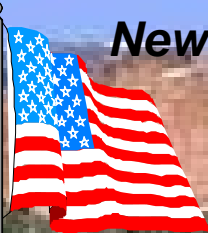


# Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

## 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 / May 1st (Tue) 2018  
@ Catalyst Campus / 555 E Pikes Peak

**Local RC events happening this month:**

- PPRCC Club meeting & Swap Meet
- Dawn Patrol Swap Meet

### Last Month's Minutes . . .

(April meeting)



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

Members Attended: 39  
New Members: 1 – Chuck Roth. Welcome!  
Visitors: 3 – Lee Jordon, Abigale Gloumeau and Anna. Welcome!

#### New Business:

Club president Kevin Kinzel could not attend the April meeting. Club VP Greg Moore, lead the meeting.

1) Club VP Greg Moore, informed everyone about the upcoming high fire danger season. The Peyton Fire Department is the place to call in the event of a fire at the airfield.

2) Club Treasurer Rod Hart, spoke about the April club finances then proceeded to update everyone about the club land lease. PPRCC has 3 years remaining on the lease, expires in 2021 and currently Rod sees no problems in getting it renewed in 2021.

#### Old Business:

1) The new 2018 AMA Safety Code signs have been made and will be posted at the airfield, one for each of the pit areas.

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#### Airplane Anomalies



**"Here is one good reason why you should maintain your AMA membership, Insurance!"**

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**FAA/AMA  
Email**

Dated 28 March 2018



**FAA Authorization Extended to  
September 30, 2018**

The AMA Government Affairs team has worked diligently with Congress to ensure our hobby is protected in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization legislation. On March 23, President Trump signed the omnibus spending bill into law, which includes a six-month extension of FAA authorization, funding the FAA through September 30, 2018. This extension means the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (Section 336) will remain intact and our members can continue to fly under AMA's set of community-based safety guidelines, as we have for many decades.

While this legislation provides short-term clarity for our members, we need long-lasting certainty for our hobby. Over the next six months, we will continue to work with Congress on a long-term reauthorization bill that will strengthen the Special Rule for Model Aircraft and affirm the role of community-based organizations like AMA in educating and supporting hobbyists.

As always, the most current information about our government advocacy efforts is available on our website [www.modelaircraft.org/gov](http://www.modelaircraft.org/gov).

Sincerely,

AMA Government Affairs Team

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**Pet  
Control**



Reminder - Pets are allowed at the PPRCC airfield but remember to please keep them under control and clean up after them!



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**Show & Tell  
Item - I**

Ben Woofter's Seagull Models Bee Gee Z



**"Ben acquired his Gee Bee Z, still new in the box, from a fellow club member. Ben said that he had to overcome several issues with the ARF as he built it, but it came out ok. The plane now has a DLE-30cc gas engine and weighs 14-15 pounds and has a 70" ws. And the plane flies quite well!"**

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Rolls-Royce & USAF; 70 years Together



I came across this advertisement while browsing through an USAF magazine (March 2018). Rolls Royce has been building aircraft engines since the 1930's. They recently completed 70 years of contracting with the USAF in building aircraft engines for the USAF, beginning with the P-51 Mustang during the 1940's and now with the latest C-130J Super Hercules. Quite an accomplishment!



Can You Name That Plane?



**Clue #1:** This plane can be found resting in a field near the Meadow Lake Airport, not too far from the PPRCC airfield.



**Clue #2:** Designed as short-haul carrier, over 540 were built during 1945-1967. Argentina was the biggest purchaser of this plane, buying 70 of them for civilian and military use.



**Clue #3:** The executive version was the most popular model, modified to carry 5 passengers and having an on-board lavatory. Several U.S. corporations purchased this plane.

**Last Month's Airplane:** The Chinese Shenyang J-31 Gryfalcon or Falcon Hawk. There were no answers.

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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:***

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***KEITH DAVIS –  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR***



***THE PPRCC AIRFIELD  
GATE IS UNGUARDED, IT  
IS UP TO THE LAST  
PERSON LEAVING THE  
AIRFIELD TO CLOSE AND  
LOCK THE GATE!***

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**Show & Tell**

**Item - II**

**Duane Zinke's Refurbished P-51B Mustang**



**"Duane retrieved this badly damaged Mustang out of his neighbor's trashcan and saw that it still had potential. Duane completely rebuilt the nose and part of the wing, installed an O.S. 61 engine and applied new decals. It has a 62" ws. The plane has not flown yet but looks like it is ready to go!"**

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**Dawn Patrol  
Swap Meet**

Takes place: Saturday 5 May 2018



**COLORADO DAWN PATROL**

**RC CLUB**

Third Annual:

**RC BUY/SELL/SWAP MEET**

**Saturday May 5th 2018 – 8:30AM till 3PM**

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock CO – Kirk Hall

Space provided for built up model airplanes to be displayed for sale –  
Refreshments and Food will be Available.

