



THE JEFKO FLYER

AMA #176

This edition of the Jefco Flyer is dedicated to the **Long Range Planning Committee**. It commemorates the

hard work and dedication of these men over the last 5 years in bringing the new runway to fruition.

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

Above: New runway under construction, first week in May, 2020 photo by Bud Glass

June's Program: The June meeting has been CANCELED due to the COVID-19 virus!

President's Message - June, 2020



The new diagonal runway is finally a reality! This is due to the forward vision, hard work and many long hours put into this project for the past five plus years by the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC). Thank you, Bruce Ream, Bill Zimmerman, Chuck Beckey, John Park, Larry Bickel and Tom Elliot. The club greatly appreciates all of your efforts and dedication to the club. Great job!

May 13, Bruce Ream and John Park announced their resignation from the LRPC. I have assumed the position of Chair of the LRPC and Project Manager through the completion and close out of this project. Thanks again to both of you for your contributions to the club and the LRPC.

The new runway is beautiful, and once the new grass takes seed and sprouts up, it will look even better. While the asphalt runway work is complete, we are working through a number of punch list items with the contractor. There are a few minor details that we know still need a bit more attention, and we are working on a plan to complete those now, so please be patient with your criticisms while we work through these issues.

We are planning to fill the cracks and seal the old runways, add striping to both runways and add lettering to clearly identify taxiways and heli pads. (If we receive enough in donations to pay for it). The Board of Directors will be looking into the feasibility of some other future amenities like additional seating and assembly tables. I have spoken with the park to see if they might be willing to provide a couple more picnic tables and possibly some of the shaded benches like they have at Cherry Creek. They are looking into that request. We are open to any and all suggestions from club members as well.

A dozen members responded to the "yea" or "nay" link in last month's newsletter regarding striping the runways. Comments from all but one of those who responded were favorable. A few offered up donations. Since striping was cut from the 2020 budget to help balance the budget, we still need more money to get the striping done. Once again, if you would like to see striping on the runways, or are willing to make a donation, [Click Here](#).

Member Rowell Heigh, has over 45 years' experience in construction and road-building. Rowell volunteered many hours of his time to assist the club by lending his expertise in the area of quality control as it pertains to preparation, placement and finishing of asphalt paving. He was a big help. Thank You Rowell!

I would like to wish member Derrick Nedzel well, as he is recovering from neurosurgery that he underwent last fall. Derrick reports that his recovery is going well and he is hopeful that he will be able to return to driving and flying later this summer. Good Luck Derrick!

Member Tom Higgins donated \$60 to the club from proceeds from the sale of his beautiful, custom-made, wooden field stands purchased by several members. These are beautifully done and engraved with the club's name and can be personalized with engraving of your choice. Please support the club and Tom's fund-raising project by ordering one today at hometech20@gmail.com. Tom is also in the process of making a custom mounting bracket for the first aid and visitor's badge boxes which will be incorporated with a new bulletin board in the kiosk. The bulletin board will enclose the plaque we received from the AMA, commemorating Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club as a 25 year Gold Leader Club. We will also post field information and announcements in this new bulletin board. Thank You Tom!

Member Rick Gonzales has volunteered to assume the position of Club Photographer, held by myself for the past 5 years. Thank You Rick!

Sadly, no newsletter these days would be complete without some reference to the COVID-19 problem. As far as our flying field goes, it is open under the restrictions and guidelines of Colorado Parks & Wildlife. This means social distancing, wearing face coverings where required, not gathering in large groups, staying out of the designated picnic areas and not using any open picnic tables anywhere in the park. **THIS INCLUDES THE AIRFIELD.** Please do not risk having our airfield closed down for non-compliance. Don't be a Covidiot!

May 20, 2020 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Notes

JEFCO AEROMOD'LERS RC CLUB

Board of Directors VIRTUAL Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE: President Bud Glass canceled the usual monthly Board of Directors meeting due to Safer-At-Home COVID-19 orders. Board members exchanged reports via email and those reports have been compiled into this document.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Range Planning Committee – May 13, LRPC Chair Bruce Ream announced his resignation from the committee and stepped down from his role as Project Manager of the new runway project. May 14, John Park announced that he was also resigning from the LRPC. Bud immediately stepped into the role of Chair of the LRPC and Project Manager to see the project through to completion. Larry Bickel, Tom Elliot, Bill Zimmerman, and Chuck Beckey remain on the LRPC and have been very helpful in the efforts to get this project completed and closed out. There are on-going negotiations with the paving contractor regarding some quality control issues and a few punch list items yet to be completed.

