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Next Club Meeting:
Thursday, October 9th, 2008
7:00 PM at the ELIC
(East Library Info Center)
Pikes Peak Public Library
(on Union)

The Warbird Corner

By Keith Davis

Well if you missed it last month, Pueblo had their annual warbird event. About 31 pilots registered to fly and 9 of the pilots were from our club. The pilots were myself, Rick Paquin, John Fay, Daryl Lloyd, James Murphy, Ben Woofter, Joe Gilbert, Greg Moore, and Ron Hart.

Our small group of PPRC pilots took up about ¼ of the parking area. We must have had about 25 warbirds between the 9 of us. I won't go through all the planes that we brought down, but if you check out the PPRC website, you can see us with our planes. Rod took over 100 awesome pictures of us in action and it should be posted on our website by now.

It was two days of hot, then windy, then hot and windy flying. Joe did a nice demo flight for the crowd with his MD-500 helicopter. Another pilot did a demo flight with his nice looking F-22 Raptor. They both really looked real!

The Pueblo club did an awards presentation for several war veterans that were there for the show. Many of them were WWII and Vietnam veterans. They were honored to be remembered.

Overall, it was an enjoyable weekend to fly and chat about warbirds with the guys from Pueblo.

Then just a few weeks later, our club had its annual memorial/ fun fly/ cookout. I think about 25 pilots showed up to fly and eat or just to eat.

To officially start the event, we had a moment of silence to remember all of our club members that recently passed away. After that, our VP Jim Terry (AKA the cook) began prepping and cooking. Everybody immediately parked their planes when Jim yelled "Food's Ready!"

After lunch was over, it must have been naptime for many of the pilots. There was not too much flying going on and it was getting windy. But everyone still had a good time. Thanks Jim!

This has been a busy month for RC events. There was a jet rally up at Loveland, a Chatfield fun fly, and the 5th annual warbird event at Loveland. So if you have been to any of these events, let's hear about it at the next meeting!

Did You Know? Manfred Von Richthofen (The Red Baron) was well known for flying his red Fokker DR1 Triplane and having 80 kills. But before he flew that, he scored his first 60 kills in his red Albatros, that he hated!



Club Updates

By Rob Waggoner

It has been a couple of months since I've written for the news letter, and I apologize. Things got a little busy over the summer.

I have just a couple of things to mention. The web site has been updated with pictures from our war bird event, as well as the war bird and scale master events in Pueblo. Looks like we are approaching 500 images on the site with the majority of them being pics of events from this year. A BIG thanks to all the club picture takers for getting them to me for posting on the web site.

Do you want to see what the weather is like before you head out to the field? No, I haven't installed a weather cam, but I did stumble across a cam at Meadow Lake airport that has four views, and one just happens to be north east. Time lapse loops show cars traveling on Judge Orr road so the camera is pointed in the general direction. A link to this camera can be found on the weather page on the website.

Happy flying. See you next month.

Matchmaker, Matchmaker, find me some paint!

By Wayne Cooksey

Here's a helpful hint:

If you are having trouble finding the right color paint to match MonoKote or other iron on coverings when you need paint for engine cowls or whatever, try taking a scrap piece of the covering you are trying to match to one of the local Auto Parts stores like Pep Boy's or Auto Zone. Look at the automobile touch up paints. If you can't find a match there, you are probably out of luck. They seem to have every color imaginable there in spray cans. Good luck.

Membership Applications

By Frank Tuxworth

Beginning Oct 1,2008 we will begin accepting applications for 2009. Current AMA membership is mandatory according to our regulations. If you renew or apply new at a meeting or at Dan's (*hobby shop*), we will need to see a current card at the time of renewal. If you renew by mail, please enclose a copy of your current AMA card. Failure to do so results in delays and lots of extra work on my part contacting AMA. Also please make sure ALL the writing is legible to somebody other than yourself. I have spent literally hours trying to decipher hen scratches that I'm sure has resulted in some errors.

Thanks for your help.