

# Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

## Newsletter



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**Club President – Kevin Kinzel / Club Vice President –**  
**Club Safety Officer – Greg Moore / Club Treasurer – Adam Heffington**  
**Club Airfield Maintenance Team – Chuck Brath, Kevin Kinzel, Dan Brunson**  
**Club Flight Instructor – Ben Woofter / Club Secretary & Club Newsletter Editor – Keith Davis**

<p><b>Next PPRCC Meeting:</b>  <b>7:00pm / June 6th (Tue) 2017</b>  <b>@ Railroad Station / 555 E Pikes Peak Ave</b></p>	<p><b>Local RC events happening this month:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warbirds over Denver</li> <li>• PPRCC Father's Fly &amp; Fun Day</li> </ul>
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### Last Month's Minutes . . .

(May meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:05 pm  
 Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Members Attended: 36  
 New Members: 1 – Andre Gloumeau – Welcome!  
 Visitors: 1 – Roy Hutton – Welcome!

#### New Business:

Club President Rob Latkovich did not attend the meeting. Vice President Kevin Kinzel conducted the meeting.

- 1) Club President Rob Latkovich, will be stepping down as the club president. Because of job requirements, he will be relocating to Pennsylvania in June. Rob, thanks for volunteering your time and expertise! VP Kevin Kinzel will become the club president for the remainder of the year.
- 2) Club Treasurer Adam Heffington, spoke about the club's May finances. The 2016 federal and state taxes have been paid.
- 3) Club Secretary Keith Davis, has registered PPRCC with AMA for the 2017 National Model Aviation Day / Saturday – 12 August 2017.

#### Old Business:

- 1) Remember to have your club badges displayed while flying at the PPRCC airfield. Guests and visitors are permitted to fly at the airfield but must be accompanied by a PPRCC member. Exception to this if the guest or visitor is participating in a PPRCC event.

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#### Airplane Anomalies . . .



**"When refueling aircraft, it's best to bring the truck to the plane and not the plane to the truck."**

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# PPRCC May Swap Meet



PPRCC held its quarterly swap meet during the May club meeting. The event went quite well with dozens of items up for sale. The next PPRCC swap meet will be in August as part of the PPRCC Family Day event at the airfield.



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## Ed Sweeny, Florida Bound



Club member Ed Sweeny, a long-time member since the 1960's, has decided to pack up his home and hanger and move to Florida.

Ed has always been a RC electric airplane enthusiast, but he is also known in the aviation world and within the club as the man with the flying car or the aerocar. Only six Talyor aerocars were built and Ed currently owns one of them.



**We hope Ed continues to enjoy flying and life in Florida!**

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## Can You Name that Plane?



**Clue #1:** Built in 1929, this was the first four-engine passenger plane built in the U.S. However, only ten were built.



**Clue #2:** This plane had a unique design of being a four-engine airplane, with two engines in each nacelle, the forward facing engines turned a 2-bladed prop and the rear facing engines turned a 3-bladed prop.

**Clue #3:** The engine placement caused serious performance problems. The rear props were not efficient because of the disturbed air from the front props and the rear engines constantly overheated due to the lack of cooler airflow being blocked because of the front engines.

**Last month's airplane:** The Japanese Nakajima G5N Shinzan. There were no correct answers.

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**FAA - By  
The Numbers**



**By the Numbers**

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**Quad's Eye  
View**



“Club member Riley Ross, took a bird’s eye view photo of the PPRCC airfield with his quadcopter. The altitude is approximately 400 feet AGL.”

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**Show & Tell  
Item - I**



Ben Woofter's Bryon Taylor F4U Corsair



“Ben gave us an update on his Corsair project. All of the sheeting and panel lines has been completed. The plane has an EME 55cc gas engine with electric start and currently weighs 18 pounds. Very nice so far!”

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## One Happy Flyer!



**“PPRCC member Hayden Thomas, proudly holds his new airplane.”**

An ominous individual, donated a completely built airplane, a Hobbico Avistar with engine, radio and field box to the club, asking that it would be given to a youth PPRCC member.

Well PPRCC member Hayden Thomas, happened to be at the May club meeting and was the happy recipient of a new airplane. Happy flying Hayden!

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**Do you have a photo, story or an article 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**



**“Last one out, please lock the airfield gate!”**

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## Father & Son Solo



**“Club flight instructor Ben Woofter, spent a few weekends training Mike (father) and Nick (son) on the Apprentice trainer. Then in April, Ben gave them the ok, and they both completed their solo flights the same day. Great job everyone! Ben is available for flight training every Sunday, weather permitting.”**



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## Successful Maiden Flights



Summer is fast approaching, which means plenty of warbird events to participate in, which means plenty of test flights before the events.

Club member James Murphy, just finished building his Top Flite F4U Corsair (ARF), 82" ws and powered by an 80cc gas engine. Murphy flew the plane for its maiden flight at the Pueblo airfield. All went well, however the canopy did come off in flight but was later recovered.



“Murphy performs final checks before take-off at the Pueblo airfield.”



“The Corsair just before landing, minus the canopy. It was still a good flight.”

Club member Keith Davis, recently purchased the Flightline RC F7F Tigercat. The plane has a 63" ws and runs off of two electric motors powered by two 4S batteries.

The maiden flight was not as smooth as hoped for, due to weak batteries. But once the new 4S batteries arrived and used in the plane, the plane flew as advertised, easy to fly and fast!



