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

Above: Dave Hock (left) and Terry Hock (right) preparing for flight at Dakota Ridge photo by Bud Glass

October's Program: The October 7 meeting has been CANCELED due to the COVID-19 virus!

President's Message - October, 2020



Since Sheridan School District still has a restriction on outside groups entering their buildings, the board tossed around the idea of holding a brief outside meeting down at the field. After weighing the pros and cons, it was decided that it would not be a good idea with the Covid still being a serious public health concern. Therefore, the October Business Meeting is cancelled.

I do plan to have another Club History Book distribution on Wednesday, October 7, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., where members who ordered a book in advance may pick them up. If you have not paid for your book, you can bring cash or check when you pick it up. If you are unable to make arrangements to pick your book up at the field that evening, please let me know if I can get it to you another way. Call 303-829-5351 or email me at iteachu2fly@comcast.net and I'll do my best to work something out.

While distributing the history books, I have received many compliments on what a great publication this turned out to be commemorating Jefco Aeromod'lers 60th year. Having not been directly involved personally, I can't take credit for anything myself, but I do want to pass these kudos along to club member Terry Barnhart for his diligence and perseverance while overcoming numerous obstacles to get this done along with the help of the Club History Book Committee members, Lee Taylor, Tom Elliot and Bruce Ream. Of course, I can't leave out Carlie Barnhart (Terry's wife), who put in a ton of work behind the scenes. Thank you, Carlie.

The way our club disseminates information is changing. Following the lead of many other progressive organizations, with the goal of improving, simplifying and making our club communications more efficient, more effective, and less redundant, the BOD has voted in favor of consolidating all club information, traditionally published in the newsletter, to a reader-friendly platform

on our website. Over the next couple months, we will be assembling a small team of volunteers headed by Terry Hock, who will be developing and implementing this transition process.

Thank you, Terry, for volunteering to take on this additional responsibility for the club. The website will be a "living document", constantly updated and user friendly. The monthly newsletter in its current format will eventually be discontinued. New information will go up on the site as it happens. No more waiting until the first of the month to see what's happening. The goal is roll this out around the first of the year. Of course, it will be a "work in progress" so we expect a little initial tweaking will be necessary, but it will be in great hands. More to follow...

Field Update: The paving contractor has completed all of the items on the new runway construction punch list. A request has been sent to the Park asking them to do a final inspection and provide the club with a letter of acceptance. The park agreed to do this soon.

By the time you read this, crack fill repairs on the old runways and helipads has been completed and all asphalt has been seal coated following the 6 months minimum recommended cure time for the new product. The runways are ready for winter.

Due to colder weather and possible snow right around the corner, the Board decided to postpone the stripping and lettering until next spring. This will save the unavoidable scraping and chipping that occurs during snow removal for at least one season. Also, we are still working on finalizing the stripping and lettering plan to make sure that all necessary information is included, but we do not want to overdo it either.

We have collected some donations from members for the runway fund, but there are still a few members who committed early on to donate, but have not as yet done so. We need your donations now so we know where we stand in order to see if we need to do any additional fund raising to have enough cash to do the job.

For safety and sanitation reasons, signs are posted in the pavilion stating that no armed (hot) electric models or liquid fuel is allowed. Please observe this request. Fuel or defuel and only arm electrics in the pits, not in the pavilion.

Fun Fly: Thanks to Fun Fly Coordinator Jeff Gittelman for putting on another successful fun fly. The balloon burst was a hoot! See Jeff's report later in this newsletter.

