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Membership Coordinator

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Do not allow your aircraft to fly over the campgrounds or the guard shack. Above: Rainbow at the Aerodrome - Picture captured by Bud Glass from the Club Website Webcam June's Program: Ron Ratcliffe, "Safe Disposal of Lipo Batteries."

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# President's Message - June, 2017



Dear Membership.

June is here and Warbirds Over Denver 2017 starts June 9. Are you ready and pre- registered? Go to the Jeffco Aeromodlers website and do so now. We are expecting a great turn out and a really fun time.

I was in Trinidad, Colorado this weekend and while leaving the campsite at Trinidad State Park, I met a fellow flyer who flies at Pikes Peak. Although he has never attended the Warbirds Over Denver event in June, he is aware of the event. It is amazing the people you run in to that know of our field. He hopes to make it this year.

Onward. Bud Glass and Jeffco have purchased a steel storage container for our equipment and other valuables

#### Jefco Aeromod'lers

June	1	Ed	Scholes
June	1	Ian	Mitchell
June	5	Clark	Graves
June	5	Tony	Kreusch
June	7	Lee H.	DeMary
June	8	Loren	O'Dell
June	9	Aden	Mickartz

we store at the field. Once the new fence is installed (underway) the container will be moved in. It will need a fresh coat of paint and Bud will likely need help with the yard clean up.

Last year Lanny Waguespack surprised us with a new start up stand for the field. Many of you have noticed is as it has been used frequently. Lanny asked if he could build a couple of more and as we discussed this, suggestions were made to change his design to support those who fly electric. Two more stands were added to the current stock, built for electric only. Notice there are no wing restraints. The intent of these benches are to allow electric flyers to arm/disarm and change batteries, close to the pilot boxes. Many times, electric flyers carry two or three batteries while out flying. The new benches will allow for safer flying. Your comments are welcome.

Still looking for help with the following:

- Coffee Support for General Meetings (I have coffee pots, etc.)
- Drawing Coordinator for General Meetings
- Warbirds Over Denver
- Electric Fun Fly
- July Meeting at Chatfield.

Remember, this is your club. If you have a need, let me or any of the board members know.

See you next week for the Jefco Aeromod'lers General Meeting.

Regards,

Pete Thompson, President Jefco Aeromod'lers.

> Welcome New Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Members

> > Dave Jones – Lakewood, CO Sam Levy – Englewood, CO Aden Mickartz – Castle Rock, CO

> > > Ron Rose – Littleton, CO

June	11	Brad	Weissenfels
June	15	Rick	Peterson
June	16	Gary	Warner
June	18	Rowell	Haigh
June	21	Sid	Gates
June	21	Robert	Murphy
June	24	Tony	Christensen

June Birthdays

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# May 2, 2017 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Business Meeting Minutes

#### The meeting was called to order by President Peter Thompson at 7:03 PM at the Alice Terry Elementary School. There were 29 in attendance.

Before the program was started Bud Glass asked President Thompson for a few minutes to play a short video. The video was taken by a camera that detached from a plane Bruce Robson crashed last year. Larry Bickel found it and gave it to Bud. Bud had been waiting for an opportunity to play the video at one of the club meetings as a surprise for Bruce. Bud recited a poem he had written in recognition of Bruce's crash. Bruce took the gentle ribbing in typical good humor.

President Thompson then called Morgan Young to come forward. Morgan is a high school student and Club member that is very interested in aeromodeling. Morgan had been nominated by the Club to attend Camp AMA in June or July this summer. President Thompson presented Morgan with a Check for \$450.00 on behalf of the Club. Morgan's mother Kristen was in attendance.

Terry Hock then made a short presentation of the website's new look and feel. Terry worked very hard to make the website much easier to navigate, and the "feel" of the website very intuitive. Terry asked if anyone had any suggestions to improve the website to let him know by clicking the contact us menu and filling out the bottom form to the web master.

**Program:** President Thompson then introduced Bruno Mary who presented his program "How to convert a computer

power supply into a 12V output hobby power supply". In the interests of brevity, Bruno brought several computer power supplies in various stages of conversion. One by one, Bruno explained the conversion process starting with a power supply fresh out of a computer and going through each successive iteration until he showed the final finished product. This involved explaining the purpose of the various colored wires and what to do with them.

Bruno mentioned that there are plenty of YouTube videos that cover this conversion process. He also mentioned that you can buy quite reasonably priced new power supplies from computer stores such as the Micro Center in SE Denver.

