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

Above: August 19 Fun Fly Competitor Paul Broyles' Apprentice completes a loop photo by Rick Gonzales
September's Program: The September 2 meeting has been CANCELED due to the COVID-19 virus!

President's Message - September, 2020



Greetings! September already? Where has summer gone? I've noticed the slightest hint of a feeling of fall in the air the past few mornings around 6:00 a.m. when the air is still nice and cool. Hard to believe fall is knocking on our door.

Field Update: All but one minor item on the new runway construction punch list has been completed by the contractor, including the required export of excess soil that was taken from a slightly crowned area west and north of the storage shed. The area has been seeded and straw mulched for erosion control. Please avoid walking on any of the areas where you see straw, as new grass underneath can be easily damaged. With the completion of the construction and eventual new growth of the newly-seeded areas next spring, the straw will slowly deteriorate and actually amend the soil, (if we ever get any moisture!) Then, the field should start to look a little greener and a lot better than it does now. Please be patient while Mother Nature does her thing.

Regarding runway sealing and stripping: To ensure a proper bond of sealants or topcoats, experts recommend that new asphalt should not be sealed or painted (stripping) for a minimum of 6 months after installation to allow for the solvents and oils to flash off. This means that we will likely target the sealing and stripping to occur sometime in October before the weather turns cold.

Treasurer Lora Knowlton reports that some stripping donations have already been received, and we thank each of you who have made a donation. Thank you, Lora, for tracking this. If you offered to make a donation, and have not sent it in yet, please do so as soon as you are able so we know how much money we will have to work with. Make your check payable to Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club and note on memo line: Runway Stripping Donation. Mail your donation check to: Lora

Knowlton – Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club, P.O. Box 621156, Littleton, CO 80162-1156

A couple weeks ago on a busy Saturday morning at the field, I observed about 20 people in the pit area; most were pilots including a couple who were non-members. Fewer than ¼ of those flying were displaying their AMA card. It is a club and park rule, so everyone PLEASE wear and display your AMA card while flying. Could someone enlighten me on what is so offensive about wearing your AMA card? I just don't get it.

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up for the annual "Goat Head Dig" last Saturday. We greatly appreciate your help. Thousands of those annoying little b*****s were removed and sent to the land fill.

New Committee: In the best interest of the club and preservation of our flying field, I have formed a new standing committee. It is named the Field Maintenance and Improvements Committee. This committee is not a replacement for the recently-disbanded LRPC, as it has a different and more short-term function. Member Tom Boyce has graciously agreed to chair this committee. Thank you, Tom!

The purpose of the new committee is to review, prioritize and recommend maintenance, safety and improvement projects at the field to the Board of Directors. The committee will work with the Treasurer, the Safety Officer and the other Board members to develop a project budget each year, where funding will be allocated based on the need and money available to complete the approved projects.

Some examples are: Replacing the rotting wood tops on assembly tables with a maintenance-free product, install a solar-powered battery charging station for members, fill and level the annoying drop-off around the edges of the old runway, design, build and install flat surfaces over the drainage swales near the runways that "eat" airplanes and landing gear, purchase and install new bench seating and assembly tables in a closer proximity to the south end of the new diagonal runway and the newly-created south heli pad.

I have spoken with the park about the possibility of them providing a new shade shelter in this general area similar to those that have recently been built in several places around the park. Nothing was approved, but they didn't say NO! Members with good ideas about improvements or amenities to the field are encouraged to submit their suggestions or ideas to Tom Boyce or the Board.

My friend and long-time club member Eddie Teel, stopped by my place to pick up his Club History Book a couple weeks ago. Following major back surgery several months ago and many grueling PT sessions, Eddie has been slowly recovering, including driving and walking

President's Message - September, 2020 (Cont)

around on his own. It was great to see Eddie up and about and he said to tell everyone that he hopes to be able to get back to flying sometime this fall.

