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Do not allow your aircraft to fly over the campgrounds or the guard shack.

Above: Bud Glass performing the final mowing for the year.

October's Program: Chris Jackson - Commercial UAS Helicopter

President's Message - October, 2017



As most of you know, we had some work done on the runways. Mostly the E/W as it is likely to be with longer than the N/S. Bud Glass is taking well care of the field. We are also looking at the cost of putting up a sun shade (better than "a wall") at the west end of the shelter. It will incorporate drop down table and window openings for those not too hot days. Some support work will be needed on the posts as they are beginning to deteriorate. I got just the fix.

As we are coming in to the fall and winter months, some of the projects we have planned may be put on hold until the spring. However, maybe this is a good time to run the tractor over the proposed grass strip area to make is a bit more landing friendly to those Warbird planes. We have lots to discuss at this months Jeffco Board meeting.

Coming up, well, as tradition has it, some will be at the flying field on January 1st for I. C. Carb day, first flights of the new year.

Hmmmm. Can't seem to think of anything else to write. I think I'll go get my sweater.

Have a good October.

Peter Thompson, President

Jeffco Aeromodlers.

To The Membership:

Whew! Last year was busy and the new year for our club is just starting. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are changing our fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. This means our new fiscal year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31, 2018.. This will help a bit with accounting, and other membership responsibilities. Regarding new badging, we should have another update at the October general meeting.

Welcome New Jeffco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Members

Dale Brockmeier – Littleton, CO

Tanner Clark – Littleton, CO

Jim Griffin – Littleton, CO

Mike Mallory – Castle Pines, CO

Chris McGill – Highlands Ranch, CO

Bill Moore – Morrison, CO

Jeffco Aeromod'lers

October 1	Dave	DeLapp
October 1	Ira	Borton
October 2	Terry	Hock
October 4	Philip	Lund
October 7	Tom	Walsh
October 9	Terry	Barnhart
October 9	Bill	Neyman
October 9	Paul	Inman



September Birthdays

October 12	Art	Wilson
October 13	Charles	Gallegos
October 25	Virgil	Gooselaw
October 27	Cyrus	Lantz
October 28	Michael	Peterson
October 28	Haleigh	McGill
October 30	Lee	Bergen

September 6, 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 27 in attendance.

President's Comments: Before the program started, President Thompson pointed out that tonight is election night. Lora provided printed election ballots which were passed out before Hank Diepenbroek began tonight's program.

Program: Mile-High Challenge Pylon Race Recap: Pylon race Contest Director Hank Diepenbroek discussed the event held August 4 - 6 last month. The first thing he wanted to do is make sure that he had thanked all the volunteers who donated their time and efforts to make this a most successful event. Hank went on to explain that he is forging ahead to try to get the Champs Race to be held at the Chatfield Aerodrome next year. The membership had previously voted to support Hank in his endeavors to hold the race here. This is a very big pylon racing event and attracts top pilots, some from other countries. Hank reports receiving nothing but positive feedback from attendees of this year's race.

Hank has submitted a proposal to the NMPRA (National Miniature Pylon Racing Association, nmpra.net) to hold the race at Chatfield. He expects to find out at the Champ Race being held in North Carolina in the middle of October if they have accepted our proposal. Hank went on to explain that he would expect around 80 competitors flying just the one fast class. The race would be August 25 and 26, 2018, with practice being held through the entire week of August 20 - 24. Hank pointed out that this would be the only pylon race that would be held in 2018.

Hank says that pylon pilots from other clubs are somewhat envious of the volunteers we have had here for our two pylon racing events and he is looking for assurance that the Club is still supportive. President Thompson said he thinks that the volunteers all had a good time and that we should have no trouble fielding volunteers in the future. Chuck James expressed how he'd be at the front of the line to volunteer if Smiley Henderson will be cooking again. A murmur of approval was raised.

To close the Pylon Race Recap, Bud Glass' excellent video of this year's pylon race highlights was shown. It finished to much applause.

• Events: President Thompson stated that he is very excited for next year's events. We are presently winding down for this year's season although we do have a final field maintenance and cleanup coming this fall. The next scheduled event will be I. C. Carb day on January 1. It is a fun event to kick off next year's flying season. President Thompson confirmed with Larry

Fagan that Chris Jackson is scheduled to give his presentation on a Commercial UAS Helicopter at the October Business Meeting. Larry is lining up an alternative plan in the event Chris is unable to present next month.

