

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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Next PPRCC Meeting:

7:00pm / October 6th (Tue) 2015
@ Antelope Ridge Community Center

Local RC events happening this month:

- PPRCC Memorial Fly - In
- PPRCC Jet Rally

Last Month's Minutes . . . (September meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Members Attended: 26
New Members: 0
Visitors: 0

New Business:

1) Club President James Murphy, thanked everyone that participated in the August club Family Day & Swap Meet. It was a good turn-out. The club will have its next swap meet during the November club meeting.

2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's August finances. The club's website service has been paid for the next three years.

3) The club is already planning for the 2016 flying season. If you have any event ideas that you would like to see in the club next year, get with Murphy, Romi or Keith.

Old Business:

1) 72 mhz radio users are still required to place their AMA card(s) in the frequency box and carry the appropriate channel pin when using their radio. This requirement is not necessary for 2.4 ghz radio users.

2) Quadcopters, drones and First Person View (FPV) aircraft are welcome at the PPRCC airfield. However, they must follow FAA, AMA and club rules.

Airplane Anomalies . . .



"It was a nice dead-stick landing until a few 4x4's drove through the area."

AMA Enrollment Changes



As of September 15th 2015, AMA has increased their annual "General" enrollment fee from \$58 a year to \$75 a year.

In addition, AMA used to allow enrollment during any time during the year, but the membership period did not start until the first of each year, basically from January to December.

AMA has now changed that. It now allows enrollment during any time during the year and the month that you enroll, will be the month that your membership (or renewal) begins.

This new procedure has now made it a challenge for AMA clubs to accurately track active club members. Everyone used to become a new or renewed AMA member at the beginning of the year, now they can do this at any time.

Therefore, PPRCC will be enforcing the club rule of having your club badge on your person somewhere, while flying at the airfield. This is to ensure all flyers are current club members unless they are quests, visitors or non-club member flyers participating in a club flying event.



"New signs will be posted at the airfield, stating club badges are required for flying."

Each year, Dan Brunson has been making club badges for all enrolled PPRCC members, and every year he throws out many of them because individuals fail to pick up his/her badge. Everyone gets a badge, so there is no excuse not to have one!

Show & Tell Item - I



Ben Woofter's Brian Taylor Corsair Update



"Ben gave the group an update on his F4U Corsair project. Majority of the sanding is now complete, the manual sliding canopy is installed and the EME 55 gas engine with electric start, is now installed. Ben will definitely have it flying in a few more months."

Warbirds over Pueblo!



Back in September, the Sky Corral club out of Pueblo, held its 15th annual Warbirds over Pueblo event. And of course several of the PPRCC members wanted to join in on the fun.

About 30 pilots signed up for the event and everyone was ready to fly, but the weather on Saturday was not at its best. It was very windy and overcast, causing a dark sky and grounding a lot of flyers.



“PPRCC members from left to right: Ron Stark, Keith Davis, Ben Woofter, Joe Gilbert, James Murphy and Hank Curtis. Dan Brunson and Kevin Kinzel arrived on Sunday.”

However as the day went on, the weather improved and the planes were flying. Murphy bought 3-4 planes and he flew them all. The rest of us brought 1-2 planes and that kept us busy enough.



“Some of the PPRCC Air Force.”

Day two, Sunday was a much better flying day. The skies were much clearer, the winds had died down but the heat was on. There were also less pilots but more flying because of the favorable weather.

Dan and Kevin also arrived with their sleek F-15 Eagles and the pilots and spectators enjoyed seeing them fly.



“Kevin (blue shirt) and Dan (red shirt), preparing their Eagles for the first flight of the day.”



“Once again, Joe Gilbert displayed his nicely done Top Flite F4U Corsair. It flew perfectly on its maiden flight.”

The plane of choice this year must have been the F4U Corsair. There were several Corsairs at the event, various models and sizes, but they all looked good.

The Warbirds of Pueblo concluded around 12:00 noon with closing remarks and awards given out. Dan Brunson and Kevin Kinzel both won awards for their F-15 Eagles. Good job guys! And thank-you Duane and Larry of Pueblo, for putting on another great event.

You can view the club website for more Pueblo warbird photos.

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



**"Bell AH-1 Cobra"
Country - England**



**"Bell AH-1 Cobra"
Country - USA**



**"Bell UH-1 Iroquois"
Country - USA**

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**Show & Tell
Item - II**



Keith Davis' Seagull Models Lysander



"Keith brought in his second-to-be gas powered airplane, the Westland Lysander. He hasn't started working on it yet, but it will have a DLE -61cc gas engine to fly the 118" ws plane. Keith hopes to have it up and flying for next year's warbird events."

