

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 / June 5th (Tue) 2018 @ Catalyst Campus / 555 E Pikes Peak	Local RC events happening this month: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warbirds over Denver• PPRCC Father's Day Fly-In
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (May meeting)



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Members Attended: 28
New Members: 0
Visitors: 2 – Chuck Roth & Lee Jordan, Welcome!

New Business:

1) Club President Kevin Kinzel, gave an update on the status of long-time PPRCC member Dan Brunson. Dan did have emergency heart surgery several weeks ago, was at the Cordera rehabilitation center (Colorado Springs) for therapy, then went back to the hospital due to complications, Dan is one of the original PPRCC members, establishing the club back in the 1960's.

2) Club Treasurer Rod Hart, spoke about the May club finances. The 2018 AMA charter fee and the 2017 Federal tax fee has been paid.

3) FAA Reauthorization Act; Section 336, passes through the House of Representatives. See article on page 2 for information.

Old Business:

1) FAA registration is required for all RC aircraft over .5 pounds. This includes airplanes, jets, helicopters, Quads and drones.

Airplane Anomalies . . .



"RC Airplane Rule #1: Airplanes fly best when all the parts and pieces remain as one piece!"

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House of Representatives Passes FAA Reauthorization Act

AMA Email dated: Tuesday 01 May 2018

Today, the House of Representatives passed the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R.4), a long-term reauthorization of the FAA. We are happy to share that Section 336, also known as the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, is included in this bill with meaningful refinements that we supported to help make it stronger.

We especially want to thank the thousands of members who participated in our Call to Action in the last few weeks to let Congress know the importance of protecting our hobby. Your efforts during this critical time have made a significant impact.

While much of what we fought for was included in this bill, there are also some provisions that concern us. Rest assured – we will continue to work on improving FAA Reauthorization moving forward. Protecting our hobby is AMA's top priority and we will do everything possible to ensure your ability and freedom to fly.

Please remember there are several more steps in the process before FAA Reauthorization becomes law. The next step is for the Senate to consider its own version of FAA Reauthorization, and then both the House and Senate bills will be sent to a Joint Committee to hash out a final version of the legislation. This process could take months and we may ask for your help again during this time.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your unwavering support. Please continue to monitor your emails, social media, and www.modelaircraft.org/gov for new information and ways you can help. As always, thank you for your support.

AMA Government Affairs



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Show & Tell Item - I

Chuck Roth's Great Planes PT-60 Trainer



"Chuck recently finished building his PT-60 trainer but wanted a different color scheme. His wife suggested Ken Peach's "Jelly Belly" stunt airplane color scheme, so that's what he did. It is now bright yellow with jelly bean decals along the fuselage and powered by an O.S. 61 engine. Looks good!"

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Canadian Snowbirds Fly-By



KOAA News 5 article dated 11May2018

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds will celebrate NORAD's 60th anniversary this weekend in Colorado Springs.

The Snowbirds are similar to the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds, an air demonstration squadron with decades of history. The team is currently flying in its 48th season.

Look for the planes in the sky above Peterson Air Force Base around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 11th and at 10:40 a.m. on Saturday, May 12th. They will also be flying over Cheyenne Mountain Air Station around 3:30 p.m. on May 11th.

The Snowbirds fly CT-114 Tutor jets, which were used to train student pilots from the mid '60s to 2000. The Snowbirds fly modified versions of the jets, with a more powerful engine to fly at low altitudes.

The Snowbirds are in their 48th season, and this year's theme is 'A Tradition of Military Excellence.'



"As I was walking my dog that afternoon around 2:30pm, the formation of Snowbirds flew right over us as they headed towards Peterson AFB."

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Dawn Patrol Swap Meet



Event took place: 5 May 2018

The Dawn Patrol RC club out of Parker, Colorado, held its 3rd annual swap meet in Castle Rock. PPRCC members James Murphy and Austin Clies, both had tables there hoping to sell a few items.

It was a good turnout for a one-day event, dozens of sellers there, also hoping to thin out their garages, only to make room for new items!



"Murphy found time to grab a quick bite between sales."



"This seller had several hard to find kits, he didn't want to bring anything back home, so almost any price offer was accepted."

The Dawn Patrol event is getting more popular each year and they already are making plans for a 2019 swap meet.

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Mustang vs Corsair: Who's Number One?



It's been a decades-long debate, which was the better fighter, the North American P-51 Mustang or the Chance Vought F4U Corsair? The Mustang was considered the best fighter in the European airwar and the Corsair was considered the best fighter in the Pacific airwar. Even though a few people may still believe that the Grumman F6F Hellcat was the best fighter of the Pacific.

The Mustang and Corsair have been evaluated against each in all aspects of flight performance; speed, rate of climb, range, maneuverability, etc.



"Honduran Goodyear F4U Corsair"

But did you know both planes went head to head in actual combat, shooting at each other?



"El Salvadoran Cavalier P-51 Mustang"

While browsing through an old Flight Journal magazine (Dated December 2012), I came across an article called "The Soccer War". It was about a brief conflict that took place between Honduras and El Salvador in 1969. Here is part of the article:

The war was the last conflict in which piston-engined fighters fought each other, both sides deploying some World War II era design aircraft. Cavalier P-51D Mustangs, F4U-1, -4 and -5 Corsairs, T-28A Trojans, AT-6C Texans and even C-47 Skytrains converted into bombers saw action.

