

PIKES PEAK RADIO CONTROL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Club President – Rob Latkovich / Club Vice President –
 Club Safety Officer – Hector Real / Club Treasurer – Adam Heffington
 Club Airfield Maintenance Team – James Murphy, Chuck Brath, Kevin Kinzel
 Club Secretary – Keith Davis / Club Newsletter & Website Manager – Keith Davis

<p>Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / December 6th (Tue) 2016 @ Railroad Station / 555 E Pikes Peak Ave</p>	<p>Local RC events happening this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (November meeting)



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

Members Attended: 28
 New Members: 1 – Don Strode, Welcome!
 Visitors: 0

New Business:

- 1) Club President Rob Latkovich, thanked everyone that attended the November club meeting at its new location. The new club meeting place was arranged by Greg Moore, thanks!
- 2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's October finances. The actual maintenance expenses for 2016 were well below the budgeted amount set aside for maintenance. Also, it was voted to keep the 2017 club membership dues the same as 2016.
- 3) Club members Kevin Kinzel, Greg Moore and Tripp Griffin (he was not present at the meeting), has been nominated for the 2017 club VP position. Voting will take place during the December club meeting. The club is still looking for a Safety Officer.

Old Business:

- 1) PPRCC is now accepting 2017 membership dues. Be sure to have your 2017 AMA card. Also, club members that have been awarded the Bob Burows award, if you haven't already, remember you have a one-time, one-year free membership pass. Just let Adam know when you submit your club application.
- 2) Club member Tripp Griffin did not attend the November club meeting to update members on the T-Shirt / Polo Shirt project.

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Airplane Anomalies . . .



"Remember, old or weak airplane batteries may not be as effective in cold weather!"

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The New Club Meeting Place



First and foremost, PPRCC wants to deeply thank Tom McCallum and Hector Real for coordinating and scheduling the Antelope Community Center for the past 2-3 years and allowing us to conduct our monthly club meetings there.

But like everything else, all good things must come to an end and with new management now at the community center, PPRCC has elected to search for a new meeting place. Fortunately for us, club member Greg Moore has found just the place.

The Colorado Springs Railroad Station, also known as the **Catalyst Campus (Suite 110)**, located on **555 East Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs**, is now the new meeting place for the club. Meetings will still be on the first Tuesday of each month (unless it is a federal holiday) and starts at 7:00 pm. Visitors and guests are always welcome!



“Suite 110, where the PPRCC meetings will be held, is quite large, good lighting and plenty of room for Show & Tell items.”



The room also has a kitchen area that will allow us to provide food and drinks for future meetings. But remember, we are still required to leave the place as we found it, nice and clean!

Unless things drastically change, we will be allowed to conduct meetings here indefinitely. Thanks again Greg!



“The kitchen area will allow PPRCC to set up food and drinks during the meetings.”

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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



“Don't forget, last one out, please lock the gate! Merry Christmas!”

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2017 Club VP Nominees



The recent club vice president Rob Latkovich, who is now the current club president, has volunteered to remain as the club president for 2017.

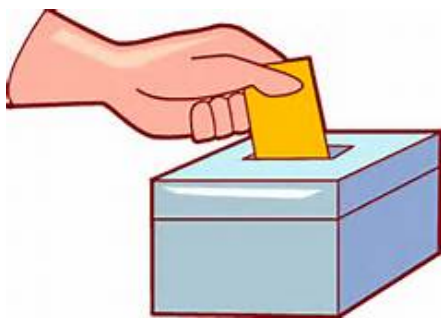
In the meantime we have three nominees for the 2017 club VP president position:

Nominee 1: Greg Moore – Greg has been a PPRCC member for several years and flies airplanes as well as turbine jets. He has been the club president once before and has been the Warbirds over Pikes Peak Event Coordinator (EC) several times. Greg has also been the club flight instructor and safety officer in the past. Greg was awarded the Bob Burows award in 2007.