As many of you may know, I am helping Bob Harcarik's family dispose of all the RC inventory left in his estate. Rather than wait until next February and try to sell these items in the Auction, (if we are able to have it) I decided to try to sell as much as possible now. I've sold all his giant-scale airplanes, but still have a lot of supplies, tools, transmitters and receivers, etc. These items are all for sale and displayed in my garage. You can see some of these items on our classified page. <http://jeffcoeromodlers.com/for-sale/> Bob's family is splitting the proceeds from the sale of these items with the club. So, this is also a fund-raiser for the club. Come look and buy! iteachu2fly@comcast.net

COVID: It is still with us, although Colorado's numbers are trending down. Please continue to adhere to the social distancing requirements, wear a mask and follow the newly-posted signs. 6 feet apart! We have received notice from the school that they are not allowing any outside organizations into the school until further notice. Given the current circumstances, as much as I hate to cancel another club meeting, I believe it is the prudent thing to do. Perhaps by the October meeting, we may try to have it at the field out in the open air, if the weather cooperates. With the two additional tables the park gave us, we can probably space out enough to maintain the 6 ft. separation requirement for social distancing. Members could also bring their own folding chairs.

Thank you, Jeff Gittelman and Larry Fagan, for your work on the recent Fun Fly! Everyone, pilots and spectators, were glad to see this activity start up again. See Jeff's Fun Fly report later in the newsletter.

Thanks also to Rick Gonzales, Club Photographer for covering the Fun Fly and providing many great photos of the good, the bad and the ugly.

Thank you to Jim Griffin. Grif hangs out at the field almost every day with his monster telephoto lens and snaps photos of everything going on, mainly for his Facebook page, but is sharing his cloud storage of the photos. If anyone wants to take a peek, the photos are free to view. Go to: Flickr.com and pull up Grif80128. All these photos are low resolution and sized for Facebook or other social media. If anyone wants hi res custom files, they can contact Grif at the field or at 303-933-9492.

Board member and newsletter editor, Larry Fagan deserves a "virtual" round of applause and our thanks for stepping up to the task of editing and producing the monthly newsletter. Larry spends many late hours at "crunch time" each month getting the new edition out by the deadline. Thank you, Larry!

I can't end this message without thanking Webmaster, Terry Hock. Behind the scenes, Terry spends many hours repairing, maintaining and improving our website, which includes the weather page. Terry is somehow able to take my wild ideas, and in no time, turn them into reality as we implement new and creative things to improve the site and provide useful features for the members, like the new "Lost and Found". Even though you are hanging out mostly in the "background" we all appreciate your huge contribution of time and expertise to the club. Thank you, Terry!

Managing and running a club successfully is a team effort. Thankfully, between the many volunteers and the members of our Board of directors, I believe we have a first-class team. It is important that everyone receives the recognition they deserve while volunteering their time to work for YOU!

As a final note, sadly, an unknown person has stooped to the lowest level of childish behavior by painting some vulgar graffiti on a post in the pavilion. This is uncalled for, creates unnecessary work, is destructive to park property, and sends a poor message to the public AND THE MINOR CHILDREN who saw it, about the integrity and morals of our members and other people who use our facility.

Have a great month, and I hope some cooler flying weather is just around the corner.



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

August 19, 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, August 19, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE: The August Board of Directors meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 health concerns. Board members exchanged reports via email and those reports have been compiled into this document.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Operating Agreement Renewal – Bud Glass is starting negotiations with the park management to renew the club agreement, which expires in 2022 (it will be here before we know it!)

Estate Sales – Bud Glass has sold a significant amount of Bob Harcarik's estate items, but still has a lot left. Bud went up to visit Art Baker a couple weeks ago. Art dearly misses his flying, but for medical reasons, he can no longer do so. Art has already sold all of his airplanes, but asked Bud if he could help liquidate all his building tools and supplies. Bud agreed to help with this task and plans to start working up at Art's place in a few weeks. Bud would appreciate any volunteers who might be able to donate a day or two helping out. Bud may need more storage space for a while as well.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary's Report -

- July 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 June newsletter.
- August 5 Club Meeting - cancelled due to COVID-19. No minutes.