Guests and New Members: President Thompson introduced Jim Griffin. Jim is a retired Department of Defense employee. Jim is a granddad and is just getting into R/C.

Secretary's Report: Ron Ratcliffe motioned to accept the August 2, 2017, general meeting minutes as published in the September newsletter. The motion was seconded by Chuck James and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lora Knowlton gave the Treasurer's report and the notebook with financials was distributed for members to review. Lora reported that the rental fee for use of Alice Terry Elementary School was paid, in addition to the past two years that previously had not been invoiced. All payments are now current with the Sheridan School District. Lora stated that our fiscal year ends September the 30th and that anyone needing reimbursement for approved budget expenditures for this year should get them submitted before that date.

Mile High Challenge Pylon Race – after accounting for all income and expenses, the club finished well in the black. Lora recognized Hank Diepenbroek for contributing substantial personal funds for the event. Both Hank and assistant Craig Farthing put in a lot of time, effort and funds to make this event such a rousing success.

Fiscal Year Change – The club will be switching over to a different fiscal year in order to be more efficient and in line with the membership cycle and flying season. Presently it is October 1 to September 30. It will now be January 1 to December 31. Lora consulted with a CPA and determined that the IRS will only require the submission of a simple form. Regarding memberships, anyone who joins or renews after October 1, 2017 will have valid membership until December 31, 2018. While there are several reasons to make this change, one of them is it will make management of the new member badges a more straightforward process. The new name badges will be date stamped with the year to show that the member is current. Bud showed a sample badge around so that members could see what the new badges will look like. The new name badge system will go into effect on January 1.

2018 Budget - At the October club meeting Lora will present the proposed recommended budget from the Board that will run through the new fiscal year of October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018. Lora asked that

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September 6, 2017 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Business Meeting Minutes (Con't)

Treasurer's Report (Con't):

2018 Budget (Con't) - any committee chairs that have budget requests to submit their request as soon as possible.

There were no questions about the Treasurer's report. Larry Fagan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, and Chuck James seconded it. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Report:** Lora Knowlton reported that there are 4 new members. She reported that we have 201 active members, 18 life members and 9 pending members awaiting their AMA numbers for a total of 228 members. Members will be invoiced to renew their dues October 1 and their memberships will be valid until December 31, 2018. She anticipates that the new badges will be ready January 1 of next year. All club members will receive a new "year dated" name badge. Orange name badges will no longer be issued. Lora confirmed with Terry Hock that a new online membership renewal page will be active on the Club's website very soon.

- **Field Maintenance and Runways:** Bud Glass reported that a walk through revealed that the number of goat head weeds were down significantly from last year. Bud was not surprised considering all the spraying he did this spring. He is planning one more application of weed killer this fall. Bud has mounted a weed sprayer on the back of the tractor that was donated by Jack Clodfelter. This will make weed killer application more uniform and efficient around the perimeter of the paved areas and the parking blocks. Bud has also mounted an old blower from the storage shed that he repaired so he can blow rocks and debris off the runway using the tractor.

Bud, Larry and Larry spread gravel along the edges of the intersection of the runways back about 30 feet. The gravel which is actually crushed reclaimed concrete was used to feather the edge of the drop off. This was to reduce damage to aircraft that ran onto or off of the runway due to the drop off along the runways' edges. Everyone Bud has talked to says that it seems to be working quite well. It tends to set up more securely when it gets wet because the gravel comes from crushed concrete which still has some cement powder in it. Bud will look into feathering the entire perimeter of the runways.

Bud asked for a volunteer to keep the postings in the signs, kiosk and bulletin boards up to date. He would also manage lost and found and keep the first aid box properly stocked. Ron Ratcliffe immediately raised his

hand to volunteer. Bud said we'd have to come up with an appropriate title for his duties.

Bud has received bids for crack fill and sealing and infrared repair on the runways which will be scheduled to be completed before the end of this month. Since this will involve closing the field down, he will see that notifications go out once the actual dates are set. We will do the full maintenance on the E - W runway but only partial maintenance on the N - S since it may be removed in the next year or so. President Thompson thanked Bud for his excellent work which was followed by spontaneous applause.

Hank Diepenbroek asked if the new runway layout will require modification of the pylon course. President Thompson said that it will be looked into as the construction date for the new runway gets nearer.

- **Safety:** Steve Rosselot - No Report. President Thompson stated that an incident occurred where a pilot was not responsive to being called on for not following the rules. He stated that discussions have been held with the Park about how to handle these situations. He said if you can't follow the rules, you can't fly.

