

# 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

<b>Next PPRCC Meeting:</b> 7:00pm / October 3rd (Tue) 2017 @ Railroad Station / 555 E Pikes Peak Ave	<b>Local RC events happening this month:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PPRCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jet Rally</li><li>•</li></ul>
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### Last Month's Minutes . . . (September meeting)



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

Members Attended: 20  
New Members: 0  
Guest Speaker: 1 – Mark Hyatt

#### New Business:

1) Club President Kevin Kinzel, announced that Rod Hart has volunteered to become the new club treasurer. Thanks Rod!

Kevin also informed everyone field maintenance such as mowing or weed trimming, will not be conducted near runways or the pit areas while people are flying their planes. When field maintenance is required, in most cases, it will be pre-scheduled in advance and the airfield could be possibly shut down.

2) Club Treasurer Rod Hart, introduced himself as the new club treasurer, then discussed the club's August finances. Rod said the club came out slightly ahead financially from the recent warbird and family day events.

#### Old Business:

1) Club Secretary Keith Davis, reminded everyone if your email address changes, be sure to update the change with him. This will ensure you receive the latest club events and issues.

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#### Airplane Anomalies

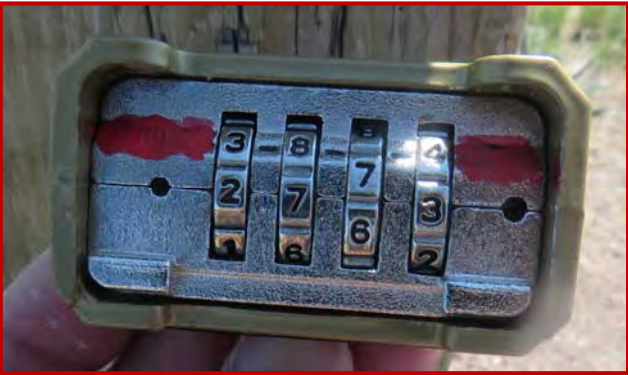


**"Sooner or later, this person will have to purchase a trailer to transport his RC planes!"**

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### New Gate Lock!



"The old gate lock finally failed for good and was recently replaced with a new one. The combination number remains the same until next year. However with the new lock, the combination number **MUST** be in position in order to re-lock the lock. Be sure to align the numbers with the black hash marks or the red paint stripe."

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### Show & Tell Item - I



Keith Davis' Top Flite Kit P-39 Airacobra



"Keith recently purchased this pre-owned, stripped out, Top Flite Kit P-39 Airacobra from a Pueblo RC club member. He hopes to make this a minimum cost project, already having all of the necessary parts to make the plane flyable. Keith added new decals to represent early 1942 Guadalcanal. The plane has a 63" ws, air retracts and will have an O.S. 91 engine."

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# Pueblo Big Birds!



Event took place on 26-27 August 2017

The Sky Corral RC club out of Pueblo held its annual "Big Birds" RC event and a few of the PPRCC members made the 50 minute drive to Pueblo and attended the event.



**"Tom brought his Big Stick and Hobbico 60, Murphy brought his Corsair and Mustang, Riley brought a 60 trainer and Keith brought his Piper Pawnee."**

It was a fly what you want, big or small airplane, get together event. This was Tom Jacob's first visit to the Pueblo airfield and despite the 95 degree temperature by noon, Tom and everyone else was having a good time.

The Pueblo club served Subway cold-cut sandwiches for lunch but if you waited too long to eat your sandwich, it was probably being cooked because of the dry air and high temperatures. And some of the larger, heavier planes were noticeably using more runway for take-off and landings because of the high density altitude (DA).



**"A pair of nice looking aerobatic airplanes belonging to a few of the Pueblo RC members."**



**"Although Riley flew one of the smaller planes during the event, many of the pilots were impressed with his flying skills."**



**"Above - Murphy completed a few flights with his recently repaired P-51 Mustang as Tom looks on. Below - Tom preps his Hobbico 60 and completed a few flights of his own."**



By 1:00 pm, the temperature was reaching 100 degrees and the PPRCC guys decided it was time to pack it up for the day. We thanked the Sky Corral club for their hospitality and told them that we will be seeing them again at next week's Warbirds over Pueblo!

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## Guest Speaker, Mark Hyatt



Guest speaker Mark Hyatt, attended the September club meeting to introduce his new program "Colorado Aerolab". The program is currently designed for homeschooled teenagers to introduce them to RC airplane fundamentals, RC airplane building and RC airplane flying.