Estate items still available: I still have a lot of model-building supplies, tools, RC parts, transmitters & receivers, and other miscellaneous items on display in

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JEFKO AEROMOD'LERS RC CLUB

Board of Directors VIRTUAL Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

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

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Continued Illegal Use of Old N/S Runway – The Board continues to receive complaints that several pilots are continuing to take off and land on the old N/S runway, despite warnings to quit using the old runway. This is now designated as a taxiway only – and therefore creating safety concerns. The Board will now act on options and remedies for this situation. The most viable option will be the strategic placement of concrete parking bumpers to allow taxiing only. These will be installed in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Simplifying & Consolidating Club Information – Some board members have been noticing that there are several redundancies and duplication of efforts when it comes to pulling together pieces and parts of club information for the website, newsletter, etc. In some cases, there has been a disconnect getting the information distributed to members. In an effort to streamline the distribution of club information, it was suggested that in simple terms, the newsletter be dissolved and all information be funneled to the website. In concept, the website would be tweaked to hold many of the items that have traditionally been found in the newsletter. For example, the President's column would be on a page on the website. Same with minutes, announcements, photo gallery, etc. The club would still send out eblasts for important urgent information, reminders, etc. There could be a new committee that would be comprised of many of the same individuals doing work now, only it would now be centrally organized with established communication protocols. Estimated timeline for implementation could be January 1.

Motion: Lora Knowlton made a motion to incorporate newsletter information to the website, effectively dissolving the current newsletter format. All previously newsletter-published club information will now be incorporated directly on the website with the continued assistance from board members and club volunteers.

The Board may make changes/updates to this program to ensure that all club communications are being maintained and disseminated in a timely manner. Eblasts to club members will continue to be used to send out important info and timely reminders. Josh Waltz seconded the motion. Four board members voted in favor of the motion. One voted against. Motion carried.

Runway Striping & Sealing – Bud Glass has been doing substantial research and gathering technical info and professional advice regarding crack-filling and sealcoating the old asphalt runway paving and top seal coating the newly installed paving before winter when we get into the daily freeze-thaw cycles that accelerate the surface deterioration process. Another project is also in the works – runway striping. While the official Runway Fund was intended to replace both runways at the end of their normal life expectancy, the addition of the new diagonal runway, taxiway and pilot boxes changes the formula. There is now an additional 20 years to plan and fund replacement of all new asphalt paving. Essentially, the runways are the most important club asset and it is the Board's responsibility to maintain them properly.

Motion: Craig Farthing made a motion to proceed with crack-fill and sealcoating all old runways and helipads, and to apply a sealcoat to all new asphalt runways, taxiways and pilots boxes this fall. He further moved to delay adding striping and lettering until next spring after a striping plan is approved by the board. All crack-fill and seal coating will be paid from the Runway Fund. The new striping and lettering costs will be paid from the Runway Striping Donation Fund. All board members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Runway Striping Contractor – The Board received three bids for crack fill and seal coating the runways, taxiways, pilots boxes and helipads. One was disqualified for a number of reasons including they would use a sub-contractor. The other two bids were within \$350 of each other - one at \$12,087, the other at \$12,489. Based on the past work experience and bid amount, the Board recommended hiring Coatings, Inc. pending confirmation of start date.

Motion: Craig Farthing made a motion that Coatings Inc. be hired to do the crack fill and seal coat the runways, taxiways, pilots boxes and helipads. Amount of the expenditure is not to exceed \$12,500. All board members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

After the motion above was made, it was confirmed that Coatings Inc. could not start the job until late October. Recommended surface temperature for sealing is 60

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degrees or warmer, and no warranty is issued for work done after October 1. The Board felt that waiting until late October would be too late as fall arrives. As it turns out, the other qualified contractor (Mile High Striping, Inc.) was available to start the job on Monday, Sept 28 and they reduced their bid to \$12,077. Therefore the Board revised the motion as follows:

Motion: Craig Farthing made a motion to withdraw his original motion and to hire Mile High Striping, Inc. to do the crack fill and seal coat the runways, taxiways, pilots boxes and helipads. Amount of the expenditure is not to exceed \$12,100. All board members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Board of Director Nominations/Elections – In view that the club bylaws have no provision for virtual board or other meetings, and they contain no provision for electronic voting, the club technically cannot have nomination/election of officers until a live, face-to-face business meeting with club members can be held. Since that could be months away, it was discussed, and all board of directors volunteered to stay in their current position and to continue to manage the club's business in good faith. This would be in the best interest of club operations until in-person meetings can be held with a proper election of officers as defined by the current bylaws.

