



THE INVERTED FLYER

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A new float plane for the 2012 float flying season at Boulder Reservoir.

Built and owned by our BAS Club Secretary Rudy Glick.

The Club wishes to congratulate (past president) **Greg Hine** on his success in the Midwest Slope Challenge held last Spring in Lucas, Kansas.

We all know of Greg's interest in slope soaring but apparently he has become proficient enough to earn honors in AMA sanctioned foam combat competition.

You can see the details in the February edition of Model Aviation.

Keep up the good work, Greg!

The 2011 season has come to an end, and it's **PAST TIME** to renew your BAS membership for 2012. Rates are the same as last year and can be found on the Club website. Please provide evidence of your 2012 AMA membership with your payment. Checks payable to BAS can be mailed to my address:

Augie Bruno
738 14th St.
Berthoud, CO 80513

BAS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 11th, 2012

PRESIDENT David Goodnow called the meeting to order at 6:31pm with 11 members present. David made a motion with a second to the motion by Al Coelho to accept the minutes of last months minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Motion voted and passed.

TREASURE REPORT-- Treasure Dean Ehn was not present. No report was given

1st VICE PRESIDENT REPORT-- 1st Vice President Augie Bruno reported the club has 54 members paid for the new year. The float fly group has 18 members. Augie stated the lock on the gate to the field will be changed February 1. The combination to the lock is on the back of your new membership card.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT-- 2nd Vice President Joe Sherran stated there were no new safety problems at the field.

OLD BUSINESS-- None.

NEW BUSINESS--David asked Augie to let members know by email that they can rejoin the club within one year of their nonpayment of dues without paying the extra runway fee. David has heard complaint's about low flying models over the road north of the field and that some pilots are intentionally buzzing people on the road. It was discussed and agreed to keep our flight path over the field not the road. Discussion was held on the dangers of the instant start of electric motors and some of the remedy to minimize the problem. The drawing was held for the winning ticket for this months gift card. The lucky member this month was Rich Anderson. Motion made by Joe Sherran with a second by Augie Bruno to adjourn the meeting . Motion voted and passed.

Respectfully submitted Rudy Glick.

Members, February 2012 Birthdays

Dean Chandler

Rudy Furman

Brian Clay

Vishal Verma

Jerry Hahn

Jim Asbury

A HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY WISH TO

JOE SHERRAN

A new feature has been added to our Club meetings at HobbyTown. A \$20 gift certificate for HobbyTown will be provided to one lucky attendee at the up coming meeting Wednesday February 8th at 6:30 PM.

A Remote Control Aircraft has been found at Baseline Lake in Boulder.

For information on this Contact David Goodnow at

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**BAS Meeting, February 8th
6:30 PM at Hobby Town USA**

See Web Page for Event Listings
www.boulderaero.org

How NOT to make friends at the flying field

Step one, is to keep everything in perspective. Hey man! This is a hobby and it is suppose to be fun! People don't need pressure at the flying field, there's plenty of that in the real world. If you always find yourself compelled to show everyone what you know and point out what they don't—chances are you're already one of the hated guys.

The next thing, is don't try to be Joe Cool at the field! Don't fake it. Being yourself, no matter what pops up is a good plan. Even when you're not on the flying field.

Remember, neatness counts! No! Your airplane doesn't have to look like a first place show winner, but neither should it look like a leftover from the latest club auction. Try to improve your skills with every new plane you build and try to make it look as nice as you can. And watch your pit area? It shouldn't be spread all over the place. If you last flew from station 2, why is your radio on the picnic table and your starter box at station 4? Nobody likes a slob!

Watch the clock. Nothing gets people's dander up more than a sky hog. You know, the guy who just has to take every possible opportunity to be in the air flying his plane. Really unless you are always helping someone learn to fly, this is a sure sign of a lack of common courtesy and a lack of team spirit. Remember, less air time means more face time with other club members.

Reach out! Ok, so you've been a member of the club for more years than most other members have been alive. If you don't want to be viewed as one of the less valuable dinosaurs in the club, try reaching out and help newer members learn the ropes! No, this doesn't mean yelling at them every time they make a mistake. How about after they land and gather their thoughts, offer them a drink of water and chat a bit about what makes a good (and better,) RC pilot.

Rules for everyone? If you're the kind of guy that thinks rules apply to everyone else but not to you, then there is a good chance, this whole story is about someone exactly like you. It's that old "do as I say, not as I do" attitude that trips people up. It's all about keeping every one safe and increasing that all important fun factor that got everyone into the hobby in the first place.

Try to be socially acceptable. Demonstrate common courtesy and some average social skills. You don't have to be the life of the party, but when someone comes over and asks a question, don't just stand there and give 'em your "old" one-word answer. You might be happy being the grumpy old guy but it's not a good plan for helping the club and your hobby grow.

Finally, to really be the least hated guy at the flying field, try working with everyone and give something back to the club before you try to change things. Be a volunteer and help with events that bring some coin into the club.

Don't grumble at all the meetings about what you don't like. Join in and help make it better by getting involved.

Submitted by Jim Ewing