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Next Club Meeting:
Tuesday, June 5th, 2007
7:00 PM at the ELIC
(East Library Info Center)
Pikes Peak Public Library
(on Union)

The Warbird Corner

By Keith Davis

O.K. all you warbird enthusiasts out there, our club's Warbird Fly-In is just around the corner, July 7th and 8th. So put away all those CAP 232's, Extra 300's and Big Sticks and break out those Spitfires, Zeros and Mustangs.

Just remember, it has to be some type of aircraft built for combat or a civilian aircraft converted for military use. And it must have military markings and/or insignias on it. For example, the "Miss America" P-51 Mustang is a warbird but does not have military markings and/or insignias on it. That is a "NO-GO". The Douglas DC-3 Dakota was a civilian passenger plane converted for military use. If it has military theme on it, then it's a "GO".

Also the warbird does not have to have served in a war. There are plenty of combat aircraft that were built that never saw combat. Many of the combat aircraft that were built between WWI and WWII are good examples. They are a "GO".

And one more thing, in our previous warbird events, awards have been given out for "People's Choice Award", "Pilots Choice Award" and "Best Scale Flying Award". Well there will be changes to the awards given out this year. We will still have the "Peoples Choice Award". But now the other two awards will be changed to "Pilot's Choice Large Scale Award" and "Pilot's Choice Small Scale Award".

By doing this, this will guarantee that a small scale warbird will win an award instead of all the big boy warbirds taking home all of the goodies. Exact

details between "large scale" and "small scale" warbirds are still being hashed out, but it will all be finalized by the time the event takes place.

So if you have a combat jet, helicopter, or an airplane, large or small, gas or electric, bring it on out. We want to see what you got!



Did You Know? The Russian TU-95 Bear bomber is considered one of the noisiest aircraft in aviation history. Its counter-rotating turbo props are so loud that when the TU-95 flies over submerged U.S. submarines, the sonar crews can detect the Bear's loud, unique sound. It is so loud, that intercepting NATO pilots have reported that they can still hear the roar of the Bear over their own engines. And Russian medical sources state that nearly 75% of retired TU-95 Bear crews now have some type of hearing impairment.

From the May Meeting

By Bill Sanderman

Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance at the East Library on May first as President **Randy Oswald** opened the meeting. New member **Michael Mai** and guest Richard Povenmeir introduced themselves.

The Temporary Treasurer, **Bill Sanderman**, announced that April income was \$ 255.00 and May expenses were \$ 110.96. The total cash and investment assets are now \$ 43,144.72. These figures are preliminary because the monthly bank statements were not yet available.

President Oswald announced that Saturday, May 26th will be first of several work days prior to the July Warbird Rally. The planning for the Rally is

underway and **Greg Moore** will be the Contest Director. A group from the Crosswinds R/C Club in Denver came to lunch locally on April 30th and flew at our club field that afternoon.

Safety Officer **Keith Davis** announced that an airplane threw its spinner while taxiing. No one was injured but we are reminded to be sure that spinners and props are properly tightened prior to starting. The engine run-up area is near the windsock. Be careful where your airplanes are pointed when you start engines. Don't start engines on the work tables because there are no restraints. A member stated that he has found the field gate unlocked and open when he has been the first to arrive early in the morning. Be sure to lock the gate if you are the last to leave.

After considerable discussion about the proper place and procedures to use for engine starting, a motion was made by **Rick Paquin**, seconded by **Adam Heffington**, and approved by everyone except one voter to build two work tables with restraints as seen in a recent issue of the AMA magazine.

The question of examining the current club rules regarding taxiing in the pits will be taken up by the Executive Committee which will develop a recommendation for new rules if necessary.

Rick Paquin announced that we will rent a PA system and wireless microphone for use at the Warbird Rally.

Show and tell brought five presenters: **Wayne Cooksey** brought his canard pusher powered by an AP .61. **Dan Brunson** showed his Flash jet powered by a Jet Cat 120 turbine. **Duane Zinke** had a J-3 Cub which be built in honor of his father who used to own one. Randy Oswald presented a Stevens Mud Bug electric-powered flyer. Rick Paquin had an ME-109 warbird with a Saito 180.

After a short break, **Mike Weidner** presented a method for determining the exact center of gravity by weighing the aircraft at each wheel contact point and then using an EXCEL spreadsheet to calculate the CG.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

PPRC Website

By Dave Smith

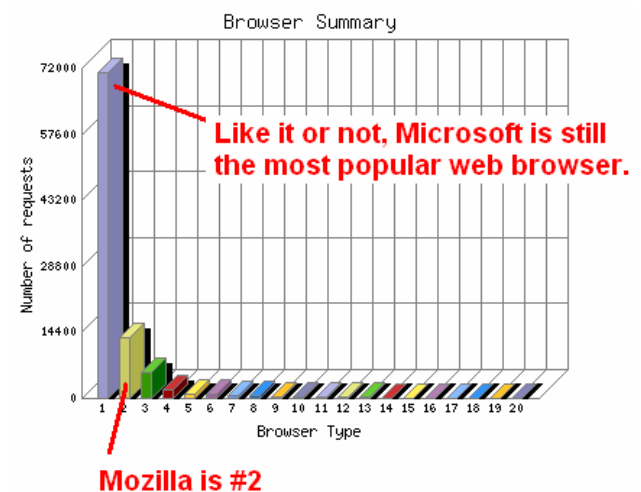
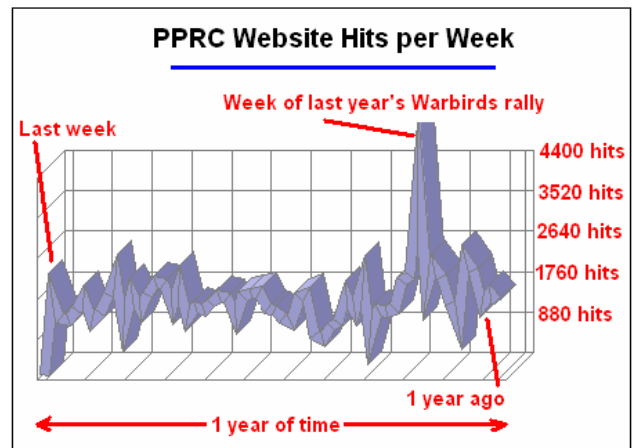
Our website has a "gallery" of photos that load randomly each time that you visit the page. I could use a few more photos (because you'll notice that

the "random" set is exhausted pretty quickly). So feel free to send images my way...!

On the business side of the website, during the early part of May, there was an interruption in being able to access the website. This was a paperwork error (on my part – Sorry!). After a couple of quick phone calls, everything was squared away. There is no problem with the financial state or expected duration of the website.

Speaking of which, here are a few updated statistics about the site:

We get about 1000 hits per week. Last week, the hits came from 163 different servers around the world. Here is a graph of how many hits we get per week.



The URL for getting to our site is in the header of this newsletter each month.



July 7 & 8

Registration
08:00

Landing Fee \$25.00

Includes Event Shirt and Lunch

Check

**www.pprcflyers.net
for map to field**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 – Membership meeting

Sunday, June 17 – Father's Day Fly-In

Saturday, Sunday, July 7, 8 – Warbird Fly-In