Motion: Lora Knowlton made a motion that due to current pandemic public safety restrictions, executive orders that prevent having in-person club meetings and the inability to follow club bylaws for nominations/elections, all officers and board of directors remain serving in their current positions until such time that live in-person club meetings can safely resume. Craig Farthing seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary's Report -

- August 19 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.
- September 2 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 Sept 20) reflects all transactions to date.
- Profit & Loss Statement (as of Sept 20) – financial activity has slowed down compared to other months.
 - Income – membership revenue has slowed down a bit since last reported.
 - Expenses – minimal expense for postage since last report.

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: Safety Officer Craig Farthing has corralled the board to start submitting club Safety Manual updates. There are several sections of the current manual that need to be reorganized and updated with current information. The goal is to have a clean and updated Safety Manual to be included with the new park agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report – Lora Knowlton reported:

- Active members to date: 222 (18 Life, 10 Junior, 188 Regular); 2 Pending – for AMA #
- New Members – Welcome! Giuseppe Pasqualino – Littleton, CO

Field Maintenance & Runways -

New Runway Construction Punch List – PASE, the sub-contractor to New West Paving, has now completed all punch list items. Rather than them reseeding just the bare areas that were covered in the original punch list, the contractor agreed to reseed all areas that were seeded during original construction. Now, all we need is moisture! The park performed their final inspection of the completed runway project 9-29-2020 and issued a letter of approval and acceptance to the club on 9-30-2020.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- None scheduled at this time. Watch club eblasts and the website for updates.

PROGRAMS:

October Club Meeting (October 7) – Cancelled

Respectfully Submitted,

Lora Knowlton, Secretary/Treasurer

Welcome New Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club
Member

Giuseppe Pasqualino – Littleton, CO

September 16 Fun Fly

See photos on page 12

Fun Fly Report
September 16, 2020

The weather cooperated nicely with overcast skies (or was that smoke clouds) and mild temperatures. Winds crept up to 7 mph or so – a cross wind of course.

All went well with the washer drop – everyone wants to do more! Tom Elliot took first place at 9'1", Bud Glass took second place at 22'6" and Lee DeMary took third place at 38'.

The balloon burst was problematic. Do you know what happens to balloons on 6' and 8' strings in a wind? They end up one foot off the ground! There was only one balloon burst by an airplane and that was piloted by Bud Glass, who will need a little time in the shop making repairs after his successful flight. No sacrifice is too great for an award ribbon.

So the brain trust got together and decided we needed an engineered solution to the balloon problem. The conclusion is to tie a second string close to the balloon and secure it to the ground upwind of the primary string. In addition, add three feet of foam pipe insulation to the bottom of the primary string to hold it straight. We think this will work – if you have another solution please let me know. Come out to next month's fun fly when we will see if this improves the balloon positions.

Fly Safe!

Jeff Gittelman

P.S. – Thanks again to Larry Fagan for his assistance with the events!!

COLLECTO REGION 4

Buy, Sell, Swap, Trade Model Related Items
Engines, Parts, Planes, Kits, Cars, Boats, ETC.

Region 4 Annual Fall Collecto is on October 17, 2020 at the Maple Grove Grange building, 3130 Youngfield on the west side of Leaver. 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 Koenigeldt - email roe050@hotmail.com (303) 730-3995 (Cell) (720) 351-8167. 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.

General Club Information



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

Upcoming General meeting Programs

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

Newsletter Advertisements

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

Officers and Board of Directors Nominations/Elections Postponed

Due to current pandemic public safety restrictions, executive orders that prevent holding in-person club meetings and the inability to follow the procedures required by club bylaws as they pertain to nominations/elections, the officer and board of directors election has been postponed.