“The Tigercat took about 2 hours to build, the majority of the plane was already complete in the box.”



“The white decals really helps visibility of the plane in the blue sky.”

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## Warbirds over Denver



Location: Chatfield State Park  
Date: Jun 9-10-11 (Fri-Sat-Sun)



- AMA sanctioned, AMA card required
- \$30 pilot registration fee, includes T-shirt
- All military type airplanes welcome
- Lunch available all days
- Overnight parking available, no facilities
- Two runways available, use only one at a time
- Awards presented on Sunday, 2:00pm
- May be required to purchase park entry permit
- For more information:

[www.jeffcoeromodelers.com](http://www.jeffcoeromodelers.com)

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## Warbirds over Pikes Peak



Location: PPRCC Airfield, off Judge Orr Road  
Date: Jul 8-9 (Sat-Sun)



- AMA sanctioned, AMA card required
- \$25 pilot registration fee, includes lunch for pilots
- All military type planes welcome
- Lunch available both days
- Overnight parking available, no facilities
- Two runways available, can use both at the same time
- Awards presented on Sunday, 2:00pm
- Free parking, donations welcome
- For more information:

[www.pprcflyers.net](http://www.pprcflyers.net)

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PPRCC Airfield  
Maintenance Day



PPRCC has scheduled its annual airfield maintenance day on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Start time is around 8:00 am. The more participants that help out, the faster the tasks can be accomplished.

The plan is to complete field mowing, repair and paint worn tables, fence mending and general airfield cleanup. Once the job is done, the field stays in pretty good shape throughout the year.



**Important!** The airfield will be closed for flying while work is being conducted. If you come out to the airfield with an airplane, don't forget to bring your work gloves!

Thanks!  
PPRCC Management



**Airfield Maintenance Day  
Saturday – 24 June 2017**

AMA vs FAA  
Court Ruling



AMA email dated 19 May 2017

Dear members,

As you've probably heard by now, a federal appeals court today struck down the FAA's registration requirement for recreational model aircraft.

Today's Court ruling is effective immediately. As such, if you have not registered with the FAA, you are no longer required under the law to do so. For those of you who have already registered with the FAA, you may be wondering what this means for you. We are currently working to obtain answers from the FAA and will share more information as it becomes available.

Please keep in mind that this is a fluid situation and there is always the possibility of a renewed push in Congress to compel federal registration for model aircraft. If that happens, rest assured that AMA will continue to advocate for your interests and keep you well informed every step of the way. We have repeatedly argued that federal registration for our community is duplicative and unnecessary, as our members already register their model aircraft with AMA. In addition, our 80-year history of safe and responsible flying demonstrates that we're not the problem. We shouldn't be burdened by overly broad regulations.

Today's ruling also bodes well for our pending court challenge to the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (also known as the Interpretive Rule). That petition, which AMA filed in 2014, is currently before the same Court that today rejected the FAA's registration rule and affirmed the strength of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, otherwise known as Section 336. This gives us hope for our continued fight against the Interpretive Rule.

We understand that these policy and legal developments are sometimes dizzying and complicated, and they are rarely resolved quickly. We're nearly three years into our challenge to the Interpretive Rule, for example. We truly appreciate your sticking with us while we press on in the fight to protect your right to fly, free from unnecessary and burdensome restrictions.

Sincerely, AMA Government Affairs



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## Man Parachutes From Drone



On May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017, Ingus Augustkalns from Latvia, conducted the world's first parachute jump from a 28 rotor powered drone.

It took six months in planning the event before the right time and place was determined. Ingus was picked up from the top of Latvian state television and radio tower and the drone lifted him to 1,082 feet. He then released himself with the parachute successfully deploying.

The event was sponsored by Aeronex, a drone company in Latvia and supported by the state. Ingus was not arrested for the event.



“The 28 rotor drone is capable of lifting 100 kilos or 220 pounds.”



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## U.S. Aviation History in June



- **June 1905 - First flight of the Wright Flyer III takes place.**
- **June 1910 - The first airmail is carried between the governors of NY and PA.**
- **June 1942 - The battle of Midway takes place. U.S. naval aircraft sinks four Japanese aircraft carriers.**
- **June 1944 - The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, enters combat for the first time from bases in India.**
- **June 1953 - A USAF Douglas C-124 Globemaster II crashes in Japan. This is the first air accident in aviation history to claim over 100 lives.**
- **June 1954 - The Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, enters service with the USAF.**
- **June 1957 - The Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, enters service with the USAF.**
- **June 1971 - Southwest Airlines is founded in Texas.**
- **June 1977 - The Fairchild A-10 Thunderbolt, enters service with the USAF.**
- **June 1979 - The McDonnell Douglas F-15 Eagle, enters combat for the first time with the Israeli Air Force, shooting down five Syrian Mig-21's with no losses.**

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# Pikes Peak RC Hobbies

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## Upcoming RC Events:

- **June 6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting**
- June 09-11 (Fri-Sat-Sun) 2017 - Warbirds over Denver
- June 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2017 - PPRCC Father's Fly, Food and Fun Day
- June 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2017 - PPRCC Airfield Maintenance Day
- **July 5<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 2017 - PPRCC meeting**
- July 8-9 (Sat-Sun) 2017 - Warbirds over Pikes Peak
- July 29-30 (Sat-Sun) 2017 - Warbirds over Parker
- **August 1<sup>st</sup> (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting**