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

- Balance Sheet (as of August 24) reflects all transactions to date.
- Profit & Loss Statement (as of August 24) –
 - Income – received a total of \$550 in donations from members for the runway striping project; new membership continue to roll in; history book order payments are nearly complete - just a few more that need to pay; received some donations for aircraft estate donations

- Expenses – renewed the Constant Contact membership; replaced items in field first aid box; minimal maintenance expenses

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: Safety Officer Craig Farthing will spearhead the effort to update the club Safety Manual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report – Lora Knowlton reported:

- Active members to date: 215 (18 Life, 10 Junior, 187 Regular); 2 Pending – for AMA #
- New Members – Welcome! James Allen – Aurora, CO; Alessandro Benini – Littleton, CO; Kees Lawrence – Littleton, CO; Jack & John Letzelter – Centennial, CO; and Joe Valdez – Littleton, CO.

Field Maintenance & Runways -

- New Runway Construction Punch List – The paving contractor completed the soil export excavation two weeks ago and now the restoration contractor will be seeding and installing erosion control measures on the scar. With this work done, it should be the final construction work required to complete the contracted work and punch list on the new runway project. There are no plans to close the field while this work is being done.
- Runway Sealing & Striping – Bud is in discussions with various asphalt contractors and reading technical papers about sealing and striping on new asphalt. There are varying opinions about the proper length of "cure" time to allow the oils and solvent to leach out and dry before doing any sealing or striping. In other words, they say that if you apply sealer or paint before the asphalt is totally cured out, the gases coming out will loosen the bond and result in flaking and failure of the seal coat or striping. Bud is continuing to look at all technical information he can find on this subject and will keep everyone posted. Also Craig Farthing and Bud are working on the striping and lettering plan.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- Fall Clean-Up – Saturday, August 29 from 8-10am (or until finished). Field will be closed until all work has been completed.

PROGRAMS:

September Club Meeting (September 2) – Cancelled

Respectfully Submitted,

Lora Knowlton, Secretary/Treasurer

General Club Information

Next Fun Fly
September 16th Wednesday
9:00-11:00AM

Our next fun fly will have something new and something old. And they complement each other. You can participate in one or both of the events and you can use different planes for each event.

The first event is the Balloon Burst. A number of helium balloons will be held on the runway at various altitudes with light thread. Typically 4, 6, and 8 feet. The pilot takes off, flies for three minutes and attempts to pop as many as possible. Points for each one popped will be awarded – 20 for 4', 15 for 6' and 10' for 8'. If we have enough pilots participating we may set up two man teams.

The second event is the popular washer drop – drop your washer closest to the cone to win. If you need ideas for designing an easy and inexpensive mechanical drop let me know.

Since accuracy in both events is important and a low pass on the balloon burst will likely help you with the washer drop.

Hope to see you then!

Jeff Gittelman, Fun Fly Coordinator

Jgittelman2@gmail.com

Newsletter Advertisements

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

Upcoming General meeting Programs

- September 2 – Meeting Canceled, no program.
- October 7 – Meeting TBD, program. TBD.
- November 4 – Meeting TBD, program. TBD.



Hayden McIntosh, left, and Kaden Dosmann, right. 5

Welcome New Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Members

James Allen – Aurora, CO
Alessandro Benini – Littleton, CO
Kees Lawrence – Littleton, CO
John & Jack Letzelter – Centennial, CO
Joe Valdez – Littleton, CO



Social distancing, approx. 1 Radian WS, is encouraged at the Aerodrome. Everyone please stay safe!



George Powers, Craig Farthing and Tom Elliot, social distancing, "Doing pavilion right"! Photos by Bud Glass



Hayden and Kaden are Bud's students who have soloed and are getting in a few summer flights before school starts. Photos by Bud Glass

Fun Fly Report August 19, 2020

It was a great day to fly!! OK, by 9:30 it was hot, by 10 I was melting. But from 8-9:30 the nine members who attended had a lot of fun and the weather was perfect.

I learned that Lee DeMary and Tom Sarber were likely Douglas SBD Dauntless pilots in a prior life and that the Air Force may be looking them up for future precision bombing missions. (Keep reading to know why....)

Larry Fagan reconfirmed my belief that with two people running the events it becomes a smooth and efficient operation – couldn't have done it without you Larry!!