Aerodrome Reopening –The Aerodrome flying field, including the new runway, reopened on May 15. All campgrounds, park offices, picnic areas and picnic tables had been closed throughout the park since April 1. The pavilion and all picnic tables are still closed due to COVID-19 social distancing orders still in place. The social distancing orders are also still in place for the rest of the Aerodrome. Bud noted pilots should watch their step around the runways as there are still some rough areas which will be fixed in the near future. Please follow all existing safety rules and communicate with your fellow pilots, and STAY OFF THE NEWLY SEEDED AREAS.

Runway Crack-Fill and Resealing – Bud stated he also wants to do some crack-fill and resealing on the remaining old portion of the existing E/W runway which is in need of repair. With striping appearing to be eminent, it would be best to get all this work done first. He does not have a quote as yet for this work. He suggested that Treasurer Lora could transfer funds from the Runway Fund to cover these costs. Lora was in agreement that this is an appropriate use of the runway fund money. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure.

Runway Striping – Bud suggested that the runways should be striped and could be paid for through donations. Striping had been cut from the budget for this year to help balance the budget. The Board unanimously approved accepting donations to fund this project. Bud noted he has already received commitments for \$750 for this project before even starting a formal fund-raising project.

Club Photographer – Bud Glass announced that Rick Gonzales volunteered to assume the position of club photographer. Rick will be relieving Bud of this responsibility. Rick has already contributed several great photos to the newsletter.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary's Report -

- April 15 Board of Directors Meeting – cancelled due to COVID-19 but held as a virtual meeting. Board members submitted emailed reports. The meeting notes were compiled and emailed to the board and published in the May newsletter.
- May 6 Club Meeting - cancelled due to COVID-19. No report.
- May 20 Board of Directors Virtual Meeting – reports will be compiled and published in the June newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lora Knowlton presented the financials to date via May 9, 2020 email to the Board.

- Balance Sheet (as of May 9) reflects all transactions to date.
- Profit & Loss Statement (as of May 9) –
 - Income
 - membership renewals have picked up with several new memberships and some renewals
 - history book order payments are nearly complete; there are 10 people who still owe
 - since the Warbirds event will be 'scaling back', there has been no registration income. This would typically be a revenue source this time of each year.
 - Received a \$60 donation from club member Tom Higgins; he donated a portion of sales of his custom wooden field stands.
 - No other revenues to report
 - Expense
 - Some Maintenance and Supply expenses

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT:

Safety Officer Craig Farthing reported that he will look into the taxi paths that need to be identified now that we have the new runway in operation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report –

- Active members to date: 198 (18 Life, 8 Junior, 172 Regular); 2 Pending – waiting for AMA #
- Lapsed/Dropped from 2019 roster: 41
- New Members: David Mallison – Parker, CO and Brandon McGill – Highlands Ranch, CO

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

Warbirds & Classics Over Denver – On April 24, Contest Director Lora Knowlton recommended to the BOD that the AMA sanction application for the event be withdrawn and the event scaled down to a Warbirds Fun Fly due to COVID-19 concerns. Withdrawing the sanction

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Club Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting Notes (Cont)**

designation releases the requirement to have a CD on site and there is no official registration or reporting back to AMA. All field rules and regs would apply. By down scaling there will be no official registration, no fees, no catering, no merchandise, i.e. no expense to the club. Warbirds & Classic flying will still take place - as a way to honor and celebrate those aircraft and those who flew them. If on approximately June 1, there are statewide orders that limit attendance at outdoor events - then the event would likely be cancelled or put those attendance limits in place. Either way, that would be determined approximately June 1. President Glass accepted Lora's recommendation as a motion which was seconded by Craig Farthing. The motion was unanimously approved. Lora subsequently submitted a note to the newsletter editor to publish in the June newsletter about the changes to the Warbirds & Classics Over Denver event.

July Business Meeting & BBQ – is still scheduled for Wednesday, July 1 at the flying field at this time. Smiley will again provide his fantastic BBQ menu. Details to be confirmed and promoted soon.

PROGRAMS:

June Meeting (June 3) – Canceled – due to health safety guidelines and the Alice Terry Elementary school closure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Fagan on behalf of Lora Knowlton, Secretary/
Treasurer

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

David Mallison – Parker, CO

Brandon McGill – Highlands Ranch, CO

Newsletter Advertisements

Stay tuned. – Details for how to advertise
in the club newsletter and/or on the
website coming soon!

