

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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Club President – Eric Sauley / Club Vice President – James Murphy
Club Safety Officer – Ben Woofter / Club Treasurer – Adam Heffington
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Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / February 3rd (Tue) 2015 @ Antelope Ridge Community Center	Local RC events happening this month: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Jefco Auction• 11th Annual Aeromodeling Expo
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (January meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Members Attended: 25
New Members: Hector Real. Welcome!
Visitors: 0

New Business:

1) Club President Eric Sauley, introduced himself as the 2015 PPRCC president and James Murphy as the 2015 PPRCC vice president. Eric then proceeded to talk about plans for the club in 2015. Some of the topics are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, reviewed the club's 2014 budget and then did a breakdown of the club's 2015 proposed budget. The 2015 budget was discussed, voted on and passed for 2015. You can contact Adam for all the budget details.

3) There is a new airfield gate lock and combination. When you pick up your 2015 club badge, the gate combination is on the back. On the new lock, dial in the combination in the top row of numbers on the lock to open the lock. See page 8 for all the details!

4) Club member Ben Woofter, has volunteered to become the club's safety officer. Thanks Ben!

Old Business:

1) All event coordinator (EC) positions to run this year's club events are now taken. Thanks to all the volunteers out there!

Airplane Anomalies . . .



"There may be times when you wish that you had 150% power for take-off!"

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2015 PPRCC Frozen Needle-Valve



Yes, it was a mere 13 degrees on January 1st, the day of our Frozen Needle-Valve event. But that didn't deter more than 30 flyers to come out and get their first flight of the year.



"Some of the 2015 PPRCC flyers that came out to start the new year."

The event kicked off around 9:00 but there were already several eager beavers out there, already set up and got a few flights in. In the meantime, club members Dan and Kevin, had the grill fired up (inside the connex of course!), handing out Egg & English muffin sandwiches to the cold and hungry flyers.



"I had to interrupt Dan & Kevin from the warm grill to get a shot of them!"

After the group photo was taken around 10 am, surprisingly many people stuck round to almost noontime to continue flying or just to socialize. But by noontime, we could see a huge snow storm approaching from the south, heading our way. So that was the deciding factor for the remaining pilots to pack up their stuff and head for home!



"A good shot of the approaching snow storm, just a mile or two away and approaching fast!"



"The electric planes were quick and easy to set up, get a flight or two in, then throw back into the warm car!"



"And some people just came out for the food! Check out the club website for plenty more COOL pictures!"

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PPRCC Plans for 2015



At the January club meeting, club president Eric Sauley, laid out some future ideas for the club. One of the biggest projects for 2015 is to scrape and clear about 5 feet on each side of both runways, then lay crushed gravel or asphalt and make it level with the runways.



"By clearing and laying down crushed gravel or asphalt along the sides of the runways, the intent is widen the runways and keep the tall grass and weeds down."

The second part of the runway maintenance is to seal coat the east runway. A contractor did visit the field site late last year and determined that the west runway still has plenty of oil in the asphalt and no coating is required. However the east runway asphalt is beginning to dry out and desperately needs seal coating.

The field maintenance team (Dan, Kevin & Chuck) will continue to fill runway cracks when time and weather permits. The club hopes to have this all completed before the 2015 Warbirds over Pikes Peak event in June. So that's the runway plan!

Another plan for this year; PPRCC has a tentative date to hold its first annual jet rally in October. All types of jets are welcome, turbine, ducted fan, military, civilian, scale and non-scale. More details needs to be worked out as October gets closer. Kevin Kinzel will be the event coordinator (EC) if you have any questions.

Show & Tell Item - I



Keith Davis' Texas RC Planes O-1 Bird Dog



"This is Keith's second O-1 Bird Dog. Last year the first Bird Dog had a catastrophic tail separation and crashed. This Bird Dog now has a re-enforced tail section and landing gear. The plane has a 98" ws and powered by an O.S. BGX 1-3500 engine with a smoke system. So far the plane has survived 4 flights!"

