

# Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

## Newsletter



Volume 46 / Issue 07 / July 2018

AMA Club Number 179 / 2126 East Boulder Blvd / Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909  
Phone: 719-329-1600 / Website: [www.pprcflyers.net](http://www.pprcflyers.net)



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

<p><b>Next PPRCC Meeting:</b> 7:00pm / July 3rd (Tue) 2018 @ Catalyst Campus / 555 E Pikes Peak</p>	<p><b>Local RC events happening this month:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warbirds over Pikes Peak</li><li>• Warbirds over Parker</li></ul>
---	---

### Last Month's Minutes . . . (June meeting)



Due to the unavailability of building access, there was not a June club meeting.

+++++

**Airfield Reminder:** If your plane has a total catastrophic crash outside of the airfield fence, be sure to recover as much of the airplane pieces as possible (wood, monokote, fuel tank, fuel lines, etc). The cattle that grazes in the fields tends to eat everything. Parts and pieces left behind may cause intestinal problems for the cattle and rancher problems for us!

+++++

### Airplane Anomalies



"At this point, it may be too late to turn the aileron high rates back on!"

During a low pass, the right engine and center engine quit on this Junkers Ju-52. The pilot applied full power to the left engine, causing the plane to roll hard right. Seconds later, the plane was totaled.

+++++

\*\*\*\*\*

## Airfield Maintenance



On June 9<sup>th</sup>, PPRCC completed its annual airfield maintenance and cleanup. We had a good turnout for the project, about 15 club members participated.

The airfield received a good mowing, grass trimming and storage shed cleaning. Inside the shed, there is now a designated shelf for lost & found items. A new trash can has been added to each of the pit areas. So no more trash in the butt cans!

The west runway still needs the center stripe painted and the east runway still has a few major cracks that needs repairs. We hope to have that completed this summer.

Thanks to all that came out and did their part!



**“Club members Chuck (Left) and Tom (Right) took care of the large grass areas with the riding mowers.”**



**“Club member Gary trimmed down the inner grass areas.”**



**“Club members Gus, Joe and several others did the fine detailing with weed eaters around the furniture.”**



**“Club member Riley and his mom Wendy, cleaned up the storage shed. It now looks like a hotel room! (Almost).”**

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Can You Name That Plane?



**Clue #1:** Designed to replace the Hawker Hurricane, this plane first flew in 1939. But due to continuous problems with the Rolls Royce Vulture engine, only four were built and the program was cancelled in 1941.

**Clue #2:** Although the program was cancelled, the airframe was further modified and used to build the famous Hawker Typhoon.



**Clue #3:** For its time, this was one of heaviest armed fighters, having provisions for 12 x .303 machine guns or 4 x 20mm cannons.

**Last month's airplane:** The Japanese Mitsubishi Ki-83 heavy fighter. Only Greg Moore had the correct answer of that heavy hitter!

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Show & Tell Update



Keith Davis' Topflite P-39 Airacobra



"Keith presented his pre-owned P-39 Airacobra during the October 2017 club meeting. A few months later, he brought it to the airfield for its first flight. The first 5 minutes of the flight went well. Then the canopy suddenly blew off and the plane spiraled to the ground, totally destroyed."

\*\*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\*\*

## Warbirds over the Rockies 2018



Letter from Brian O'Meara

Event takes place: 13-16 September 2018

The event will again be held at the Arvada Associated Modelers, west of Denver. Same as the last few years. It features an 800 foot runway with 100 foot runoff on all three sides. We face north, so there is never a problem with the sun. The Arvada Modelers are gracious hosts and are well versed in running a big event. Expect 80 degrees with lots of sunshine. Cool in the evenings. Bring sun screen. Based on feedback from previous years pilots, The Pyro Show will be on Saturday only at about noon. The foamy mass launch will be each day about 1PM.

