



ROCKY MOUNTAIN AEROMODELERS

Flying for Fame and Glory



AMA #790

THE PROBABLE CAUSE . . .

. . . FLYING OFF THE HANDLE

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

All meetings should be like this! Great company, including seldom seen wives, tons of food, and lots of discussions and hilarity. Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Bill and Ann Ledden, for another Christmas meeting party.

Tom Chambers brought the meeting to order promptly at 7. In the absence of Dave Rolley, our new Secretary/Treasurer, I was prevailed on to conduct the meeting.

Bob Barthel indicated that there had been no expenditures, and there was no Old Business.

New Business:

- 1) Leroy will make arrangements to rent the Hoffman Fire House meeting room for the months of January, February, and March.
- 2) Bob passed around the chart below of the Contest Classes from last year, and we had a discussion of what we might have for 2015. It was generally agreed that all the previous classes would be included except that Fox Race would be modified to allow any .25 plain bearing engine in addition to the Fox .35. We then discussed adding Carrier, and Leroy was appointed Chairman of the Navy Carrier Committee. He agreed to make a proposal for the contest.

✓	Classic Stunt (PAMPA Rules)
✓	Old Time Stunt (PAMPA Rules)
✓	Profile Stunt (PAMPA Rules)
✓	Beginner Stunt (AMA # 323)
✓	Intermediate Stunt (AMA # 324)
✓	Advanced Stunt (AMA # 325)
✓	Expert Stunt (AMA # 326)
✓	Class 1 Mouse (AMA #313)
✓	15 Scale Race (Denver Rules)
✓	Fox Race (NCLRA Rules)

FOX/SSR

	Speed, All classes Combined (AMA # 301-310), Percent of record, Sport Jet (NASS Rules)
	Perky (NASS Rules)
	Vintage Speed (NASS Rules)
	Class 1 Mouse Proto Speed
	NW B Proto
×	Balloon Pop (Denver Rules)
	Total Number of Events

CARRIER

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING, cont

- 3) The next topic was a suggestion to lower the Contest entry fees. Apparently the RMA has had one of the highest entry fee programs in the country. Bob Barthel will submit a fee proposal for 2015 at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30, and on to a few Show and Tell presentations.

SHOW AND TELL

Bob Barthel presented his new HUMBUG, an electric powered twin-boom craft, showing off Bob's beautiful workmanship and attention to detail. The ship has not flown yet, but look to future issues for a full report. Lynn Boss was totally in the picture.



SHOW AND TELL, cont

Next up was Bill Ledden's .049 Cox Mouse I engine sporting a novel uniflow tank modification using a reed valve as a fueling vent. Later tests at the Coliseum were inconclusive. While the engine would run, and make a few laps, it would cut out for some unexplained reason. Further development , testing, and possible abandonment are in the offing.



SHOW AND TELL, cont

Next up was yours truly, with two rescue craft courtesy of Rich Jones, who was unfortunately not able to be with us.

The A4 (I think) Navy Carrier example on the right has been restored to flying readiness, with tank and controls fully vetted, new wheels, a new set of 52' .012 braided flying lines, and some minimal patching. A new ASP engine is on order from J.U.S.T. in England. More on that as we get in the air.



The ship on the left is a Pitts Special Sport Goodyear originally built by the late Rusty Brown. I never met Rusty but I am proud to carry on with his plane and hope that he would be pleased.

The plane has received loving restoration. The shut-off has been retained, and the completely hidden controls are working fine. It is being powered by a Fox .15 modified by Bob Oge. All-up weight without fuel is 21oz. At the time of the photo I had not flown it. See next page for some more info.

SHOW AND TELL, cont



The plane originally had what looked like a 4oz tank buried in the nose. I managed to remove most of it, and covered the cavity with a 1/8" piece of ply.

Center, the plane in its finished glory. Rusty named it "White Turkey" which has been retained.



A new 1oz tank was fabbed with a vent system patterned after the design made popular by Bill Bischoff in Dallas. The NVA is the latest offering from Fox. We'll see how that works. Can't wait to get her in the air.



PARTY PICTURES

My pictures did not turn out very well but this should give you the general idea. In the back was an island loaded with yummy pot-luck dishes and deserts. I was too busy eating to take pix.



The wives from all indications had a great time, the laughter from the other room drowning out the meeting from time to time. Bill said he was jealous that they were having so much fun.

Thanks again Bill and Ann. Can't wait for next year.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

The next meeting is Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Hoffman Fire House.

We are free to fly at the Coliseum for the remaining Sundays in December.

I forgot to mention that there was 1/2A flying on 23' lines in Ledden's backyard in the afternoon before the party. Sorry I missed that, because it sounded like fun.

Season's Greetings to All

See you next year. . . .

Tony Livaudais, ed



Here is a parting shot from Lynn