One of the power supplies he converted had an LED voltmeter installed so that he could monitor the output voltage.

After thanking Bruno for his fine presentation, President Thompson solicited volunteers to give similar programs. He stated he can be contacted through the website, or anyone interested could talk to him tonight.

**Secretary's Report:** Bruce Riley motioned to accept the April 5, 2017, general meeting minutes as published

in the May newsletter. The motion was seconded by Scott Cline and carried.

**Membership Dues:** President Thompson reminded everyone that dues are \$50.00 a year, and also there is a new member initiation fee of \$25.00.

**New Guests and New Members:** President Thompson asked if there were any new guests or new members present. Les Bradshaw introduced himself, he is a guest of Kristen and Morgan Young.

**Safety:** President Thompson reminded everyone that as we move into the flying season that there will be different kinds of pilots with different capabilities at the field. President Thompson stressed the need to abide by the rules as found on the kiosk and the safety rules pamphlet as to where you are supposed to fly as what you are supposed to do while your are on the ground. He stated that we've had a couple of incidents where some of the electric airplanes have gotten away from their pilots because they did not disarm their planes before they came into the pits. This can result in cut fingers or even worse.

President Thompson discussed the possibility of having a "safety corner" in the newsletter where incidents could be described and how they may be avoided by following applicable safety rules.

#### President's Comments:

- **Yard Approval:** Bud Glass reported that we have received approval from the Park for expansion of the storage yard and the installation of the storage container. The approval had to go through the Corps of Engineers and it was approved as submitted. The only additional information the Park needs is a construction schedule which Bud is working on.
- FPV: Bruce Riley asked where we are in regards to FPV flying at the field. Bud stated that he has submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors a proposed set of rules which were more talking points to consider the addition of the FPV drone racing facility on the south side of the parking lot where we had the demo last year. Bud had a discussion with Park Manager Scott Roush about three weeks ago and Scott said he'd be open to lifting the restriction on FPV at the field subject to the rules that we present them with and that they would agree to implementing. The Park was adamant that there would be no general FPV flying outside the Multi-GP drone area south of the parking lot. A considerable discussion followed about what kind of flying could be considered FPV in view of the expanding technology of autonomous flight. Bud stated that right now the formal status on the multi GP Racing and FPV being permitted at the field is into the Park

# May 17, 2017 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board Meeting Minutes

	Meeting was called to	order at 6:33 PM	by President Peter	Thompson.
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Peter Thompson(P), Present	Lora Knowlton (Treas), Present	Ron Ratcliffe (BM), Present
Glenn Lee (VP), Present	Steve Rosselot (Safety), Present	Art Wilson (BM), Absent
Larry Fagan (Sec), Present	Kevin Furman(BM), Present	Bud Glass (BM), Present

### **President's Comments:**

- Upcoming Events Warbirds Over Denver: Lora reports that Warbirds Over Denver is coming on quickly. It will be held June 9, 10 and 11. She will send out a sign up sheet for volunteers shortly. Leo and Bette Hrdlicka will run the lunch line again this year.
- Lanny's Contribution: Bud Glass reported that Lanny Waguespack built two new electric arming tables. He has asked only for reimbursement of the costs of the materials.
- **Club Support:** President Thompson thanked everyone who contributes to the club's activities. He pointed out that so many of the club's chores are completed by volunteers who many times are not recognized.

**Secretary's Report:** Ron Ratcliffe motioned to accept the April 19, 2017, Board meeting minutes as published in the May newsletter. The motion was seconded by Bud Glass and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lora Knowlton reported on the expected expenses that are coming up for the field improvements. These include the container purchase, storage yard fence relocation, goat head treatment, gravel for the extended yard and the setup of the container. Bud Glass asked if we need to get a vote of the membership to continue the use of Singing Hills Landscape to provide mowing services. The original vote last year was to engage the landscape company for the remainder of last year. A motion will be brought before the membership to continue using a landscape company to provide mowing services this year.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Report:** Lora Knowlton reports that we have 212 members. This includes life members. We have 62 non-renewals at this time.
- Field Maintenance & Runways: Bud Glass reports that the fence contract has been signed. The utility locator will be out this week to insure there are no buried utility lines for the fencing contractor to be concerned with. The fence work will commence the last week of May. The container will be installed after the fence is relocated, but after the Warbirds Over Denver event.
- **Safety:** Steve Rosselot reports finding people leaving their transmitters on. This could cause harmful interference in the case of 72MHz radios, and pilots of all frequencies experiencing unexpected low voltage when they fly later in the day.

