

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AEROMODELERS

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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

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Rocky Mountain Aeromodelers Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: December 1, 2012
Call to Order: 7:30 PM (@Leddens' House)
Officers' Reports

President

Treasurer:

Expenditures:	6.94
Income:	240.00
Balance:	The club's checking account balance is not included in this public document

Other

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Old Business

Fox Order: Sharon Shakey, Fox Manufacturing, explained there's been a pricing change for parts and new order sheets have not yet been printed, therefore, none were available for this meeting. Sharon gave her assurance we could get the half price deal by submitting a club order. Order sheets from last year were available to club members. If you were not at the meeting, check out Fox's web site, write up your wish list, and contact the Secretary/treasurer (me). I'll verify current online prices and notify you of the cost of your order.

Office Induction: Being the December meeting offices elected at the November meeting was inducted into office. Tom Chambers, president, Jerry Chambers, vice president, and Bob Barthel, secretary/treasurer.

Dues: Everyone was reminded again that the club is accepting annual dues. 2013 dues are \$40.00 and are accepted until April at which time unpaid club members are dropped from the membership role. Dues paid on or after September are applied to the following year. Get your dues paid!

New Business

Annual Contest: It's time to start talking about the contest. The immediate feeling is to run the same events as last year. It was pointed out these decisions have to be made in order to get announcements published in all the relevant SIG newsletters and commercial magazines. Bill Ledden volunteered to be the Racing ED. Greg Settle volunteered to be the Speed ED. That leaves the Stunt ED position open as well as the Contest Director position.

Announcements/Schedules

Tom Chambers is in the hospital, or by now back home, recovering from a hip replacement. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bill Ledden wants to schedule some practice racing at the Coliseum in December. The 9th was agreed upon with the 16th as the alternate date. Racing events will be Mouse and AMA317 Scale Racing. By the time you read this the racing will be in the past. (Looks like the 16th might be a better day, *ed*)

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Meeting Minutes, cont.

Lynn Boss had three announcements concerning the Front Range Airport. 1) Management would like for there to be a model airplane display located in one of the airport's buildings. This display might contain items from the Kirkham Library as well as exhibits of the old and new in the way of model airplanes. 2) Management cleared the way for use of the airport grounds for our annual contest and it is almost a given that we may have the contest there in future years. 3) Lynn speculates that airport management would be amenable to the club using the airport grounds on any date. Details to be worked out.

Adjournment: 8:13 PM

MEETING PARTY @ LEDDENS

Greg Settle displayed a collection of engines. He described the improvements he is making to a Fox .15X, or .15XX, or .15RC. I can't remember which one he settled on.



Dave Rolley brought a Mouse race example. The particular airplane had been campaigned for years. Interesting construction using a piece of T-shaped aluminum for the firewall with the leg imbedded into the front of the fuselage. That makes for a very strong front end with no fear of tearing off the firewall.

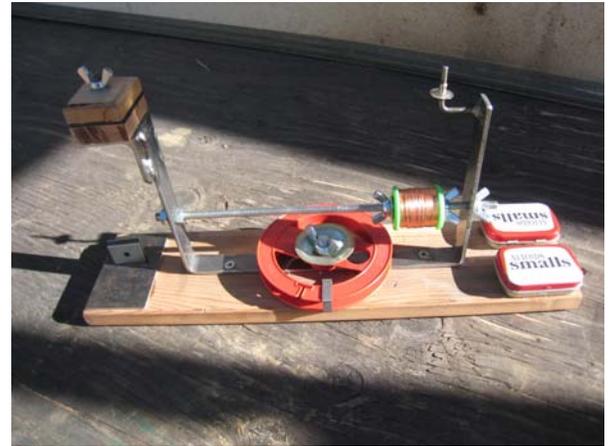


Rich Jones brought his .40 Rat Racer, or whatever event he enters it in. (apparently there is no event. *ed note*)

PARTY cont.

Tony Livaudais brought the dagger board for the sailboat he's working on to show how it too has an airfoil (waterfoil?).

Another gadget is his line wrapping tool. This has a mounting point for the eyelet, a clamp to hold the wire tight, a mount for the line reel, boxes to hold the eyelets, and a mount for the spool of wrapping wire. Everything is together in one place.



Kaige Jones showed us his .020 powered GeeBee R-2 profile. About a 12" span. The single wheel is sandwiched between two legs shaped like the wheel pants of the real airplane. The engine and firewall is mounted to the outside face of the fuselage instead of centered on the fuselage. This preserves the unique cowl profile.

Bob Barthel displayed his Mandarin, a .15 sized stunt plane. The plane will be electric powered. This is a construction advancement of the wing Bob displayed at the November meeting as part of his Exponential Bell crank show-and-tell. Construction is about 85% complete still needing a tail-wheel and the belly closed up. Then there's a lot of sanding to do. Wings will be covered in Monocote or the like, with the fuselage painted or also plastic covered.



