

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

Newsletter



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<p>Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / June 7th (Tue) 2016 @ Antelope Ridge Community Center</p>	<p>Local RC events happening this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPRCC Electric Father's Day Event • Warbirds over Denver
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Last Month's Minutes . . .

(May meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm
 Meeting Adjourned: 800 pm

Members Attended: 25
 New Members: 2 – Trip Griffin and Mike Wisener.
 Welcome!
 Visitors: 0

New Business:

- 1) Club President Romi Lucas and Vice President Rob Latkovich, are considering in having a combat flying event this summer. Airframes can be purchased at: www.crashtesthobby.com
 Other parts can be purchased at: www.hobbyking.com
 If anyone is interested in participating, they can contact Romi or Rob for more information.
- 2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's April finances. No major purchases were made during April but expenses are expected to go up in June and July because of summer events.
- 3) Club member James Murphy, reminded everyone to be sure to protect themselves from summer rays.

Old Business:

- 1) The two proposals that were introduced during the April club meeting, in reference to the airfield bleachers, were discussed and voted on during the May club meeting. The results can be read on page two.

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Airplane Anomalies . . .



"Flying between hangers and in after-burner is not considered a promotion advancement maneuver."

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May Meeting Proposal Results



Due to the unsafe and poor condition of the airfield bleachers, two proposals were presented during the April club meeting, then discussed and voted on during the May club meeting. There were 25 club members present during the discussion and voting.

As part of the discussion, it was determined in spite of the bleachers' current condition, it can be repaired and brought up to safer standards. The work will be accomplished by PPRCC members. A maximum of \$500 would be approved for expenditures if necessary, to repair the bleachers.

20160501 – Proposal #1: Presented by Chuck Brath - Remove the bleachers. By removing the bleachers, it will eliminate any possibilities of injuries. If proposal does not pass, the club will have to install railings but it must comply with city/state ordinance. And until the railings are installed, the club will have to figure out a way to keep people from sitting higher than two benches.

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

Reason(s):

- 1) Based on the discussion, the bleachers can be repaired by PPRCC members. Repairs would include safety rails.
- 2) It may get expensive in trying to dispose of the scrap wood and metal from the bleachers.

20160502 – Proposal #2: Presented by Rod Hart – Purchase new bleachers. If Proposal #1 passes, then club will purchase new bleachers. New bleachers will not be more than 36” tall. Price, location and number of bleachers will have to be discussed before purchase of new bleachers.

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

Reason(s):

- 1) Proposal #2 was not necessary since proposal #1 did not pass.

No May Show & Tell



There were no items for “Show & Tell” during the May club meeting.

Do you have an article, story 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, lock the gate!”

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Battle of Britain Barn Beauties



Club member Wayne Cooksey, sent me this interesting story several weeks ago, it makes you want to go out and check your attic, your garage or your barn!

Wilson 'Connie' Edwards, a stunt pilot from the film Battle of Britain, kept a mind-blowing wartime collection in his barn in Texas for 40 years.

Among those aircraft were six Hispano Aviación HA-1112 'Buchons', a Spanish-built version of the Luftwaffe's feared Messerschmitt Bf 109, and a rare Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IX, all of which were used in the filming of the 1969 Battle of Britain movie. It seemed appropriate, therefore, as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the epic climax of the Battle of Britain, to take a look at that unique collection in more detail, writes Urban Ghosts.



“Shown here, three of six Hispano Aviación HA-1112 ‘Buchons’, a Spanish-built version of the Luftwaffe’s Messerschmitt Bf 109.”

On that fateful Sunday in 1940, some 630 young pilots of RAF Fighter Command defeated a massive German aerial offensive comprised of 1,120 aircraft. Thanks to the courage and determination of that small group now forever known as The Few, Hitler's plan to crush the Royal Air Force as a prelude to invasion was thwarted, and the Third Reich's Operation Sea Lion was postponed indefinitely. Thereafter, September 15 was commemorated as the Battle of Britain Day.

In July 2014, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association visited Connie Edwards at his ranch to find out more (full video below). It may come as a surprise to many that such an historic collection of

airframes has never been displayed publically. But as Edwards pointed out: “I’m not a collector. It’s not a museum. I’ve ended up buying it up with this big bunch of Messerschmitts from the Battle of Britain movie.”



“In near perfect condition, another Hispano Aviación HA-1112.”

The intrepid former movie pilot, now 81, made his fortune in oil and used the profits to fund his life-long passion for aviation, particularly World War Two-era warbirds that over the years have included a dozen P-51 Mustangs, a rare P-38 Lightning and an F-4U Corsair. Edwards donated the latter two to the Experimental Aviation Association in the 1980s, several decades after he helped found the Confederate Air Force (now known as the Commemorative Air Force). According to AOPA, Edwards never paid more than \$15,000 for a Mustang, which can sell for around \$1.5 million today.



