



Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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Club Safety Officer – Ben Woofter / Club Treasurer – Adam Heffington
Club Airfield Maintenance Team – Chuck Brath, Dan Brunson, Kevin Kinzel
Club Secretary – Keith Davis / Club Newsletter & Website Manager – Keith Davis

<p>Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / April 5th (Tue) 2016 @ Antelope Ridge Community Center</p>	<p>Local RC events happening this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denver Aerobotics & RC Expo •
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (March meeting)



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

Members Attended: 31
New Members: 1 – Scott Gagnard. Welcome!
Visitors: 0

New Business:

Club VP Rob Latkovich conducted the March meeting in the absence of club president Romi Lucas.

1) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's April finances. Adam also stated that 2016 club membership dues should be paid by now in order to continue airfield privileges.

2) Club Secretary Keith Davis, announced that PPRCC has been awarded a 2015 AMA Certificate of Participation in the AMA National Model Aviation Day that took place last August. RC clubs that continues to participate in AMA sponsored events can work their way up to a "Gold Leader Club" status.

Old Business:

1) Three new proposals were introduced during the February club meeting. Those proposals were then discussed and voted on during the March club meeting. The final outcome of the proposals can be read on page 2.

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Airplane Anomalies . . .



"You should always look both ways before crossing a runway, or a taxiway!"

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March Proposals Results



During the March club meeting, the following proposals were discussed and voted on by the 30 club members that attended the meeting:

20160201 – Proposal #1: PPRCC will have the authority to inspect any RC model and deny any RC flyer, flying privileges that does not have his/her mandatory FAA registration number attached somewhere on their model(s).

This proposal was voted **“NO”** by the majority.

Reasons:

1) The current FAA regulation states that FAA registration is an individual responsibility and RC clubs will not held liable for the individual’s FAA violation.

2) The FAA & AMA are continually negotiating and modifying the current FAA regulations. PPRCC decided to postpone any further actions until the FAA & AMA comes to a solid conclusion.

3) Visiting flyers may not be aware of the PPRCC rule and special considerations would have to be established.

20160202 – Proposal #2: Installing additional shading areas to the East and West pit areas.

This proposal was voted **“NO”** by the majority.

Reasons:

1) Due to unexpected project expenses, total cost figures has not been determined yet to know exactly how much airfield maintenance funds are now available for future airfield maintenance and improvement projects.

2) Club members decided maintaining the runways have priority over additional shading.

3) Club members stated during club events, many participants bring their own shades, (Tents, umbrellas, etc).

20160203 – Proposal #3: Food available during all club meetings and all club flying events.

This proposal was voted **“NO”** by the majority.

Reasons:

1) Purchasing of food would bring additional costs to the club budget.

2) Volunteers would be necessary to support the food requirements; purchasing food and utensils, setting up, cleaning up, storing of excess food, etc.

3) Names would have to be assigned in advance to support club flying events.

Note: The club will continue to provide food service during the Frozen Needle-Valve event, Warbirds over Pikes Peak event and the Family Day & Swap Meet event. Food provided during all other flying events and club meetings are strictly optional.

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



“Don’t Forget, lock the gate!”

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A Lightning Makeover



Club member Rod Hart sent in a few photos of the restoration progress of "White 33", the P-38 Lightning that is located at the WWII Aviation Restoration Facility (Colorado Springs) and currently being restored back to flying condition.



"The P-38 is currently in the repainting phase and is expected to fly this year."



"The plan is to restore the P-38 back to its original WWII color scheme, shark mouth and all."



"The P-38 cockpit is also getting a makeover, as close as possible to its original condition."



"All of the panels, inside and out, goes through rigorous procedures and inspections in order to meet FAA requirements."



"White 33 spend it's time in the South Pacific during WWII. This plane was credited with a kill as a result of collision with a Zero fighter."

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Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: Built during the 1930's, this transport plane's fuselage was designed as a wing shape, called a "Lifting Fuselage", in hopes of reducing drag and aid in lift.

Clue #2: Only two were built. During WWII one of these planes were turned over to the RAF. It then went to the Free French Air Force where General Charles De Gaulle used it as his personal airplane as he conducted combat operations in North Africa.



Clue #3: Because of the close proximity of the engines to the cockpit, several pilots complained of lack of forward visibility and engine noise.

Last Month's airplane: It was the Italian made Piaggio P.166. There were no responses on that one.

Show & Tell Item - I



Rod Hart's Top Flite 60 Size F4U Corsair



"Rod stated that he had won this Corsair (ARF) during a raffle back in 2012. He decided to start working on it a few months ago and just completed it. It has a 20cc gas engine, electric retracts, functional flaps and weighs around 10 pounds. Rod has not flown the plane yet. Well done!"

