

July 2008 Edition

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<u>CLUB MEETING</u>: *June 11th, 2008* at 7pm at **Chandler Field**

BAS MEETING MINUTES

Chandler Field June 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. by president Greg Hine with 19 members present . Greg introduced our guest Bill Bower. Bill gave a talk about his experience during World War Two . He was number 12 of the 16 B-25 pilots who took off the aircraft carrier Hornet during the Doolittle raid on Japan.

Greg asked for a motion to accept last months minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Motion made by Al Coelho with a second by Rich Anderson to accept minutes. Motion voted and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Ken Jochim reported the following

BAS Checking	2595.18
Field CD	10000.00
Field Fund	690.70
Jr. Training Fund	914.62
Total	\$14200.50

Old Business

Vice President Augie Bruno reported the club has 89 paid members and one associate. Greg thanked the members who worked on the field spraying, He also reported on the spring fling fun fly. There were 13 pilots entered in three different events. A good time was had by all who participated. The day was considered a success.

New Business

The Club Picnic with the roast pig is scheduled for Sat. July 26 come fly and enjoy the food. Starting in July Ken Miller is going to take the place of James Mack as news letter editor. James has been too busy to make up the letter on time. Thank you James for your help. Greg said ok for new trailer lights for the boat used in the float flying. Rich Anderson will talk to the Manager of the Boulder Reservoir to see if we can continue to the facility as we have in the past. Ken Jochim reported that the Porta-Potty is now locked, members will have to have their gate key to gain access.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Jochim with a second by Al Coelho motion voted and passed.

Respectfully submitted Rudy Glick.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fun Fly

We had a most wonderful Fun Fly at Chandler Field on Saturday, June 7th. Thirteen pilots braved a rather strong southerly wind to participate in three events: Dead stick landing, Limbo and Oh Crap (dice).

The wind made Dead Stick Landing a bit of a challenge. So much so that only 5 of the 11 participating pilots made scores. The others either couldn't land on or stay on the runway in order to qualify. Winners were: Al Coelho - electric, Thomas Rooney - glow and Jay McDonald - heli.

Dean Chandler lent the club a couple of "T" posts and 9' lengths of PVC pipe to construct limbo poles on the grass runway. Limbo was interesting with your president's combat wing going into an extreme flat spin after hitting

one of the poles, and others flying through the grass to get under the wire. It was truly amazing seeing some pilots guide their airplanes under the "wire" at 2' off the ground. Winners were: Thomas & Dale Rooney & Charlie Miller glow, Jay McDonald & Al Coelho - heli, Dale Rooney - electric.

The right combination of skillful flying and pure luck made for fun at Oh Crap, a timed event. Pilots rolled dice, then flew a loop and barrel roll, then needed to re-roll the same number to stop the clock. There were some great pilots with horrible dice rolling skills and pilots with slower flight times, but lucky "on-the-craps-table". I had to walk several hundred yards north of the road to retrieve my airplane, and I bet Chris Maloff discovered why one doesn't fly directly at himself! Winners were: Chris Maloff - glow, Dale Rooney - electric.

I'd like to thank our dedicated Event Coordinators: Mel Kooy, Augie Bruno, Rich Rooney and Rudy Furman for their hard work and devotion to everyone having a grand time.

Pictures of the event can be viewed at: http://www.rchelibase.com/bas

Thunderbirds Aerobatic Team in Cheyenne

The Air Force's Thunderbird Aerobatic Team will be at Frontier Days in Cheyenne, WY, Wednesday morning, July 23. I believe the air show is free. If you're interested in heading up for the day together, please contact me (greghine@gmail.com). Perhaps we can go up as a group.

Float Fly - \$4 please

We continue to see changes at the Boulder Reservoir with respect to our Monday morning Float Fly's. Last year they started restricting us from parking near our airplanes on the beach. Now they are enforcing a \$4 / head charge to come into the reservoir and manning the gate starting at 6 AM. Ho, hum... I guess this is what Boulder calls progress. In any case, come on out - float plane or not - and join the fun! 8 AM Monday mornings.