- **Flight Instruction / Training:** Bud Glass reports he has a 14 15 year old R/C student who relies on his mother for transportation to and from the field.
- Events:
  - **July Meeting at Chatfield:** The July 5th general meeting will be held at the aerodrome. President Thompson reports that a fun-fly and cookout will be held in conjunction with the meeting.
  - **Pylon Racing:** Hank Diepenbroek has requested permission to dig 6, 6" holes 2 feet deep to install sleeves for pylons. Bud will get with Tom Elliot to run the request by the Park for their permission.

#### • Programs:

- June: Lora and Doug Knowlton will be unable to complete video editing production of their April trip to the Doolittle Raiders reunion in Ohio in time for the June meeting. Look for this program at a later date. Ron Ratcliffe will present his program on Lipo Safety that is presently scheduled for August.
- July: A possible swap meet as part of the general meeting will be discussed. Also, President Thompson would like to have a least one business meeting at the aerodrome. The one last July seemed to be wellreceived.
- **August:** Bruno Mary has volunteered to present a program on molding rubber parts.
- **September:** Chris Jackson of Pulse Aerospace will present a program on the large helicopter that was featured on page 10 of the May newsletter.

#### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

- **FPV, Quad Racing, etc. Proposal/Policy:** Bud Glass reported that he submitted a proposal to the park around May 4. He expects the Park to request clarifications and changes, so it may not be a quick process. Since this would be a significant change to the aerodrome operation, we want an agreement that the Park and the Club can be thoroughly comfortable with.
- **Survey:** Lora Knowlton has developed a preliminary membership survey. The board will be reviewing it soon and then it will be available for the general membership. It has been many years since the membership was last surveyed on member benefits and club/field operations.
- **Start-up Bench Placement:** Kevin Furman submitted a start-up bench placement map to the Board.

# May 2, 2017 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Business Meeting Minutes (Con't)

#### President's Comments:

- **FPV (Con't):** and we are waiting to hear back from them and then report back to everyone. Bud anticipates the Park will voice concerns with parts of the submission and a back-and-forth will ensue as we work together to produce a working rules document.
- **Flight Training:** President Thompson requests that anyone interested in becoming a flight trainer to get hold of him or Bud Glass.

#### • Program:

- **June:** At the present time Lora and Doug Knowlton will present a video editing production of their April trip to the Doolittle Raiders reunion in Ohio. Updates of this presentation's schedule will be posted in the newsletter. In the event that Lora and Doug cannot present at the June meeting, Ron Ratcliffe will present his program on Lipo Safety that is presently scheduled for August.
- <sup>o</sup> **July:** President Thompson stated that in conjunction with the July meeting at the Aerodrome we will have a simple barbecue and a fun-fly.

#### Old/Unfinished Business:

- **Goat Head Mitigation:** President Thompson asked Bud Glass to report on the results of the goat head mitigation. Bud stated that the cost of the goat head spraying came in at \$487.00, far less than the approved amount of \$1500.00. Bud said there would be minor additional expenditures for chemicals for touch-up mitigation. He also stated that the fence quote is coming in higher than the original amount due to the larger extension of the yard. Bud was able to purchase the storage container at a considerably lower price than originally estimated, so he believes that the overall expenditure on the goat head mitigation, storage container and storage area fence extension will come in very close to the original amounts budgeted for the individual items.
- **Proposals:** President Thompson pointed out that one way we get things done around here starts with a member submitting a proposal. He cited the FPV racing proposal and the yard expansion proposal as examples. He stated that Bruno has submitted a proposal for a grass landing area adjacent to and north of the E-W runway. That proposal is still under consideration by the Board. It turns out there is more to this project than appears on the surface.
- **New Field Sign:** President Thompson stated that we will be replacing the sign at the entrance to the Aerodrome. Bud Glass has received 2 proposals for the new 2-sided field sign. The sign will conform to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife signage standards. This would be an opportunity to change the picture of the plane on the sign and President Thompson encourage <sub>6</sub>

anyone who has an idea for a different picture to contact him or Bud Glass.

• **Volunteers:** President Thompson said we need a volunteer to set up the coffee and treats at the general meetings. He will send out an open letter in an email blast asking for volunteers to provide coffee at the business meetings and to be fun event leaders.

