

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

Newsletter



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<p style="text-align: center;">Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / November 1st (Tue) 2016 @ Railroad Station / 555 E Pikes Peak Ave</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Local RC events happening this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (October meeting)



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

Members Attended: 40
 New Members: 0
 Visitors: 0

New Business:

- 1) Club president Rob Latkovich, stated the club is now accepting candidates for the club VP position and the club safety officer position. The goal is to have those positions filled by the December club meeting. If interested in any of those positions, please attend the November club meeting!
- 2) Club president Rob Latkovich, informed everyone the October club meeting is the last time club meetings will be held at the Antelope Community center. The November 1st (Tue) club meeting (and possibly future club meetings) will be held at the Railroad Station at 555 East Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs. Start time remains at 7:00 pm.
- 3) PPRCC is now accepting renewal membership applications for 2017. Be sure to have your 2017 AMA card!

4) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's August and September finances. There was one big expense for the runway sealing bill and the club came out on the positive side for the cost of this year's Warbirds over Pikes Peak event.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

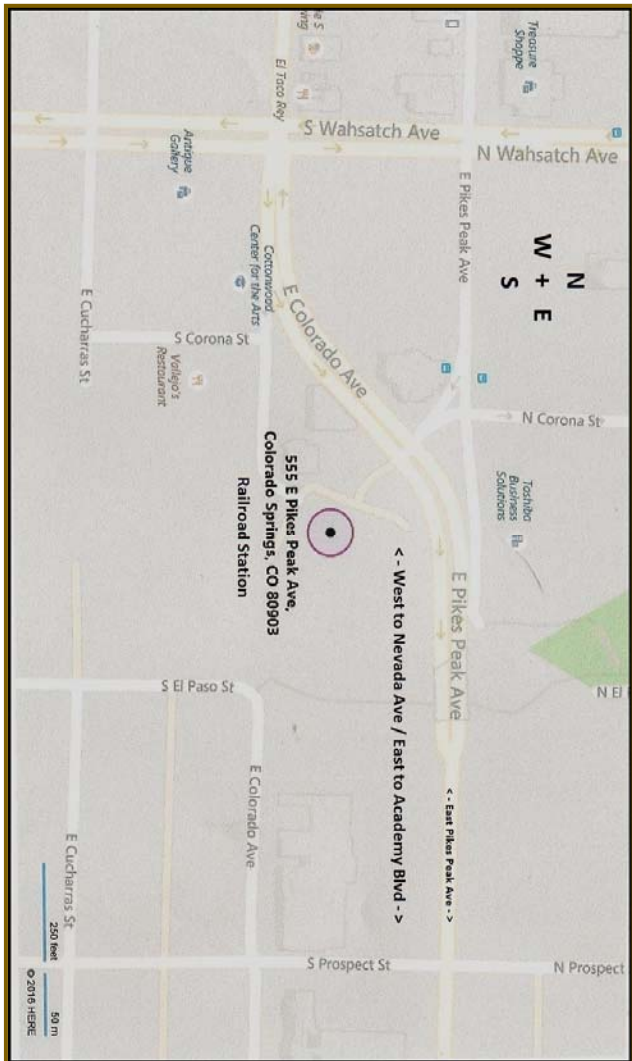
Airplane Anomalies . . .



"Landing on a wing and a prayer means that you are literally landing on a wing and saying a prayer that the damage will be minimal."

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New PPRCC Meeting Location!



As of November, PPRCC will have a new monthly meeting location at the Colorado Springs Railroad station located at 555 East Pikes Peak Ave.

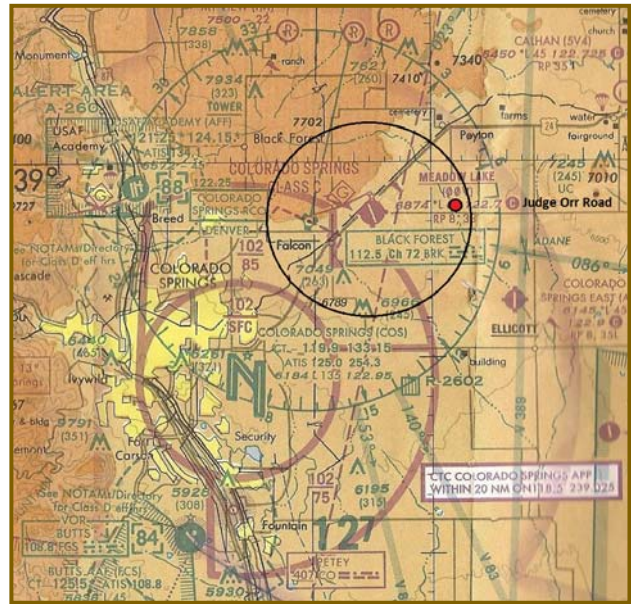
Meetings will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of each month (unless it is a holiday) and meeting start times will still be 7:00 pm. Show & Tell items can also be brought in for display.

