



Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



"Keep Calm and Fly On!"

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<p>Next PPRCC Meeting: 7:00 pm / February 5h (Tue) 2019 @ VFW on 430 East Pikes Peak Ave</p>	<p>Local RC events happening this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPRCC meeting & Swap Meet •
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Last Month's Minutes . . . (January meeting)



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

Members Attended: 37
New Members: 0
Visitors: 0

New Business:

- 1) Club Treasurer Rod Hart, spoke about the club's December 2018 finances. Club membership is already slightly up from last year and still expecting several more applications to come in.
- 2) The PPRCC maintenance team will be looking into filling cracks and then sealing the east runway this year. Cost is expected to be around \$3500 but a few estimates will be reviewed and presented to the club members before the final decision is made.
- 3) To start 2019 with safety, be sure to view PPRCC safety rules and guidelines. They can be found on the club website under the Club Info & Articles tab / Club Documents / Safety Rules.

Airplane Anomalies



Submitted by Michael Weidner

My 2019 New Year's resolution is to finish building the plane from 2018 that should have been finished in 2017 after I started it in 2016 after buying the materials in 2015 to go with the plans I downloaded in 2014.

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2019 PPRCC Frozen Needle Valve

Event took place: 01 Jan 2019
Photos by Ben Woofter



While I was enduring the non-moving traffic in sunny California during New Year's Day, back in Colorado, several PPRCC were enduring the +4 degrees temperature during the Frozen Needle- Valve event.



“Although 15 or so pilots showed up for the event, only 11 stuck around for the 10:00 am group photo. In the In past with warmer weather, 35-45 pilots would attend.”

Most pilots brought their electric planes to fly, much easier to start in cold weather. But a few people did bring a glow-engine powered plane and amazingly got it started!

However, it turned out that starting the planes was not the problem but keeping fingers and toes warm only after a minute or two of flying was. Plane control was a challenge because fingers could no longer feel the radio sticks. Now that was cold!



“The proper way to dress that day!”



“Another PPRCC member buried in clothes to stay warm, completed several flights with his electric T-28.”

For the few pilots that did attend, breakfast and hot drinks were available for the cold and hungry. Club members Dan Brunson and Kevin Kinzel did the cooking. But don't think they stayed warm in the connex, they told me they didn't! But a big thanks goes out to them for doing the cooking each and every year for the Frozen Needle-Valve event, no matter what the weather throws at them!



“One more PPRCC member flying his electric T-28 in the cold temperatures. The goal is to get at least one flight in before calling it quits!”

It was a short event, after the 10:00 am group photo, everyone packed up and went home. Good call.

Club member Ben Woofter took several photos of the event and should be posted on the club website soon. Thanks Ben!

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Pikes Peak Remote Control Flying Coalition



Back in mid-2017, the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County began to address the issue of QUAD's, drones and electric park flyers operating in locations where they should not be. Currently it is not legal for these sUAS to fly in city and county parks. However, they have nowhere else to go.

With this growing concern, Colorado Springs Park & Recreation Director Tim Wolken and El Paso County, recently established the **Pikes Peak Remote Control Flying Coalition**. Its purpose is to address the issue of sUAS; where can they fly legally and establish a training program for them (rules, regulations, safety, etc.)

The coalition consists of the following members: El Paso County, Douglas County, the city of Colorado Springs, *Pikes Peak RC Club*, Pikes Peak Soaring Society, Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation and Drone Nerds RC Hobby store.

For the time being, this coalition will meet quarterly, the last meeting was December 2017. PPRCC members, Kevin Kinzel, Dan Brunson, Greg Moore, Rod Hart and myself Keith Davis attended the meeting.

The first meeting took place September 2017 and it was basically an "Introduction to Everyone" meeting.

During the December meeting, the number one concern for Colorado Springs is to locate a suitable flying location for sUAS. They want to avoid building an electric flying site within the city but would rather add to an existing flying site.

Mr. Wolken stated that he and some of his staff has visited several other RC flying sites out of the state; CA, AZ, NM and as far as VA. They have also visited a few local RC flying sites; Cherry Creek and Broomfield.

He has not visited the PPRCC site yet but is very interested in touring the area in the near future. He believes our location may be the ideal location to expand and allow additional sUAS to fly there.

