

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter

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Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / November 3rd (Tue) 2015 @ Antelope Ridge Community Center	Local RC events happening this month: • •
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (September meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Members Attended: 21
New Members: 0
Visitors: 0

New Business:

- 1) Club President Jim Murphy, informed everyone during the November club meeting, nominees will be accepted for the position of 2016 club vice president. All members that attend the December club meeting, will vote for the 2016 club vice president.
- 2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's September finances. Club expenses were up in September due to the east runway sealing operation. You can speak to Adam directly if you would like to know the exact cost of sealing the east runway.
- 3) The club may try having a Fun-Fly event next year. The event will consist of several flying games and open to everyone. The idea is still in the planning phase and your input is welcome!

Old Business:

- 1) Club President James Murphy, commented how well the sealing operation went on the east runway. The club may decide to do the west runway in 2016.
- 2) The airfield gate has been left opened several times in the past several weeks. It is the last person leaving the airfield, responsibility to lock the gate.

Airplane Anomalies . . .



"Sitting in the front row of a RC show can be very exciting."

FAA / DOT And Drones



It was announced in October, that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) will meet in November and try to come up with a solution on how to manage drones and First Person View (FPV) aircraft. They hope to come up with a decision by November 20th.

The meeting is because of an increase, up to 100 reports a month of drone/FPV incidents. The other concern is that with the upcoming holiday season approaching, sales are expecting to reach 700,000 sales of drones and FPV's. The FAA and DOT are concerned that many of these devices will be going into the hands of untrained flyers.

Despite the increase in drone and FPV incidents, there has not been any accidents involving commercial or private aircraft vs FPV's. However, there has been a few reports of FPV's crashing at large sports gatherings. There were no injuries and the operator(s) of the aircraft could not be located.

The two departments will establish a 25-30 member task force, to include RC flying hobbyist, to recommend which drone and FPV types should be required for registration and which drone and FPV types should be exempt. The size, weight and range of the FPV's are the primary deciding factors.

The FAA has recently signed an agreement with CACI International, Inc., an information technology company in Arlington, VA to test technology that could locate the FPV operator's location of small drones that are illegally operating near airports. The equipment would be able to track the radio signal used to operate the FPV within a 5 mile radius and pinpoint the operator's exact location.



Show & Tell Item - I



Duane Zinke's Value Hobbies Aviator 60



"Duane recently purchased the Aviator 60 ARF at a garage sale. It was still new in the box and Duane wasted no time in building it. The plane has a 70" ws, powered by an O.S. 61 two-stroke engine and weighs about 6 pounds. Duane hopes to get it up in the air real soon."

PPRCC's 1st Annual Jet Rally



In October, the club held its 1st Annual Jet Rally, run by Event Coordinator (EC) Kevin Kinzel. About 10-12 pilots signed up, all PPRCC members. The weather was also ideal for flying, not too hot, not too windy and a nice, clear sky.



“Club member Rob, brought about 5-6 electric jets, all very nice.”

There was several turbine-powered jets and dozens of ducted-fan jets of assorted types and sizes. But whatever was flying, they were nice to view. This was also the first event that several PPRCC members participated in, wanting to try out their very first ducted-fan jets.



“Club member Rob, flew most of his jets, including this ducted-fan F-16 with simulated after-burner.”

Flying went on throughout the morning, with both runways staying busy and no major incidents. And of course plenty of spectators came out to see the collection of jets.

Around noontime, EC Kevin Kinzel made the decision to call the event to an end and the two awards were given out. Jose Cuz won an award for Best Ducted Fan Jet and Greg Moore won an award for Best Turbine Jet. Congratulations to the both of them.

At the conclusion of the event Kevin and Dan fired up the grills and cooked up hamburgers for the crowd. That was a great way to close out the Jet Rally, everyone was hungry!



“The lines grew fast as the word got out, food is ready!”

Overall it was a good event for being the first Jet Rally and Kevin hopes to try it again next year, so get those jets ready. Great job Kevin!



“Award winners Jose (Left Photo) Best Ducted Fan Jet and Greg Moore (Right Photo) Best Turbine Jet.”

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Can You Name that Plane?



Clue #1: In 1945, this plane was first designed to perform duties as a spotter and reconnaissance airplane. But after WWII, its mission was changed to Air-Sea Rescue duties.



Clue #2: This plane was capable of land and sea take-offs and landings, catapult launching and JATO assist take-offs. The plane also had an arrestor hook for carrier landings.

Clue #3: The plane never reached active service. By 1948, the helicopter was becoming the primary aircraft for Air-Sea Rescue duties, and after three years of test flights, the project was cancelled.

Last month's airplane: The Fairchild XC-120 Packplane. There were no correct responses for that plane.

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Winter Preparation



It's hard to believe the summer is over and winter is just around the corner. But we should still have several nice and cool flying days before the cold really sets in.

However, don't get caught unprepared while at the airfield. Remember to keep a jacket and a pair of gloves in your vehicle. The weather may seem nice at home but as everyone knows, when you get to the airfield, things may change.

Be sure to carry a towel or paper towels. If you get fuel on your hands during the cooler temperatures, the fuel will cause your hands to become colder faster than normal.



“Snow on Pikes Peak and it is only October!”

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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:

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Keith Davis – PPRCC Newsletter Editor

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



"T-34 Mentor"
Country - England



"PT-17 Kadet"
Country - England



"Piper Cub"
Country - England

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**Show & Tell
Item - II**



James Murphy's P-47 Reno Racer



"Murphy decided to have his Top Flite P-47 Thunderbolt recovered into a Reno Racer color scheme (Courtesy of Romi Lucas). The plane is powered by a DA 50cc gas engine and Murphy has flown it several times now. It looks very nice up in the air!"

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Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



Upcoming RC Events:

- **Nov 3rd (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC meeting and Mini-Swap meet**
- **Dec 1st (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC meeting**
- **January 1st (Fri) 2016 - PPRCC Frozen Needle-Valve Fly-In**
- **Jan 5th (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**

