



**Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Radio Control Club**  
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**Next Club Meeting:**  
**WEDNESDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**  
**7:00 PM at the ELIC**  
**(East Library Info Center)**  
**Pikes Peak Public Library**  
**(on Union)**

### **From the Prez**

By Adam Heffington

It is the season where everyone is looking at the big boxes under our trees and wondering what new projects they get to work on this winter. Yea right! I bet I can count on one hand those of us who are going to receive a plane from someone else this Christmas. So by the time you read this Christmas will be gone, so I hope you bought yourself the plane you wanted and wrapped it up and stuck it under the tree without a nametag.

It appears that with the way this winter is looking we will not get much nice weather for our flight time. Larry and I have been flying indoors when we get a chance but it is not the same as being out at the field. Last meeting I mentioned that John McGrath is looking for somebody to take over the city auditorium event. If anybody would be interested just let me know as soon as possible.

I would like to thank Randy for the job he did as president last year. It is people like him that keep our club running strong and make it a better organization for all of us. I have many things I would like to accomplish this year and with the support of each of you we should be able to get them all done. Rob Waggoner has worked on our web site and made it more professional in appearance. I encourage everyone to check it out and see what a great job Rob did on giving us a better web presence. Let Rob know what you think and give him a pat on the back for a job well done.

As president my first goal is going to be promoting the club and getting everyone involved in our club activities. Our first event of 2008 is just around the corner and I encourage everyone to remember the Frozen Needle Valve event on New

Years, it promises to be a great time for all and a wonderful way to kick off the New Year. The more people that come to the club events, meetings, and even the work details, the stronger we will become as a club. It doesn't matter if you fly or not I would like to see you joining in at club events. I truly do enjoy spending time and learning from each and every one of you, past, present and new members. So I hope that each of you maximizes their club membership, truly what good is it to be in the club if you don't include yourself in it and the activities it sponsors. There is a huge amount of RC building and flying knowledge in our club and I would like to see it shared with the all of our members so please plan to be an active participant in our club. Club meetings are important and I will try to have a demonstration at every meeting while I am president. I would also like to see each of us with more show and tell and trade, so plan on bringing your airplanes, helicopters or anything you might want to show or sell to the meetings.

My second goal is to put on a first class War Bird event. This will require the support of the whole club, each member's input and assistance is imperative to make this a huge success. So please get involved and show up for the event. We have already started promoting it with business cards and talking to other club RC fliers.

My third goal is to examine different cost effective ways to repair the runways. It would be great to see all of our runways improved including the east runway. There are new fences already in the works and we do have plans to rent a bobcat to fill in the sides of the runways. This will make our flying time better and it will be nice to have great runways that are smooth and ready to go.

My final goal is to organize a committee to look into a new permanent flying site. Dan is heading up this committee so if you would like to help let him know. We could be at our current site for 10 or more years or it might only be few years. So it seems smart to explore our options and look into finding a place that offers permanent long term stability.

In closing, I am looking forward to making our club stronger and more fun for all. If you have anything you would like share with me or a concern

about our club feel free to email me or talk to me. I hope your 2007 was great and let's make 2008 a GREAT year with many flights and great days. I do hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Frozen Needle Valve Fly-In

It's that time of year again!!! It's the annual Frozen Needle Valve Fly-In. Bring something to fly and something (or more) to stay warm. It starts out at the field (whenever you get there), all on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## From the December Meeting

By Bill Sanderman

- Thirty-three members and guests were in attendance on December 3, 2007, when President **Randy Oswald** called the meeting to order at the East Library at 7:00 PM.
- There were three guests, **Frank and Patty Riley** and **Gary Johnson**.
- Vice President **Adam Heffington** pointed out that the new club web site is in place. Business-type cards have been prepared promoting the upcoming Warbirds over Pikes Peak event in June, 2008.
- Congratulations to outgoing President **Randy Oswald** for a successful year.
- It was suggested that a new wind sock be installed at the field.
- **Rick Paquin** will display model aircraft at the Pueblo Air Museum event.
- The Frozen Needle Valve Fun Fly will be held on January 1, 2008.
- Treasurer, **Frank Tuxworth**, reported that November income was \$ 260.17 and expenses totaled \$358.55. The total of all club checking and savings accounts and Certificates of Deposit is \$44,179.90
- The Bob Burows award for 2007 was presented to **Greg Moore**.