Admission Charge \$5/Tables \$15 and \$25 (wall tables)

Discount for pre-registration on our website  
<http://coloradodawnpatrol.com>

Contact: Wayne Perry – oldrings74@gmail or (303)841.2038

**Buyers and Sellers pay NO COMMISSION!**

**Make Your Own Deal and Keep the Proceeds for Yourself!**

A portion of the net proceeds of this event will go to Disabled American Veterans via AMA.

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**Project  
Model Aviation**

AMA email dated: Friday 13 April 2018



Dear members,

We need your help.

There is talk that the next reauthorization bill for the Federal Aviation Administration will eliminate the Special Rule for Model Aircraft – also known as Section 336 – which has allowed AMA to manage our members and fly safely and responsibly, as we have for over 80 years. Losing the Special Rule would be a devastating blow to our hobby.

This is a critical moment to let your elected representatives know the importance of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft and the role of community-based organizations such as AMA.

Our community has operated safely for decades – long before the recent advent of drones. Model aviation has played a critical role in the innovations of new technology and encouraging young people to pursue an interest in science and technology fields. More than that, this long-standing hobby has been passed down from generation to generation and is a tradition for many American families.

We need your help to demonstrate the value of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft not only for our community, but everyone. Please make your voices heard by contacting your elected representatives today.

Sincerely,  
AMA Government Relations

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# Soon to be World's Largest Airplane

Article from the Washington Post



**"The Stratolaunch, soon to become the world's largest operational airplane."**

The opening statement is a little confusing, it leads off with "COLORADO SPRINGS" but says the plane is being built in the California desert. Where ever it may be, this is expected to one large airplane.

**COLORADO SPRINGS** — This massive airplane that Paul Allen's aerospace company has been building in the California desert could fly for the first time as soon as this summer, officials said.

If it flies successfully, Stratolaunch, as the plane is called, would be the largest aircraft ever to take to the skies. At 385 feet long, its wingspan is bigger than the length of a football field and larger than Howard Hughes's World War II-era Spruce Goose.

Stratolaunch would be used to "air launch" small rockets that could take satellites to orbit. The plane would reach about 35,000 feet, the rockets would drop, fire their engines and then blast into space.

Startolaunch is so big that it has 28 wheels and is powered by six 747 engines and would have a maximum weight at takeoff of 1.3 million pounds. It would be capable of carrying as many as three Pegasus rockets, made by Dulles-based Orbital ATK, into the skies. Allen, the billionaire co-founder of Microsoft, and company officials told The Washington Post last summer that they are also considering building a massive space shuttle, known as Black Ice, which could ferry even larger satellites — and maybe, one day, people.

But Allen's main goal is making space more accessible and helping launch constellations of small satellites that could help monitor the health of the planet, track animals, spot illegal fishing and assess the effects of global warning.

Allen's main question is: "How does this help the world, that's really what this man [Allen] is all about," said a company official, who would only speak anonymously.

In a briefing with reporters at the Space Symposium here, company officials said that taxi tests were going well and that they felt confident the plane would soon be able to take to the skies after years of development.

"It's just a giant wing, and that thing is just going to jump off the runway," the official said.

Skeptics have wondered whether Allen made the plane too big at a time when the industry is moving to launching more small satellites, instead of large ones that require powerful launch vehicles. But officials said they have plans, including the Black Ice concept that they will unveil closer to the plane's first flight.

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# April Flying Fever



It's not summer yet, still getting cold and windy days and sometimes snow but the PPRCC flyers couldn't wait to get out and fly! We had a few nice weekends in April and the airfield was busy!



**"Dan assists fellow club member Claude in setting up his electric airplanes."**



**“Riley preps his giant U Can Do for its first flight of the year. It flew just fine.”**



**“Joe flew his very impressive Hughes 500 helicopter. Joe also owns several QUADs.”**



**“One of the club’s youngest pilots, Nick on the right, comes in for a landing with his T-28 while his dad Michael, looks on.”**



**“When Eric flies his giant scale planes, it’s an airshow all on its own!”**



**“Tom begins his takeoff roll with his Hobbistar 60, this is one of his favorite airplanes.”**



**“Not everyone came out to fly, one just wanted to relax in the snow!”**

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# Pikes Peak RC Hobbies

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## Upcoming RC Events:

- **May 1<sup>st</sup> (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting & Swap Meet**
- **June 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting**
- **June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sat-Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over Denver**
- **June 9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2018 - PPRCC Airfield Maintenance Day**
- **Jun 16<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2018 - PPRCC Father's Day Fly-In**
- **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**