Mark is a retired USAF pilot and believes his program could head in the right direction of bringing the interest of aviation to the younger generation.

Mark spoke to the PPRCC members, looking for anyone that may be interested in becoming a teacher/instructor in the program. It would start out as a paid, part-time position, possibly meeting once or twice a week.

If interested, contact Mark Hyatt:

[reachhy@gmail.com](mailto:reachhy@gmail.com)

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Enrolling Now  
**2017-18**

AeroLab is open to students ages 12-14.

2017 Labs Schedule  
Labs meet from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm during the academic year on these days:  
Tuesdays: DIY: RC Aircraft  
Wednesdays: DIY Drones  
Thursdays: MakerSpace Aero

Some lab fees apply.  
Labs are limited to a maximum of 10 students. A waiting list will be available.

Register now to reserve your spot!

More info and enrollment forms are available at:  
ColoradoAeroLab.org

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## Still not Getting The Word?



PPRCC has several venues of disseminating information out to its club members; club meetings, the club website, the club newsletter, email roster, and now a Facebook page (Thanks Riley!) and a public bulletin board located at the airfield.

If you need another method of receiving club information, please inform the club Secretary, Keith Davis.



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**DO HAVE A STORY, ARTICLE  
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**



**LAST ONE LEAVING  
THE AIRFIELD,  
DON'T FORGET TO LOCK  
THE GATE. JUST IMAGINE  
THE HORRORS IF THE GATE  
IS LEFT OPENED!**

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**Can You Name  
That Plane?**



**Clue# 1:** Although only one was built in 1920, this plane was considered one of the world's most advance passenger airplanes. It was all-aluminum construction, had an onboard toilet and a radio-telegraph communications system. The flight engineer was able to access all four engines while in flight through an access tunnel extending through the wing.



**Clue #2:** The plane carried a crew of 4, 1 stewardess and up to 18 passengers. All personal entered and exited the plane through the nose.



**Clue #3:** The program was cancelled because Western leaders feared that this plane had the potential of becoming a long-range bomber, going against the treaty made after WWI.

**Last Month's Airplane:** The British Vickers Type 161 COW gun fighter. No one knew that?

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## Warbirds over Pueblo



Event took place on 2-3 September 2017

Back in September, the Sky Corral RC club out of Pueblo, held its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Warbirds over Pueblo event. It was a 2-day event and PPRCC members Ben Woofter, James Murphy, Riley Ross and Keith Davis went on Saturday. PPRCC members Dan Brunson, Kevin Kinzel, Larry Laughlin and Larry Sipes came out on Sunday.

The event kicked off around 9:00 am with about 25 pilots signing up. And yes it was the typical Pueblo weather, clear skies, sometimes breezy and of course temperatures almost reaching 100 degrees each day!



**“A few of the PPRCC warbirds – Murphy’s F4U Corsair and P-47 Thunderbolt. Ben Woofter’s P-51 Mustang.”**



**“This is the new Flightline RC electric A-10. All foam and two ducted fan engines, for the cost of \$550. The owner managed about a 3 minute flight with the stock batteries.”**

Much of the flying was done by 12:00 each morning because of the hot temperatures in the afternoons. With hardly a breeze at times, most pilots elected to seek shade and comfort under their tents.

But despite the heat, flying still continued throughout the day and everyone was enjoying the moment. Two of the more eye-catching aircraft at the event was Larry Laughlin’s turbine-powered Tacano and Kevin Kinzel’s turbine F-15 Eagle. Both aircraft later received awards at the end of the event.



**“This unique WWII British trainer, was scratch-built and flew for the first time during the Pueblo warbirds event.”**



**“The most popular planes of choice this year seems to be the Fokker DVII and the F4U Corsair.”**

Warbirds over Pueblo ended on noon Sunday with the presentation of several awards. PPRCC member Kevin Kinzel won 1<sup>st</sup> place modern with his F-15 Eagle. PPRCC member Larry Laughlin won 2<sup>nd</sup> place modern with his turbine Tacano. And Keith Davis won 2<sup>nd</sup> place WWI with his Curtiss Jenny. Congratulations to all of them. And Thank-You Pueblo for hosting the event.

Photos of the event can be found on the PPRCC website.

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# Jet Rally

Event takes place 22 October 2017



## 2017 Pikes Peak RC Club Annual Jet Rally!

Sunday October 22nd / 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

- Airfield located on Judge Orr Road, 4 miles east of Meadow Lake Airport. Falcon, CO
- \$15 Pilot Registration Fee / AMA Card Required / Turbine Waiver required if flying turbine powered jet
- Open to all type jets – Turbine, Ducted Fan, Military, Civilian, Scale and Sport
- Open to all pilots, guests, visitors, spectators / Lunch will be available / Awards will be given
- Event will take place on east runway. West runway will be open to non-participating flyers



Kevin Kinzel is the Event Coordinator for the Jet Rally.

