



# Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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Club Secretary – Keith Davis / Club Newsletter & Website Manager – Keith Davis



<b>Next PPRCC Meeting:</b> <b>7:00pm / March 1st (Tue) 2016</b> <b>@ Antelope Ridge Community Center</b>	<b>Local RC events happening this month:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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## Last Month's Minutes . . . (February meeting)



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

Members Attended: 30  
New Members: 1 – Terry Anderson, welcome!  
Visitors: 0

### New Business:

1) Club President Romi Lucas, informed everyone that the airfield now has new patio furniture. The old benches and tables located at the club shed house, has been replaced with new tables and benches. Romi built the entire set on his own, in about a one week period.

The club asks that the tables and benches be used for social activities only, not to be used for engine maintenance stands (No engine run-ups, drilling into the wood, fueling of engines or planes, etc.), or as airplane service areas. Thank-You.

2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's January finances. He also stated the club's annual insurance bill has been paid for 2016. Adam also reminded everyone that all 2016 renewal club dues should be paid by now.

### Old Business:

1) Club Secretary Keith Davis, once again spoke about the new FAA regulation now in effect for all sUAS. All pilot's flying a sUAS weighing of .55 pounds to 55 pounds (except indoor models), must register with the FAA. The one registration number will be used on as many sUAS that the pilot owns. It can be placed outside or inside of the model. If placed inside of the model, the registration number must be accessible without the use of tools.

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## Airplane Anomalies . . .



**"Usually a "Hot Landing" means the landing was fast. But not in this particular case."**

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## 2016 PPRCC Proposals



During the February club meeting, three new issues were brought up, leading to new proposals. They will be discussed and voted on during the March club 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). The inspections should only be conducted by the Club Safety Officer.

**Discussion:** Currently, AMA safety Rule 2.f. requires model aircraft to be identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. Based on this, PPRCC has the authority to deny any RC flyer, flying privileges that does not have his/her required AMA information attached somewhere on their model. If involved in an accident and/or injury with the AMA information attached, that person and/or club will be covered by AMA insurance. If involved in an accident and/or injury without the AMA information attached, that person and/or club can be denied AMA insurance and also be held liable for the accident and/or injury.

With the new FAA registration requirement, only the individual is held responsible for his/her FAA registration. If in the event of a random FAA inspection, involved in an accident, incident and/or injury and not having the required FAA registration number attached somewhere to the model, the individual will be held responsible and most likely be fined, not the club.

AMA also has the option of not honoring AMA insurance coverage if the FAA concludes that the FAA registration number was not affixed to the model at the time of the accident, incident and/or injury.

**PRO:** By giving PPRCC authority to inspect RC models for FAA and AMA registration numbers, it will ensure that all flyers are flying in accordance with current FAA and AMA rules and regulations.

**CON:** Visiting pilots may not be aware of the new PPRCC ruling and be denied flying at the airfield.

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

**Discussion:** The discussion was to expand the shade areas on the east and west pit areas by purchasing car port shelters that can be easily be installed and taken down if necessary. Romi Lucas did a majority of the research and has the manufacturer information, shade sizes and costs. However, it was not determined how many to purchase for each side and what size to get. All the details will be discussed further during the March club meeting.

**PRO:** More shade is always good to have, especially during the summer months.

**CON:** The price, depending on what size and quality of the material that is ordered. Weather durability; high winds, extreme temperature changes, heavy snow.

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

**Discussion:** Several club members showed interest in returning to the availability of food/snacks during the monthly club meetings and serving lunch during all of club flying events. Last year during most of the club meetings, food was available. And currently, the club only offers lunch during the PPRCC warbirds event and during the Family Day & Swap meet event. A few members indicated that they do get off from work late and head directly to the meeting, a snack or something to eat would be a nice welcome.

**PRO:** Food, especially good food, always attracts more people during meetings and outdoor events.

**CON:** Getting volunteers to purchase items, cook and cleanup. The cost of buying food items and not being repetitive with the same food items.

**NOTE:** Whether Proposal #1 gets approved or does not get approved, PPRCC will be more diligent in ensuring that all PPRCC members will at least have their required AMA registration number in or on their models, especially during any PPRCC flying events.

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## No February "Show & Tell"



Due to the swap meet during the February club meeting, there were no "Show & Tell" items to display.



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## Need FAA or AMA Number Decals?



Now that FAA registration is required and everyone should already have their AMA registration number posted on their plane, people are scrambling to get fuel-proof FAA and AMA numbers made.

If you are looking to get vinyl, fuel-proof numbers made, Visit Dan Brunson or give him a call at the Pikes Peak R/C Hobbies. (719-329-1600).

Dan will make your professional FAA & AMA registration numbers in no time, as small as 3/8" or almost as large as you need them. Dan has dozens of colors and fonts to choose from. One sheet minimum of 12 numbers.



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## Winter Flight Training



Despite the cold winter days, Ben Woofter the club flight instructor, still managed to get a few training flights in with an eager student.

Ben still carries the trainer with him during the winter, usually on Sundays, just in case someone else is interested in flying, even when it's cold!



**"Ben and Fox (11 years old?), managed to complete several good flights during that cold January day."**



**"The club's primary trainer plane, the Apprentice, is electric powered and flies great with new flyers and in windy days."**

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## What were They Thinking?



What were they thinking when this Westland Lysander was painted in a bumble bee color scheme?