Can You Name that Plane?



Clue #1: Despite its short military career during the 1930's, this was one of Britain's front-line bombers and Britain's last Bi-plane bomber to enter military service.

Clue #2: During WWII, the plane's role was reduced to transport and testing airborne equipment duties.



Clue #3: This plane had many unique features to include the top wing connected to the fuselage while the bottom wing was connected by wing struts, the ventral open turret was retractable and the bombs were mounted in the recessed bomb bay in the bottom wing.

Last Month's Airplane: The Douglas A2D Skyshark. Good job Greg Moore!

Show & Tell Item - II



Tom McCallum's World Models PC-6 Porter



"Tom displayed his brand new PC-6 Porter from World Models. It has a 56" ws, weighs about 9 pounds and powered by a Satio .56 four stroke engine. Tom is waiting for warmer weather to give the plane its first flight. Nice looking plane Tom!"

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Giant RC's from Around the World



"H8K Emily"
Country - Japan



"Yak-54"
Country - Germany



"B-25 Mitchell"
Country - England

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Show & Tell Item - III



Ben Woofter's Mystery Plane



"Ben was given this 80" ws, pre-owned, unknown name plane just a few weeks ago. Ben installed a new windscreen, cleaned up the Italian Super Tigre .61 engine, then cleaned up the plane and flew it a few times. At the meeting, Ben gave the plane to a young club member. Ben, very nice gesture!"

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Club Meetings & Mini Swap Meets



If you are not planning to attend the Jefco auction this year for whatever reason, fear not, PPRCC has a plan for you!

PPRCC will have a mini club swap meet during the **March 3rd**, **June 2nd** and the **November 3rd** club meetings. The Family Day & Swap meet is scheduled on **August 15th**, so there will not be a mini swap meet during the August meeting.

What are the rules? Just bring your RC stuff to the scheduled meetings stated above and what money you make, you keep.

This is the first year that the club is trying this, so depending how it goes, it may or may not happen again next year. So dig out your old RC stuff or dust off that new RC stuff and bring it to one of the scheduled club meeting mini swap meets!

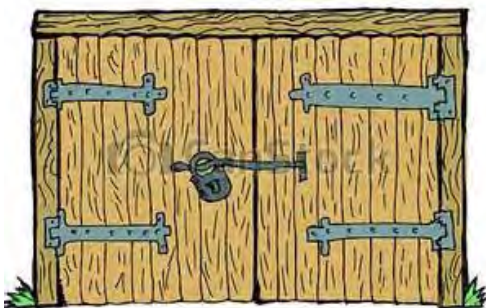
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Do You have a story, article or a photo that you would like to share with the club? Get it to me at:

Lkdavis03@hotmail.com

Keith Davis - PPRCC Newsletter Editor

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Friendly reminder - Last one out, lock the gate!

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Show & Tell Item - IV



Brian Woolliams' scratch built Saab Draken



"Brian described his scratch-built Saab Draken as a slug on take-offs but nice to fly once it gets going. The Draken is powered by a 70mm ducted fan, has electric Eflite retracts and painted with latex house paint. Brian has flown it several times."

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Winter is Here, Now What?



Now that winter is here and your RC flying is down to a minimum, what do you do to continue to satisfy that RC bug? Well for those hard-core flyers, they can still head out to the airfield and enjoy the crisp air as their fingers freeze to the radio!

But for those who still enjoy their fingers and toes, here are a few indoor winter suggestions:

1. Flying RC flight simulators during those cold days is one way to maintain your flight proficiency and practice those tough maneuvers.
2. Purchase a new plane and work on those building techniques or try new ones.
3. Upgrade your old plane(s) with all the projects you thought about during the summer. (New servos, recovering, installing a bigger engine, etc).
4. Perhaps do some winter cleaning and decide which airplanes and equipment that you really want and don't want. The club plans on having four swap meets this year!
5. Research other flying clubs and facilities that may support indoor electric flying. The Fremont County RC club near Canyon City at times conducts indoor electric flying events.



