

Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

Newsletter



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<p>Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00pm / September 4th (Tue) 2018 @ Catalyst Campus / 555 E Pikes Peak</p>	<p>Local RC events happening this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warbirds over Pueblo • PPRCC Electric Fly-In
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (August meeting)



Meeting took place at the PPRCC airfield before the beginning of the Family Day & Swap Meet event

Meeting Started: 8:45 am
Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 am

Members Attended: 24
New Members: 0
Visitors: 0

New Business:

1) Club Vice President Greg Moore, stated that the club will be able to conduct its last two club meetings at the current location; 555 East Pikes Peak Ave. The meetings will be there during September and October.

2) Club Treasurer Rod Hart, spoke about the July club finances. All of the recent event receipts have not come in yet but Rod hopes to have the final totals at the September club meeting.

Old Business:

1) Club Secretary Keith Davis and club Treasurer Rod Hart maintains the club email roster. If your email has changed and you wish to receive PPRCC email updates/info, be sure to update your email address with one of us.

Airplane Anomalies



"What do you call a B-29 doing a perfect upside down landing? A crash."

More Hanger Space



Article submitted by Rod Hart

The National Museum of World War II Aviation will break ground next month on a hangar that will increase its display space by about 50 percent when it opens early next year.

T-Bone Construction Inc., general contractor for the \$6 million project, has begun grading, using excess soil donated from construction of a nearby terminal for FedEx Freight, said Bill Klaers, the museum’s president and CEO. A groundbreaking for the 40,000-square-foot Kaija Raven Shook Aeronautical Pavilion, named for a major donor, is expected in August once the nonprofit gets city approval for its revised development plans, allowing completion of the hangar by February, he said.

“We are operating at capacity right now, and this will allow us to get all of our collection under one roof as well as give us some event and additional exhibit space,” Klaers said. “We will finally be able to do what we have said we would do when we opened the museum, which is to provide an economic catalyst for the community and further our educational mission.”

The museum’s aircraft had been in a hangar built by Western Pacific Airlines, but it was sold recently to Cutter Aviation, Klaers said. That required the museum to temporarily move its aircraft to other hangars at airports in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Arizona and Texas, he said.

The museum at 755 Aviation Way, in the northwest corner of the Colorado Springs Airport, opened in 2013 and also expects to create another 40,000 square feet of hangar space over the next three years, Klaers said. An 86,000-square-foot Aviation Hall that was to be the centerpiece of the museum complex is on hold until the museum’s board can raise the \$31 million needed to build it, he said.

The new hangar was financed with grants from the Slattery Family Foundation, headed by Jim Slattery, a vintage aviation buff who donated 16 vintage aircraft to the museum, and by El Pomar Foundation, the Gates Foundation and the Anschutz Foundation. He said the latter three grants came after the facility was designated a national museum as part of the National Defense Authorization Act passed in December.

The expanded museum also will house a school for aircraft mechanics expected to open next spring to train 100 students in a 1½-year program that will certify them to work on engines and air frames and eventually will expand to 200 students, Klaers said. The school is expected to supply mechanics to WestPac Restorations Inc., which has restored many of the museum’s aircraft and is owned by Klaers; Sierra Nevada Corp.’s military and civilian operations in the Springs; and several other local aviation businesses, he said.

“Training mechanics has always been a goal of the museum. Our educational programs are designed to get children interested in aviation so they eventually might consider a career” in the industry, Klaers said.



“The National Museum of WWII aviation is located at: 755 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. Call 719-637-7559 for more information.”

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What, No email?



On August 7th, (Tuesday) PPRCC attempted to hold the August club meeting at the airfield. However the weather decided otherwise and the meeting was canceled that afternoon.

Club Secretary Keith Davis, did send out a mass club email just a few hours before the start of the meeting, stating the meeting is canceled and it will take place on Sunday, just before the PPRCC Family Day & Swap meet. The website was not updated at that time announcing the cancellation.