Directions: From Academy Blvd, turn on Pikes Peak Ave and head west for about 3 miles. The meeting place will be on the left, just before Pikes Peak Ave changes to Colorado Ave.

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Meadow Lake Airport Airspace



“The black ring depicts the Meadow Lake Airport airspace. The **RED** dot depicts the approximate location of the PPRCC flying field.”

With the recent rulings from the FAA to all sUAV operators, they must contact airports (Control Towers) when flying within the airport Control Zone (CZ) of 5 nautical miles.

So the question does continue to arise on occasion; Does PPRCC need to talk to Meadow Lake airport, since the PPRCC flying field is 4 nautical miles within their 5 NM circle? The answer is NO.

Meadow Lake Airport does not have a control tower, therefore, that airspace is considered an Airport Traffic Area (ATA). Full-Scale pilots flying in and out of Meadow Lake Airport may call in the blind of their intentions or they may be in contact with a Fixed Based Operator (FBO) for flight information.

However, sUAV flyers at the PPRCC airfield are still required to give right-of-way to all piloted aircraft in the vicinity of the PPRCC airfield. That is a FAA regulation and an AMA safety rule.

In addition, the PPRCC runways still needs to be marked with a “X” on each end to indicate that these runways are closed to full-scale aircraft.

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Warbirds over The Rockies



Occurred 22-25 September 2016

It was a great weekend back in September for the Warbirds over the Rockies event. Over 110 pilots registered, including several from our very own PPRC club: Ron Stark, Larry Laughlin, Kevin Kinzel, Dan Brunson, Tripp Griffen and for the first time myself, Keith Davis.

There were plenty of very impressive and highly detailed jets and planes on display and flying. Friday was a slow day for flying because of the high crosswinds, but the rest of the weekend turned out really nice.



"This 14 foot long F-104 Starfighter was one of those very impressive and highly detailed jets!"



"Club member Dan Brunson brought his F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon. Kevin Kinzel also brought his F-15 Eagle."

On Saturday, the usual, spectacular pyrotechnics display was released while the fighters and bombers flew overhead, simulating ground attacks. You could feel the heat from some of the explosions and the crowd really enjoyed that!

The event also had dozens of RC vendors from around the U.S. You could find almost anything from servo extension leads, T-shirts, pilot figures, gas engines and even a few of the new Top RC Zeros and P-51 Mustangs at discount prices.



"I brought my Westland Lysander and despite the crosswinds, I did fly it a few times on Friday."

Even though the event continued on Sunday, the awards were given out Saturday night at the banquet because many of the out-of-state pilots were heading home on Sunday.



"This Dornier Do-335 Arrow has appeared several times at the Warbirds over the Rockies. Both engines are functional and is still a favorite to see fly."

The event ended on Sunday afternoon, many pilots still flying but not as many as Saturday. For my first time flying there, it was a good experience, one nice, long runway, it was hard to miss the landings!

In the near future, the event will be moving to a new location, not too far from the original airfield but the flying should be just as exciting. You can check the club website for plenty of photos of the event.

Can You Name that Plane?



Clue #1: This was one of the first all-weather/night fighters to see combat in the Korean War, credited with several kills and only one lost to air-to-air combat against a Mig-15.

Clue #2: This jet was also credited for having the first radar guided kill, having no visual contact on its target.



Clue #3: This jet did not have ejection seats for the two-man crew. They had to crawl out of an escape tunnel through the bottom.

Clue #4: Because of its wide body allowing the two-man crew to sit side-by-side, crews gave it the nickname "Willie the Whale".

Last month's airplane: The Australian CA-11 Woomera (Spear Thrower). There were no guesses on that down under airplane.