**Show and Tell:** Bud Glass showed his Pietenpol Air Camper he built from a HobbyKing kit. He said it is the worst ARF he's ever built because of poorly fitting and missing parts. He got all of the electronics, ESC and motor from his junk box. He liked the pilot the most. He cut and pasted it from the 4-charlie website, printed out mirror images on photo paper and glued the two together.

**Drawing:** Dave Fagan ran the drawing for this evening. The prizes were from Action R/C Hobbies. President Thompson again asked for a volunteer to take over running the drawing activity.

**MOTION to ADJOURN:** Scott Cline made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Morgan Young. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Fagan, Secretary

## May 17, 2017 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board Meeting Minutes (Con't)

#### Old/Unfinished Business (Con't):

#### • Start-up Bench Placement (Con't):

- Kevin then motioned to accept the start-up bench placement he submitted, and the motion was seconded by Glenn Lee. After some discussion the start-up bench placement was approved with the addition of two additional tables to be installed one on each side of the existing table on the north side of the pit area. The motion passed with 7 voting for and 1 abstaining.
- **New Field Sign:** Bud Glass has received 2 proposals for the new 2-sided field sign to replace the old one at the entrance to the aerodrome. Bud has provided the Colorado Parks and Wildlife signage standards to both sign contractors.
- Landing Fees: The landing fee proposal is on the Ranger's desk awaiting feedback.

#### **New Business:**

• Letter to the membership: President Thompson will send out an open letter in an email blast asking for volunteers to provide coffee at the business meetings and to be fun event leaders.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Furman and seconded by Steve Rosselot. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Fagan, Secretary.

# Academy of Model Aeronautics Member Communication



#### Friday, May 19, 2017

Dear members,

As you've probably heard by now, a federal appeals court today struck down the FAA's registration requirement for recreational model aircraft.

Today's Court ruling is effective immediately. As such, if you have not registered with the FAA, you are no longer required under the law to do so. For those of you who have already registered with the FAA, you may be wondering what this means for you. We are currently working to obtain answers from the FAA and will share more information as it becomes available.

Please keep in mind that this is a fluid situation and there is always the possibility of a renewed push in Congress to compel federal registration for model aircraft. If that happens, rest assured that AMA will continue to advocate for your interests and keep you well informed every step of the way. We have repeatedly argued that federal registration for our community is duplicative and unnecessary, as our members already register their model aircraft with AMA. In addition, our 80-year history of safe and responsible flying demonstrates that we're not the problem. We shouldn't be burdened by overly broad regulations.

Today's ruling also bodes well for our pending court challenge to the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (also known as the Interpretative Rule). That petition, which AMA filed in 2014, is currently before the same Court that today rejected the FAA's registration rule and affirmed the strength of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, otherwise known as Section 336. This gives us hope for our continued fight against the Interpretive Rule.

We understand that these policy and legal developments are sometimes dizzying and complicated, and they are rarely resolved quickly. We're nearly three years into our challenge to the Interpretive Rule, for example. We truly appreciate your sticking with us while we press on in the fight to protect your right to fly, free from unnecessary and burdensome restrictions.

Sincerely, AMA Government Affairs

# An Ode to an R/C Pilot by Bud Glass

Sometime last year Bud Glass retrieved a camera that had unexpectedly separated from one of Bruce Robson's planes during an unscheduled (crash) landing. When Bud returned the camera at the May meeting he recited a short poem he had written as an ode to an R/C pilot in recognition of Bruce's loss. It is reprinted here by popular demand. He came to the field to mix with the boys, To throw in some batteries and fly his toys,

With a glance at the windsock, and the sun in his eyes, He pushed the throttle forward and climbed to the skies.

He flew into the pattern, ready to go around, But only seconds later, he crashed to the ground.

He asked "What went wrong, what just happened to me?" Everyone knows you don't get these planes for free.

So, remember this poem when you've had a bad day, Some days the field giveth, and on others it taketh away!

# At the May Business Meeting-- Photos by Bud Glass



President Thompson presents Morgan with a gift - Morgan looks a bit leery!



President Thompson and Morgan holding the check for Camp AMA



Morgan's Mother Kristen, Morgan, President Thompson











Above Left, Center and Right, Bruno Mary and his Presentation.
Right, Bruce Robson watches the movie taken by his lost camera.
Left, Bud Glass' Pietenpol Below, Terry Hock with Website Update.



