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**Next Club Meeting:
Tuesday, Sep 1st 2009
7:00 PM at the ELIC
(East Library Info Center)
Pikes Peak Public Library on Union**

Last Month's Club Meeting Notes

(August)

Meeting Started: 7:00 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm
Members Attended: 27
Visitors: 5

Old Business:

1) Jason Arndt updated everyone about the construction plans of the new shade stands on the east pit area. The project is still under review and organizing work teams are still needed.

2) Mike Evans reminded everyone about the club Family Day / Swap meet on Saturday, August 15th 2009. The event is open to club members and non-club members.

New Business:

1) Club Treasurer Frank Tuxworth updated the club members on the PPRCC finances. He also stated that the runway grading that was completed last month cost \$1300.00. Paid in full.

2) Mike Evans spoke about the Loveland IMAC event that he participated in last month.

3) James Murphy spoke about the Pueblo Scale Masters event that he participated in last month.

4) Rob Waggoner spoke about the "Village at Skyline" nursing home looking for volunteers to speak in October on RC flight. See Rob for details.

Airplane Funnies . . .

Submitted by: C. I. Crashalot



"Doug, I don't have it, here, you have the radio!"

Forget Something?

By Keith Davis



With all the great flying out at the airfield lately, people have been leaving some of their airplane items behind when they're done flying.

Items such as tools, starters, sunglasses, AMA cards and even radios have been left behind at the airfield after a great day of flying. That can really ruin your day!

So, if you happen to find an item that seems to have been forgotten by someone, your best bet is to place the item in the shed. By doing so, the item is out of the weather and the person who lost it will know the second place where to start looking!

A Special Welcome

By Keith Davis



Articles are not normally written about new club members that join the PPRC club. However, this recently new club member deserves a special welcome.

Nine year old Jackson Helle, just joined the PPRC club in August and is already hitting the flightline.



“Austin giving Jackson some last minute pointers before his first flight”

Here is a short bio on our youngest club member:

Jackson is going into the 4th grade at Rockrimmon Elementary. We have lived in Colorado Springs for 2 years, compliments of the Air Force and have no plans of leaving.

Jackson loves to see how things work and is anxious to learn how to fly RC planes. His grandpa gave him 2 planes that would be good for learning to fly, a buddy cord and toolbox to get him started.

Gus and Austin have been great to teach him to fly and he is enjoying his time.

So the next time that you see Jackson out at the flying field, give him a special welcome to the club and then let him get to flying!

Jackson, we hope that you and your family have many years of fun flying and great experiences with PPRCC! We are happy to have you join us!



“Jackson at the controls, with Gus backing him up on the buddy box and Austin observing like a proud instructor”



“Jackson taxiing back in after having a good flight, looks like he may be giving Gus a pointer or two!”

All About Warbirds

By Keith Davis



Don't Anger the Yeager!

I have been to dozens of full-scale airshows in my time, both as a spectator and as a participant flying U.S. Army helicopters. Of course they are great events to experience but unfortunately they also have their mishaps.



"Chuck Yeager speaking at the 2007 Oshkosh airshow. And I did get to meet him."

During the 2007 Oshkosh airshow, two P-51 Mustangs collided while trying to land at the same time, killing one of the pilots. My wife and I were at the end of the runway and we witnessed the crash first hand. Chuck Yeager happened to be at the same airshow and he also saw the crash, which angered him enough to write an article about the recent increase in warbird crashes.

Below is an excerpt from Mr. Yeager's article "Stop Wasting Warbirds" that he wrote for Flight Journal magazine (February 2009):

"Unfortunately, many of them (warbirds) are being destroyed today mostly by spoiled, rich pilots at the Reno Air races. We also lost a few at Oshkosh, led by ex-airline pilots who have no idea what is going on behind them in formation."

Here is a partial list of WWII warbirds that pilots are flying today. The first number is the approximate number of planes built. The second number is the amount of planes still considered airworthy today:

Lockheed P-38 Lightning: 10,037 / 7

Republic P-47 Thunderbolt: 15,677 / 9

North American P-51 Mustang: 15,018 / 150

Chance Vought F4U Corsair: 12,571 / 28

Grumman F6F Hellcat: 12,275 / 7

Grumman F7F Tigercat: 364 / 6

Grumman F8F Bearcat: 1,266 / 10

Supermarine Spitfire: 2,556 / 50

Hawker Hurricane: 14,231 / 6

Hawker Sea Fury: 860 / 15

Focke Wulf Fw-190: 20,051 / 1

Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress: 12,800 / 13

Consolidated B-24 Liberator: 18,000 / 3

North American B-25 Mitchell: 9,889 / 34

Boeing B-29 Superfortress: 3,937 / 1

North American AT-6 Texan: 17,000 / 350

Mitsubishi Zero: 10,500 / 2

Douglas A-1 Skyraider: 3180 / 19

To see the complete list of airworthy vintage airplanes and jets, visit: www.warbirdalley.com



"Standing next to my favorite fighter"

I must admit if I had the money, I would be one of those spoiled, rich pilots too, flying a F7F Tigercat!

