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## NEWS VIEWS AND REVIEWS



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## Open Invitation — Plan Now!

Hi Guys,

As you may know I am the CD of the Rocky Mountain FF Champs. I converted this meet and the MMM club to FAC rules around 2000. The MMM is fully committed to the success and popularity of FAC, and wants to see as many scale flyers on our field as possible. Unfortunately we've never seen more than about 4-5 contestants in scale, but we've never promoted the scale events much. We will have 4 FAC events on the schedule for 2007: Scale, Peanut, Power, and Golden Age. These four will have awards and will be eligible for the RMC grand champion perpetual trophy. Judging is on the field, just bring the model at noon any of the days.

This is the first year we are holding Golden Age, at the request of Herb Kothe who enjoys flying it. It will be per the FAC rules: 3 flight total with 45 point minimum. All of the FAC events may be flown any day (Sept 1,2, or 3) but all flying must be completed on the same day started.

For 2007 we can add as many unofficial FAC events as you guys want. Basically anything that'll draw three or more flyers so we can award Kanonen. I was thinking WWII Mass Launch at a minimum, and how about Greve/Thompson combo ML? Any thing else you guys would like to fly...Dime scale perhaps? Jimmie Allen? Speak up. I don't want to hold an event unless 3 or more guys speak up and say they'll definitely fly it. Based on this year's support of unofficial events, next year we'll have awards for anything with more than 3 flyers.

Nitty gritty: The MMM field is huge (5x7 miles...no that is *not* a misprint) and the weather in early Sept is definitely the best of the whole year. Winds are usually 5-10 or less, AM lows in the lower 50s to highs in the upper 70s. RMFFC is an AMA sanctioned event so entrants must be members. That is not negotiable—our field lease states it. You can arrive

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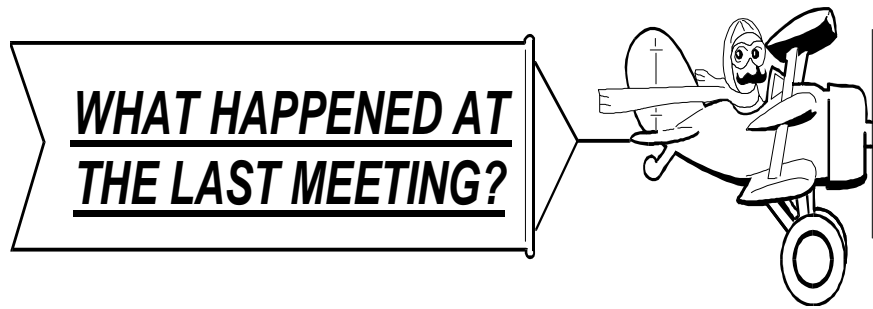
several days early to do some trimming if you like. Flying from 8-5 Sat-Sun, and 8-3 Monday. Camping on the field is permitted. DIA Airport is a scant 20 miles away from the field. Entry fee is \$30 for unlimited events with a \$20 BBQ banquet on Saturday night. It is a very well run, championship-caliber contest.

Hey, I am going to found a Yahoo group and call it Rocky Mountain FAC Region. It'll be targeted at all the FAC flyers in KS, CO, WY, NM, UT, NE, MT. Heck, we might even invite Okies and Texans. I have plenty of email addresses. Let's all join up and discuss how to make the RMC into a premier regional FAC meet!

Thermals,

Don DeLoach

(Lt. Gen., FAC)



## January 27, 2007 Meeting Minutes

### ATTENDEES:

George & Mary Kay Avila, Jeff Englert, Tom Derber, Earl & Jane Griffith, Eldon & Roya Breazier, Les DeWitt, Ed & Char Salguero, Jim O'Reilly, Terry & Lori Trisler, Dan & Cindy Walton, Jack & Eleanor Phelps, Ed Ross, Bill & Marilyn Schmidt, Bill Lindsay, Jeff Janusz, and Matt Janusz.

President Ed Ross called the meeting to order.

The previous meeting minutes were approved as published.

Jim O'Reilly presented the treasurer's report. The club stipend will be mailed to the flying field owner with the AMA ins. policy when it is received from AMA.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The club directory will be mailed to the members directly as most renewals are complete. The flying alert system is still a work in progress as reported by Jack Phelps.

