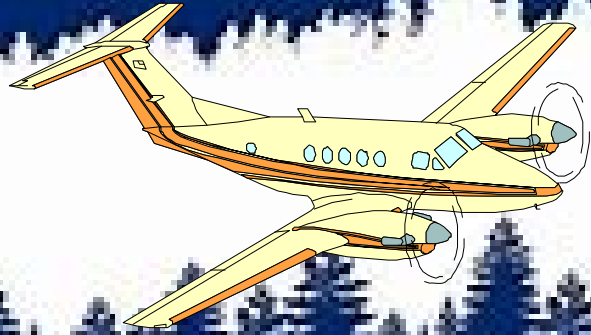




Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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“Keep Calm and PPRCC On!”

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Next PPRCC Meeting:
6:00 pm / 4th August (Tue) 2020
@ PPRCC Airfield

Local RC events happening this month:

- PPRC Carrier Landing Qualification
- PPRC Family Day & Swap Meet

Last Month's Minutes . . .



The July meeting was held at the PPRC airfield

Meeting started: 6:00 pm
 Meeting adjourned: 6:45 pm

Members attended: 15
 New members: 1 – Kirk Jester – Welcome!
 Visitors: 0

New business:

- 1) Club president Kevin Kinzel discussed the club events for 2020. The club will continue to hold its scheduled events as long as everyone continues social distancing and the city/state still allows outdoor activities.
- 2) Club treasurer Rod Hart talked about the club's finances for the month of June. PPRCC accrued a few expenses to clean the bathrooms and for the club events in that took place in June.

Old Business:

- 1) No old business was discussed.

Airplane Anomalies



“The only problem I have; my neighbors keep calling the police when I do run-ups in my driveway.”

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PPRCC July Club Meeting



PPRCC held its June meeting at the airfield. With the weather still nice in July, it was decided to hold the July meeting at the airfield. However, this time we had afternoon showers which more than likely kept many members away. Despite that, 15 members did show up to get some afternoon flying in and see what had to be said at the meeting.



"After the showers had passed, PPRCC member Keith Davis set up the aircraft carrier island for test trials for the upcoming carrier qualification event in August. The participating pilots said the landings were harder than expected."

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Sky Corral July Club Meeting



I was invited to the July Pueblo Sky Corral club meeting and since they too were having the meeting at their airfield, I decided to attend. They are a great bunch of guys and their club has the same issues as ours; unlocked gates, clean bathrooms and runway maintenance. After the meeting, a few guys went flying. They also had brief showers and high winds.



"During Show & Tell, John Boren spoke about his scratch-built Nakajima Kikka, very similar to the German Me-262. It will be powered by two EDF motors and has electric landing gear. John hopes to have it up and flying by the end of the year."

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Apprentice - Lost & Found

Story by PPRC member Bill McMullen



Saturday June 27 was a beautiful morning for flying. My normal habit is to fly the Apprentice first to warm up my fingers with the smooth gentle flyer. After take off, and a couple of circles above the field, I was flying a bit too far out, which is my bad habit and one that I have been gently counseled by several more experienced pilots.

The tiny plane passed in front a cloud and disappeared. I was surprised, although I shouldn't have been, white cloud and white airplane. I banked the Apprentice left and then right attempting to catch sight of it. I cut the throttle to less than half and did a slow left bank again. All to no avail. After watching the north sky for another 3 or 4 minutes I turned off the transmitter and walked back to the pit area.



Driving north on Peyton highway, about a mile north of our field, I saw a small white object way west in the brownish pasture. Probably a garbage bag I thought, but also thought I had better check it out. After squeezing between the barbed wire fence, and suffering a couple of jabs, I began the quarter mile trek toward the white spot. Walking quickly with resolve, because now I have shed blood for this stupid piece of foam. In a few minutes I approached the piece of white which by now I could see it was bigger than a baggie and starting to resemble a wing.

Well sure enough, it was the lost Apprentice. I snapped a couple pictures as I approached and was surprised that it wasn't spread over twenty feet in multiple pieces. There it was, sitting slightly tilted, as if it had been dropped there from a foot or two above the prairie grass. Absolutely no damage. It had even missed the cow pies which were all over the place.

I'm now a believer in the "Safe" technology that comes with this airplane. After returning to the field and debriefing with some of the guys, it was suggested that when I'm ready to land this plane, I should make sure it is straight overhead and just turn off my transmitter and have a seat. My plane will land either on or near the runway in a couple of minutes. Well that's my Lost and Found story.

Bill McMullen

Recreational Flyer Registration Renewals



FAA email dated: 19 Jun 2020

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has important registration information for drone recreational flyers whose registration was automatically extended until December 12, 2020.

Your registration expires in 180 days and you can now renew it in your FAADroneZone dashboard:

How much does it cost to renew a registration?
\$5 through the FAADroneZone.

Why Was My Registration Extended?

The National Defense Authorization Act for 2018 restored the FAA's registration rule with respect to model aircraft and recreational flying. If you registered prior to December 12, 2017 and did not request to have your registration information deleted, the FAA extended the expiration date until December 12, 2020, which is three years from the rule restoration date. If you requested a refund of registration fees, you would have had to re-register again after December 12, 2017. Therefore, your expiration date would now also be December 12, 2020, or later. At this time you can retain your registration number.

NOTE: PPRCC encourages FAA registration but does not enforce it. PPRCC does require AMA registration and enforces it.

**Ben's Pitts
Pilot - Painted!**



During the June club meeting, PPRC member Ben Wooffer brought his 3D printer-made pilot, nearly finished and waiting to get painted.

Just a few weeks later, Ben had the pilot finished, painted and flying in his Pitts airplane. The pilot looked good and the plane flew great!