Upcoming General Meeting Programs

- **June 3 – Meeting canceled**, no program.
- **July 1 – BBQ meeting at the Jefco Aerodrome** will be held on the FIRST Wednesday of July this year also **pending** the COVID-19 outcome.

Safety Spotlight

Near miss, or was it?

Date: May 23, 2020

Location: Chatfield Aerodrome

A pilot, who was not flying, walked out onto the active runway to look for a lost article. He was struck in the wrist by a pilot who was landing his Foamie.

I investigated the incident and here is what I learned:

There were Three pilots on the active runway flying. The pilot who was looking for the lost article notified the pilots flying (from a distance) that he was going out onto the active runway. At the same time one of the pilots asked permission of the active pilots for clearance to land. The landing pilot was cleared to land from the remaining two active pilots.

From the distance the pilot, looking for the lost article, thought he was given permission to walk onto the runway where he was struck in the wrist by the landing pilot.

The good news is the injury was not life threatening and all seems good at the writing of this article.

Could this incident been prevented: YES

- 1) The person walking onto the active runway should have clearly stated his intentions by communicating directly with the flight line and not from a distance.
- 2) Active pilots should be aware of the surrounding.
- 3) The use of a spotter could have prevented this incident.

Your thought on this incident would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at craigfarthing@comcast.net.

Blue skies and light winds.

Be safe out there.

Craig Farthing

Your Safety Officer

**Warbirds and Classics
Over Denver Update
June 12 – 14, 2020**

Due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, the event will be 'scaled back' for 2020 and will be a **Warbirds & Classics Fun Fly**. There will be no pilot registration or fees, no overnight storage tent, no catering or formal program. Instead it will be a wonderful weekend to honor and celebrate Warbirds & Classics and the pilots who flew them — with just plain RC flying fun! Warbirds and Classics flying only!

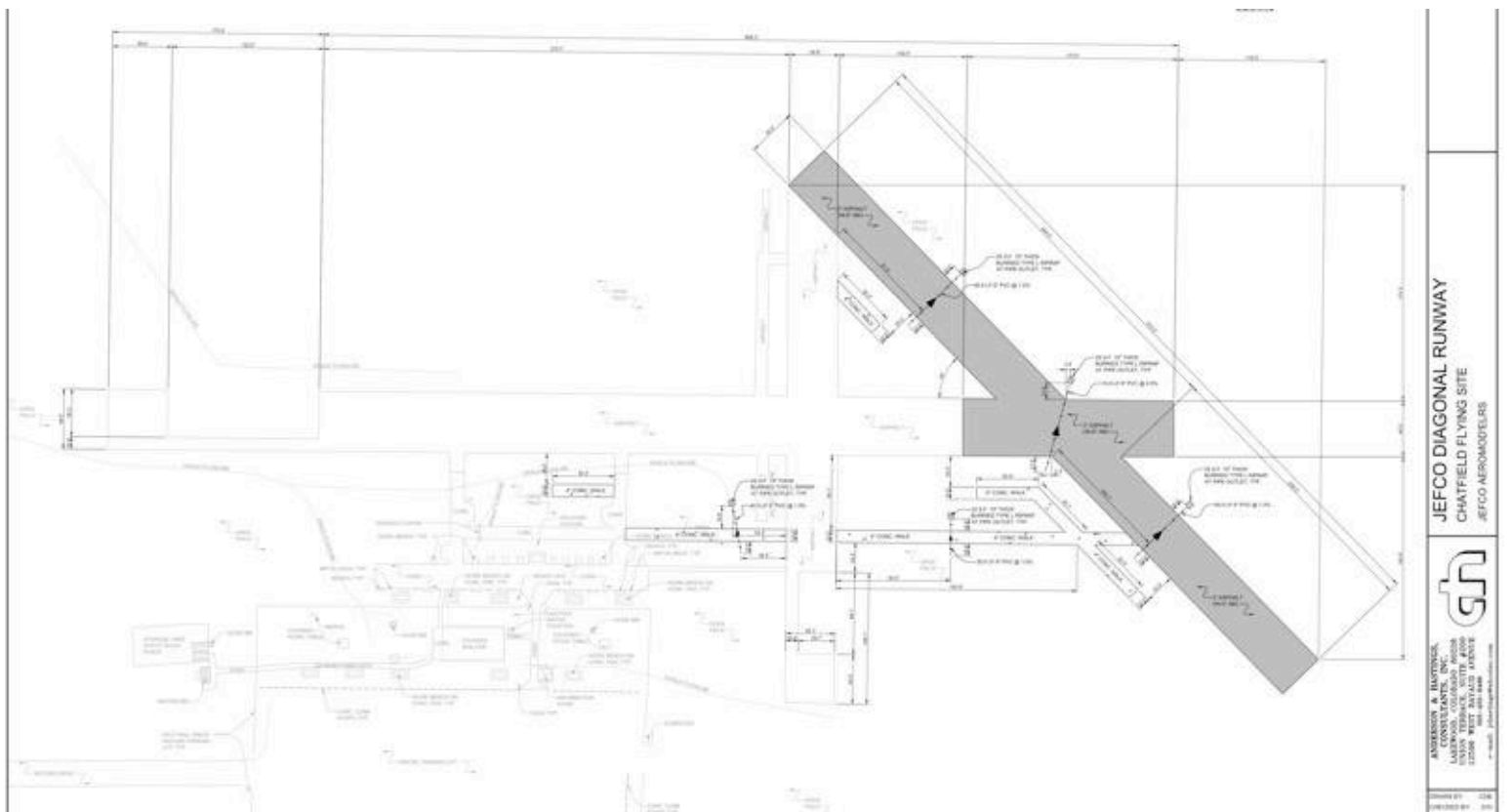
The New Runway – from Starting Sketch to Final Drawing