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Warbirds over The Rockies



For the first time, myself and fellow club member Duane, decided to visit the Warbirds over the Rockies event at its new location. It's about a ninety minute drive from Colorado Springs, northwest of Denver, but it was worth the trip.

Just over 80 pilots signed up for the 3-day event, including PPRCC members Larry Laughlin, Dan Brunson, Kevin Kinzel and Ron Stark. Larry, Dan and Kevin brought their turbine jets and Ron had his gas powered giant P-47 Thunderbolt.



“Dan brought his F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon, pictured here.”

The weather was perfect all day with clear skies and a breeze blowing right down the runway. And the tarmac was full of planes and jets, lucky for Duane and I, Kevin and Dan gave us their pit crew passes, so we had free access to view all the aircraft up close!



“Duane poses next to a Martin B-26 Marauder. That was one big bomber. The plane flew later on that day and performed a great show.”



“The German planes stayed close to one another, to include a pair of Me-262’s, a pair of Fw-190’s and a very nice looking Do-335.”

While flying continued all day long, there was also plenty of RC vendors to check out and plenty of food stands to choose from. It was a vast improvement when the event was last held at Fort Collins a few years ago.

Around 1:00 pm, all the WWI planes did their 10 minute flight and landed, they were followed by the WWII planes, they flew about 10 minutes and landed, then the bombers took off. And during all the flights, pyrotechnics were exploded, giving a bit of realism during the low level passes.



“That afternoon, Mr. O’Mara flew his P-47 Thunderbolt. Weighing almost 250 pounds, it is one of the largest single engine RC planes flying in the U.S.”

Overall it was a good one-day event for Duane and I. But the event could be expensive, \$50 for pilot’s registration, \$10 per spectator and \$10 for a pit pass. And none of that includes food and drink costs.

Plenty of Warbirds over the Rockies photos can be found on the PPRCC website.

Can You Name that Plane?



Clue #1: Built in 1950, the concept was to operate a cargo plane with detachable cargo pods for quick loading and unloading before the host plane arrived. This concept later became very successful with the Sikorsky CH-54 helicopter.



Clue #2: Despite only one plane being built, it had very successful test results and appeared in many airshows. The plane was later scrapped.



Last month's airplane: The Italian built Caproni Ca-60 Noviplano. There were no correct answers.

East Runway, The deal is sealed!



The Seal Coat Specialties Company finally got caught up on their summer schedule and came out to the PPRCC airfield last month to do some sealing.

The club hired the company to accomplish sealing on the east runway and east pit area. It only took them one day to complete it and it now looks as good as new!



"It took the 3-man crew just one day to complete sealing the east side."



"Once the seal coat had dried, the centerline and "Closed Runway" markings were added, very nice."

The field maintenance crew Dan Brunson, Kevin Kinzel coordinated the project with Seal Coat Specialties and prepped the field prior to the work day.

I would also like to add, the third field maintenance crew member, Chuck Brath, has been mowing the surrounding grass fields throughout the summer, keeping the airfield well groomed,

Thanks for all the "Behind the Scenes" work guys!

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2015 PPRCC Scale Fly-In



Last October, the club completed another fun and exciting scale Fly-In event. Club member Ben Woofler was the Event Coordinator (EC) of the event and about 15 pilots registered to fly.



“It was a clear blue sky for all the flying that took place.”

The event began at 9:00 am and was open to scale and semi-scale military and civilian type aircraft. However out of the 25 planes or so, most of the planes were military. But whatever type plane was flying, they all looked pretty good.



“Randy’s Rearwin Speedster does a very nice scale take-off.”

There were no special rules or competition during the event, just fly when you want, as often as you want or don’t fly at all. No pressure! But the weather was too nice not to fly that day and I believe everyone flew at least once, just to say that they did fly in the event.

Around 1:00 pm, Ben decided to call it a day and the two awards were given out. The best “Civilian Airplane” award went to Randy Oswald with his Rearwin Speedster. The best “Military Airplane” award went to Ben Woofler with his Topflite P-51 Mustang. Congratulations to the both of them!



“Marco’s German Eindecker flew just like the real thing, slow and graceful.”



“The pilot’s stations stayed busy most of the day with even a few spectators getting a close look.”



“Ben’s Mustang completes a low-level pass. Plenty more photos are posted on the club website.”

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Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



Upcoming RC Events:

- October 4th (Sun) 2015 - PPRCC Memorial Fly-In
- **October 6th (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting**
- October 10th (Sun) 2015 - PPRCC Jet Rally
- **November 3rd (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting & Swap Meet**
- **December 1st (Tue) 2015 - PPRCC Meeting**
- **January 1st (Fri) 2016 - PPRCC Frozen Needle-Valve Fly-In**

