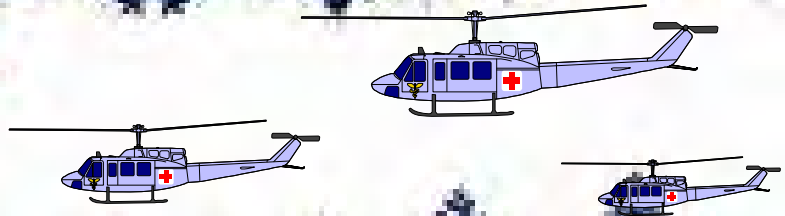




Pikes Peak Radio Control Club Newsletter



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“Keep Calm and PPRCC On!”

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Next PPRCC Meeting:

7:00 pm / 1st September (Tue) 2020
 @ VFW on 430 East Pikes Peak Ave

Local RC events happening this month:

- PPRCC Jets over Pikes Peak
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Last Month's Minutes . . .



The August meeting was held at the PPRCC airfield

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

Members attended: 15
 New members: 2: Dick DeRoush, Jerry Everhart.
 Welcome!
 Visitors: 0

New Business:

1) Club treasurer Rod Hart, informed everyone that he is in the process of sending in the airfield lease renewal forms for 2021. The current lease expires May 2021 and we hope to get another lease renewal of 10 years.

PPRCC currently has a \$1800 annual payment for the 40 acres of land used by the airfield.

Old Business:

1) Club president Kevin Kinzel gave an update on the Colorado Springs Parks & Rec proposal for having an RC day at the PPRCC airfield. It is now planned for December due to COVID-19.

Kevin also mentioned the plan to seal one or both runways is still pending, just waiting to hear from the contractor(s).

2) Club secretary Keith Davis reminded everyone that First-Person View (FPV) devices are no longer permitted to fly at the PPRCC airfield. Helicopters, quads, drones and other sUAS that require Line-Of-Sight operation is allowed.

Keith then briefly spoke about FAA registration. This requires all sUAS between 0.5lbs to 50lbs to be registered and have the FAA registration number placed somewhere on the outside of the sUAS. Aircraft above 50lbs have different requirements.

www.faa.gov

August PPRCC Meeting



PPRCC held its 3rd consecutive meeting at the airfield in August. With the weather being nice and the virus still hanging around, it was not a bad idea to have an outdoor meeting.

After a few new and old issues were discussed, a few of the members stuck around to get some evening flying in before heading home.



“PPRC member Rod Hart, preps his Cougar for an evening runup,”



“PPRC members Kevin Kinzel, Unknown flyer, Eric Oliver and Greg Moore got in a few evening flights while maintaining social distancing.”

If the weather looks good in September and the virus still lingering, the September meeting may be conducted at the airfield again.

Coronavirus Airplane Project



Arms Chapman's Skyshark Fw-190



“Arms recently acquired a hard to find Skyshark models FW-190 kit. It has a 65” ws and powered by an O.S. engine. Since the first photo has been taken, the remainder of the decals have been added, additional camouflage has been added and the plane has flown a few times. Nice job!”

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PPRCC Carrier Qualifications



Event took place: Saturday / 01 August 2020

MISSION: Conduct Carrier landing Qualifications.

OBJECTIVE: To qualify as many RC pilots willing to take the challenge and complete two consecutive take-off and landings.

OPERATION: The west runway was taped and marked off to simulate a WWII Essex class aircraft carrier flight deck. The island was made of cardboard boxes to minimize airplane damage.

Pilots were allowed to fly any type plane of their choosing, keeping in mind the limited take-off and landing space. To become carrier landing certified and receive a certificate, pilots must complete two consecutive landings without hitting the island, tearing the tape or landing outside the landing zone.

PPRCC member and retired Naval pilot Mark "Gus" Grissom was the official Flight Deck Signal Officer (Judge) to determine if take-offs and landings met flight parameters.

Only two aircraft were allowed at one time in the air to reduce traffic pattern congestion.

MISSION SUMMARY:

- Number of pilots signed up: 14
- Number of pilots awarded certificates: 6
- 1. Ben Woofter x 2. high-wing plane/low-wing plane.
- 2. Eric Oliver
- 3. Rod Hart
- 4. Jacob Woodham
- 5. Keith Davis
- 6. Bill McMullens
- Number of wooden props broken by one pilot: 5
- Number of times island was hit: 3
- Number of electric-powered planes used: 17. A few pilots tried multiple planes
- Number of glow-powered planes used: 2
- Number of planes destroyed/damaged: 1
- Number of attempts by one pilot until batteries went low: 8
- Number of signalmen killed or injured: 1

Overall, everyone had a good time and most thought it was harder than expected. We may try it again next year! Photos can be found on the PPRCC website.



"The pilot missed the "wires", so he was waved off and had to do another approach."



"PPRCC member Ben Woofter catches the last wire as deck judge Gus looks on."



"Pilots wait in line and complete final checks before taking the flight deck."



“This signalman was the first casualty of the event. He was hit by a plane, losing his head and arm. He was immediately rushed to sickbay but did not survive his injuries and was buried at sea. (The dumpster).”



“Take-offs required to be off the ground before hitting the yellow tape. After that, it’s all water! The landings were much tougher.”



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**Coronavirus
Airplane Project
Kirk Jester's Ultra Sport Kit**



“Kirk said this Ultra Sport kit was a 6+ year project. But with the recent free time because of COVID-19, he finally got it done. The plane is powered by an O.S. engine and it was flown for the first time after the photos were taken. Nice!”

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75th Anniversary:
 WWII ends in the Pacific



Japan officially surrendered on August 15th, 1945. The official signing of the surrender documents took place on September 2nd, 1945.

