



# Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter

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<p><b>Next PPRCC Meeting:</b> 7:00pm / July 7th (Tue) 2015 @ Antelope Ridge Community Center</p>	<p><b>Local RC events happening this month:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPRCC Electric Fly-In</li> <li>• Crosswinds Warbirds (25-26 Jul)</li> </ul>
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## Last Month's Minutes . . . (June meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Members Attended: 39  
New Members: 2 – Bob Gottschalk and Pete Peterson. Welcome!  
Visitors: 0

### New Business:

1) Club Vice President James Murphy has assumed the club president position now that former club president Eric Sauley has moved to Arizona because of job requirements.

2) Club members Romi Lucas and Tom McCallum are the two vice president nominees for the VP position for 2015. Club members will vote for their favorite candidate during the July club meeting.

3) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's May finances. Much of the May expenditures included the west runway repairs and replacing the plastic safety fences with steel safety fences.

### Old Business:

1) The west runway repairs are nearly 100% complete but will not affect any future flying or events. Plans to seal the east runway is still in the works but is currently delayed because of all the recent heavy rains. The asphalt company is behind schedule with other jobs ahead of our runway.

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## Airplane Anomalies . . .



"Sometimes it's good to take a break and think about the sacrifices that were made for this great country."

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## Meadow Lake Airport Open House



Back on June 12<sup>th</sup>, Meadow Lake Airport held an open house event, consisting of full scale civilian and military aircraft. PPRCC was invited to set up a RC airplane display, so we did.

Club members Rod Hart, Greg Moore and Keith Davis attended the event, bringing along a few of their aircraft. Oh, I almost forgot, Larry Laughlin was there too, but he brought his full scale Rutan Cozy EZ airplane!



**“There were an assortment of airplane types; Biplanes, hi-wings, low wings and even a few mid-wings.”**

It was a one-day event and the weather was good, no rain! The PRCC guys were set up indoors, allowing the public to get a first-hand look at the planes and asking questions about the hobby. Rod brought a large scale Yak-55 and a F6F Hellcat, Greg brought his F-15 Eagle and Keith brought his Hanger 9 Twin Otter.

In the meantime, Larry was outside, doing some full-scale flying in his Cozy EZ. He did several demonstration flights, both as a single plane and some formation flying with other Long EZ’s. When he was done with that, he conducted several fun flights with spectators.

Around noontime, Greg was allowed to set up his F-15 Eagle outside and run it up for a turbine demonstration. The exhibition gathered quite a crowd as Greg fired up his jet and taxied it around. Of course the big question was; how much does that cost?



**“All eyes were on Greg as he went through his run-up procedures then taxied for the crowd.”**



**“In the meantime, Larry was above completing several 150mph+ low passes. I think he flew all day!”**

While many of the airplane displays were outside, Rod had set up a flight simulator inside and that attracted lots of kids as well as adults. After trying their hand on the simulator, many people commented that it looks a lot easier than it really is! Hopefully a few of them will now come out to the airfield on Sunday and try the real thing.

The airport has not decided yet if this will be soon become a once-a-year event or once every other year event. But whatever they decide, the PPRCC guys had a great time, on the ground and in the air!

Rod Hart was the person who set up PPRCC to participate with Meadow Lake Airport, Thanks Rod!

You can view more pictures of the event on the club website.

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**Show & Tell**  
**Item - I**



Duane Zinke's Big Bird T-Clips



“Duane impressed the club members with another one of his quick build airplane projects. This one is called the “Big Bird”. Built out of foamboard, it has a 62” ws and powered by O.S. 46AX engine. Duane has already flown the plane a few times.”