In the Washer Drop event the top three places were:

1st – Lee DeMary [2.5 feet from the cone]

2nd – Tom Sarber [4.0 feet from the cone]

3rd – Tom Elliot [45.5 feet from the cone]

In the Timed Maneuvers event the top three places were:

1st – Tom Elliot (27.67 seconds)

2nd – Lee DeMary (27.99 seconds)

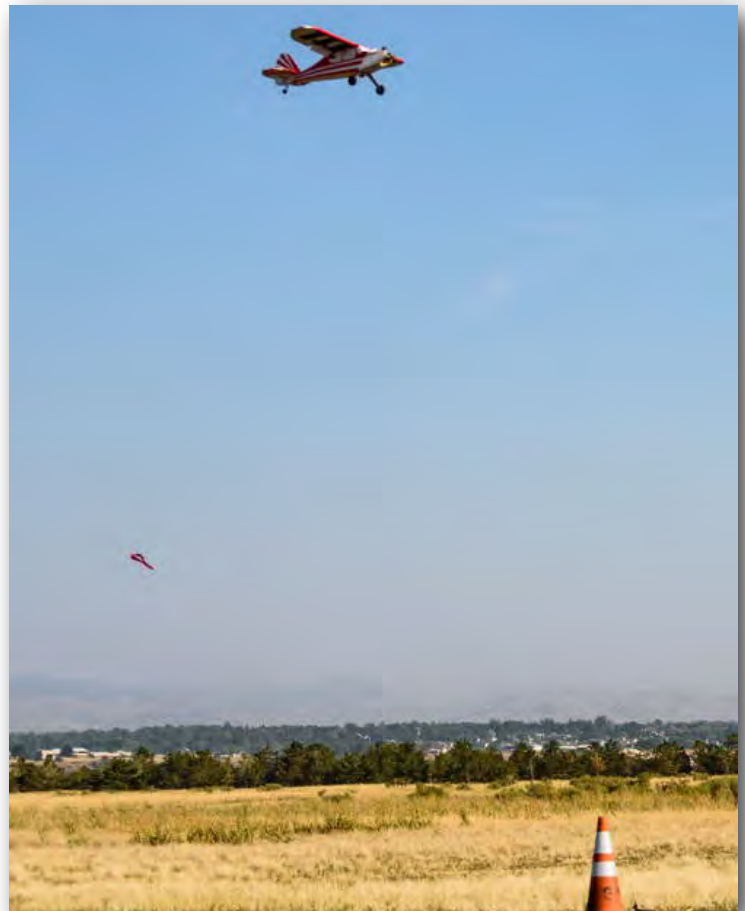
3rd – Loren O'Dell (41.07 seconds)

We hope to see you at next month's Fun Fly – we're going to have a balloon burst contest and since it's so popular we'll also hold the Washer Drop again. Let me know if there's a contest you would like to see!

Stay Safe and Healthy!!

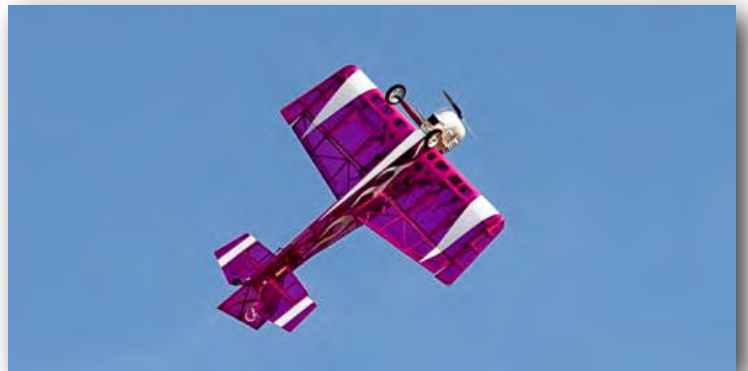
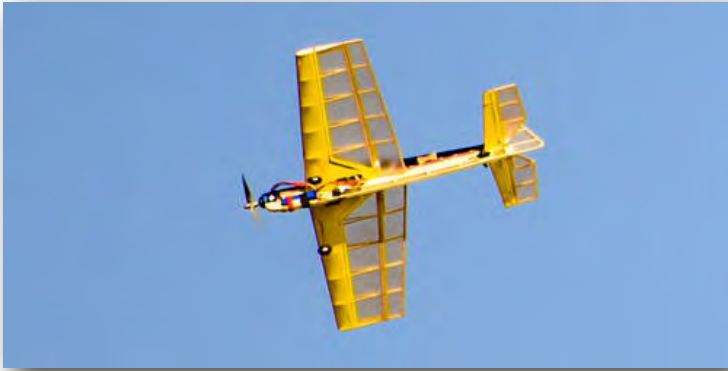
Jeff Gittelman, Fun Fly Coordinator