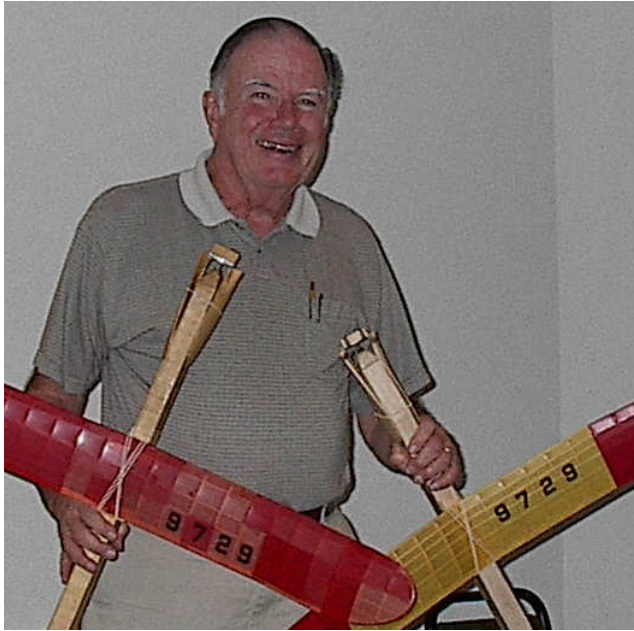
### NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Trisler said he would do a barbeque for the club on July 14 if a location was provided. Bill Schmidt said he would obtain a location for it. Cost would be about \$8 - \$10 a person and the members could bring any sides and drinks they desired. Terry said he would need a RSVP at the May mtg. to project how much meat, potato salad and beans to obtain.

Jack Phelps reported that he has sold some of his surplus items in the club newsletter with the proceeds going to the club treasury.

### SHOW AND TELL:

Jeff Englert showed a Jasco Thermic 50 framework from a TMRC laser cut kit. Earl Griffith had just finished a 277sq. in. Comet Sailplane for 1/2A Texaco flying. It was done up in silkspan and trimmed in his red-white and blue motif. Les DeWitt brought a 1938 Zaic "Chatelain" Wakefield model done up in thin mylar and different bright colors. The model framework was 20 yrs. old and recently recovered. Jim O'Reilly displayed 2 Best-By-Test Stratometers. One was new and the other older model was a back up ship that saved the day when the rubber motor broke in his primary model at a recent contest. Bill Schmidt had a recently completed 1947 Bellanca Crusair 26" rubber scale model of his own design, the latest in his line of classic American light planes. He also had a 1/2A nostalgia 1956 Jay's Bird, with a Wen-Mac .049 done up in red and white poly-span..



Jim O'Reilly with his two Best-By-Test Stratometers.



Earl Griffith with Comet Sailplane for 1/2A Texaco flying.



Bill Schmidt with 1947 Bellanca Crusair 26" rubber scale model of his own design.



Les DeWitt brought a 1938 Zaic "Chatelain" Wakefield model

## April Fun Fly Results

The club's newest committee, the 'Get'em to GO Fly Guys' successfully delayed the scheduled April outing for two weeks to await a change in the weather. At Jack's lead, a sizeable contingent hit the field on Saturday, April 28th. Sunday was blown out. The flying times follow:

### 1/2A Texaco

Bill Schmidt	Alert	15:00	8:41	- 1121
George Avila	Kerswap	6:55	8:30	- 925
Ed Salguero	Sailplane	7:57	8:43	- 1000
Earl Griffith	Sailplane	0:02	0:01	- 3
Jeff Englert	Playboy	8::30	6:02	- 872

