

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

Newsletter



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

Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / November 7th (Tue) 2017 @ Railroad Station / 555 E Pikes Peak Ave	Local RC events happening this month: • •
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (October meeting)



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

Members Attended: 25
New Members: 1 – Justin Nelson. Welcome!
Visitors: 0

New Business:

- 1) Club President Kevin Kinzel, informed everyone November is the month for accepting nominations for the club vice president position for 2018. Voting will take place in December.
- 2) Club Treasurer Rod Hart, discussed the club's September finances. Rod is now accepting club membership renewals for 2018. Members can go to the Pikes Peak RC hobby store, the club website or attend the November club meeting to pick up a membership application.
- 3) Club Secretary Keith Davis, is taking names of any club members that has reached the 25 year club membership mark this year. Appreciation awards will be presented during the December club meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) There is now a club bulletin board posted at the club airfield. It is available to anyone that wants to post items for sale, wanted items, missing items or any other RC related or club related information. Try to keep the card to a 3x5 or 4x6 index card size.

Airplane Anomalies



"When asked; What happened? Just tell them it landed harder than what the instruction manual recommends!"

Colorado Springs Airshow



Event took place 23-24 September 2017

Although I could write several pages about the Colorado Springs airshow, and it was awesome, this short article will focus on the PPRCC members that supported the 3-day event.

PPRCC member Rod Hart is also a dossier at the National Museum of WWII Aviation, which sponsored the airshow. Rod arranged to have our club set up a tent location at the event, allowing us to put several of our planes on display. During the September club meeting, Rod asked for club members to volunteer some time and man the tent during the three days. Volunteers were allowed to enter free and were given over \$10 worth of coupons that could be used for lunch, drinks or to purchase items.

Club members, Rod Hart, Kevin Kinzel, Greg Moore and Ben Woofter managed the PPRCC site on Friday. Kevin, Greg and Ben managed the PPRCC site again on Saturday. And then on Sunday, Greg and Ben were assisted by Riley Ross and myself, Keith Davis.



“PPRCC members Greg Moore, Riley Ross, Ben Woofter and Kevin Kinzel. Rod was busy escorting dignitaries and I took the photo.”

Ben brought his F4U Corsair, Fokker DVIII and his gyrocopter. Greg brought his turbine F-15 Eagle and P-38 Lightning. Riley brought a high-wing trainer and radio and I brought my Hanger 9 Twin Otter. We all received dozens of questions about our aircraft; how to fly them, where do we fly them and how much do they cost!

The gates opened at 8:00 am and the aircraft started flying at 11:00 am. So we had 3 solid hours of spectators viewing all of the display tents and static aircraft.



“Greg answered many questions about the electric P-38 Lightning and Twin Otter aircraft.”



“Ben explains the aerodynamics of his quadcopter to a youngster while her dad looks on.”

The airshow came to a close on Sunday afternoon, with the weather finally lifting, allowing the USAF Thunderbirds to perform their show. Our club volunteers did an outstanding job in representing the club and maybe we'll pick up a few new members in the near future.

Thanks to Rod Hart in coordinating and setting up a site for the club. In conclusion, here are a few photos of each of our favorite parts of the airshow!



Riley Ross & the USAF Thunderbirds: This was Riley's first ever airshow to see military jets in flight. He said that he enjoyed the noise, the speed and the really close formations.



Kevin Kinzel & the Supermarine Spitfire: Kevin thought the all-out aerobatic show of the Spitfire was awesome. It was a high-speed, low-level performance all the way. Pretty cool!



Ben Woofter & the Curtiss P-40: Ben was really impressed on how fast and low the P-40 flew. There were a few times when everyone thought he wasn't going to come back up!



Greg Moore & the P-38 / A-10 Heritage Flight: Greg's father is a former P-38 Lightning pilot, so Greg really enjoyed seeing a real P-38 in flight. The pair did no aerobatics, but presented plenty of opportunity formation photo shots.



Keith Davis & the pair of F7F Tigercats: One of Keith's favorite airplanes. He has seen Tigercats fly before at several other airshows, but it was a first to see a pair of them flying together!

There were other unique airplanes that also participated and flew in the event, a PBY Catalina, a Grumman F3F, a Grumman F4F, a SBD Dauntless, a TBM Avenger and an A-1 Skyraider. All great airplanes!

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Please, No Mowing!



During the October club meeting, club president Kevin Kinzel and club safety officer Greg Moore, discussed in detail the issue of conducting field mowing while pilots are flying.

At no time will field mowing, weed trimming, gas-powered blowers, snow removal or any other type of power-operated maintenance be conducted near or on the runways while pilots are flying. This also includes no field maintenance in the pit areas.