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**IF YOU ARE THE LAST
ONE TO LEAVE THE
PPRC AIRFIELD AND
NOT SURE WHAT TO DO
WITH THE GATE, IT
SHOULD LOOK LIKE THE
PHOTO BELOW.**



**PLEASE CLOSE AND
LOCK THE GATE.**

Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: Currently there are over 17 of these aircraft in service being used as firefighting, search and rescue, maritime patrol, air ambulance, cargo and passenger transportation.



Clue #2: Since 2016, California has been trying to purchase 1-2 of these aircraft as forest firefighters. Still dealing with financial paperwork, they hope to own them by 2020-2021.

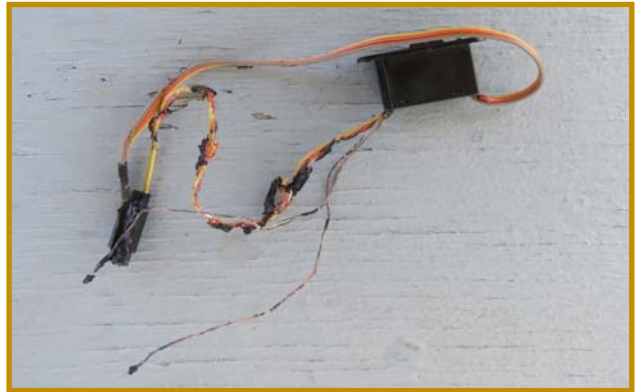


Clue #3: Using four retractable water scoops, the plane can lift over 3,100 gallons of water and release it in one drop or an extended spray.

Clue #4: In service since 2003, several European countries routinely hire the plane for forest firefighting.

Last month's airplane: The German DFW T28 Floh (Flea). The plane was not very successful, and neither were any successful answers.

Switches can go Bad too . . .



While at the airfield a few weeks ago, a club member was setting up his plane. He plugged in the battery and briefly walked away. Just a few minutes later another member saw smoke coming from the plane and yelled to come check his plane. The plane owner immediately opened the plane and disconnected the LiPo battery. Turns out, the battery was not the problem but using an old switch with worn wires was the problem. Check those switches and wires too!

Our Bathrooms Do Get Cleaned!



“Despite popular belief, our bathrooms do get cleaned, and here’s the proof. But I did not go inside while he was cleaning it to confirm it.”

Warbirds Over Pikes Peak



Event took place: Saturday / 18 July 2020

PPRCC held its annual warbirds event last month. We had plenty of pilots, airplanes, sunshine and wind, lots of it. One tent was damaged and was tossed over the fence, the owner's planes were ok.

The all-day high winds caused several pilots from signing up and several other pilots that did sign up with the smaller planes from flying. Fortunately, those high winds were almost down the east runway, no cross-winds to worry about, so the larger planes or more courageous pilots did get to fly a few times.

The event kicked off at 9:00 am with an opening speech by CD Greg Moore; Have fun and no crashes!



A pilot from New Mexico, brought a giant P-61 Black Widow and a giant B-29 Superfortress. Both flew well in the high winds and were very impressive to see in the air. The B-29 also dropped bombs and had smoke, but neither worked that day.

After the event started and an accurate headcount was determined, PPRCC president Kevin Kinzel went to Subway and ordered lunch for everyone.



“PPRCC members Dan Brunson and Kevin Kinzel were able to get a flight in with their turbine F-15 Eagles. As always, they were fast and cut through the winds with little problems.”



“Paul Munninghoff and his two sons, did some nice flying with all three Stukas in the air.”



“PPRCC member Doug Ransom brought a scratch-built German WWI Taube. Incredible detail.”

The warbird event concluded around 2:00 pm. Several awards were presented and PPRCC member Rod Hart, donated dozens of pilot giveaway items (aviation books and models. Thanks Rod!). Photos of the event can be found on the PPRCC website.

They're Still At It



Above - PPRC flight instructor has remained busy throughout the summer, introducing and training youngsters interested in learning to fly RC planes.

Below - On the other end of the spectrum, PPRC member Eric McKnight continues to sharpen his aerobatic skills with his latest 3D airplane.



Congratulations Dick & Joanne!!!



Celebrating 70 Years of Marriage

Dick and Joanne Clasen
 met and dated while attending Colorado Springs High School. They married on July 28, 1950. Dick served the first four years of their marriage in the Navy Seabees, while Joanne worked at Shepard Citations. They were blessed with a daughter, Darcy and a son, Guy. They have four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. After leaving the service Dick went into the trucking business with Cowen Transfer and Storage. He retired as Vice President of Operations in 1990. They are enjoying retirement with their families.

On 28 July 2020, Dick Clasen, a 30+ year PPRCC member, accomplished a milestone that few can reach; he and his wife Joanne have been married for 70 years. They celebrated by having a large family gathering at one of Colorado Springs city parks. Congratulations to Dick & Joanne!



Pikes Peak RC Hobbies

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Upcoming RC Events:

- 01 Aug (Sat) 2020 - PPRCC Carrier Landing Qualifications

- 04 Aug (Tue) 2020 - PPRCC Club meeting at the airfield (6:00 pm)

- 16 Aug (Sun) 2020 - PPRCC Family Day & Swap Meet at the airfield

- 01 Sep (Tue) 2020 - PPRCC club meeting

- 05-06 Sep (Sat-Sun) 2020 - Warbirds & Classics over Pueblo

- 20 Sep (Sun) 2020 - PPRCC Jets over Pikes Peak

- 3 Oct (Sat) 2020 - PPRCC Electric Fun Fly

- 06 Oct (Tue) 2020 - PPRCC club meeting