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MORE PARTY cont.



DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS



LEDDEN FAMILY ROOM



SOME OF THE GREAT FOOD



DURING THE MEETING

MEDICAL REPORT

Lee Boss is recovering well and itching to get back in the shop.

Ray Nyce is flying again after hip replacement.

Tommy Chambers is rehabbing the knee replacement.

Everyone else is doing fine as frog's hair.



THE BRAINS OF THE OUTFIT

SUNDAY FLYING

Sunday, December 1, 2012

This was a sorry turn-out for what turned out to be a lovely day. Just a little Mouse running on the Mapleton Mouse I practice circle.

We ate some of the left-over brownies and pumpkin pie, and a few of Bob's delicious cherry cheesecake tortes. Yum!

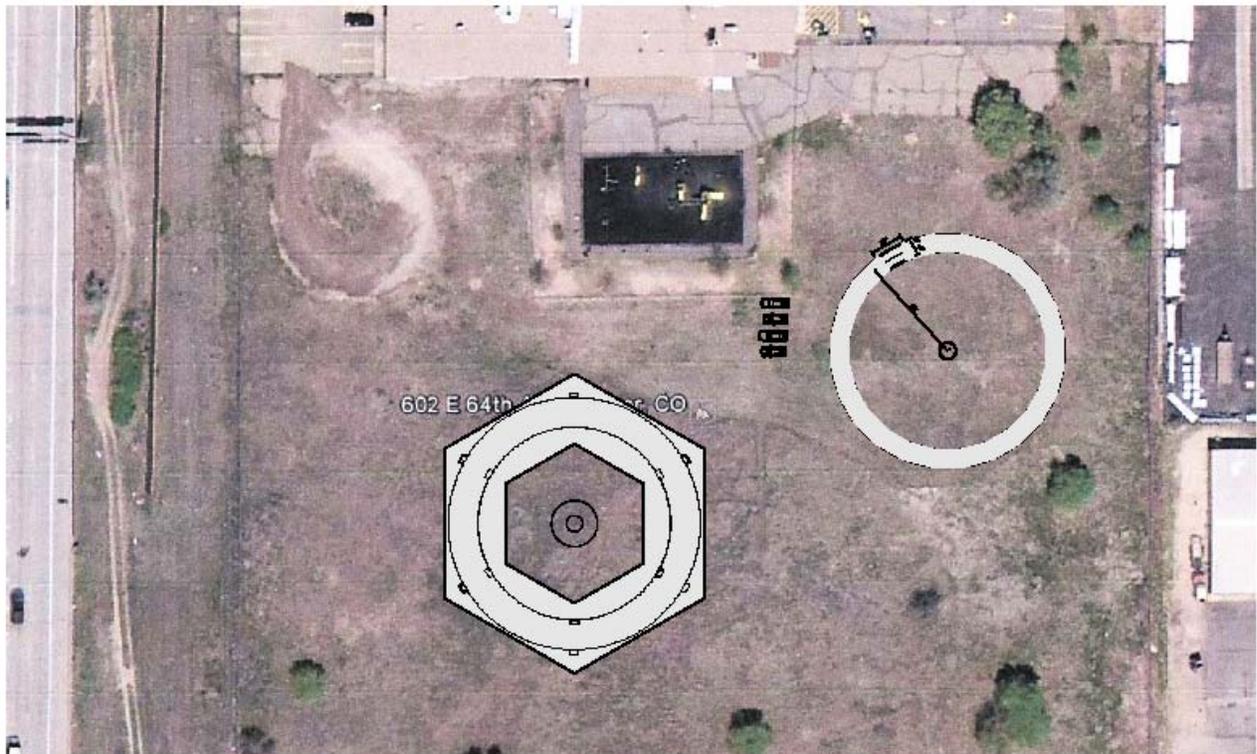


IN OTHER NEWS

Below is an aerial view of the Mapleton flying field. Superimposed on the photo are the proposed racing geotextile circle and the existing grass flying circle with 10'x 20' geotextile rectangles with a mean radius of 65' for stunt. At the field last Sunday we discussed the possibility of simply dragging a heavy timber and a section of chain link fence around the circle behind a vehicle, and installing fabric directly, maybe only on the section of the circle that is normally used for take offs and landing and is relatively free of weeds.

I did make contact with the construction company I mentioned earlier, and supposedly they are working up an estimate to do the racing circle. I'll keep you posted.