Doolittle Raider Attends Club Meeting

Bill Bower, who was pilot of the # 12 Doolittle Raider airplane, visited with us at our Jun 11th meeting. A few lucky club members met Bill for dinner at Turley's first, then we headed out to the field. Even tho' your president has heard Bill talk about his experience flying off the Hornet and bombing Tokyo on April 18th, 1942 before, it was fascinating to listen to Bill again. After bombing Tokyo and parachuting into Japanese occupied China, Bill took the "long way" around to get home through India, Africa, and Brazil. After flying B25's off Corsica bombing the Germans for a while he was transferred and spent a good deal of the war pioneering, then managing some of the Greenland airbases use in the north Atlantic airlift. I know I'm going to read 30 Seconds Over Tokyo again!

It's Like No Other Hobby

It's always been my habit to page through AMA's Model Aviation each month before I actually read the articles. This month (July) while doing so, I came across a familiar face staring back at me from page 153 – Mr. Ellis Grummer. Ellis is almost 95 years of age and is still active in the Lehigh Valley RC Society in Bethlehem, PA.

I first met Ellis in 1995 as I came into the hobby and was immediately impressed by his craftsmanship skills. He fly's only aircraft he has personally designed and built and has been doing so since the 1930's. yes, that's BEFORE there was an AMA! Perhaps he's the reason I am still fascinated by old-timer aircraft and have even tried my hand and building and flying a few. I recall him asking me to be his 'spotter' while he flew and later on even asking that I fly his planes for him. It was then I realized he was losing his eyesight.

Thirteen years and many miles later, Ellis is still designing and building aircraft. I noted in the article that he has a new 'test pilot', none other than my original flight instructor! It brought back some fond memories.

Here we are today in BAS some 95 members strong ranging in age from 7 to 82 years. We come from many different backgrounds and places. Some fly fixed wing, some helis and some don't fly at all. We might fly ARF's or stick built vintage aircraft. But together we share experiences, triumphs and minor setbacks no matter what aspect of the hobby we love. There are no barriers, either real or imagined once on the flight line. Is it the hobby itself or the people we meet that make this so? I'm not sure. But I am glad to be a part of it.

Augie Bruno

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Website and Webmaster

Mike Gulizia has taken over webmaster duties. The website has also been permanently moved to it's new address at http://www.boulderaero.org/. Check it out!

REMINDER:

BAS Picnic ~ Saturday, July 26th, 2008 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Club Hats Available

The Club has received its order of hats with the club logo. Hats are \$12 each in blue/white or red/white. Contact Ken Jochim or come to a club meeting to learn more.

Field Parking

There are parking spaces at the field marked and designated as handicap parking. We've been notified that if City Park Rangers see vehicles parked in those stalls without a proper handicap tag displayed they will start issuing violation tickets. **The fine for this type of ticket is \$125.00.** All members need to be aware that, if you park in a handicap stall without a tag and a ranger comes by, it could become an expensive day of flying.

"This Hobby Rules"

"Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs."

From The Editor

I am going to try to keep a calendar of upcoming events in the newsletter in the "announcements" section of the newsletter. Please let me know if you have any local events I have missed.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Activity	Coordinator	<u>Phone</u>	Location
07/19-20/2008	9:30 - 5PM	Love-Air IMAC	Jim Brink	970-223-3975	Drake Field, Ault CO.
07/19-20/2008	?	US Scale Masters	B. Cozzolino	719-543-9319	Pueblo, CO
07/23/2008	?	USAF Thunderbirds	?	?	Cheyenne, WY
07/26/2008	10AM-3PM	BAS Picnic	Augie Bruno	970-532-0201	Chandler Field
08/09-10/2008	9AM-4PM	Vintage R/C - Old Timers	Augie Bruno	970-523-0201	Arvada, CO
08/15-17/2008	?	Big Bird Fly In-Love Air	M. Harrington	970-226-4820	Drake Field, Ault, CO.
08/23/2008	?	LAMA Electric Fly-in	J. McDonald	303-530-1146	LAMA Field
08/30-31/2008	?	Warbirds Over Pueblo	B. Cozzolino	719-543-9319	Pueblo, CO
09/26-28/2008	?	Warbirds Over the Rockies	?	?	Love-Air- Drake Field
10/04/2008	?	BAS Fall Finale (?)	Greg Hine	303-449-9966	Chandler Field
10/25/2008	?	LAMA Auction	J. Barnes	970-535-4868	Longmont, CO

Tips & Tricks

Keep Your Parts in Place

Ever had the prop nut, washer, and propeller fly off while airborne? Ever heard that sickening "crack!" when you touch the starter to the engine and then spend the next hour looking for the prop nut in the tall weeds? Well, try this solution:

Put an o-ring on the end of the engine crank shaft after you get everything secured. It may keep the prop nut from spinning all the way off next time your engine decides to be cantankerous.