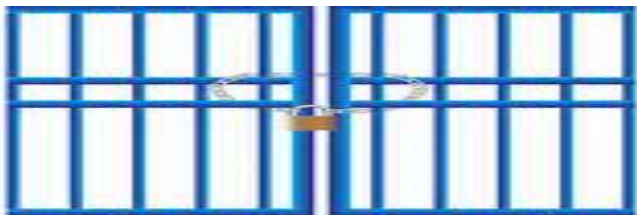
- 1) The ground crew played a prank on the pilot and the pilot ended up liking it.
- 2) This was a target tow plane and it was painted this way for easy identification.
- 3) The Squadron Commander wanted a bright colored airplane so that he could easily be recognized in flight.

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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](mailto:Lkdavis03@hotmail.com)

Keith Davis - PPRCC Newsletter Editor



Don't forget, lock the gate!

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## New Airfield Furniture



Back in January, Romi Lucas didn't have any airplane projects to work on, so he decided to build a new patio set for the club fieldhouse! Romi said that it only took about a week to build and it turned out to be quite an impressive accomplishment.

First, Romi had to remove all the old benches at the fieldhouse then measure everything before he headed back home and started on the task at hand.

A week later, all was done and the final product is awesome. However, the club asks for everyone to use it only for social activities, no aircraft maintenance, no engine run-ups and positively no drilling into the wood. Great job Romi!



“Top - The main table is designed perfectly so the grill can fit perfectly in place for club activities. Above - The benches are fixed in place but the tables can be moved around as needed.”

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## Can You Name That Plane?



**Clue #1:** First flown in 1957, this plane was designed specifically with pusher-type engines and inverted gull wings for improved STOL capabilities.



**Clue #2:** This plane is flown extensively in South Africa. Sadly in 2011, a pair of these privately owned aircraft were flying formation in Tzaneen, South Africa when they both flew into a cliff face near the summit of Mamotswiri Peak in dense mist. Both planes were destroyed and all thirteen on board the two aircraft were killed.

**Last month's airplane:** Pilatus Britten-Norman Defender 400. Sorry, there were no correct responses for that airplane.

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## PPRCC February Swap Meet



The club held its quarterly swap meet during the February club meeting. Not too many items were brought in for sale this time, but there were a few planes that were offered. The next swap meet will be during the May club meeting.



Top – Brand new Hanger 9 Corsair  
 Middle – Electric powered Avro Lancaster  
 Below – Breitling Aerobatic plane

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# 2016 JEFACO Auction



Back in February, the Denver RC Modeler's club held their annual JEFACO auction and a few of our PPRCC members attended the one-day event. Even though attendance was high, items for sale seemed to have been at an all-time low. So I guess that made it a seller's market.



"The low amount of items for sale sold well because of the high amount of bidders."



"The tables and walls are usually completely covered by airplanes for sale. But this year, airplane selections were light."

I stayed just for a few hours, browsing the tables to see what good deals that I might find. I did notice there were plenty of helicopters up for sale this year, maybe the owners were switching over to quads. However, I didn't see any quads for sale. I did see a few planes that I was interested in, but I decided to go home empty-handed, I already have enough airplane projects to attend to!



"The center floor had several large-scale planes for sale, most of them sold well."



"This area is usually doubled in the amount of items shown here."



"There were plenty of pre-owned radios, engines and foamy airplanes for sale too."

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



**"Mig - 25 Foxbat"**  
Country - New Zealand



**"Aerobatic Plane"**  
Country - USA



**"ASK-21 Glider"**  
Country - Germany

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**Airbus  
Cattle Car**



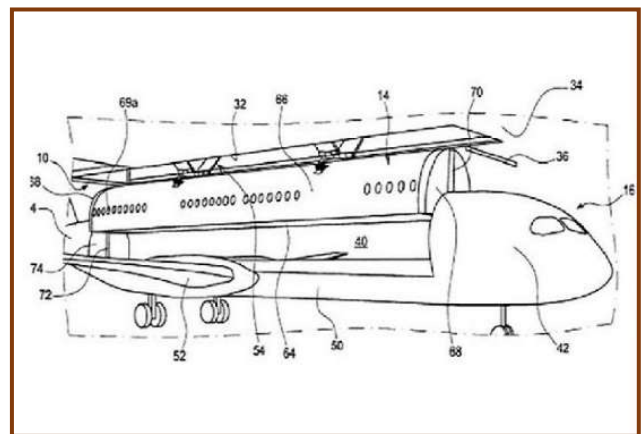
If you are like me and do lots of air travel, and the airplane seats always seems to get smaller and smaller, well here is a brand new concept that Airbus has been working on for a few years. This idea is sure to make the passenger feel just like a herd of cattle even more!

Below is the article that I found on the internet;

**Airbus patents designs for  
convertible planes**

After two years of scrupulous research, the United States Patent and Trademark Office accepted a patent for one of the strangest designs we've seen for a plane. Airbus's 'convertible' plane designs show a detachable cabin, which would allow passengers to board quickly before being attached to the rest of the aircraft.

In a business that's all about timing, the newly patented designs could allow airlines to cut turn around times considerably. The detachable cabin would be removed from the roof with the help of a specialized crane, allowing boarding and disembarkment to happen in record time. The cabin full of arriving passengers would be extracted and replaced by another, already full of people going in the other direction. Speedy.



**"Airbus' concept of speedy passenger  
handling."**

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# Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



## Upcoming RC Events:

- **March 1<sup>st</sup> (Tue) 2016 - PRCC meeting**
- **April 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**
- **April 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 2016 - Denver RC & Robotics Expo**
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting & Swap Meet**
- **June 7<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting**