"You can always do what club member Chuck Brath did on his Big Stik, he removed the wheels and added skis. Chuck has flown with this landing gear configuration several times now."

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Show & Tell Item - V



Larry Sipes' Zirolu B-25B Project



"Larry has started work on his Zirolu B-25B model project. He brought in a partially completed wing to talk about. It is planned to have a 120" ws, powered by two 60cc size gas engines and weigh nearly 40 pounds. The color scheme will be like one of the B-25 Doolittle raiders. Larry has not guessed on a completion date yet."

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2015 Jefco Auction



JEFCO AEROMOD'LERS RC CLUB PRESENTS

RC AUCTION
DENVER, COLORADO

Saturday, Feb 7, 2015

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 15200 W. 6th Avenue—Golden
(6th Avenue/Indiana Street)

<p>BACK THIS YEAR! BUYERS & SELLERS PRE-REGISTER ONLINE!</p> <p>No Admission Fee to View Merchandise. \$10 Registration Fee to Sell or Bid VISA, MC & Discover Accepted</p>	<p>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS <i>NEW! ONE DAY AUCTION</i></p> <p>FRIDAY—FEB 6 11am—8pm Merchandise Check In</p> <p>SATURDAY—FEB 7 8am—6pm AUCTION Merchandise Check In—Till Noon</p>
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HUGE SELECTION & VARIETY OF ITEMS UP FOR BID

Airplanes ♦ Jets ♦ Cars ♦ Helicopters ♦ Gliders

Radios ♦ Engines ♦ Tools ♦ MORE!



QUESTIONS?
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BUYERS & SELLERS CAN PRE-REGISTER
ONLINE AT WWW.JEFCOAEROMODLERS.ORG

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New Gate Lock Procedures



In recent weeks, I have received numerous emails about the new gate lock. During the February club meeting, Kevin Kinzel explained the lock procedures but I guess everyone did not get the word.

So I decided to go to the airfield and check things out for myself. This is what I found:

- The gate combination goes in the top row of numbers indicated by the "1's" shown in the picture below.
- The second wheel of numbers at times does not rotate in both directions. You may have to go all the way around again to get to the desired number.
- When locking the gate, the combination must be set in the top row in order to close the lock.
- After locking the gate, be sure to roll the combination out of the top row!



"The combination must be entered in the top row of the lock, indicated by the "1's" and the "RED" markings. The combination must also be entered in the top row in order to close the lock. Once you relock the gate, be sure to scramble the combination out of the top row!"



Always Up to Something

Aeromodeling at the Hangar

Saturday, February 21 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum invites you to join us for a day of aviation, education and fun.

- Radio-Controlled Planes and Helicopters
- Helicopter, Aerobatic and Control Line Demos
- R/C and Hobby Vendors
- Scale Models
- R/C Jet Engine Demonstrations

For more information, visit us at
WingsMuseum.org

Admission:

Museum Members • FREE

Adults 13 – 64 • \$11.00

Seniors (65+), active military and veterans • \$9.00

Children 4 – 12 • \$6.00

Children under 4 admitted free when accompanied by parent.

Food on site
Details are subject to change.



**WINGS
OVER THE
ROCKIES**
AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Historic Lowry Air Force Base Hangar No. 1 near Alameda and Quebec

Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



Upcoming RC Events:

- **Feb 3rd (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting**
- **Feb 6th-7th (Fri-Sat) 2014 - Jefco One-Day Auction
(Fri -Prep & Drop-Off / Sat Auction)**
- **Feb 21st (Sat) 2015 - Denver's 11th Annual Aeromodeling Expo**
- **Mar 3rd (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting & Mini Swap Meet**
- **Apr 7th (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting**