- **Flight Training:** Bud Glass reports that he has 2 new students. They and the 5 of his students from the previous month have soloed. Bud told them if they go home with a smile on their face and the plane looks the same as when they brought it out that we've both done a good job. He stated that both of Smiley's kids are flying now, and his 10 year old daughter has soloed. He noted that we are still looking for trainers. Bud is planning to write up a training procedure to present to the Board over the next couple of months. This will insure consistency between trainers so that student will not get conflicting directions.

- **Events:** President Thompson says we are winding down for the year. The next event will be I. C. Carb day on January 1 and after that will be the Auction in February.

- **Programs:** Larry Fagan reported on future programs.

- **October,** President Thompson announced that Chris Jackson will present "Commercial UAS Helicopter." He was originally scheduled to present tonight but his company is using the UAS helicopter to assist with the rescue efforts in Houston. John Blanyer has volunteered to be the standby presenter in the event Chris is called away again.

- **November,** Morgan Young will talk about her experiences at Camp AMA. Morgan received financial support from the Club.

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September 6, 2017 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Business Meeting Minutes (Con't)

Committee Reports (Con't):

• **Programs (Con't):**

- **Future presentations,** Larry brought up the suggestions for programs that Bruno said he'd be glad to present. Larry said if anyone is interested in a particular topic to email or call him. Lee Taylor stated he would be very interested in a program on the use of carbon fiber including safe handling.

New Business:

- **Elections:** Candidates this year are: Peter Thompson, President; Glenn Lee, Vice President; Lora Knowlton, Treasurer; Larry Fagan, Secretary and Steve Rosselot, Safety Officer and Bud Glass, Board Member-at-Large. All candidates were elected unanimously. President Thompson thanked the membership for their participation in the election process.
- **Club Survey:** President Thompson said that it is not easy running a vibrant club such as ours and sometime we need a little help. He went on to state that one of the things that is helping us is the responses to the club survey. He covered some of the preliminary information gleaned from the survey. Just over a quarter of the club membership has been a member for 10 to 20 years. Over 55% have been a volunteer for any club activity during the past year. (Percentages are base on eighty-some respondents.) Interestingly, 8% said they do not know how to volunteer. On the question about the favorite or most useful page on the website, a huge majority checked the weather station information.
- **Weather Station Update:** Terry Hock gave an update on the weather station. He stated that most everyone was aware that the website weather station information has been down for almost 2 weeks. The major problem is our website provider made a major upgrade to the hosting software for our website. The upgrade resulted in about 10% of their customer's websites being broken. Unfortunately, this included ours. Terry said that he had the website back on line in just a couple of days, but the weather station information was a different story. Basically, Terry encrypts the data being uploaded from the weather station to the website to prevent the data stream being hi-jacked. This leads to very complicated protocols needing to be followed. Terry worked very closely with our designer DCI Webworks. They even had to get some of the provider's network engineers involved. Afters many emails and protocols updated, the weather information is now back on line. To compound the situation some of the problems were intermittent, which added another layer of complexity.

Terry said he would like to see additional funding in next year's budget to upgrade some of the weather station hardware. The present hardware is consumer grade, and is designed to work in conjunction with a residence which

would be heated in the winter time, unlike our brick storage shed which has no heating capability.

- **Bylaws Policy Statement:** President Thompson received a verbal request for the removal of a Club officer. After considerable reflection and a thorough review of the Club's bylaws, he determined that there was no violation of the bylaws or other club policies, and hence no basis for the officer's removal. President Thompson feels this is more a clash of two very strong personalities and decided no action was warranted.

- **Lee Taylor:** Lee Taylor reports that he received a phone call from Lynn Cheatham, the widow of long time club member Sam Cheatham. He could not fly for many years due to poor eyesight. He had a lot of stuff and Lynn has asked Lee for help in getting rid of it. He had lots of machinery, many kits and many engines. She would like a silent auction at her house on a Saturday or Sunday in the near future. She would be willing to give the club a very generous portion of the proceeds from the sale. Any items not sold would be donated to the Club for our auction.

This project is in the works right now, and Lee has volunteered to head it up. He'd like other volunteers to assist him. Lee hopes to have the silent auction completed by Thanksgiving. He asked if anyone feels we should not be doing this. Seeing no dissension Lee will seek the backing of the Board.

President Thompson says he has been getting inquiries from estates of deceased modelers about disposing of models and model inventories. He suggested it may be advantageous to have a committee specifically assigned the duties of assisting in the disposal of these model inventories.