No October Show & Tell

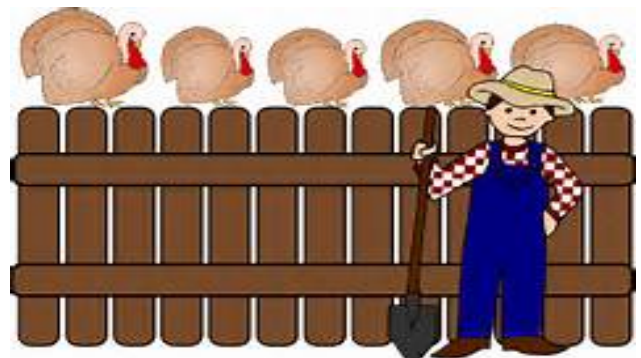


There were no items for Show & Tell during the October club meeting.

Do you have a story, article or a photo that you would like to share with the club? Get it to me at:

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Keith Davis – PPRCC Newsletter Editor



Don't forget, last one out, lock the gate. We don't want to let the turkeys in! Happy Thanksgiving!

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PPRCC October Swap Meet



There were no items for Show & Tell during the October club meeting but plenty of items were brought in for sale during the swap meet.



“Several complete planes as well as still new in the box kits were up for sale.”



“This was a great opportunity for members new to the hobby, to get a great deal on an airplane or an engine.”

About 12 airplanes in assorted conditions, new and used were up for sale, along with a few engines and airplane accessories. Almost everything was sold!

During the same meeting, club members Dan Brunson and Kevin Kinzel, held a cookout just outside the meeting room, cooking cheeseburgers for the 35+ members that attended that night. Thanks guys!



“Club President Rob was first in line for a burger. He wanted to ensure all burgers were safe for consumption for the club members!”



“Club member Kevin, one of the volunteer cooks, thanks Kevin!”



“It was a good turnout for the meeting and cookout, considering this was the last time for meetings at this location.”

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PPRCC T-Shirt Project



“Proposed T-Shirt designs for the club.”

During the October club meeting, club member Tripp Griffin, proposed the idea of designing, selecting then ordering a club T-shirt, available for anyone to purchase.

The original cost to purchase around 60 T-shirts would cost anywhere from \$550 - \$600 dollars. The cost per T-shirt per person would be around \$15 - \$20 dollars.

During the meeting, many of the club members did show an interest in the idea and the discussion deepened. What sizes to get, what color(s) to get and what design(s) to get. Then one club member asked if a polo shirt was an option and many of the members showed interest in that instead of a T-shirt.

So after a lengthy discussion, Tripp decided that he will have to go back and look at the Polo shirt option and what designs are available and the cost.

Tripp is running the T-shirt project and he will talk about it again during the November club meeting.

Giant RC's from Around the World



“Saab JS-39 Gripen”
Country - Germany



“Dassault Rafale”
Country - Germany



“Bell 206 Jet Ranger”
Country - USA

PPRCC 2nd Annual Jet Rally

Occurred 9 October 2016



The 2nd annual jet rally was the last event of the year of the Pikes Peak RC Club. Coordinated by club member Kevin Kinzel, it turned out to be good day with about 10-12 pilots signing up.



“Club member Rod Hart got several good flights on his turbine jet.”

Several of the jet pilots came from the Denver area and this was their first visit of the airfield. They were impressed with the two runways, the vast open space and view that we have. And they really appreciated no flight restrictions due to neighboring airports like Chatfield and Cherry Creek has.



“Bob from Denver, runs up his new jet for the first time. Lots of flames shout out the back! ”

Around lunchtime, Kevin convinced a good friend of his, Susie Sweat, to operate the grill and cook cheeseburgers for the crowd. And of course the smell of the food got the attention of everyone!



“Susie the cook, (center) did a great job in feeding the crowd. Thanks Susie!”

After lunch, Kevin presented the two jet awards. The Best turbine jet award went to Tom Toledo’s Boomerang and the best ducted-fan award went to Mike Weisner and his T-45 Goshawk. Congratulations to the both of them, well deserved.



“Tom Toledo’s Boomerang – Best turbine jet.”



“Mike Weisner’s Goshawk – Best ducted fan jet.”

Please view the club website for more photos!

Pikes Peak RC Hobbies



Upcoming RC Events:

- November 1st (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting
- December 6th (Tue) 2016 - PPRCC meeting
- **JANUARY 1ST SUNDAY 2017 - PPRCC FROZEN NEEDLE VALVE FLY IN**
- January 3rd (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting
- January 28th (Sat) 2017 - JEFFCO RC Auction