What's in it for PPRCC? Not sure yet but Mr. Wolken did mention possible improved facilities, Electric? Water? New runways? Paid for by the city. No decisions have been made on anything yet, all still in the research phase and possibly still 1-2 years down the road.

Whatever the city comes up with involving PPRCC, there will be a club meeting for discussion(s) and vote before anything happens to or with the club.

The next coalition meeting will probably be in March 2019. Currently only key club members are requested to attend. (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). But anyone of those key members that attend the meeting will also update the club members during one of the monthly meetings!

PPRCC Management

**DO YOU HAVE A STORY,
PHOTO, ARTICLE OR A
CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SEND ME?**

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It was probably cold when you arrived at the airfield and opened the gate. And it was probably cold when you were the last one to leave the airfield. Please get out of your vehicle just one more time to close and lock the gate!

Tuskegee Airmen Historian



Dennis Thomas is a member of the Crosswinds RC flying club, just outside of Aurora, CO. He is also a Vietnam War Veteran and a very good friend of mine. We are always talking about airplanes, helicopters and sometimes the Broncos.

Dennis' other passion is to travel around the Denver and Aurora area to talk about the Tuskegee Airmen. He has attended numerous high schools, flying events and flying clubs to talk about these famous airmen.

Back in December, Dennis was invited down to Colorado Springs to speak to the Colorado Springs Free Flying Club about the Tuskegee Airmen.

They met at Fire station 52, off Research Blvd. Dennis sent me an invite, not living too far from the location, I went to the club meeting to hear his presentation.



“Dennis speaks to the Free Flying Club about the Tuskegee Airmen. Below – The P-51C Mustang. It is a flyable RC airplane.”



Due to time restrictions at the firehouse classroom, Dennis' presentation was only about 30 minutes long, but it was still very informative filled with lots of “I didn't know that” facts about the Airmen.

After the presentation and meeting was over, I helped Dennis gather up his items for his drive back to Aurora. We conversed for a short while in the parking lot, talked about each of our club's next flying events then we went on our way. Of course, we will see each other again at one of the many RC events in 2019.



“Dennis stands proudly with his Tuskegee Airmen P-51C Mustang, Tuskegee Airmen G.I. Joe fighter and bomber pilots and his Tuskegee Airmen trailer.”



“PPRC club secretary Keith Davis (Right), presents Crosswinds RC club secretary Dennis Thomas (Left) with a G.I. Joe Tuskegee fighter pilot and Tuskegee bomber pilot.”

**Show & Tell
Item - I**

Tom Jacob's Great Planes PT-20



"Tom acquired this partially built PT-20 trainer from the airfield shed, it was a free item. He finished building it, covered it and made it electric. It has a 52" ws. Tom then flew it a few times, all successful flights. After all that, he took the components out of it, brought it to the club meeting and gave it away!"

**Free
Airplane!**

Jacob Nelson's New PT-20



"The Show & Tell item that you just read about (Left), went to our Junior club member Jacob Nelson. Tom wanted the PT-20 to go to a young flier in the club and Jacob met the one requirement. Happy Flying Jacob!"

**WWII Aviation
Airshow**



The National Museum of WWII Aviation of Colorado Springs has scheduled their military aviation airshow on 21-22 (Sat-Sun) September 2019.

The museum currently has over 23 flyable WWII aircraft and the list keeps growing. The F-22 Raptor is also expected to participate, bring your ear plugs!

More details will be available as the day gets closer or if you can't wait, speak to club member Rod Hart.

Gorman Auction

Event took place: 29 December 2018



The Gorman auction of Colorado Springs normally takes place every weekend, auctioning furniture, guns, jewelry, collectibles and so on. I have been going to the auction off and on for the past few years now, seeing pretty much the same similar items.

The auction that took place in December was a little different, this was the first time they were selling dozens of RC airplanes at one time. It was an estate sale from someone that lived near Boulder, CO.

I sent out a mass email to all PPRCC members, informing them of the upcoming auction. There was a good representation of PPRCC members at the auction.



“PPRCC members Kevin Kinzel, Larry Sipes and Arms Chapman, looks over a few RC items.”