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**Giant RC's from**  
**Around the World**



“Bristol Bulldog”  
Country - Ireland



“Cauldron Racer”  
Country - England



“British Airways SST”  
Country - England

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## 2015 Warbirds Over Denver

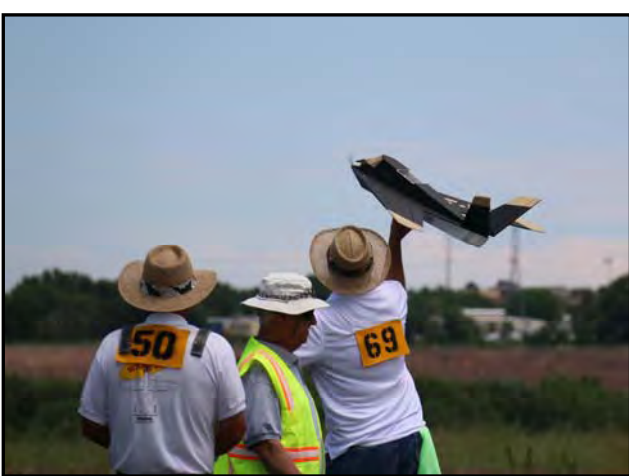


This past June, the Denver Aeromodeler's held their annual warbird event at the Chatfield State park. PPRCC members Dan Brunson, Ben Woofter, Kevin Kinzel and James Murphy went on Saturday. PPRCC members Keith Davis, Romi Lucas and James Murphy attended on Sunday.

Both days were full of fun, food and flying with assorted airplanes from different eras of aviation history.



**"This was just part of the squadron of planes that the Pueblo club brought up."**



**"Murphy (#50) and Romi (#69) stayed busy all day Sunday flying their electric warbirds."**

About 70 pilots signed up for the event and they each received a pilot's packet, a polo shirt and a lunch ticket for the day. However, I did notice the pilot's registration fee went from \$25.00 last year to \$30.00 this year.

Another noticeable observation was that there were many more electric warbirds this year than in previous years. The quality and the details of electric aircraft has come a long way.



**"This electric-powered F-16 even had after burner lights."**

I didn't get a chance to see Dan or Kevin fly their F-15 Eagles on Saturday, but I was told it was a crowd pleaser. Dan and Kevin usually fly as a pair, so it must have been impressive. Ben Woofter brought his Piper Cub (Medical), so I'm sure he received nice comments too.

The event ended on Sunday afternoon with many awards given out. A few of the Pueblo club members received nice awards but none of the PPRCC guys took home an award. However, Murphy did have the winning ticket and won the grand prize raffle for the giant scale, Hanger Nine F4U Corsair (ARF). He didn't tell me how many tickets he bought, but it was still well worth it!

The Denver club did a fine job once again in hosting its annual warbird event. Hopefully next year I will be able to attend both days.

Check out the PPRCC website to view plenty more warbird photos!

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## Can You Name That Plane?



**Clue #1:** This plane first flew in 1932 and was nicknamed the "Flying Barrel" for obvious reasons.



**Clue #2:** The plane completed several test flights and had a top speed of 81mph, carrying two people. However, one test pilot claimed that the plane was so stable in flight, it was difficult to make course changes.

**Clue #3:** This plane was considered one of the quietest planes during its time. Probably because the engine was mounted inside the body and muffled much of the engine noise.

**Last month's airplane:** The British built Libellula M.35F / M.39B. Greg Moore had the correct answer of the double-duty airplane.

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## CNN's Boeing B777 Report



This photo was sent to me from several of our club members. This was an actual CNN news report. CNN may soon find many more airplanes with the same problem!



"The caption reads: Boeing 777 will struggle to maintain altitude once the fuel tanks are empty."

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## AMA Membership Dues Increase for 2016



If you haven't received the latest AMA email yet, it looks like the AMA membership dues will increase to \$75 a year as of 15 September 2015.

They are currently offering members an early renewal for 2016 at the old membership rates. Here is part of the email. May be worth the early renewal:

**We have a special membership offer if you renew now. You may have heard the Open membership dues will increase to \$75 on September 15.**

**Our special membership offer allows you to lock-in at your current dues rate of \$58 by renewing now or before September 14. And you have a choice to lock-in your dues for two years at \$113 and save an additional \$3.00.**

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## 2015 Warbirds Over Pikes Peak



PPRCC once again has completed an exciting warbird weekend event. We had about 30 registered pilots, many of the pilots were from neighboring clubs. But it was still about an average turnout compared to recent years.

Saturday started out as a very windy day but lucky for us, the winds were always blowing down one of the two runways, so it didn't stop many of the pilots from flying.