By the way, I hope you have been around long enough to know that propellers, especially the wooden kind, compress after being subjected to tightening down of the prop nut. That's why you see so many coming loose early Saturday morning at the field. What was tight for the last flight on Sunday ain't tight a week later. Check 'em!

Electric Screwdriver Drill Bits

I'm sure by now everyone has an electric screwdriver in his or her tool box, but did you know that you could also use these handy little devils as a drill? Sears, and I am sure other hardware stores, handle this item. What they are different size drill bits welded to hex shanks ends. You simply slip the hex shaft into any electric screwdriver and drill away. These are great for drilling in tight places or through delicate material. They are slow enough so you won't drill too far and powerful enough to drill through most materials.

Small Spring Clamps

Another item I found at Sears was small spring-loaded clamps. Besides clamping stuff, I use these and a couple strips of wood to center rudders and elevators. Simply place two strips of wood across the elevator and stabilizer: one on top and the other on the bottom. Clamp them in place. Center your servo arm and connect the control rod from the elevator to the servo arm. Tada! The elevator is now centered with the servo.

FLYING FIELD HOURS

9:00am to dusk on weekdays 10:00am to dusk on weekends

CLUB DVD LIBRARY OPEN

The Club DVD library is open: milehighwings.com/club/dvd.htm

You can request a title via e-mail and pick up the DVD at the club meeting. Don't miss *Tucson Aerobatic Shootout*, the best R/C video of all times!

Please feel free to <u>e-mail</u> me your suggestions regarding the new DVDs to add to the library. *Boris Sergeev, Club Librarian*

CLASSIFIEDS

Submit any classified requests to Ken Miller, rockytopkjm@msn.com Classifieds are free to club members!

JR XP9303H radio - one year old with light use. Includes manual, hard case, neck strap and radio tray (never used).

Was \$599.99 new plus accessories, now \$399.

Raptor 60 Heli with O.S. 70SZ H- ring engine. HR G500T gyro. JR 810G servos. Includes full spares (crash) kit, custom painted carbon canopy (yellow/green) plus original white plastic canopy, Revolution muffler, Dynatron Hi Torque Starter, original manual. Never crashed. Novice hover practice only. As new condition. Post assembly inspection and test flown by RC hobbies in Thornton.

Cost new \$1800, now \$1199.

T-Rex 450 SE electric heli. JR G410T gyro, Hi Tech HS56HB servos. 2100 mah battery. Includes hard travel case, original manual, original plastic canopy plus unpainted carbon canopy, Vision Peak Ultra charger. Assembled but never flown.

Cost new \$950, now \$575.

Photos available upon request. Items are located in Erie, CO. Contact Mike at 720-890-7883 or mikerodney@mac.com

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INSTRUCTORS LISTING

Call if you need help getting started:

Tony Kilwein 303-438-8500 Futaba
Wendell Wickstrom 303-494-9324 Airtronics
Ken Jochim 303-444-3206 JR
James Mack 303-704-5464 Futaba

THE YELLOW PAGES

A listing of area merchants, whose products are of interest to R/C enthusiasts; provided as a service to our members. Some will give you a discount with your current club card.

R/C Hobbies, 3280 28th Street, Unit 1, Boulder (303-443-4446)

Action Hobbies, 1477 Carr, Lakewood, (303-233-6275), Glen A. Magree

Hobby Town, 1935 Main St. Longmont, (303-774-1557)

Mile High Wings store@milehighwings.com Your source of R/C Simulator interfaces and all-composite ARFs: www.milehighwings.com

Don's Hobbies, 815 10th Street, Greeley (970-353-3115) Tony Farro

Things with Wings, 6268 W. 10th #2 Greeley (970-352-1067) Jim Richardson

Hobby Town, 6815 W. 88th Ave., Westminster, (303-431-0482), James Miley.

Heliport Hobbies, 1400 W. 70th Street, Denver 303-430-8828, also Magnum Fuels

Engine Oil Removal

Another way to clean baked-on oil from an engine is to boil the stripped parts in a pan of water with a handful of clothes washing powder. It does a great job, but smells horrible!

—From the Endless Mountains R/C Flying Club, South Montrose, Pennsylvania

BAS Meeting July 9th. 2008 at 7:00 pm Chandler Field.

THAT WAS A GOOD LANDING

If you only bend over once to pick up your airplane.