Left, Right and Below, Drawing Winners!











#### Happening at the Field - Photos by Bud Glass

From Bud Glass:

Hi Larry,

Here's a couple photos for the newsletter. This is one of two new electric arming tables (not start-up stands) built by Lanny Waguespack. He is wearing the blue ball cap. I picked these up at his place this morning and delivered them to the field.

In addition to giving Lanny recognition for building these, we should also thank him for building the first



prototype gas start-up stand which he donated to the club. I think it would be a good idea to emphasize that these two new stands are for arming/disarming electri

models only. NO GAS OR NITRO FUEL MODELS, so we can keep them clean and free of sticky liquid fuel residues.

Also, note that they are for arming/disarming only, and please include that THEY ARE NOT FOR STORING PLANES BETWEEN FLIGHTS!

One was placed in the corner at each end of the new taxiway, but we may shift this location after seeing how they are used or after we get some feedback from flying members.

I will get a couple signs made up for these, but I suppose the Board should discuss the wording.

Thanks, Bud



Also from Bud Glass:

This morning, I went through dozens of containers and purchased the one shown below. Of the many I went through, this one was in the best shape for our price range for a mid-grade unit. It is wind and waterproof, rodent-proof, has very straight sides (no big dents like many) the doors work well and the inside is very clean and painted light gray. (Some



interiors I looked at were atrocious, greasy, some smelled like rotten bananas or otherwise stunk to high heaven.) This has a 3/4 inch plywood floor, as most do, but nothing appeared to have leaked or otherwise soaked into the wood....

...We will have to paint the exterior on this one once it's in place at the field to the color specified by the park. I hope we can get the park to provide the paint, but in any case we will need a few volunteers and schedule a work party to paint it ourselves. I want to get the painting done immediately after it is set in place, so it does not become an eyesore.

I'll call for delivery after our fence moving project is finished and we have prepared the spot where it will go. The fence project is scheduled to be start June 02 and be completed by June 05 or sooner. In no case do I plan to request delivery of the container until at least the week after Warbirds.

Thanks to every one for your support on this project.

## More about Larry Bickel's Biplane "Tequila" - Photos by Larry Bickel

#### By Larry Bickel

The Tequila bi-plane in last months news letter was built by long time Jefco member Dick Laubach. It is a scratch built model from a Dick Cunningham design which was featured in RC Modeler Magazine, August 1988. It is similar to Chuck Cunningham's Lazy Ace from about 1977.

Dick had the airplane almost finished, but set it aside and never got back to the finishing touches. He called me one afternoon to ask if I would be interested in finishing it so he could see it fly. After a little thought I made a trip to Dick's home to look it over and it immediately got my attention. I could see that Dick was an excellent craftsman and it would be a challenge to match his workmanship, but I decided to finish it up and get it in the air. It was nearly to the point of being an ARF, all I had to do was cover the fuselage and tail feathers to match the nice design dick had on the wings. By the way the red checkerboard on the bottom is all hand cut 2 inch squares and you can't find a single flaw in his work. I installed the engine, fuel system, and electronics and it was ready for a first flight. It has five or six flights on it now, and fly's well as I continue to fine tune things. Dick has been co-pilot all three times I have had it out at the field. I hope to have it at the June meeting.

The Tequila has a six foot wingspan, 12 sq. feet of wing area, weighs 18 pounds and is powered by a DLE 35 cc gas engine, (although it would be happier with a little more power). It is covered with SolarTex and trimmed with MonoCote. I have a Smart Fly sport power system and Graupner radio equipment in it, with plans for a smoke system.





Dick's hand-cut 2 inch squares.



Dick Laubach and Larry Bickel pose behind the Tequila.



Dick Laubach and the Tequila

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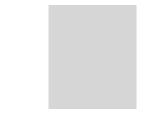
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Cockpit detail of Bud Glass' Pietenpol

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Business meetings: First Wed. night of each month. Meetings are called to order at 07:00 P.M, programs to follow, at the Alice Terry Elementary School at 4485 S. Irving Street, (located approximately 1/4 mile away from the previous middle school location). Board meetings are held the third Wed. night of each month, 07:00 P.M. If you wish to attend, contact President Peter Thompson in advance.

The BOD has approved the **Field Safety & Operations Manual.** All members should review this document in the club's website <u>www.jeffcoaeromodlers.com</u> for the latest rules and regulations.

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