- **Jim Terry** was elected as the 2008 Vice President (and 2009 President).
- **John McGrath** has been hosting indoor fly-ins at the City Auditorium on the third Thursday of each month for several years and needs support and replacement. Adam Heffington encouraged club members to participate and perhaps take control of the operation.
- **Randy Oswald** passed the gavel to **Adam Heffington** who assumes the position of President for 2008.
- **Show and Tell:** **Jim Murphy** displayed an AT-6 ARF in its big box. **Jim Terry** gave a short presentation on fabric-like covering materials. **Daryl Lloyd** showed his Hangar 9 Spitfire. **Duane Zinke** brought a full-scale propeller from a Taylorcraft owned by his father, and related the story about how the propeller had been damaged and still brought the aircraft home. **Rick Paquin** showed a big P-47. **Dan Brunson** presented a foamy electric-powered plane. **Larry Laughlin** brought his friend Deiter's turbine-powered F-18 Super Hornet.



- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by President Adam Heffington.

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## The Warbird Corner

By Keith Davis

Until recently, I have seen and read about some pretty big propeller driven aircraft built during and after WWII. The German ME323 (WS 181 ft), the American B-29 (WS 141 ft), and the Japanese Kawanishi H6K seaplane (131 ft), just to name a few.

Well here is another monster for you, the Convair XC-99. Convair took the body of the B-36

Peacemaker, cut the body in half, the long way, from head to tail, and added another top floor section. It was also 20 feet longer than the standard B-36. They kept the six pusher prop engines instead of changing them to jet engines like the later versions of the B-36 Peacemaker.

The XC-99, with a wingspan of 230 feet, and a top speed of 346 mph, first flew in 1947. It was designed as a long-range heavy transport that could carry 400 troops, but only one was built. It also required a 3000 foot runway for takeoff and a 5000 foot runway for landing.

However, the one and only XC-99 did fly nearly 7400 hours during the Korean War, running supply missions from Kelly AFB, TX to and from McClellan AFB, CA.

Today, the XC-99 is currently being dismantled, relocated, and being reassembled at the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH. There is no scheduled timeline for completion due to limited funding. (No Money!)

Even a 1/12 scale RC version of this airplane would have nearly a 20 foot wingspan. Now that's definitely a winter project!



XC-99 on final approach



XC-99 parked next to KC-50s (B-29)

**Did You Know?** The official name for Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" seaplane was the Hughes H-4 Hercules. It is the world's largest propeller driven airplane with a wingspan of 319 feet. (larger than a football field!)

**Did You Know?** On March 4<sup>th</sup> 1942, the Japanese had planned a second air attack on Pearl Harbor.

They planned to use 6-8 Kawanishi H8K long-range seaplanes. Since the range was so great, the seaplanes were to join up with Japanese submarines for refuel. However, on the day of the planned attack, the weather was so bad, the seaplanes could not locate the refuel submarines and the mission was aborted.

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## ***Meeting on Wednesday!***

That's January 2<sup>nd</sup>...

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### **Annual Jefco Auction**

It's that time of the year again... The annual (and quite large) Jefco RC auction is getting ready to run on Feb 1-3. It's being held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Indiana St.) The first day (Friday) is for setting up. The real action starts on Saturday (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>).

If you have something to sell or are looking for something to buy, this event might be a great way to fuel that need.

All buyers/sellers have a \$6 registration fee, and the auction keeps 15% of the sales amount. Items have a minimum value of \$25.

For any additional questions for additional information, call Steve Mangels (day is 303-922-8107; evening is 303-987-1944; email is rcflyer@qwest.net).

Other members of our club have been involved or in attendance and can provide tips, information or encouragement. (Ask Larry!)



Larry and friend Deiter's F/A-18

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