Curb your Enthusiasm

By Larry K. Laughlin



I trust most everyone appreciates how beautiful our flying site is today. The recent runway repairs and overlay work exceeded our expectations. George Cold, along with his big John Deere Loader, performed skillful edge-lifting and better contouring of our grounds too. Best of all, we've been able to work together with several group efforts to put the fine touches to the runways and pit areas. Indeed, it's all looking rather 'premier' today!

Many thanks again to both Duane Zinke and David Storey for donating so much effort, time and money in fixing up our tables and benches. They made repairs as needed, then painted everything beautifully. Very nice finishing touch there guys!

It's terrific that so many PPRC members have 'caught the bug' to leap in and contribute to the massive field face-lift. And why not? We've all got a stake in this facility and we'll all benefit in the long run as we use it every possible day.

Our unbridled enthusiasm can, however, lead to several unintended consequences. We've seen a little of this more recently. With all good intentions, we need to exercise reasonable procedures and use our established protocol in what we're doing. Each and every idea needs to be brought forward before the club's Executive Committee Board (currently eleven members) for approval.

The EC Board needs to be involved so as to evaluate each and every decision, so we all have a say one way or another. The EC board will generally provide a majority approval and a go ahead plan, with everyone fully informed and up to speed. Otherwise, we end up with everyone doing their own thing, going in 20 different directions, quite possibly screwing up another project down the line.

The EC Board manages the club's business, taking into account things like budget restraints and our current master plan for the facility. Running everything by the EC Board is our only 'control' so as to avoid stepping on someone else's toes or goofing up another plan already in the works. Plus, we're better able to reimburse ourselves (expense wise) as needed if it's all been 'pre-approved' by the EC Board. Best of all, nobody can criticize another when the EC Board is allowed to fully discuss and

vet each proposal to make improvements. It's only fair and reasonable to utilize our established system since every decision affects us all. Yes, it does require a little more planning and patience, but so what?

It may seem that the EC Board's decision making process is too slow and cumbersome, but it's really not. The EC Board can and does move pretty quickly most of the time, but there is a process and without question, it's best to allow that process to take place.

Lots of unnecessary frustration and errors in judgment will be kept to a minimum by merely allowing the EC Board to work with each and every proposal to improve our facility. The EC Board's feedback will likely result in constructive changes with a more sound approach.

Please, allow this process to work by allowing the EC Board to be involved with every idea. It makes for a much smoother running club, I promise.

So, What is This Airplane?

By Keith Davis



Clue: Only one is currently in service and designed to be highly maneuverable at slow airspeeds. However, it tends to stall easily and gets into nearly uncontrollable spins.

Last month's picture was a Nakajima Ki-115 Tsurugi.

Do you have a picture, a story or an article that you would like to share with the club? Send it to me at:

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Keith Davis – PPRCC Newsletter Editor

Family Day and Swap Meet

by Keith Davis



On Saturday, August 15th, the club held it's first ever Family Day / Swap meet and it had quite a turn-out. The weather was good, the sales were good and the food was good too!



Mike Evans and Deanna Brunson (Dan's wife) were the two key players that organized the event and got the ball rolling. Pat Tuxworth (Frank's wife) also was a big help in setting up the lunch. Great job!



Around 1100 a.m. lunch was served and there was plenty of food for everyone. With all of the home cooked and store bought items to choose from, It was nearly impossible not to find some type of food that you would enjoy.

I think about 75 buyers and sellers turned up, and that's not including the spectators. And I am not sure

how the sales went, but I did see plenty of people walking to their vehicles with items in their hands and smiles on their faces. They must have just left Jim Terry's \$1 to \$5 table!

Sellers had things such full airplane kits to props and servos up for sale. If it was RC related, then it was probably out there.



If people were not buying, selling or eating, then they were flying. The winds were light and once again, both of our newly paved runways were put to full use. We had airplanes, jets and even a helicopter or two, enjoying the clear skies.



To Mike, Deanna and everyone else that helped in setting up the event, the club thanks you for all of the hard work. Maybe this can become an annual activity for the club and its family members.

Show & Tell

By Keith Davis



Duane Zinke brought in his colorful "Hot Stick" or as he calls it, "The Cataract Special".

Ben Woofter had his newly finished "CMP P-47 Thunderbolt". It's cammo green and looks mean!

Jim Terry brought in his very nice looking, one of a kind "Aichi Val dive bomber".

Larry Laughlin discussed how his "Long Easy" flies and compared it to the real one that he used to own.

Dan Brunson did a demonstration flight with his "Mini CX helicopter". They just keep getting smaller!

Upcoming Events:

- Aug 28th, 29th, 30th 2009 – “Warbirds over the Rockies”. See their website for details: www.warbirdsovertherockies.com
- Sep 1st 2009 (Tuesday) - PPRCC meeting
- Sep 4th, 5th, 6th 2009 - Sky Corral's “Warbirds Over Pueblo”
- Oct 5th 2009 (Monday) - PPRCC meeting
- Nov 4th 2009 (Wednesday) - PPRCC meeting
- Dec 2nd 2009 (Wednesday) - PPRCC meeting
- Jan 1st 2010 (Friday) - PPRCC's Frozen Needle Valve Fly-In

