

Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Radio Control Club

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Next Club Meeting:
MONDAY, October 8th, 2007
7:00 PM at the ELIC
(East Library Info Center)
Pikes Peak Public Library
(on Union)

The Warbird Corner

By Keith Davis

Well, I made it to the Pueblo Warbird event last month and it turned out to be pretty decent. I think the big selling warbird ARF this year is the Hanger9 F6F Hellcat. We had quite a few of them at our club's warbird fly-in and Pueblo had quite a few of them at their warbird fly-in.

There were the usual good looking warbirds of all types, P-38 Lightnings, P-47 Thunderbolts, P-51 Mustangs, a few Zeros and a few JU-87 Stukas. There was also a good assortment of WWI aircraft out there; the Fokker DR1, the DVII and DVIII, and a couple of Allied Sopwith Pups and Camels.

But the showstoppers seemed to be the pair of giant scale F4U Corsairs that did awesome formation flying to the sound of background music of "Baa Baa Black Sheep". All that was needed was some ground pyrotechnics and you would have been in a WWII battle scene!

I do have to mention this; the flyers at Pueblo had to carry their planes and equipment nearly 75 feet to the start-up/run-up areas. All we have to do at our club is to physically control our planes as we taxi out to the runway. We really don't have it so bad!

All registered pilots received a Pueblo Warbird Polo shirt, lunch and numerous raffle tickets. And if your warbird was pretty decent looking, you probably would have received a trophy,

since they gave out trophies for six different categories.

If nothing else, it was a good two days out if you either came out to fly or just to be a spectator. Many of our own club members were there to participate or just to watch as a spectator, Rick, Darrel, Jim, John, Preston and myself just to name a few guys.

So start now, think about what warbird(s) that you plan on flying at our PPRC's warbird fly-in, then head on down to Pueblo's warbird fly-in and do it all over again!

DID YOU KNOW? The Sikorsky R-4 was the world's first production helicopter. THE USAAF had 30 of them and it first saw combat in May 1944. The USAAF had no official name for it but the British Royal Navy called it the "Gadfly" and the British RAF called it the "Hoverfly".

DID YOU KNOW? In the 1969 movie "The Battle of Britain" starring Michael Cain, the famous German WWII ace, Adolph Galland was a technical director for the aerial combat scenes. Well one day Adolph Galland got into a fistfight with one of the Spitfire pilots because the Spitfire pilot told Galland that "We kicked your butt in WWII!"



Meeting on Monday!

From the August Meeting

By Bill Sanderman

Twenty members and one guest were present at the East Library on September 4th when the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President **Adam Heffington**. The guest was **Ken Pederson** from the Air Force Academy seeking information on radio controlled aircraft.

Treasurer, **Frank Tuxworth**, reported that August income was zero and expenses totaled \$ 196.02. Total cash assets in checking, savings and certificates of deposit were \$ 43,230.91.

Carpet sections will be installed at the field. A club site will be established on the web at RC Universe. **Rick Paquin** reported on the warbird fly-in at Pueblo. Starting restraint improvements are still under investigation. We need to install braces for the tar cart to prevent toppling over.

Incoming 2008 President Heffington encouraged members to bring items for display to the meetings.

For Show and Tell, **Gus Gustafson** showed at Ultra Stick 25E on floats. **Rick Paquin** brought a Hangar 9 Corsair with an OS 91 powerplant. **Daryl Lloyd** presented his Hangar 9 P-47 Thunderbolt with an OS 91 surpass 4-stroke.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM by Vice President Heffington.



Ultra Stik 25E (on floats)



Hangar 9 Corsair



Hangar 9 P47

Upcoming Membership Meetings

Monday, Monday!

The remaining meetings are all on Mondays. Please mark your calendar.

Oct 8th (MON)

Nov 5th (MON)

Dec 3rd (MON)

These dates have been posted to the "calendar" section of the website.

For Sale

There are several new items that have been posted to the "swap" section of the website. Zee Stejskal has a brand-new Saito 150 engine. Dave Ballain has nine (9!) different planes that are newly for sale. Take a look at the website, or pass the word along for someone that might be interested.

Saito 150
Tiger Moth (.61/.91)
T-34 (.40-.50)
Citabria (.40)
Tiger Moth 400
Floats (.40-.60 sized planes)
Decathlon (.40)
Vicky (Multiplex)
Tiger Moth (.30)
Harmon Rocket III (.40)