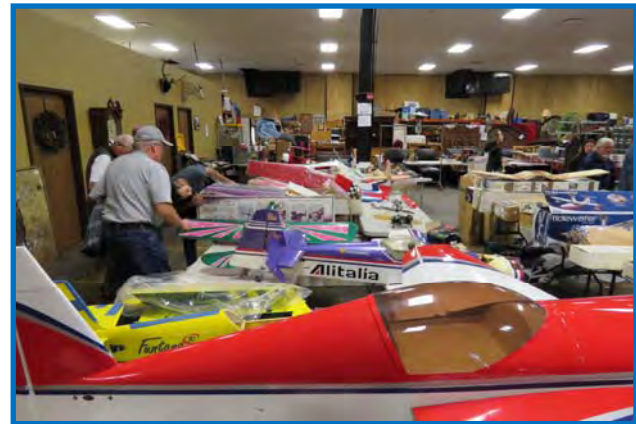


“This Great Planes Dr.1, complete with Saito engine and servos, sold for \$300.00.”

About 12 PPRCC members attended the event and several of them went home with great deals.



“The no-longer made Aeroworks 260 with a DA 100 Twin gas engine (missing cowling), was sold for under \$450.00.”

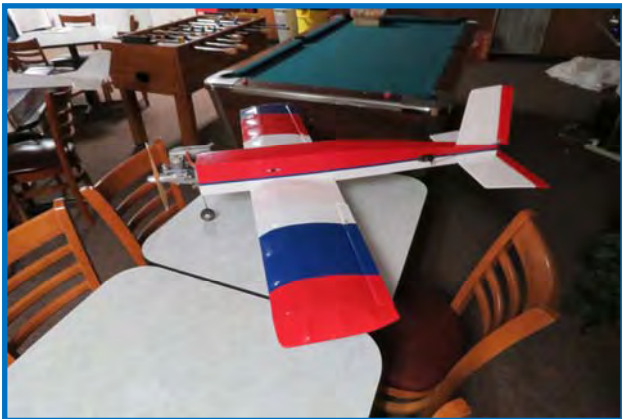


“A few rows of nothing but RC airplanes in various stages of build and some still new in the box. All up for auction.”



Show & Tell Item - II

Tom Jacob's "EZ as Pie" Kit



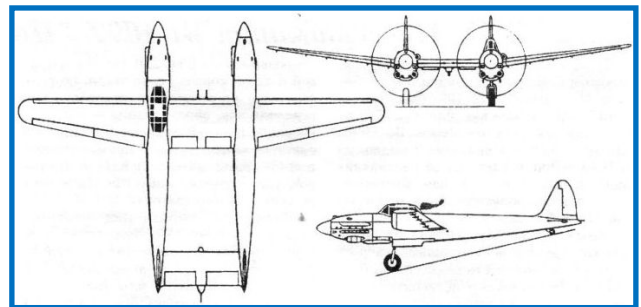
"Tom had a second airplane to talk about during the club meeting, his "No Plans" kit. Similar to a Kaos, it has a 56" ws, powered by a O.S. 46 engine and a Red & White & Blue color scheme. Tom has flown the plane several times already and said that it flies great. Great way to start the new year!"

Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: By 1943, Italy decided it was time to build a heavy fighter, designed to attack the Allied bombers now flying over their country. Only one prototype was built, and its first flight was in October 1943.

Clue #2: With a crew of two, the pilot and rear gunner sat in the left fuselage. During one of its test flights, the plane was mistaken for a P-38 Lightning and was attacked by an Italian Macchi C 205. The plane was badly damaged but did make it back to base and was grounded for months. The plane was later destroyed on the ground by Allied bombing in 1944. Test flights were disappointing.



Clue #3: Armament consisted of 3x 20mm cannons and 5x 12.7mm machineguns. One of the machineguns was remotely controlled in the tail.

Last month's airplane: It was the Curtiss O-52 Owl. There were no answers on that unusual bird.

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Upcoming RC Events:

- 05 February (Tue) 2019 - PPRCC meeting & Swap Meet
- 05 March (Tue) 2019 - PPRCC meeting
- 02 April (Tue) 2019 - PPRCC meeting
- 07 May (Tue) 2019 - PPRCC meeting and Swap Meet