What's in a Name?



For those of us that has lived in the Colorado Springs area for any amount of time and have visited Peterson Air Force Base or have been stationed there, knows that Peterson AFB plays a large part in the Colorado Springs community.

But what's the story behind Peterson AFB, how long has it been here, why is it named Peterson AFB? Well I ran across a short article in the Peterson AFB newspaper, The Space Observer, and it explains it all.



“Peterson AFB namesake, 1st Lt Edward Peterson and his Cocker Spaniel, Honey. Honey often accompanied Lt Peterson during his flights.”

Back in the 1930's before becoming Peterson AFB, it was Colorado Spring's first municipal airport, named Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. Then in 1942, the airport was leased to the Army Air Forces and renamed the Colorado Springs Army Air Base.

Sometime during the 1940's, the name was changed once again to Peterson Army Air Base, in honor of 1st Lt Edward J. Peterson, a WWII Army Air Corps pilot and a Colorado native that was killed in a crash at the base on August 8th 1942.

During WWII, Peterson Army Air Base was used as a B-24 training base and for aerial photo reconnaissance training. When WWII ended, the base was returned to its municipal airport status.

Then in 1951, the airport was reactivated to Peterson Air Force Base to support the relatively new USAF Air Defense Command. Peterson AFB now also maintains the USAF's first Air Force Space Wing.

Peterson AFB also houses one of the eleven active field museums in the USAF, which receives an average of 20,000 visitors a year.

So that's the story of Peterson AFB's name in a nutshell, if you didn't know why it was named Peterson AFB, now you know!

RC Airplane Photos



For the past few years, I have taken dozens of photos of our club member's airplanes and posting them on the club website. However there are times that I cannot get every airplane that flies at the airfield, especially when I am not there or also flying.

If you have a special photo of your jet, airplane or quad (or anything else that flies!) that you would like to see on the club website slideshow, whether in the air or on the ground, just send it to my email and I will get it posted as soon as possible!

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



**"McDonnell Douglas F-101 Voodoo"
Country - USA**



**"Cessna L-4 Grasshopper"
Country - Australia**

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**Show & Tell
Item - II**



Ben Woofter's Fokker D-VIII



"Ben recently acquired a pre-owned Fokker DVII from a fellow club member. He then did some internal re-building and external re-covering and painting. The plane also has a new CRRC 40cc gas engine to fly the 14 pound airplane. With an 80" ws, this plane should look quite nice in the air!"

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Aerobotics & RC Event

Sunday - April 10th 2016



AEROBOTICS

AT THE HANGAR
SUNDAY, APRIL 10
12:00 - 5:00 PM

WATCH THE WORLD OF AEROMODELLING AND ROBOTICS COME TO LIFE BEFORE YOUR EYES!
Explore the inner workings of robots and learn how R/C planes and drones are flown.

- Witness drones take flight inside the hangar
- Learn how to maneuver radio-controlled planes
- Watch helicopter, aerobatic and control line demos
- Observe an R/C jet engine demonstration (weather permitting)
- And more!

TICKET PRICES

Wings MembersFREE
Non-Members:	
Adults (17-64)\$12.50
Seniors (65+)\$9.00
Active Military and Veterans\$9.00
Children (4-16)\$6.00
Children (3 and under)FREE

Purchase your tickets in advance online at WingsMuseum.org to avoid the lines.

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WingsMuseum.org/Aerobotics

WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM
7711 East Academy Boulevard, Denver, CO 80230 | Historic Lowry Air Force Base, Hangar No. 1 | Near Quebec & Alameda

This event is free to all RC clubs that participate in the event. You are allowed to bring 1-2 RC planes and have them on display to the public. Static displays only, no flying of any RC models allowed. If interested, contact Keith Davis or Ben Woofter.

Parker Colorado Swap Meet

Saturday - May 21st 2016



Model Airplane Swap Meet

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016

Parker Fieldhouse
15700 Plaza Drive, Parker CO 80134

Parker Radio Controlled Airplane Swap Meet
BUY-SELL-TRADE
Reserve your space now!

Website: parkerrcswapmeet.com
General Admission: \$5 | Table Rental: \$15 | Wall Table Rental: \$25
Event Sponsored by: Colorado Dawn Patrol RC Club
Contact: Wayne Perry—303-841-2038 | wperry@kellin.net

Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



Upcoming RC Events:

- **April 5th (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**
- April 10th (Sun) 2016 - Denver RC & Robotic Expo
- **May 3rd (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**
- May 21st (Sat) 2016 - Parker Swap Meet
- **June 7th (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**
- June 11th & 12th (Sat & Sun) 2016 - Warbirds over Denver
- June 18th (Sat) 2016 - PPRCC Electric Father's Day Fly-In