We are planning a full size flyover on Friday evening about 5:30PM, after most of the flying is finished for the day. We will only bring in some hot rods, Like the P-51, T-33, T-28, NA-50. We will keep it fast paced, with at least two full size planes in the circuit. The FAA has given us an airshow waiver, so the full size will be on the deck at 100 feet! The FAA will witness what RC modeling is all about. So this plan will allow a lot more RC Warbird flying each day.

Most of the tents have been rented, so if you are interested in a tent, let me know right away. If you do not have a group, but need space for 1 or 2 guys in a tent, I know of a couple tents that have space. We have Lots of space for pop ups.

Although we are not a contest, we have phantom judges that will pick the winners of such categories as "best WWI, Best finish etc. The awards banquet again will be held at the Arvada Center with a sit down prime rib or salmon dinner. As you know, our twenty trophies are magnificent and all hand made. After the awards, we will have the auction. Casual, but the women frequently like to get dressed up. We plan on some sort of dinner for Friday night at the field, hosted by Warbird Alley. \$10PP for Friday unless I can find host.

If you are coming from out of town, I have a negotiated rate at the Days Inn at \$94.00 per night. This is about \$40.00 less than any other rate I could get. Call them at 303-277-0200 and ask for our rate. Book right away as there are a limited number of rooms and the rate is only good until Aug 31.

Rules are simple. Have fun, don't crash, fly in a racetrack pattern. Planes should be military in military markings. Any size any era. WWII thru jets. Gaggles are encouraged. Forest Fire markings are approved.

As this is an expensive event to host, I cannot thank enough our major sponsors. Model Airplane News, ZAP Glue, Frank Tiano, Horizon / Spektrum Radios, Meister Scale Models and our hosts, The Arvada Associated Modelers.

We have lots of room for parking and for motorhomes, but no hookups. No charge for motorhomes. We will have food at the field Friday thru Sunday.

Dates are September 13 thru the 16th. Proceeds of the event will again go to Colorado Mental Health. Register here for \$55 [https://www.rcflightdeck.com/event.cfm?event\\_id=7788](https://www.rcflightdeck.com/event.cfm?event_id=7788)

Hope all is well, see you in a few weeks.  
Brian and Bonnie OMeara  
Cell phone 720-937-3944

\*\*\*\*\*

## Pilot's Choice



If you are the only pilot using the runway, and based on wind direction, you have a choice of where to fly from; the south end, the center or the north end. However, if you are flying from the center and another pilot would like to fly from the north or south end, the center pilot must stop flying or move to the same end as the out coming pilot. That is a Club rule!



\*\*\*\*\*

+++++

# Armed Forces Appreciation Day

Event took place: 2 June 2018



The Pueblo air museum held its annual, one-day Armed Forces Appreciation Day back in June. All of the local RC clubs were invited to attend, bringing along their RC airplanes for display.

Club members Greg Moore and Keith Davis went to the event, representing PPRCC. Greg brought his F-15 Eagle and his P-38 Lightning and Keith brought his L-19 Bird dog and T-42 Cochise.



**“Keith’s T-42 (Electric) in front, followed by his L-19 Bird Dog (Glow). On the table is Greg’s P-38 Lightning (Electric) and behind that is his F-15 Eagle (Turbine).”**

We were also allowed to roam the museum, lots of aircraft and military vehicles on display, inside and outside of the two hangars. Several of the displays were open so that you could go inside and see the aircraft and vehicles from the inside.

But of course Greg and I received plenty of questions about our RC aircraft on display. The most numerous question; Do they really fly?



**“Throughout the day, Greg received dozens of questions about his Japanese markings F-15 Eagle.”**



**“My best part of the event; I got to crawl around the inside of a PBY Catalina. That’s me sitting in the cockpit!”**

The event ended around 4:00 pm and by then, around 600 spectators visited the museum. If you have not visited the place yet, it is a nice one-day site to check out. Plenty of WWI, WWII, Vietnam and modern aircraft and displays to view. Many of the museum guides once worked on some of the aircraft displays or similar, so they have lots of insight to little known facts about the aircraft.

The Denver Air & Space museum conducts a similar event which takes place in February. All RC clubs are invited and the participants get free access to the aircraft displays.