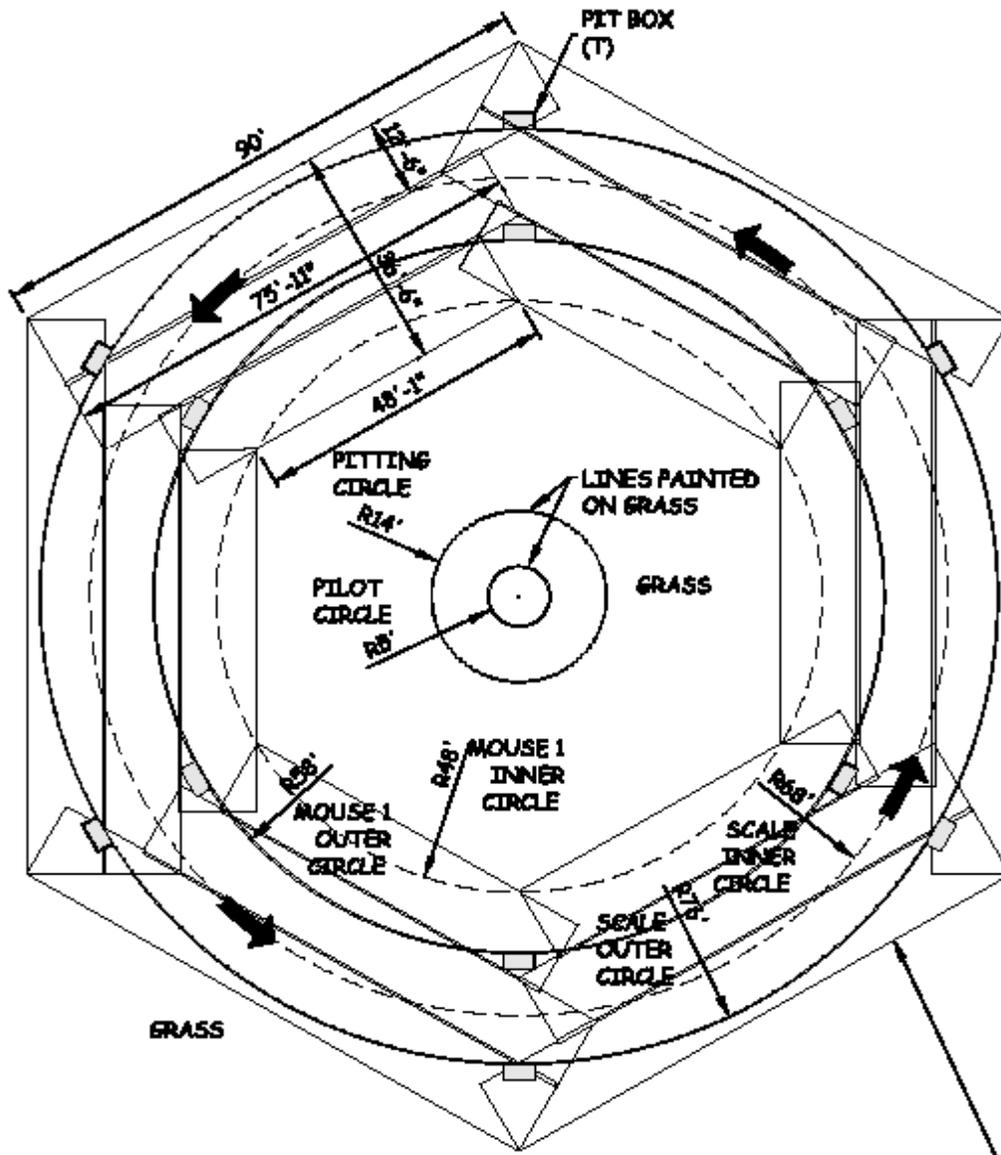
If anyone has a suggestion, comment, criticism, please contact me at livaday@ecentral.com or (303)329-3538. Note that the layout for the Racing Field show below has been simplified. See last page for details.



AERIAL VIEW OF MAPLETON FIELD

At the next meeting we should discuss approaching the Mapleton School District about our future at the field.

- 1) Jerry could call his contact at the school to see if they are open to extending our permission for another year.
 - 2) If they are willing to extend our use of the field, we should pay our rent for the year, and then decide at the next meeting whether the club is interested in pursuing any improvements to the field.
 - 3) If we want to make improvements, we should decide what we want to do, determine the costs and manpower involved, and make a formal proposal to Mapleton, perhaps at one of their board meetings, to get their approval to proceed.
 - 4) If Mapleton is unwilling to proceed at any point, we need to either stick with the status quo, or start a search for a new field.
- OUR FUTURE IS AT STAKE**



624 sq yds Mirafi MPV400 Geotextile fabric or
4 rolls of 12'-6" fabric @ 360' per roll

http://www.specialty supply.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Shuxt-6-TDS_MPV400.pdf

CONTROL LINE FIELD LAYOUT FOR
SCALE & MOUSE 1 RACING, & STUNT FLYING
Rev 12/10/12

Meanwhile,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.