Despite the mass email, several club members still arrived at the airfield, only to learn then, the Tuesday meeting was cancelled.

On Sunday, Keith spoke with several of the Tuesday meeting members to find out what had happened. It turns out that a few of the members had recently changed their email address and a few others were never on the club roster.

Moral of the story: *If you have changed your email address since filling out your 2018 club membership form, please inform club secretary Keith Davis or club treasurer Rod Hart so that you can continue to receive PPRCC email notifications.*

Thank-You
PPRCC Management



“Early club member arrivals for the Sunday morning club meeting.”

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No August Show & Tell



“There were no Show & Tell Items to display during the August club meeting.”

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Do you have a story, article, photo or an updated email address? Get it to me at:

Lkdavis03@hotmail.com

Keith Davis: PPRCC Newsletter Editor



The last person leaving the airfield for the day: Please remember to close and lock the gate!

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PPRCC Family Day & Swap Meet



Event took place: Sunday / 12 August 2018

Back in August, PPRCC completed another successful Family Day & Swap meet event. Once again the parking lot was full of vehicles and items for sale.

For the people that came out to fly, it was a clear and windy day but pilots did get to fly.

For the people that came out for lunch, there was plenty of fried chicken and side dishes available. Lots of food!



“PPRCC member Claude Maney, displays one of the awesome cakes for everyone to share. The caption on the cake reads: *PPRCC Flyers Family Day.*”

On the ground there were plenty of airplanes, engines and RC accessories looking for a new home. I am not sure how many deals were made that day but there were plenty of happy faces carrying newly purchased items to their vehicles.



“Just a snapshot of the many planes for sale.”

In the air, there were trainers, sport planes and even a jet or two. Overall, about 30 pilots brought some type of airplane to fly. And the club flight instructor Ben Woofler, was out there too, keeping pretty busy with the Apprentice trainer flying with several novice pilots.



“PPRCC members Andre and his daughter Abigail, didn't have much of a problem with the winds.”

At the lunch table, the food was plentiful and the lines were long. Many PPRCC members brought in side dishes and drinks to share with everyone. Several of the dishes were homemade and were fantastic! There were a few moments when everyone had to hold down their plates because of wind gusts, but no one lost their lunch!



“Fried chicken was the main course with a large selection of side dishes; salad, fruit, brownies, cake, etc.”

Thanks to all that participated in the event and brought a side dish to share. Plenty of photos can be found on the PPRCC website.

Where Eagles Dare To Go

Article submitted by **Greg Moore**



Following incidents of drones flying over the presidential palace and restricted military sites – along with the deadly 2015 Paris terror attacks – the French Air Force has trained four golden eagles to intercept and destroy the rogue aircraft.

Aptly named d'Artagnan, Athos, Porthos and Aramis – an homage to Alexandre Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" – the four birds of prey have been honing their attack skills at the Mont-de-Marsan in southwestern France since mid-2016.



"A drone means food for these birds," Gerald Machoukow, the military base's falconer, told FRANCE 24. "Now they automatically go after them"

The use of hunting birds – normally falcons and northern goshawks – by militaries around the globe is common practice in the fight to scare other critters away from runways and so cut the risk of accidents during takeoff or landing. But it wasn't until 2015 when the Dutch started using bald eagles to intercept drones that other militaries started to see the benefit of these winged warriors.

The French bred the four golden eagles – three males and one female -- using artificial insemination since eagles are a protected species and harvesting wild eggs is strictly forbidden. They chose the golden eagle, because of the birds hooked beak and sharp eyesight.

Also weighing in around 11 pounds, the birds are in a similar weight class as the drones they're sent to destroy and clocking in at a top air speed of 50 miles per hour, with the capability of spotting its target from over a mile away, the eagles are deft hunters. To protect the eagles from drone blades and any explosive device that might be attached to them, the French military designed mittens of leather and Kevlar (an anti-blast material), to protect the bird's talons.