Above - On board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan. At 9:08 a.m., U.S. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in the Southwest Pacific and Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, accepted the surrender on behalf of the Allied Powers and signed in his capacity as Supreme Commander.



Can You Name
 That Plane?



Clue #1: If Japan continued the war past 1945, this plane would have been the famed Zero's replacement. But at war's end, only 10 were built.



Clue #2: In June 1945, Japanese ace pilot Saburō Sakai was ordered to Nagoya to test the prototype. He was favorably impressed.



Last month's airplane: Russia's Beriev Be-200 Altair. Only PPRCC member Greg Moore knew the name of that multi-purpose airplane.

**Airfield
Reminder**



For those LiPo battery users, please be sure to properly dispose of your unwanted batteries. The battery in the photo below was found in the cigarette butt can, where it does not belong!



If you must, dispose of the battery in the metal dumpster so if there is a fire, it will be contained. Do not place them in the plastic trash cans!

**Do You have a story,
article, photo or a change
in email? Send it to me at:**

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**Keith Davis – PPRCC
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**Remember to close and
lock the airfield gate
when you are the last
one to leave!**

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Dude, Where's My Plane?

(Important Safety Story!)



This serious incident happened at the airfield a few weeks ago. Two PPRCC members were flying their planes on a clear, sunny day. The first pilot landed his plane on the runway in front of him, then walked out on the runway to get his plane.

At the same time, the second pilot flew his plane directly over both pilots and completely lost sight of the plane because of the sun. Losing sight and orientation of the plane, it suddenly came straight down, almost full throttle, crashing between both pilots, about 5 feet from each person. Fortunately, no one was hit or injured. Neither pilot knew nothing of the incoming plane when it hit. **Very close call!**

There were several other pilots at the airfield that day and the runway was shut down for about 20 minutes for the cleanup.

Although this was not intentional, pilots must remember at all costs, not to fly directly overhead of yourself or anyone else because of the close call such as this.

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Show & Tell Item - I

Keith Davis' Seagull Models Chipmunk



"There hasn't been a Show & Tell presentation at a club meeting in a while. So, Keith decided to bring in his newly completed Seagull Models DH-2 Chipmunk. The plane has an 80" ws, weighs just under 12 pounds and powered by a CRRC 26cc gas engine. And did I mention it has a smoke pump too? The plane was flown the next day and did well."

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PPRCC Family Day And Swap Meet



Event took place: Sunday / 18 Aug 2020

PPRCC held another Family Day & Swap meet event last month, despite COVID-19 still on the minds of everyone, it was a good turnout.

PPRCC still provided the fried chicken and drinks while individuals brought their own separate side dishes and snacks.



“PPRC members and guests begin to settle down for lunch in the shade.”

The swap meet part of the event was going a bit slow until an individual with a trailer full of planes arrived and drew the attention of almost everyone.



People also brought planes to fly if they were not eating, selling or buying something. A few planes that were bought that day, was already in the air that afternoon.



“The spacewalker with Mr. & Mrs. Piggy pilots go for a family flight.”



“Father and daughter team Andre and Abigale prepare their Kadet while Rod in the background works on his turbine jet.”

Lunch was done around 1230 pm, the swap meet continued to around 1:30 pm and the flying lasted until 2:00 pm when the afternoon storms started to move in. At the end of the day, all went well, lots of good deals were made and lots of good meals were eaten! Thanks to all that came out. More photos can be found on the PPRCC website.

PPRCC says Thank-you to the individual that donated a substantial amount of cash towards the event.

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Hot & Hazy Flying in August



The last few weeks in August was quite warm, in the 90's almost everyday. On top of that, there were 3 forest fires burning northwest of Denver and over 20 forest fires burning in California. And all that smoke and haze lingered over Colorado Springs for several days.

The hazy skies did not keep PPRCC flyers from flying but on some days, it forced them to fly closer so that they did not lose sight of their planes!



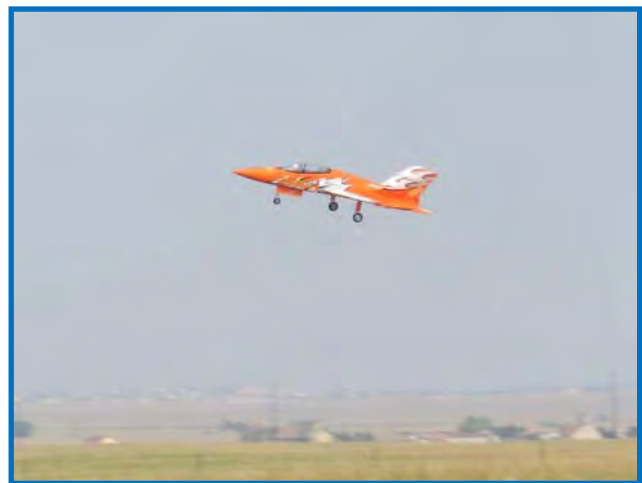
“From the west runway on a clear day where PPRCC president Kevin Kinzel is flying from, Pikes Peak can clearly be seen, but not today!”



“Club flight instructor Ben Woofter (Left) still continued with flight training, but he kept the plane much closer than usual.”



“The east runway was just as hazy. PPRC member Dan Brunson conducts a test flight on PPRC member Claude Maney’s brand new Husky. They did ok.”



“Orange was a nice color to be on those hazy days. White, blue and grey was not so good.”

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Upcoming RC Events:

- **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
- 03 Oct (Sat) 2020 - PPRCC Electric Fly-In
- **06 Oct (Tue) 2020 - PPRCC club meeting**