**"Pilots began setting up early Saturday morning to get a good spot on the ramp areas."**

Sunday was with less wind, but a whole lot hotter! And you could notice the difference in many of the pilot's flying, there was no wind to slow them down on landings!



**"Club member wives Cindy Zinke and Kim Romi volunteered to run the grill both days, that was a lot of hard work and the club appreciates and thanks them for the hard work!"**

There were a wide variety of airplanes and jets flying both days. Many of them were electric-powered too, just like the Warbirds over Denver event. But the Pueblo club stuck to their guns and flew their large-size, gas-powered warbirds with pride.



**"This large-scale P-40 Warhawk belongs to one of the Desert Corral club (Pueblo) flyers."**

Awards were given out on Sunday afternoon and many pilots went home with a trophy in hand:

PPRCC Pilot's Appreciation Award – Rich from Denver, CO

Pilot's Choice: Tom McCallum

Large Scale – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ben Woofler  
Large Scale – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ron Stark

Small Scale – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rick Paquin  
Small Scale – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Frank from Aurora, CO

Electric – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brian Wooliams  
Electric – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jose Cruz

Jet – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Larry Laughlin  
Jet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dan Brunson

A big thanks goes out to the field maintenance team (Dan Brunson, Kevin Kinzel and Chuck Brath) and everyone else that helped in prepping the field, days before the event. They did an outstanding job!

Be sure to visit the club website for photos of the warbird event and a short video by Brian Wooliams.

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## Wings of Freedom Tour



*The Wings of Freedom Tour*

B-17 FLYING FORTRESS

B-24 LIBERATOR

EXPERIENCE WWII FLYING FORTRESS STORY  
TOURS - FLIGHT

*Scan the code*

These are the most famous WWII bomber and fighter aircraft are visiting your community as part of the Wings of Freedom Tour. Tour the beautifully restored aircraft and even TAKE TO THE SKIES YOURSELF in an ultimate flight experience aboard the bombers - or - get some "stick time" in the world's only full Dual Control P-51C Mustang. 30-minute bomber flights are \$450 per person. P-51 flight training is \$2200 for a half hour and \$3700 for full hour. The Collins Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The majority of your flight is a tax-deductible donation.

**COLORADO SPRINGS**  
City of Colorado Springs Municipal Airport  
at Colorado Jet Center

July 8 - 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
July 9 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
July 10 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tour - Explore - Fly  
*The Ultimate Living History Experience*  
Walk-through tours: \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger.

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The flyer is difficult to read, but this is what it says:

The Wings of Freedom tour will be at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport Jet Center:

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
July 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
July 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

You can have a walk-through tour through the B-17 Flying Fortress or the B-24 Liberator. \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 12 years and under.

You can have a 30 minute bomber flight for \$450 per person.

You can choose to fly in a P-51C Mustang (two-seater). A 30 minute Mustang flight will cost \$2200 and a one hour flight will cost \$3700.

For more information call:

Collins Foundation @ 1-800-568-8924 or website:

**www.cfdn.org**

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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](mailto:Lkdavis03@hotmail.com)

Keith Davis – PPRCC Newsletter Editor

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## Airfield Reminders . . .



Everyone already knows about all the flying rules that we need to follow while at the airfield. But now that the flying season is in full swing, here are a few non-flying rules that we still need to follow:

- Lock the gate when you are the last one to leave.
- The dumpster is for RC related trash only. Do not use the dumpster for personal trash.
- Pets are allowed at the airfield. But please clean up after them and don't let them roam around to interfere with other flyers.
- Properly dispose of unwanted batteries. Do not throw them in the dumpster or leave them in the airfield shed.

I know, more rules to follow but it's for your safety!

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## **Pikes Peak RC Hobbies**



### **Upcoming RC Events:**

- **July 7th (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting**
- **July 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2015 - PPRCC Electric Fly-In**
- **August 4th (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting**
- **August 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2015 - PPRCC Family Day & Swap Meet**
- **August 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2015 - National AMA Day**
- **August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat & Sun) 2015 - Pueblo's "Big Birds" Fun Fly**

A large, colorful graphic of fireworks exploding in shades of red, white, and blue, centered on the page.

**Happy 4th of July!**