I asked Bruce Ream for a copy of the original sketch. His response follows:

Hi Larry, It wasn't a napkin. I took a print from Google Earth to the meeting with Shea and this showed our field. I sketched right on the print with a pen the diagonal runway and the flying pattern while we were in the meeting. I also

figured out the scale so we could show them how long the runway would be. There are also some dashed lines outlining where the flying boundaries might be. Below, part of the actual construction drawing. Check out the front cover picture for a picture of the nearly completed new runway.



Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)



Bruce Ream



Chuck Beckey



Larry Bickel



Tom Elliot



John Park



Bill Zimmerman

All the members shown above have been on the LRPC for more than five years, before the negotiations with Shea Homes first began in 2015. Not shown is Bud Glass

who joined the committee about a year and a half ago. Bruce, Larry, Tom, and Bill have been members since the committee was formed in 2008.

President's Message - June, 2020 (Cont)

Finally, everyone please be aware that the park rules prohibit flying of RC aircraft before 7:00 a.m. It is posted on the kiosk. Due to numerous reported recent violations of this rule, Park Rangers will be stepping up early morning patrols and they will be citing or evicting violators.



The park has extended the evening hours to 30 minutes after sunset. We will be updating the sign on the kiosk to reflect this change when all field signage is updated in the near future.



The Jefco Aeromod'lers Learn to Fly banner hanging in the Littleton HobbyTown hobby shop, 7981 S Broadway.

Aerodrome Construction Photos

Photos by Bud Glass

May 1, final runway grading, placement and compaction of road base, prep for paving to start.



More Aerodrome Construction Photos Photos by Bud Glass

May 4, Continuing leveling, compaction & compaction testing. Bud thanks Rowell Heigh & Hank Diepenbroek for help with identifying defects today in 40 mph+ winds.



May 5, Starting to place asphalt runway paving, contour grading continues.



May 6, paving runways, taxiway, and pilots boxes. Demolition and removal of old paving, contour grading.



More Aerodrome Construction Photos Photos by Bud Glass

May 6 (Cont), paving runways, taxiway, and pilots boxes. Demolition and removal of old paving, contour grading.



May 7, fill, compact & grade where pieces of runway were removed, site grading continues.



May 13, seeding and mulching in progress.



More Pictures at the club's website!
<http://jeffcoeromodlers.com/photo-gallery/runway-construction/>

Front Range RC Flying Events Calendar for 2020 (Ver 2cc)

by Mike Cross - Longmont Associated Modelers Association (LAMA) (13 May) - AMA on 26 Apr)

Note 1: This events calendar is very dynamic and being updated frequently, bear with me on changes.

Note 2: Some of these events are not firmed up ---- **verify before you plan to attend.**

Note 3: The events with a (A) = are AMA sanctioned events and (I) = are IMAC sanctioned events.

These events were gathered from the AMA Web site calendar, club web sites and emails from club officers.