- **Lora's correction:** Lora noted that an email notice was sent regarding a change in program for tonight's meeting. In the same notice she listed an estate RC sale and auction. She listed the location as Broomfield, but it is actually being held in Brighton.

Show and Tell: Phil Pillitteri showed his Piper Cub J-3. Phil stated that the fabric covering he used was crushing the frame as he was shrinking it. He had to reinforce the frame to withstand the force of the shrinking covering. The engine is an OS 120. He is hoping to maiden it next week. Phil said he spent about 80 hours building it.

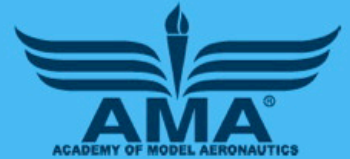
Drawing: Dave Hock performed drawing duties tonight. He presented 3 \$20.00 gift cards and an E-Flite Ultra Stick 25E procured from Action Hobbies on Colfax just west of Simms St.

MOTION to ADJOURN: A motion was made by Larry Fagan to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mike Craven. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Fagan, Secretary

Note, due to the Board of Director's meeting being postponed until the end of September and the conflicting newsletter deadline there will be no September Board meeting minutes published this month. They will be published in next month's newsletter.

AMA TODAY
Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



Monday, September 25, 2017

Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo



From Lora Knowlton:

I have been tasked by AMA to help them organize a Make 'n Take area at the RM Hobby Expo. It would involve a two day commitment. Can we do this for AMA? I think 4-6 people each day would be sufficient.

AMA announces partnership with Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo

AMA is a promotional partner for the upcoming inaugural Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo, October 28 and 29, 2017, at the Denver Mart in Denver. The event, sponsored by the Hobby Manufacturers Association, will promote participation in different hobbies, including model aviation and other RC activities.

AMA members are eligible for a \$2 discount on advance tickets using discount code AMA2017 on the event website. Advance ticket holders can avoid the line at the door and are automatically registered for hourly door prize drawings.

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Please contact Lora Knowlton if you can volunteer for this expo!

Serious Runway Maintenance! - Photos by Larry Fagan



Serious Runway Maintenance! (Con't) - Photos by Bud Glass



New Member's Training Success - Submitted by Bud Glass



New member, Jim Griffin is shown taking a lesson on his Apprentice at Dakota Ridge. This was his 2nd time up and he's doing great!

Mile-High Challenge Pylon Race Held August 4, 5 and 6 - Photos by Bud Glass



Rotors Over Denver Heli-Fun-Fly held August 26 and 27 - Photos by Bud Glass



Your Board Members



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Bud Glass, Member-at-Large



Kevin Furman, Member-at-Large

Pictures from the General Meeting Photos by Bud Glass



Hank Diepenbroek discusses the pylon race.



Jim Griffin introduces himself to the club.



Lora Knowlton answers a financial question.



Larry Fagan asks for a motion to accept minutes.



Terry Hock brings us up to date on the weather station.



Lee Taylor fills us in on Sam Cheatham's estate auction.



Lora has these gents full attention.

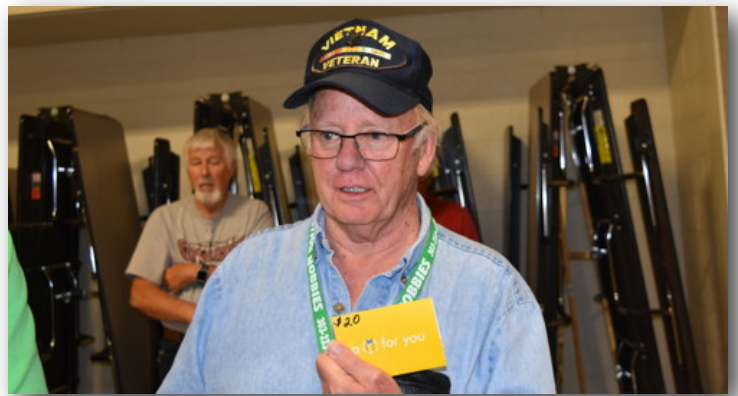


Preparing for the drawing.

Show and Tell - Photos by Bud Glass



Drawing at the General Meeting - Photos by Bud Glass



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Runway repair at the Chatfield Aerodrome.

October 2017

4 Business Meeting
18 Board Meeting

November 2017

1 Business Meeting
15 Board Meeting

December 2017

6 Business Meeting
20 Board Meeting

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 www.jeffcoeromodlers.com for the latest rules and regulations.*

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