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Planes at the ready

August 19 Fun Fly (Continued) photos by Rick Gonzales



COLLECTO REGION 4

Buy, Sell, Swap, Trade Model/Related Items
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Region 4 Annual Fall Collecto is on October 17, 2020 at the Maple Grove Grange building, 3130 Youngfield on the west side of Denver. If you are traveling in either direction on I-70 take exit 264 to get to 32nd. The Grange building is a block south of 32nd Ave. on Youngfield.

Your host is John Koenigelt - email roe050@hotmail.com (303) 730-3995 (Cell) (720) 351-0167. Admission for MECA members is \$5.00 and for non-MECA browsers is \$8.00. MECA members pay \$10.00 per table and includes one admission, and non-MECA sellers pay \$12.00 per table and includes one admission. Wives and kids are free. Collecto times are 8:00 am to 12:00 with no setup time. Coffee and Doughnuts will be available.

Safety Spotlight

I want to remind all pilots that some of us still use 72 MHz and 50 MHz band to fly at the Chatfield Aeromod'lers RC field. Remember that if you are using these frequencies please keep your transmitters turned off until you pin up on your frequency. If you are using either of these bands and you are not familiar with the pin up procedure, please ask someone at the field.

Stay safe

Craig Farthing

First Aid Box is now locked!

The First Aid Box had been left unlocked for easy access, but a thief stole the entire contents. The combination is the Club's AMA number, 0-1-7-6. Please re-lock the box after you open it for any reason.

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Left, there have been no updates to the possible partnership between the Colorado Skies Academy and the Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit the Colorado Skies Academy at:
ColoradoSKIESAcademy.org.

A transcribed note from
Bruce Ream
Lower left, the donated check

To: Bud Glass and the Jefco Board of Directors

From: Bruce Ream

Enclosed is a check from AMA in the amount of \$300.00 which I wish to donate to the club for the general fund or for runway striping as the board sees fit.

This check was a payment for an article that I wrote about the Long Range Planning Committee's efforts over five years to get a new runway built at our field that would make it safer for the new residents of the Shea Homes development and our pilots. The article points out the efforts the committee made and the working relationship that the committee formed with Shea Homes to make the project a reality.

AMA felt that what we did was pretty amazing and worthy of publication in Model Aviation. It will appear in the September issue. In speaking with the staff at AMA they couldn't believe that we were able to get a developer to donate \$270,000 for this project.

I wrote this article in the belief that other clubs when faced with the possibility of losing their fields to development could learn that they may have an alternative by working with the developer in a proactive relationship. I believe that in the long run what was accomplished by working with Shea Homes will turn out to be the best outcome for Jefco Aeromod'lers and its future.

Sincerely

(signed) Bruce Ream

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Front Range RC Flying Events Calendar for 2020 (Ver 3e)

by Mike Cross - Longmont Associated Modelers Association (LAMA) (23 Aug) - AMA on 16 June)

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 updated event Send updates to: Hotcross.RCFlyer@Gmail.com

Green - cancelled events

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

Sep 5 - Mile Hi RC Warbirds	Date changed 18 Sept	Mile Hi RC
Sep 4-5-6 - (A) Warbirds over Pueblo Fly-in (& Classics)		Sky Corral
Sep 6 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Sep 10-13 - (A) 17 th Warbirds over the Rockies	Cancelled	Arvada Associated Modelers
Sep 18-20 - (A) Warbirds & Classics the High Plains	Cancelled	Mile Hi RC
Sep 19 - Vern Lake Float Fly		Arvada Associated Modelers
Sep 20 - (A) 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