On July 17 1969, Honduran Vought F4U Corsairs engaged a flight of Salvadorian Goodyear FG-1D Corsairs and Cavalier P-51 Mustangs — militarized versions of civilian air racing P-51s. During the duel, a Honduran pilot named Fernando Soto, flying a Corsair, shot down two of the Salvadorian planes, one a Corsair and the other a Mustang.



El Salvador continued to fly its surviving Corsairs into 1975; Honduras didn't retire its fleet until 1979. All planes in the engagement were of American origin.

So in conclusion, if you have always thought both planes were pretty much equal or the Mustang was a better airplane, well the Corsair is ahead in the kill category, 1-0!



"After WWII, many of the fighters and other aircraft went to the U.S. Air National Guard or sold to countries overseas. The planes were used for several more years, then bought by private owners. Most of them were repainted back to their WWII color schemes that we now see in airshows today."

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Can you Name That Plane?



Clue #1: This was Japan's fastest twin-engine plane of WWII. Japanese officials placed it at a top speed of 438 mph. But after WWII, it was evaluated by U.S. officials using high octane fuel, the plane reached a maximum speed of 473 mph.



Clue #2: Production of the plane began in 1945 and only four were built before Japan's surrender. The Allies never knew of this plane, so it didn't receive a fighter male codename. (George, Frank, Nate, Pete, Oscar, Tony, etc).



Clue #3: Designed as a two-seat, long-range heavy fighter to combat the B-29 bombers, it was armed with 2x20mm cannons and 2x30mm cannons. It never encountered Allied aircraft.

Last month's airplane: England's De Havilland DH-104 Dove (Civilian) or the Devon (Military). Both Bill McMullen and Joe Jacobson had the correct answer. Nice job!

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Show & Tell Item - II



Jim Cody's Kit Built Trainer



"Jim built this kit several years ago and found some time for upgrades to get it ready for flight. The plane has a concave wing with dope covering, hand-painted stripes, a 2.4ghz 3 channel receiver and a Fox .36 engine with a 10x6 prop. The plane has not flown yet."

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Lost & Found Items



The 2018 flying season is fully underway and of course, RC items do get left behind or lost at the airfield. In good faith, many club members will find the items and hold on to them until they find the rightful owner. But that tends to make it longer for the owner to get the item back.

If a lost item is found or an item is left behind, your best bet is to leave it in the airfield shed. The club will have to make a designated "Lost & Found" items shelf in the shed.

However if it is a high valued item such as a radio or a starter, it may be best to take it with you and notify Keith Davis (the website guy), so that he can post the missing item(s) on the PPRCC website.

Thank-You / PPRCC Management



"Has anyone turned in a missing husband? He was last seen walking east two days ago, looking for his stupid airplane!"

Warbirds over Pikes Peak



Event takes place: 14-15 July 2018

Location: PPRCC Airfield

PPRCC will conduct its annual Warbirds over Pikes Peak 14-15 (Sat-Sun) July, starting at 9:00 am each day. It is the club's second biggest RC event of the year, the Family Day and Swap Meet in August, is the club's biggest event. Here are the details:

- Open to all club members, guest flyers and spectators.
- \$25 registration fee.
- AMA membership required.
- All types/era military aircraft welcome.
- Gas, glow and electric powered aircraft allowed.
- Two active runways.
- Lunch available both days.
- Awards presented on second day.
- Overnight camping permitted, no services.
- Tents/sun shades permitted

A warbird flyer will be posted soon. In the meantime, you can contact Keith Davis for more information at:

Lkdavis03@hotmail.com

Airfield Trash Cans



Last year PPRCC removed the permanent, rotted out trash cans that were located in the east and west pit areas. The plan was and still is, to replace them with portable plastic trash cans secured to the fence.

Since the removal of the old trash cans and still waiting for the new trash cans, it was brought to the club's attention that more trash has been noticed lying around the airfield and even being placed in the water and sand buckets.

The club plans on installing the new trash cans during the June airfield maintenance day. So in the meantime, please help police your area and either use the dumpster or take your trash home.

Thank-You / PPRCC management

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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

Keith Davis - PPRCC Newsletter Editor



OK, so our airfield is not as secure as Cheyenne Mountain, but the last person leaving the airfield is supposed to close and lock the gate!



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Show & Tell Update



Duane Zinke's refurbished P-51 Mustang



"Duane presented his refurbished P-51 Mustang during the May club meeting. The following month he took it out to the airfield with the assistance of club member Larry Laughlin. Together they spent some time in final preparation for its first flight and it flew! The O.S. .61 gave them some trouble at first, but after Larry did a few more adjustments, it did just fine!

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Upcoming RC Events:

- June 2nd (Sat) 2018 - Pueblo Armed Forces Appreciation Day at the Pueblo Air Museum
- **June 5th (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting**
- June 8th-9th-10th (Fri-Sat-Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over Denver
- **June 9th (Sat) 2018 - PPRCC Airfield Maintenance Day (8:00 am)**
- June 16th (Sat) 2018 - PPRCC Father's Day Fly-In
- **July 3rd (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting**
- July 14th -15th (Sat-Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over Pikes Peak