### 1/2 NOS FF

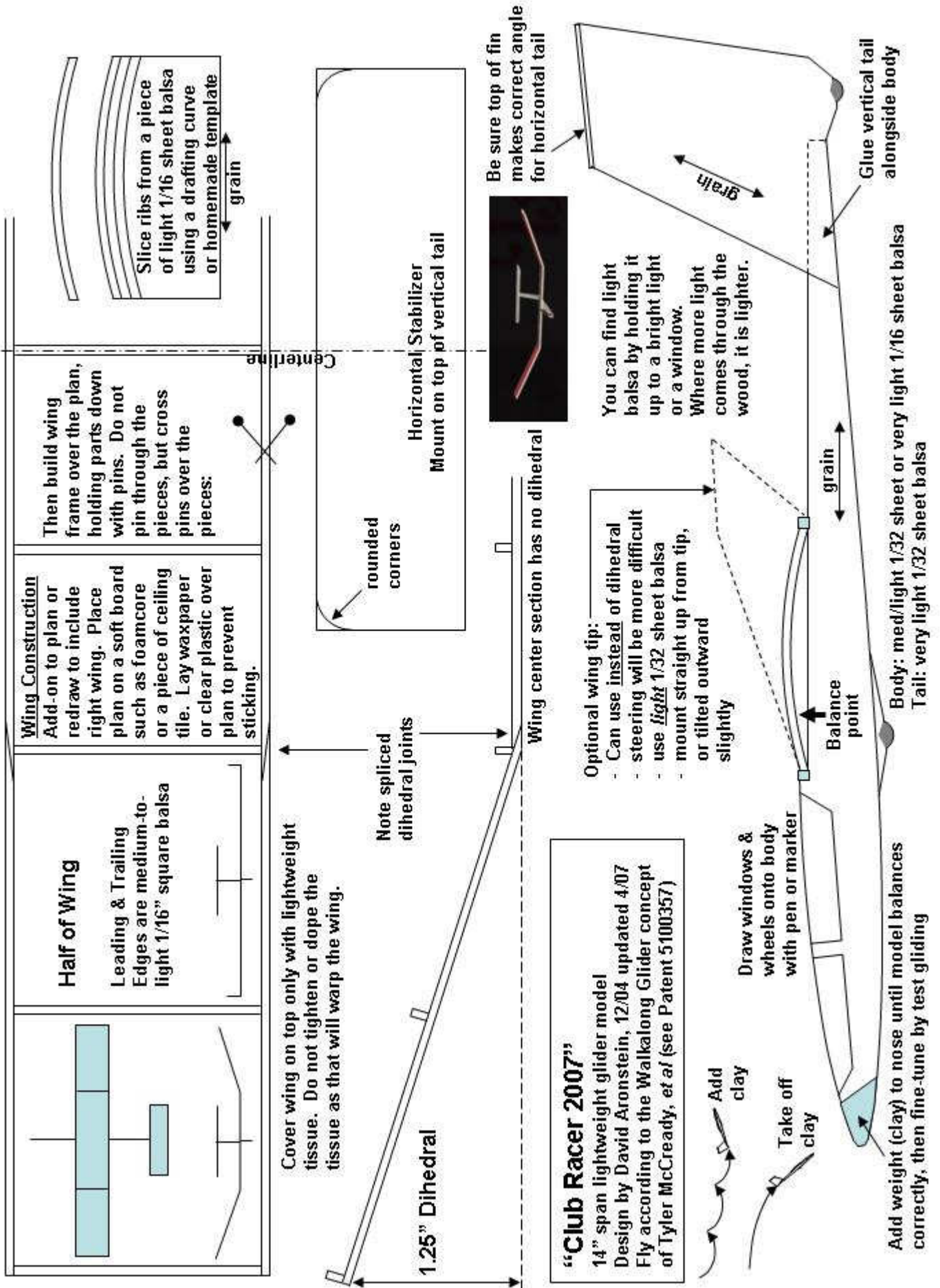
Jack Phelps	?				
Bill Schmidt	Jasco ?	35	43	100	- 178
Jim Lehrman	?	63	75	44	- 182
Jeff Englert	Jasco Streak	78	39	?	- 117

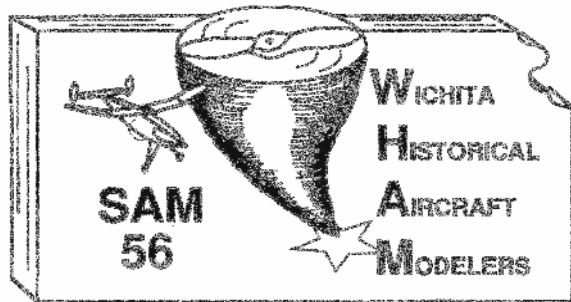
### FAC MOTH

Jeff Englert	Moth	91	120	77	- 288
Jack Phelps	Moth	100	97	71	- 268
Bill Schmidt	Moth	51	62	56	- 169
Ed Salguero	Moth	67	77	111	- 255

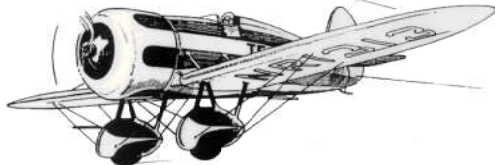
### DIME SCALE

Jack Phelps	Stinson 105	30	30	36	- 96
Sill Schmidt	Stinson 105	48	38	43	- 129
Jim Lehrman	Mr. Mulligan	17	21	14	- 52





# FLYING ACES



**Sunflower Squadron  
Wichita, KS**

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→ The next SAM 56 Dinner Meeting will be at:

## **Cortez Mexican Restaurant 344 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St.**

Saturday, May 19, 2007  
Social Hour @ 6:00 PM, Dinner @ 7:00 PM.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **May 19-20,      fly FAC Jimmy Allen, SAM LER R/C, FAC Old Time Rubber, SAM Catapult Glider**
- May 31,              AMA Indoor Nationals, Johnson City , TN
- **Jun 9-10,        fly SAM 1/2A Texaco R/C, FAC and SAM Small Rubber Combined, NFFS 1/4A NOS, FAC Old Time Gas Replica**
- Jun 17,              Kansas City HAFFA Outdoor Event

### **Membership Information:**

Open to all interested AMA members, founded to encourage and promote the model airplane building hobby.  
Member dues \$20 annually, Subscription only; \$12 annually, \$18 foreign.  
Send checks to Jim O'Reilly, 4760 Battin, Wichita, KS 67220.  
All memberships and subscription renewals are due January 1st of the new year.

<b><u>Club Officers:</u></b>	President:      Ed Ross, 682-9692	Vice-President:      Bill Lindsay, 689-8491
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