There are just too many safety and liability issues involved with that combination of activities. Flying debris from the mower, damage to airplanes, getting hit by an airplane and pilots unable to hear their airplanes in flight.

Club member Chuck Brath is the field maintenance office and will take care of any mowing issues. In addition, the club will normally schedule a maintenance day once or twice a year and during that time, flying will not be permitted.

If there is an immediate maintenance issue, please contact Chuck Brath. The other option is to stop all flying until the maintenance issue is resolved.

Thank-You
PPRCC Management



Show & Tell Item - I



Larry Sipe's Giant Scale P-47 Project



"Larry updated fellow club members on the giant Miezer $\frac{1}{4}$ scale P-47 Kit that he is working on for a friend of his. He brought in the nearly completed wings, which will have a 122" wingspan. The plane is expected to weigh 80-100 pounds when finished. The color scheme hasn't been decided on yet"

Happy Birthday
USAF!



Established on 18 September 1947, the United States Air Force recently turned 70 years old on 18 September 2017. It currently has over 5,500 operational aircraft. In comparison, Russia has just over 3,500 operational aircraft followed by China with just over 3,000 operational aircraft.



"Happy Birthday USAF!"

It's Renewal
Time Again!



Yes, it's time to renew your club membership for 2018. Club treasurer Rod Hart is now accepting renewal applications from November 2017 to January 2018.

ONLINE FORM

The 2018 application form can be picked up at Dan's Pikes Peak RC Hobby store or download it from the club website. Be sure to have a current AMA card before applying for new membership or renewal!

In addition, the airfield gate combination will be changed in February 2018. Only club members that have renewed their membership will receive the new gate combination.

ONLINE FORM

**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**



**DONT BE A GRUMPY OL
TURKEY LIKE ME, LAST
ONE OUT OF THE
AIRFIELD, BE SURE TO
SECURE THE GATE!**

**OH YEAH, AND HAVE A
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: This plane first flew in 1995 and finally received U.S. certification during the 2003 EAA Airventure in Oshkosh, WI. Three are currently under U.S. registration. China plans to purchase twenty of these aircraft.



Clue #2: The plane was designed for short-haul routes in extreme remote areas. The plane has a unique concept of using the wing for water operations and tricycle landing gear for land operations.



Clue #3: The plane can carry one pilot and five passengers. But when flying solo, ballast must be placed near the right front seat due to center of gravity issues.

Last Month's Airplane: The German built Zeppelin-Staaken E-4/20.

Show & Tell Item - II



Duane Zinke's 40 size Super Sportster



"Duane acquired this pre-owned ARF from a club member that no longer wanted the plane. Duane just had to install a receiver, servos and an O.S. 56 4-stroke engine. This Sportster has a 55" ws, and weighs about 7 pounds. Duane has not flown it yet."

Show & Tell Update

Rod Hart's Turbinator Jet



"Back in August, Rod brought his Turbinator to the Club meeting for Show & Tell and it was almost ready for its first flight. In October, Rod informed me that he just completed 3 successful flights and he is very happy with it. Nice going Rod!"

U.S. Aviation History In November



- **November 1923** - A world speed record is set by a U.S. Navy Curtiss RC21 seaplane, reaching 267mph.
 - **November 1933** - The U.S. Army Air Corps, receives the most advanced bomber of its time, the Martin B-10. It is faster than the fighter planes of its time, is all-metal construction and has retractable landing gear.
 - **November 1935** - Pan Am begins its transpacific airmail service, using the Martin M130 Clipper flying boats.
 - **November 1945** - A Sikorsky R-5 helicopter makes its first air-sea rescue when it saves crewmembers from a sinking barge in Long Island Sound, NY.
 - **November 1947** - The Hughes HK-1 flying boat, also known as the "Spruce Goose", flies for the first and last time, piloted by Howard Hughes.
 - **November 1950** - USAF pilot Russell Brown, flying an F-80C shoots down a Mig-15 during the Korean War and becomes the first pilot to be credited with a jet vs jet aerial kill.
 - **November 1954** - The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, is retired from USAF service.
 - **November 1957** - The popular Cessna 172 and the Convair B-58 Hustler flies for the first time.
 - **November 1966** - The Bell X-15, sets a manned speed record of 4250mph or Mach 6.33.
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Upcoming RC Events:

- November 7th (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting & mini Swap Meet
- December 5th (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting
- January 1st Mon 2018 - PPRCC Frozen Needle Valve Event
- January 2nd (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting
- February 5th (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting & mini Swap Meet

