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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sorry about all the confusion over last month's fun fly. First it's on then it's off. We should have better luck this month since we are holding an indoor fun fly - so get those micro-planes and pizza box fliers ready to go!

One of the focal points of this month's club meeting will be the election of new officers for 2014. The nominees thus far are:

<b>President:</b>	<b>John Dunn</b>	<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Keith Hiatt</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Cam Greener</b>	<b>Treasure:</b>	<b>Doug Dorton</b>
<b>Safety/FunFly:</b>	<b>Scott Davis</b>	<b>Newsletter:</b>	<b>Brain Sorenson</b>

Although we show Scott as both Safety Officer and Fun Fly coordinator these really are two different positions... Do we have a volunteer out there for Fun Fly Coordinator?

Turn out at last month's club meeting was VERY VERY low. Please come out to the club meeting and show your support, share ideas and make new friends!

## Coming Events

- *November 14<sup>th</sup> Ute Club Meeting.* 7pm Heritage Center, 10 W. 6150 S. Murray
- *November 16<sup>th</sup> Ute Club Indoor Fun Fly.* This will be held at the LDS Church located at Bernina Dr. approximately 5825 S. 3000 W. from 8:30 to 10:30. Please enter on the south side of the building.
- *December 19<sup>th</sup> Ute Club Christmas Party.* Golden Corral 8800 S. Redwood Rd., starting at 6:30



## What's up with the Model Port?

Here is a recent response I received from Rick Graham, Director of Parks and Recreation for Salt Lake City.

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From: Graham, Rick [mailto:Rick.Graham@slcgov.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 23, 2013 12:19 AM

**To:** Tomlin Winter; Mullenax, Murry

**Subject:** Re: [Uterc] Modelport Money

I am happy to respond to both of you. I will also ask my staff to update the department web site so that it reflects current information.

First, the City will meet its obligations. You and other modeler's have been patient, but so have thousands of SLC youth who have been waiting since 2003 for soccer fields to be built and who will pay for the project over the next 20 years. You are in this together and all have been inconvenienced. I keep asking to you to be patient, and so I ask again. No one is more frustrated than me and those citizens who have donated many hours of volunteer time to help the City clear the hurdles that have been placed before the project by citizens who don't want a soccer complex or a Model Port. So stick with the City's game, because it is the one that will develop a replacement airport.

The law suits the City has been engaged in since 2011 have, for the most part, have been settled. But, the delays created have cost the City time and money. There is not enough money to build out what was once planned two years ago. For the last five months the City has been working on modifying its project scope, recalculating budgets and finishing some design elements. That work is almost completed. All parts of the project have been reviewed and scrutinized for value, including the model port. The model port project remains in the budget and project scope. The 1300 South site remains the preferred site.

The timetable the City is working to has the project scheduled to go to bid near the first of the new year. Construction would start in February or early March. I cannot be more specific in this email because a lot depends on the bids received and what elements of the project need to be adjusted, if any. The Model Port will be a part of the bid package, and will be built out at the same time as the soccer complex. My guess right now is that it would be completed in the summer of 2014. At this time I am hoping that the project can be built out to the scope currently designed. That is the plan. For your information, the soccer complex project will not complete construction until the summer of 2015, so the Model Port will come on line first.

I feel and sense your disappointment and anger. I had told you earlier that the airport would be operational in the Spring. That date has now slid a few months.

I am happy to meet with you and others that you suggest in about two weeks to go over the plans. I will be in touch.

Rick

Keep yanking and banking.... Tom

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Sometimes it feels like I'm stuck in a terrible paradox where it seems like no matter how much progress I make towards completing my build project, I'm still only approaching the half-way mark. Well, I am actually getting close to the covering stage on my little Alien Aircraft Taylorcraft, despite the sometimes never-ending feeling. Thanks everyone for the great responses to my query about which film covering is preferred. The votes are in and the clear winner is Ultracote. I have a basic thread going on my T'craft build on the [RC Scale Builder](#) website. If you don't already have a free account setup, take a minute and set one up. There are tons of great threads on different aspects of building and detailing scale models.





It's been great to read so many articles and features in the RC rags lately. Did anyone catch the plans directory in the latest Model Airplane News? I think I saw one or two of those planes in my future... The [Super Cub](#) build article by Pat Trittle was also very interesting. Even though the row boat battery cover was kind of a happy coincidence (to make room in the main cabin for interior details) in the prototype build, I think it adds a nice touch of scale realism, as do the [shotgun](#) and paddles lashed to the wing struts.

I caught an ad in one of the aforementioned RC rags and took a look at the [T&J Models](#) website. Many of you know that I'm a big fan of Howard Hughes' aircraft, including the amazing H-1 Racer. Well, wouldn't you know it, Jim Young (of T&J Models) has a kit with a manageable 32" wingspan. So, I pulled the trigger on it... along with his WACOs and Comet. It's an addiction, I swear! Here's to many happy future builds!



**[YOUR PROJECT HERE]** Let's hear about your build projects! Drop me a line or talk to me at a club meeting.

- Aaron G.