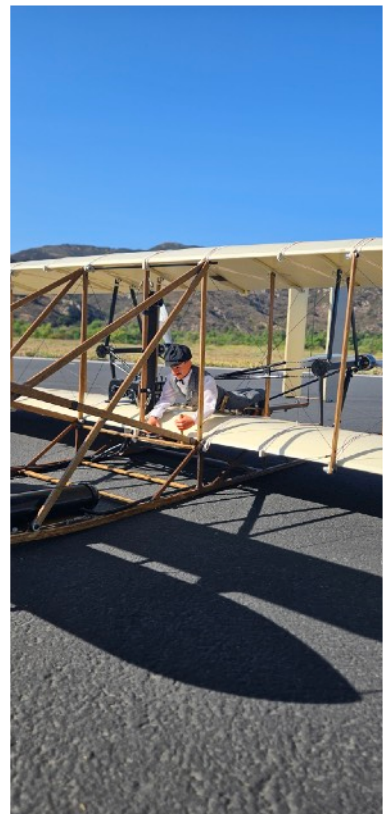
Because the model has skids instead of wheels, I built a custom three-wheel cart with RC steering for taxiing and takeoff. The model lifts out of the cart, leaving it on the ground, and landings are a simple float-in on the skids.

With about 30 flights down, I can say it is a bit challenging to fly. The wing-warping roll control is slow to respond, the canard elevator is very sensitive, and the open fuselage structure affects overall stability. It is helpful to remember that the original aircraft was designed before the principles of aerodynamic stability were fully understood.

Overall, it was a pleasure to build, and it remains a very rewarding and fun aircraft to fly.

Hope to see you at the field to see it fly! - Jack Dunkle









REMEMBER, SEND ME YOUR PROJECTS!