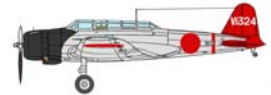
Nominee 2: Kevin Kinzel – Kevin has been a PPRCC member for several years also. He flies airplanes as well as turbine jets. He was the club president just a few years ago and is now on the airfield maintenance team. Kevin has been the Event Coordinator (EC) for the annual Jet Rally for the past two years. Kevin was awarded the Bob Burows award in 2011.

Nominee 3: Tripp Griffin – Tripp has been a PPRCC member for a few years now. He flies both electric and gas powered airplanes, sport and military type. Tripp has been involved in many of the club’s recent airfield improvement projects and is now working on the T-shirt / Polo shirt project. (In Tripp’s defense, he was not present at the November club meeting when he was nominated).

Club members will vote for the 2017 vice president during the December club meeting. You must be present at the meeting to vote. No call-in’s or email votes accepted. The newly elected VP will take the position the same night.



Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: To compete with the USAF in nuclear weapons delivery, the U.S. Navy desperately needed a carrier-based, nuclear delivery bomber. This plane entered service in 1950.



Clue #2: This plane was the largest and heaviest carrier-based airplane during its time. It could only take-off and land on the larger Midway and Forrestal class aircraft carriers.



Clue #3: This plane had two turboprop engines and one turbojet engine in the tail. Because of its high rate of fuel consumption, the jet engine was only used for take-offs and during the final high speed run to the target.

Last month’s airplane: The Douglas A3D Skyknight or Skynight.

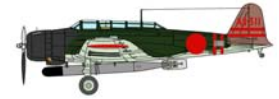
Show & Tell Item - I

Ben Woofter's Phoenix Models Super Cub



"Ben was the first to bring in a Show & Tell item to the new meeting place. This is his Phoenix Models PA-18 Super Cub with a 90" ws and powered by a DLE-20 gas engine. Ben said that the hardware that came with the plane was marginal, but it works for now. Ben has already put several flights on the plane."

Airfield Improvements



PPRCC is always looking for new improvements to enhance the flying facility and the flying area for its members.

This past year the club has had many great improvements and changes to the airfield; paved and sealed runways, new benches, the relocation of the bleaches and a new grill, just to name a few. Some of these changes were great improvements, however, some of these improvements were not approved by the Executive Committee (EC) or the general membership, thus causing serious discussions throughout the year.

A situation similar to this has happened several years ago and thought the issue was resolved then.

Although not clearly stated in the club Constitution and By-laws, any type of field modifications, building, dismantling, changes, re-arranging, etc, is not permitted without first going through the Executive Committee (EC) and/or the general club membership during a meeting.

The reason this is being brought up now is that we have many new club members and want them to be aware of the proper way of implementing airfield ideas. By no means is PPRCC trying to discourage club members from having ideas for improvements, it just has to be discussed and approved (voted on) before the project begins.

The club Constitution and By-Laws were written in 1988. The wording is very general and vague but it worked for its time. Today the same wording can be interpreted to mean different things and some of today's issues were not an issue then (Quads and drones for an example). Therefore the Constitution and by-Laws will be reviewed by the EC members and possibly revised for 2017 to better clarify several grey areas.

Keith Davis
PPRCC Secretary



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World's Smallest One-Man Aircraft



If you have been keeping up with the club newsletter the past several months, you've noticed the one article "Giant RC's from around the World". Well this article is just the opposite, the smallest piloted aircraft that actually flies!



"Smallest military airplane: XF-85 Goblin"



"Smallest single-engine jet: BD-5"



"Smallest single-engine airplane: Bumble Bee"



"Smallest twin-engine airplane: Cri-Cri Twin"



"Smallest twin-jet airplane: Cri-Cri Jet"



"Smallest Quad/Drone: Ehang 184"



"Smallest seaplane: Flynano"

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Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



UPCOMING RC EVENTS:

- December 6th (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting
- JANUARY 1ST SUNDAY 2017 - PPRCC FROZEN NEEDLE VALVE FUN FLY
- January 3rd (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting
- January 28th (Sat) 2017 - JEFFCO RC Auction
- February 7th (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting

