



Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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“Keep Calm and PPRCC On!”

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Next PPRCC Meeting:
October 2020

@ Location and time to be determined

Local RC events happening this month:

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Last Month's Minutes . . .



The September club meeting was held at the airfield

Meeting started: 6:00 pm
 Meeting adjourned: 6:50 pm

Members attended: 20
 New members: 1 – Dave Snyder, Welcome!
 Visitors: 0

New Business:

1) Club president Kevin Kinzel discussed plans for future club meetings. With winter approaching, indoor meetings may not be an option due to the current virus situation. The October and November club meeting may still be held at the airfield but possibly on a weekend and at an earlier time.

2) Club secretary Keith Davis informed everyone voting for the 2021 club VP position is in November. Nominees are now being accepted.

3) Club treasurer Rod Hart stated the annual field lease and contract with the county will be changed from a 10-year lease at \$1800 a year to a 5-year lease at \$3600 a year.

Airplane Anomalies



“Not sure what to say about this one . . .”

PPRCC September Club Meeting



Meeting took place: Tuesday / 01 Sep 2020

Once again as COVID-19 continues to hang around, therefore, it was decided to conduct the September club meeting at the airfield.

This time the afternoon weather was really nice, no threatening storm clouds or winds to contend with. A few new issues were discussed during the meeting, then it was off to evening flying!



“PPRCC members Kevin, Rod, Greg and Ben didn’t waste any time getting planes in the air.”



“PPRCC members father and daughter team, Andrea and Abigale, prepare their Kadet for flying, waiting for the guys above to finish!”

The October, November and December meeting locations and times will have to be determined as the dates get nearer.



Thanks
Matt!



In recent months, for those who have been wondering who has been leaving free airplanes in the shed for the taking, you can thank PPRCC member Matt Gardner for the donations.

Matt is slowing getting out of the RC airplane hobby and now focusing more on his large-scale train hobby.

You never know when Matt will drop off more planes, but if and when he does, Matt is the man to thank!

Thanks Matt!

DO YOU HAVE A STORY,
ARTICLE, PHOTO OR A
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“LAST ONE LEAVING THE
AIRFIELD? BE SURE TO
CLOSE AND LOCK THE
GATE. WE DON’T NEED TO
FIND ANY TRICKS OR
TREATS THE NEXT DAY!”

Smoke em If you got em!



As many of you know, several of my planes have a smoke pump and I use them a lot. It can be messy at times but it does look neat.

A few weeks ago, I was browsing the website, looking for more inexpensive smoke oil to purchase when I came across a Robart ad for smoke oil.



As I looked closely at the Robart oil container, upper right corner, it was marked as "White" smoke. Did that mean Robart sells different color smoke oil?

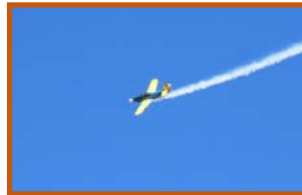
I decided to contact Robart and ask what other colors of smoke oil they sell. Danny, from the distribution department replied and said "No, white is the only color, and not sure why the container is marked as white smoke." He then added I brought up an interesting point.

Danny said at the next company meeting, he will speak with sales and R&D to discuss the possibility of selling color smoke. He then asked what colors would be good? I told him Red or Yellow or a color that would be a good contrast against a blue sky.

Danny sounded pretty excited about the idea and said he will keep me updated and if it goes through, he would send me a complementary 1/2 gallon of colored smoke oil to test it out.

So in the future if you see me or someone else flying with colored smoke, you now know how and why!

Below are a few photos of Keith's planes with smoke:



"Chipmunk (Top), PT-26 (Middle Left), Big Stik (Middle Right), Lysander (Bottom Left) and Super Sportster (Bottom Right)."

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Amazon Gets FAA Approval



Internet article dated: 01 Sep 2020

Amazon just got one step closer to sending flying robots to your front door with that much-needed package of diapers.

The Federal Aviation Administration officially designated the e-commerce colossus an “air carrier” on Monday, paving the way for Amazon to start testing its plans to drop off packages within 30 minutes.

The FAA’s approval marks a huge milestone for Amazon’s CEO Jeff Bezos grand plans to dominate online shopping by dramatically reducing delivery times. Last year, the shopping behemoth announced that it would start testing a shift from two-day shipping to one-day shipping for Prime customers. The drones, Amazon says, could allow it to reduce shipping times to mere minutes once a customer hits the “buy” button.



“This certification is an important step forward for Prime Air and indicates the FAA’s confidence in Amazon’s operating and safety procedures for an autonomous drone delivery service that will one day deliver packages to our customers around the world,” Prime Air vice president David Carbon said in a statement.

The company will “work closely with the FAA and other regulators around the world to realize our vision of 30-minute delivery,” he added.

Amazon said it plans to use its newly acquired “air carrier certificate” to start testing customer deliveries with drones. The company’s drone deliveries, which are still in the development stage, are expected to be limited to packages under 5 pounds.

The Seattle-based company made its first successful drone delivery on December 7, 2016 when it dropped off a Fire TV stick and a bag of popcorn to a home in Cambridge, England. The trip took 13 minutes, according to Amazon’s Prime Air website.

But regular commercial service has failed to take off due to the enormous regulatory hurdles Amazon faces — many of which have yet to be cleared, according to Bloomberg.

For Amazon to effectively rely on drones for regular deliveries, it must be able to pre-program the drone’s routes and let them fly without human pilots watching their every move, but US regulations don’t currently allow for completely autonomous flights, Bloomberg reported.

The FAA would also have to develop a new air-traffic system to track low-altitude drone flights, as well as come up with rules to minimize the risk of drones striking other aircraft and disturbing human activity below.

None of that has stopped Silicon Valley from betting on drones as a way to speed up commerce. Indeed, Amazon is the third company to win FAA approval to carry packages on drones that fly beyond the operator’s line of sight. The agency has also awarded certificates to UPS’s “Flight Forward” service and Wing, a subsidiary of Google-parent Alphabet that’s started testing drone deliveries in Virginia.

The FAA’s approval comes as Amazon sees its business surge due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has forced more people to shop from the safety of their own homes — sending the stock and Bezos’ fortune soaring.



“Who knows, we could soon see these devices transitioning over our airfield!”

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Love-Air Warbirds



Event took place: Saturday / 15 August 2020

I haven't traveled up to Ft Collins in a few years to attend any of their events, so this year I decided to go. But after driving up there, I then remembered why I haven't gone in a while, the one-way 2 ½ drive and getting through Denver!

It was a 2-day event, but I just went on Saturday. Fellow club member Larry Laughlin was there, and he stayed for the two days. Since the Warbirds over the Rockies event was cancelled this year, the Love-Air event had a good turnout of 40+ pilots.



“PPRCC member Larry Laughlin (sitting in chair) is set up in his home away from home. He brought a few planes and flew all weekend.”

There were lots of WWII airplanes to view but surprising, there were also about 12 turbine jets participating. All of them looking good.



“F-4 and F-15 sitting pretty in the sun.”



“I brought my Chipmunk & PT-26.”

The weather was great, almost too warm by the afternoon but flying continued throughout the day without any incidents or crashes, at least while I was there.



“The show of the day was this large-scale, turbine powered B-2 bomber. We were just waiting for a miniature nuclear bomb to drop out!”

At the end of the day, it was a good event, lots of flying and socializing (with social distancing of course!). Three awards were presented, and the B-2 bomber received one of them. Well deserved.

Plenty more photos of the event and other events can be viewed on the PPRCC website.

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Can You Name That Plane?



Clue #1: First flown in 1948, it was hoped to be the jet fighter replacement for the P-51 Mustang as a long-range fighter escort and long-range penetration fighter. It was a total failure and only two were built.



Clue #2: Although a failure, this jet was successful as a propeller research platform. It successfully tested 3 propeller types for high-speed flight up until 1956.

Clue #3: The building company also proposed a naval version, a reconnaissance version and a two-seat trainer version. None were built.

Last month's airplane: The Japanese Mitsubishi A7M Reppu (Strong Wind), Allied code name Sam. Only PPRCC member Greg Moore knew that!

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PPRCC Appreciates The Parents!



Michael (right) and Nick (left) Saxerud

Just a few flying seasons ago, PPRCC began presenting parents with a Parent's Appreciation Award for supporting their kids in RC flying (Not a cheap hobby!). Michael Saxerud was one of those parents selected for the award, but for some reason, I couldn't find him for the longest time. I finally caught up with him at the airfield back in September and presented him with his award. Mike was honored and surprised at the same time. Nick has also grown a few feet!

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Upcoming RC Events:

- 27 Sep (Sun) 2020 - PPRCC Electric Day
- Oct 2020 - PPRCC meeting: Place, time and location to be determined.
- Nov 2020 - PPRCC meeting: Place, time and location to be determined.
- Dec 2020 - PPRCC meeting: Place, time and location to be determined.