+++++

\*\*\*\*\*

# Warbirds over Denver

Event took place: 8-10 June 2018



The RC Modeler's out of Chatfield, conducted their annual 3 day warbirds & Classics event. This year only one of our PPRCC members participated in the event, Larry Laughlin. Greg Banas and I came out on the last day (Sunday) as spectators.

Sunday was a very hot and windy day with an unusually low amount of pilots returning for the last day. But I was told the previous days were busy!



“PPRCC member Larry (Right) gets ready for flight with his T-28 Trojan and PPRCC member Greg (Red Hat) acts as his spotter.”



“I didn’t get to take many photos and I did not see Larry’s Tacano fly during the event, but he did tell me that his turbine-engine Tacano won an award for second place best modern aircraft.”

\*\*\*\*\*

**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 – NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

\*\*\*\*\*



**LAST PERSON LEAVING THE AIRFIELD, DON’T FORGET TO CLOSE AND LOCK THE GATE!**

\*\*\*\*\*



+++++

# PPRCC Father's Day Fly-In

Event took place: 15 June 2018



PPRCC completed its annual Father's Day Fly-in event this past June. It was a modest turnout with about 15 pilots and visitors coming out for flying and cake.



"Group photo of the 15+ participants. Dan Brunson is posted in the center, holding the Father's Day cake. Welcome back Dan!"

Everyone got to fly throughout the day, but the winds were constantly changing and overcast clouds were rolling in. Despite that, there were also a few father & son and father & daughter pairs enjoying the event. PPRCC thanks everyone that came out that day.



"A father & son team about to take their new foamy out for its first flight."



"Tom Jacob flew his Big Stik 60 several times, all good flights!"



"The cake was cut around 11:00 am. We wanted everyone to have some cake and ice cream before the stormy weather moved in!"



+++++

Warbirds over  
Pikes Peak

Event Takes Place: 14-15 (Sat-Sun) July 2018



PPRCC Warbirds  
over Pikes Peak!

July 14-15 (Sat-Sun) 2018

- Located at the PPRCC airfield, off Judge Orr Road, Falcon
- Begins at 9:00 am each day
- \$25 pilot's registration fee
- Open to all types military aircraft
- Gas / Glow / Electric / Turbine
- Awards presented in several categories
- Overnight camping available – No facilities



Warbirds over  
Parker

Event takes place: 28-29 (Sat-Sun) July 2018



WAR BIRDS OVER PARKER

4<sup>th</sup> Annual... AMA Sanctioned Event

28-29 July 2018 \*\*\*\*\* Landing Fee \$25. Lunch Include

Lunch for all GUEST just \$10.

Prizes for: Best of Show, Best WWI, Best WWII, Best Current

Prizes donated by: Hobby Town (Parker, Colpar) & Action Hobbies

Overnight Camping Available...NO HOOK-UP limited space contact: Rocky

Address to Cross Winds Field: GPS.. Lat 39.567 Long 104.612

And from E470...go east on Smokey Hill Rd 2.5mi...then south on Powhaton 1.0mi...Then east on County Line Rd [194] for 3.7miles the field is on the left side

Welcome

Pilots must have AMA card and FAA# on [or] in planes

Event times are: 9a - 5p

Contacts: Event Manager, Kevin: 303.549-8991 [kevr@aol.com](mailto:kevr@aol.com)

Also

Dennis: 303.472-7315 [we-fly50@hotmail.com](mailto:we-fly50@hotmail.com)

Robert (Rocky): 303.523-8647 [rashb52@gmail.com](mailto:rashb52@gmail.com)



# Pikes Peak RC Hobbies

2126 East Boulder Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80909  
Phone: 1-719-329-1600



## Upcoming RC Events:

- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting**
- July 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat - Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over Pikes Peak
- July 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> (Fri - Sat) 2018 - Loveair RC Club Jet rally
- July 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> (Sat - Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over Parker
- **August 7<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting at the airfield (6:00 pm)**