"A golden eagle carries a flying drone (2017). "I love these birds," Machoukow told Agence France-Presse. "I don't want to send them to their death."

The birds are first taught to attack in a straight line before graduating to diving from heights. Soon they'll be patrolling the skies over the Pyrenees Mountains in southern France and could possibly be deployed at airports and special events, such as political summits and soccer tournaments. The French air force already expects four more eagles to join the fleet



"This eagle comes home with her prey. Mission complete.'

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Club Meeting & Swap Meet



During the August club meeting, Vice President Greg Moore informed everyone that we will be able to conduct two more club meetings at the current location: Catalyst Campus on 555 East Pikes Peak Ave. beginning @ 7:00 pm. So it looks like September and October will be the last two times that the club will meet there.

The club currently does not have a meeting place after October, but we are diligently working on it. Therefore, the next quarterly swap meet that is normally scheduled in November, will take place in October because that is a confirmed location.

Thank- You
PPRCC Management

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Items for Sale!



The Items for Sale website page is available for anyone to post items that they wish to sell. Posting the items is free.

However, due to the possibility of viruses, all correspondences must go through Keith Davis, the PPRCC website manager. He in turn will post your items for sale.

The items will remain on the website for 30 days or when it is sold, whichever comes first.

Thank-You
PPRCC Management

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Airfield Reminder



When multiple flyers are using the runway, be sure to call out your intentions to the other pilots: Landing, Taking-off, Dead-stick, taxiing out, clear, low pass, etc.

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Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: First built in 1959, it was designed to compete against the Boeing 707 and the Douglas DC8. It had the same design as both aircraft but was slightly smaller and faster.

Clue #2: By 1962, 65 were built but the aircraft was considered a commercial airline failure. Most were sold or scrapped but several were used as freight transports, FAA flight instructor trainers and the U.S. Navy bought one as an aerial tanker.



Clue #3: During its short flight career, it was involved in 11 accidents or incidents, in many cases, killing all of its crew and passengers.

Last Month's Airplane: The Swedish built Saab J29 Tunnan. Greg Moore was the only one with the correct answer!

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PPRCC Electric
Event



Event takes place: Sat / 8 Sep 2018

Pikes Peak RC Club
Electric Fly-In

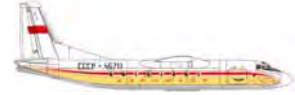
September 8th (Sat) 2018

- Located at the PPRCC airfield, off Judge Orr Road, 4 miles east of Meadow Lake airport.
- Begins at 9:00 am, \$5.00 pilot's fee.
- Open to club members, guests and visiting flyers.
- West runway for the event, east runway for non-participants.
- Any type of electric powered aircraft; Airplanes, helos, QUADs, drones.
- Pilot's vote for 1st and 2nd place awards.
- AMA required.



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PPRCC Jet
Event



Event takes place: Sat-Sun / 13-14 Oct 2018

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Jets over Pikes Peak!

October 13-14 (Sat-Sun) 2018

- Located at the PPRCC airfield, off Judge Orr Road, 4 miles east of Meadow Lake airport.
- Begins at 9:00 am, \$15.00 pilot's fee, includes hamburger and drink
- Open to club members, guests and visiting flyers.
- East runway for the event, west runway for non-participants.
- Any type of jet; military, civilian, sport, turbine, electric, glow
- Awards for 1st and 2nd place, Pilot's choice
- AMA required. Turbine wavier required



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Upcoming RC Events:

- September 1-2 (Sat-Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over Pueblo
- **September 4th (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting**
- September 8th (Sat) 2018 - PPRCC Electric Fly-In
- September 13-14-15-16 (Thu-Fri-Sat-Sun) 2018 - Warbirds over the Rockies
- **October 2nd (Tue) 2018 - PPRCC meeting**
- October 13-14 (Sat-Sun) 2018 - PPRCC Jets over Pikes Peak