Purple - Newly added event

Send updates to: Hotcross.RCFlyer@Gmail.com

May 30 - May airshow	Cancelled	Denver RC Eagles
May 30 - (A) Aerofest at the Innovation Center - St Vrain Valley Schools	ReScheduled	
	ReScheduled to 29 Aug https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aerofest-2020-tickets-99749523510	
Jun 6 - (A) Mile Hi RC Open House	Cancelled	Mile Hi RC
Jun 12-14 - (A) Warbirds & Classics Over Denver Fun Fly		Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club
	See http://www.warbirdsoverdenver.com/ for the event changes	
Jun 13 - Jun BBQ & Evening flying	Cancelled	Denver RC Eagles
Jun 14 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Jun 20 - PPRC Father's Day Fly-In		Pikes Peak RC Club
Jun 20-21 - (A) Colorado 2020 Pattern Challenge		Arvada Associated Modelers
Jun 26-27 - (A) Rocky Mountain Big Bird Festival	Cancelled	LoveAir - Ault
Jun 27 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Jun 28 - PPRC 2nd Annual Big Stik and T-28 Invite		Pikes Peak RC Club
Jul 11 - (A) Pluckrose Memorial Fly-In		Mile Hi RC
Jul 11 - LoveAir Fun Fly & Swap Meet		LoveAir - Ault
Jul 12 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Jul 16-19 - (A) LAMA Fest 2020		LAMA
Jul 18 - Jul BBQ & Evening flying	Cancelled	Denver RC Eagles
Jul 18 - Warbirds over Pikes Peak		Pikes Peak RC Club
Jul 25 - Big Bird Fly In		Arvada Associated Modelers
Aug 1 - Mile Hi RC Fun Fly August		Mile Hi RC
Aug 9 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Aug 14-15 - Colorado Warbirds		LoveAir - Ault
Aug 16 - PPRC Family Day and Swap Meet		Pikes Peak RC Club
Aug 22 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Aug 29 - (A) Aerofest at the Innovation Center, Loveland. St Vrain Valley Schools		
	New date - visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aerofest-2020-tickets-99749523510	
Aug 29-30 - (A) LAMA Pattern Challenge		LAMA
Aug 28-30 - (A) Pylon Racing		Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club
Sep 5 - Mile Hi RC Warbirds	Date changed 18 Sept	Mile Hi RC
Sep 5-6 - (A) Warbirds & Classics over Pueblo		Sky Corral
Sep 6 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Sep 10-13 - (A) 17 th Warbirds over the Rockies		Arvada Associated Modelers
Sep 18-20 - (A) Warbirds & Classics the High Plains		Mile Hi RC
Sep 19 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Sep 20 - Jets over Pikes Peak		Pikes Peak RC Club
Sep 26 - September Air Show	Cancelled	Denver RC Eagles
Oct 3 - PPRC Electric Fly-In		Pikes Peak RC Club
Oct 3 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Oct 24 - October Fun fly	Cancelled	Denver RC Eagles

Please send any updates or corrections to me @ Hotcross.RCFlyer@Gmail.com

Note: This information was collected by Mike Cross (LAMA) - I encourage you share it with your members and club calendars, but please give me credit for putting it together.

Here is a link to the RMSA 2020 **sailplane** contest schedule <http://rmsadenver.com/Schedule.html>

And the Magnificent Mountain Men (MMM) **Free Flight Club** <http://www.themmmclub.com/>

-----> Be sure to check the club web sites before going to these events <-----

May 14, 2020 COVID Aerial Parade

photos by and copyright Rick Gonzales



Over 30 planes flew over metro Denver May 14 to raise money for the Colorado COVID Relief Fund and honor essential workers. The "aerial parade" was organized the

Governor, Lockheed Martin and Mile High United Way. Rick shot these photos (and many more) near Columbine High School.

Colorado Air National Guard F-16 Flyover

photos by and copyright Rick Gonzales



Photos were taken near the Federal Center in Lakewood during the May 6, 2020 flyover honoring Corvid-19 workers.

Jefco Aeromod'lers General Information

June 2020

3 Meeting **Cancelled**
12-14 Warbirds and Classics Fun Fly
17 Board Meeting

July 2020

1 BBQ Meeting **TBD**
15 Board Meeting

August 2020

5 Meeting **TBD**
19 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, Englewood, CO 80110 in Sheridan, Colorado (located approximately 1/4 mile away from the previous middle school location). Board meetings are held the third Wed. night of each month, 6:00 P.M. If you wish to attend, contact President Bud Glass 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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