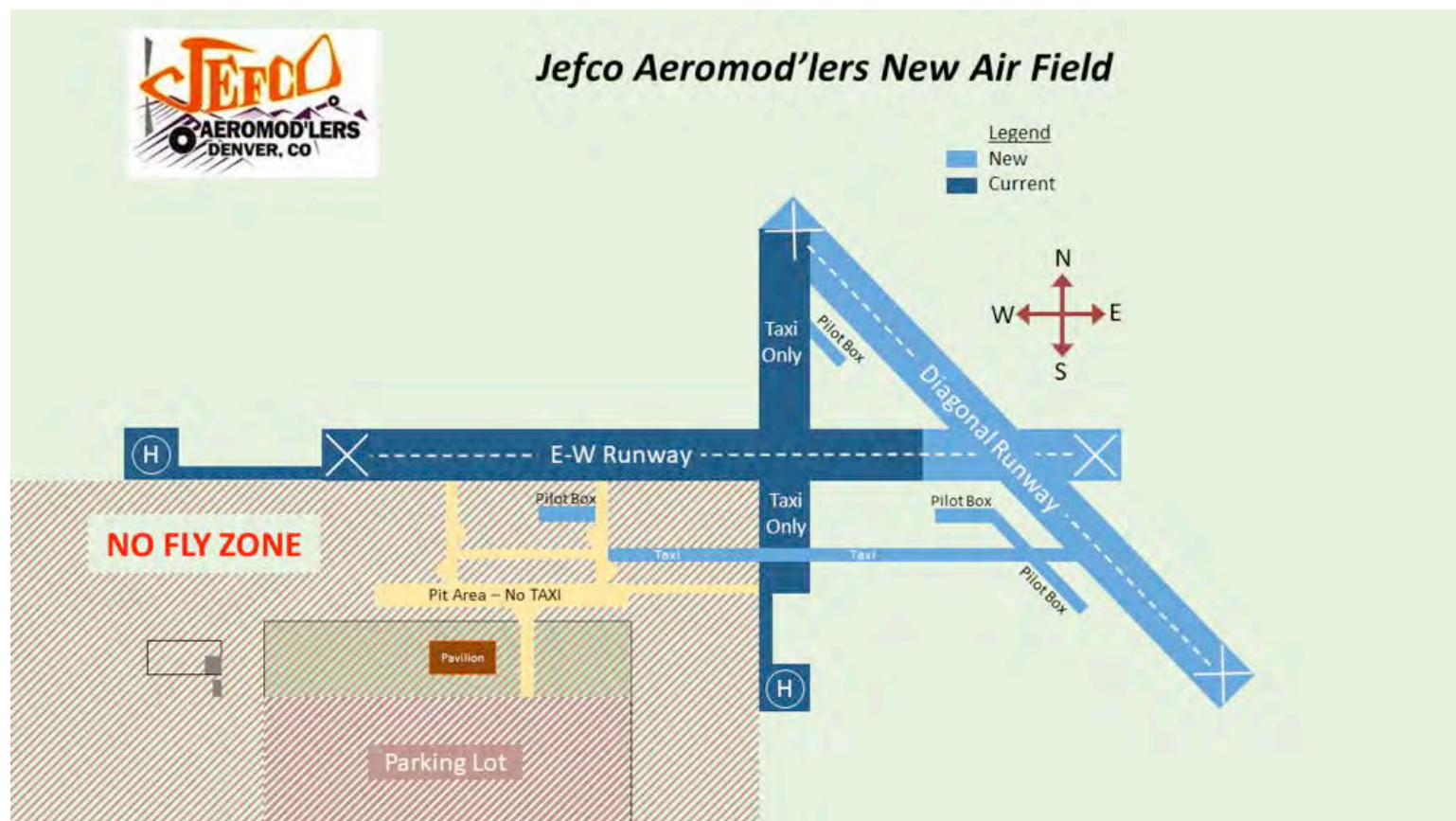
Please send any updates or corrections to me @ Hotcross.RCFlyer@Gmail.com

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 <-----



Bud Glass maidens his Momba



Control check



Takeoff



Inverted



Knife-edge



Landing approach



Touchdown

Jefco Aeromod'lers General Information

September 2020		October 2020		November 2020	
2	Meeting Canceled	7	Meeting TBD	4	Meeting TBD
16	Board Meeting	21	Board Meeting	18	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). **NOTE: Due to COVID-19 public health concerns, the monthly meetings will be cancelled on a month to month basis. Please check our website for the most current meeting info.** 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.jefcoaeromodlers.com for the latest rules and regulations.*

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