“The Me-109’s nemeses, The Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IX. It just needs a bit of windex and she’ll be as good as new!”

"This is one I flew during Battle of Britain and got shot down 72 times in this plane for actual takes", said Edwards. "I got shot down 128 times in a Messerschmitt. Only the Brits would keep count; I didn't have the foggiest idea." He added that, in his experience, and in the hands of a talented pilot, the 109 was superior to both the Spitfire and the P-51. Edwards concluded: "I've enjoyed my flying life. I've busted a few of them and I got my RAF wings for belly-landing a burning Spitfire out near Bedford, England during the Battle of Britain movie. All I can say is that I've probably lived more lives than anybody I know."



The 1969 movie "Battle of Britain" had a large all-star international cast. The film was notable for its attempt to accurately portray the role of the British with participants in the battle including Group Captain Tom Gleave, Wing Commander Robert Stanford Tuck, Squadron Leader Bolesław Drobiński and on the German side, Adolf Galland was involved as a consultant.

Other aircraft also used in the movie were 3 Hawker Hurricanes, 1 two-seater Spitfire, 32 Spanish-built CASA 2's (He-111H's) and one Spanish-built Ju-52. One B-25 Mitchell was used as a filming platform.

Can You Name that Plane?



Clue #1: This plane was designed and built in the 1970's. Its purpose was to perform low-speed observation duties, a low-cost alternative to helicopters.



Clue #2: During initial production, twenty-two of these aircraft were built. However twelve of them were lost in a warehouse fire. The company suspected one of their competitors may have caused the fire.

Clue #3: This plane got the nickname "Bug-Eye" because of its 270 degree panoramic view for the pilot and its two passengers.

Last month's airplane: The Heinkel He-111Z. The "Z" designation stood for "Twin".

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May Club Meeting Swap Meet



There were no "Show & Tell" items at the May PPRCC meeting but a few planes were brought in for sale during the swap meet. The next club swap meet will be in August.



Club member Greg Banas, brought in a Euro Coupe (top photo) and an Eflite Habu (middle photo) to sell. He is selling both planes for \$100.00 each. The nice looking Sea Fury (bottom photo) was also for sale but I did not get any information about it.



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Giant RC's From Around the World



"F-86 Sabre"
Country - England



"F-86 Sabre"
Country - England



"B-58 Hustler"
Country - USA

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PPRCC Field Maintenance Day Friday - June 17th 2016



Before the flying season really gets busy with its upcoming flying events and busy weekends, the club has scheduled a field maintenance and clean-up day on Friday, 17 June, beginning at 8:00 am.

The usual tasks such as grass mowing, trimming, trash clean up and fence repairs (if needed) will be conducted. Volunteers are always welcome to participate, just bring a pair of work gloves. The more people we have show up, the faster the work will get accomplished.

And for safety reasons, the airfield will be closed (Both runways) for flying until all maintenance and cleaning has been completed. Come on out and PPRCC thanks you for your support.



“Club members Murphy and Tom gets an early start on repairing the battered bleachers.”

And don't forget on the following day, Saturday 18 June, PPRCC will have an Electric Father's Day Fly-in, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Around 11:00 am, a Father's Day sheet cake will be cut and served. Lunch will also be served.

Family members and guests are invited and all types of aircraft are welcome, however those who fly an electric airplane will be considered for best electric airplane awards.

Parker, CO Swap Meet



Back in May, the RC Crosswinds club out of Parker, Colorado, held its first annual swap meet. It was a one-day event and opened to anyone that wanted to rent a table or just visiting to see what's for sale.

PPRCC's VP Rob Latkovich, had items to sell, so he rented a table for the day, with the assistance from fellow club member James Murphy.



“PPRCC members James Murphy (Left) and Rob Latkovich (Right) spent the day making money!”

I decided to make the drive up to Parker and check out the event. It turned out to be worth the drive. Although not as large as the annual JEFECO auction, it was a nice turnout for both sellers and buyers for its 1st annual event.



“Plenty of floor space for the dozens of airplanes.”



“There were an assortment of planes for sale.”



“Looking for a QUAD?”



“Most items were in better than average shape.”



“This seller had several kits for sale.”



“Lots of small engines were available too.”



“Nice selection of electric foamies.”

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Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



Upcoming RC Events:

- **June 7th (Tue) 2016 - PRCC meeting**
- **June 10th-11th-12th (Fri-Sat-Sun) 2016 - Warbirds over Denver**
- **June 17th (Fri) 2016 - Airfield Maintenance/Clean-up Day**
- **June 18th (Sat) 2016 - PPRCC Electric Father's Day Event**
- **July 5th (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**
- **July 16th-17th (Sat-Sun) 2016 - Warbirds over Pikes peak**
- **August 2nd (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**