For more information or questions, he can be reached at:

[kevpro@centurylink.net](mailto:kevpro@centurylink.net)

## Show & Tell

### Item - II

Ben Woofter's CMP Bf-109 Project



"Ben presented his pre-owned Nitroplanes/CMP Bf-109 project. Although not ready for flight, Ben has already painted over the two-tone grey camouflage with a two-tone green camouflage and a yellow nose. The fuselage ribbing, landing gear blocks and the large plastic spinner has also been re-enforced. The plane has a 72" ws and will house a gas engine."

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# PPRCC Electric Fly - In



Event took place on 10 September 2017

PPRCC completed its 5<sup>th</sup> annual electric fly-in event this past September. With a turnout of about 25 pilots from various clubs, the event went well.

One club in particular that was new to the event was a local Quad/Drone club. One of the members mentioned that they do not have a designated flying area for their equipment, so they were excited to see the PPRCC airfield. They were impressed.



**“One of the several types of QUADs that flew during the PPRCC electric event.”**

The electric event was opened to any type of aircraft that was powered by an electric motor; planes, gliders, jets helos and even QUADs. All types did participate and happily they all got along!



**“Austin Clies from the Pikes Peak Soaring Society Club, flew a 10 foot ws powered soar plane.”**

The event was only about four hours long, taking place on the west runway, allowing non-participants to still fly on the east runway. That worked out well since the west runway had planes, jets and QUADs all over the western skies!



**“This was the popular plane of the day, The Hanger 9 foamy T-28 Trojan. There were several of them at the airfield.”**

Since it was a short event, lunch was not available but ice cold water was on hand and many of the pilots happily took a few bottles.

Around noon time, although flying was still permitted, the electric event came to a close with the presentation of a few awards. The registered pilots decided and voted on which planes they liked the most.

PPRCC member Jacob Nelson was awarded a new electric helicopter for being the youngest flyer at the event, PPRCC member Nick Howard was voted for the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for his Hanger 9 Cessna and Pueblo club member John Boren was voted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for his high-speed pylon racer.



**“Jacob Nelson (Center), 1<sup>st</sup> place Nick Howard (Left) and 2<sup>nd</sup> place John Boren (Right).”**

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## Wings over the Rockies Auction



**When:** Sunday 5 November 2017  
**Where:** Wings over the Rockies Air & Space Museum  
**Address:** 7711 East Academy Blvd, Hanger #1, Denver, CO 80230  
**Time:** 7:00 am doors open / 9:00 am auction begins  
**Contact Info:** Tom Neff  
[Thomas.neff@comcast.net](mailto:Thomas.neff@comcast.net) / 303-829-5416

Items can be brought in at 7:00 am for check-in and auction

**General Admission fees:**

Adults - \$15.00  
 Seniors - \$11.50  
 Military & Veterans - \$11.50  
 Children - \$8.50  
 Children 3 and under - Free



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## U.S. Aviation History In October



- **October 1905** - The Wright Brothers offer their airplane design to the U.S., British and French Governments, but it is rejected.
- **October 1927** - Pan Am airlines begins air passenger service, from Key West, FL to Havana, Cuba.
- **October 1930** - Transcontinental and Western Air (TWA) begins its first U.S. coast to coast air service.
- **October 1938** - The Curtiss XP-40 flies for the first time. By 1944, nearly 14,000 models have been built.
- **October 1940** - The North American NA73, later to be renamed the P-51 Mustang, flies for the first time.
- **October 1942** - The Grumman XF6F Hellcat, flies for the first time.
- **October 1942** - The Bell XP-59 Airacomet, USA's first jet fighter, flies for the first time.
- **October 1947** - The North American XF-86 Sabre, USA's first swept-wing jet, flies for the first time.
- **October 1947** - CPT Charles Yeager, flies the Bell X-1 rocket plane, becoming the first person to officially break the sound barrier in level flight.
- **October 1953** - The world speed record is broken for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 12 months, when a North American F-100 Super Sabre exceeds 755mph in level flight.

# Pikes Peak RC Hobbies

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## Upcoming RC Events:

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sun) 2017 - PPRCC meeting**
- **October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sun) 2017 - PPRCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jet Rally**
- **November 7<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting**
- **December 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2017 - PPRCC meeting**

