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Next Club Meeting:
Tuesday, September 4th, 2007
7:00 PM at the ELIC
(East Library Info Center)
Pikes Peak Public Library
(on Union)

Highly Recommended Operating Guideline Changes

Bill Sanderman, Secretary PPRC

As a result of a motion made, seconded and passed at the August 7, 2007 meeting, line 1 of the "Highly Recommended Operating Guidelines" is changed as follows:

WAS:

GROUND OPERATIONS

1. In the pits, aircraft should be taxied with extreme care at less than walking speed. In extremely congested areas or if in doubt of ones taxiing ability, physical restraint should be used to control the model.

NOW IS:

GROUND OPERATIONS

The following operations are allowed:

- Restrained engine start
- Restrained taxi out
- Engine stop at the cut line during taxi in.

This change is effective immediately. The official presentation of the club safety rules on the web site will be updated soon.



Spitfire - Mike Evans

The Warbird Corner

By Keith Davis

If you haven't seen the History Channel's series "Dogfights" by now, you are really missing out on some good history, actual combat footage and great computer graphics.

"Dogfights" is now into its second season and this year's stories are even more exciting than last year. The series covers aerial combat from all the major wars since WWI. It even has interviews with many of the retired pilots with some amazing stories.

During some of the computer graphic battles, they describe how to perform maneuvers such as the "Spit-S", the "Immelmann Turn" and the "Retournment" They even talk about how important the rudder is in aerial combat. It's really interesting to see that in one minute the enemy is on the tail of an aircraft, but in a split second, after performing one of these maneuvers, the enemy is now being pursued!

So the next time that you're just sitting around and watching TV and not working on your airplanes, try to watch an episode of "Dogfights" on the History channel. You may be surprised, and impressed on what you may learn.

Did You Know? The Lockheed F-104 Starfighter's wing thickness was just over 6 inches. The wing's leading edge was so thin and sharp, (0.016 in / 0.41mm) that it caused a hazard to ground crews. Therefore a special leading edge guard had to be installed when the aircraft was parked.



Did You Know? During the Vietnam War, pilots who flew the Chance Vought Corsair II used to say "It wasn't a very fast jet to fly, but it sure was slow!"



T-6 - Keith Davis

From the August Meeting

By Bill Sanderman

Meeting Date: August 7, 2007 Attendance: 31

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at the East Library at 6:59 PM by President **Randy Oswald**.

New Members and Guests: No new members or guests were identified.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, **Frank Tuxworth**, reported that preliminary July income was \$1,059.03 and expenses totaled \$1,532.12. Total club assets in checking and savings accounts total \$12,719.67 and

our \$30,000.00 CD brings the grand total to \$42,719.67.

Announcements:

The Love-Air Big Bird Festival will be held near Ft. Collins on August 17, 18 and 19.

Our members-only PPRC scale fly-in will be held on Sunday, August 19th.

Old Business:

CD **Greg Moore** gave a short report on the Warbird Fly-In held in July. "We came, we flew, we had fun!"

President Oswald reported that the runways are in great shape but there is still work to be done and a workday will be scheduled soon. We hope to seal the runways in late fall, just before the snows come.

The start area changes are still under review. There was much discussion about tie-downs and start area configuration. **John Idelicato** requested a straw poll on allowing taxiing in the pit area. The results were 12 to 4 for allowing taxiing with several abstentions. A question was raised about where engines should be stopped when leaving the runway. The answer was "at the kill line" which is the yellow line near the end of the taxiways.

A motion was then made by John Idelicato and seconded by **Jim Murphy** to change the safety rules to "allow restrained engine starts, restrained taxi out, and engine stops at the cut line on the taxiways. After considerable discussion, the motion passed by a 14 to 7 margin, again with several abstentions. Revised safety rules will be published shortly.

Greg Moore requested that the club investigate costs associated with construction of start pads and a taxiway parallel to the runway.

President Oswald then called for a short break at 7:54 PM.

Show and Tell:

Mike Evans presented a Spitfire. **Duane Zinke** brought his "Howard Hughes Special" scratch built from a variety of airplane parts in the manner of a typical Cooksey creation. **Keith Davis** showed a T-6 ARF, complete with operating landing lights. **Gus Gustafson** had an E-Flight Piper J-3 with floats.



J-3 - Gus Gustafson

Program:

Jim Terry presented a very good program on battery types and the proper ways of care of these batteries.



Batteries – Jim Terry

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM by President Oswald.

Upcoming Membership Meetings

Sept 4th (in the two smaller rooms) (TUES)
Oct 8th (MON)
Nov 5th (MON)
Dec 3rd (MON)

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



Hughes Special - Duane Zinke

For Sale

By Jose Cos

[Editor's Note: We had lots of open space in this month's newsletter. So, here's the latest entry on the "swap" page of the club's website:]

Jose is thinning out his hangar. Well, at least some of the smaller craft. He's moving to the really big stuff, and needs to clear out some space. For sale, are the following items:

Great Planes Stearman
Fully Assembled \$250
\$800 gets the Futaba servos and a YS120 engine

Great Planes Curtis P6
Fully Assembled \$300
\$800 gets the JR servos and a YS120FX engine

YS63 engine \$150

For details or inquiries, call 332-4558

For Sale

By Chuck Rothfield

Chuck has gotten out of the hobby, but still has a complete setup in excellent shape (never crashed):

Hobbico 60 RTF, with Futaba 6-channel and LOTS of extras for a complete setup, asking \$300.

For details or inquiries, call 488-8986