All Officers and Board of Directors have volunteered to remain serving in their current positions until such time that live, in-person club meetings can safely resume, and a conforming election can be held.

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.

COLORADO SKIES ACADEMY

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.

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Safety Spotlight

Since the conclusion of the construction of the new runway, the Board is in the process of updating and revising the "Field Safety and Operations" manual. We are also in the process of updating the field Kiosk including new runway maps and information. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact me with your thoughts.

Your Safety Officer
Craig Farthing

President's Message - October, 2020 (Cont)

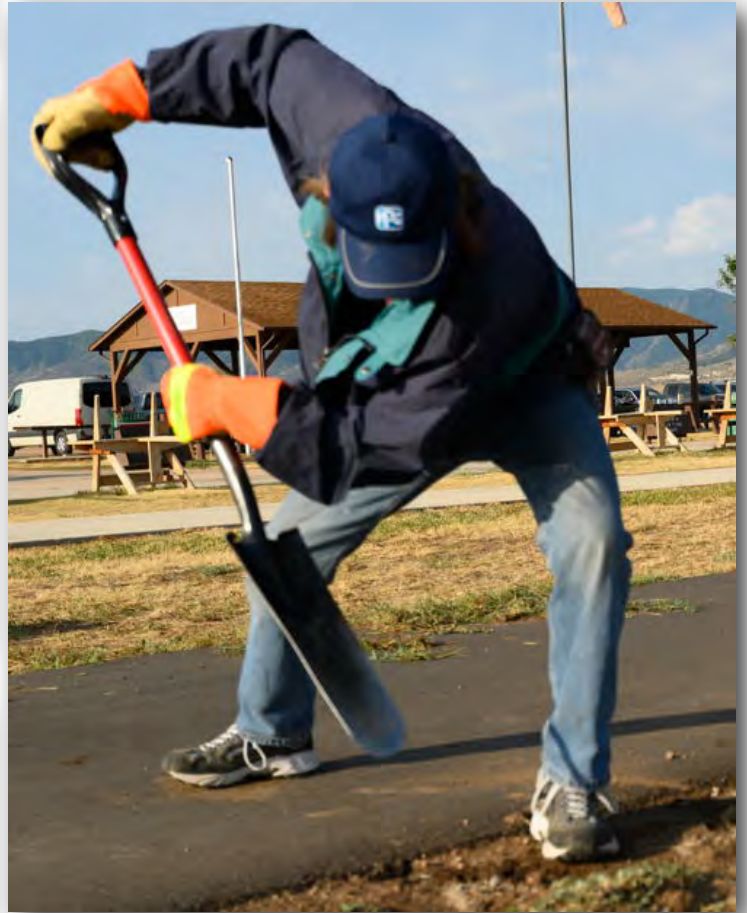
my garage from Bob Harcarik's family that I would like to get sold. If interested in anything specific or if you just want to browse the inventory, please contact me for an appointment. Don't forget, half of the proceeds from sales go to the club! Thank you, Tom Sarber, for your help recently selling some of these items. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Commemorative Brick Program: Board member Hank Diepenbroek has been working on this and has acquired a source for matching-size bricks and has some information, brochures and pricing. These bricks are really cool and can be laser-engraved with not only lettering, but logos or pictures. Hank is running into some time constraints and could use some help with the final step or two to get this fund-raising project up and running again. It would be wonderful if just one member would put their hand up and volunteer to help out. Please!!! It will not be a lot of work, I promise.

Last but not least, Covid: It is still rearing its ugly head and we are adapting. Signs have been placed at the field to remind us that social distancing is still very important and should be adhered to. Nobody likes wearing a mask, but please do your part to help prevent the spread and put one on. Be patient, this too shall pass.



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



August 29, 2020 Goat Head Control (Cont) photos by Rick Gonzales



September 5 Giant Heli Demo Fly photos by Rick Gonzales



Patrick Vestal flying his 800 size Bell 205 UH-1D Huey

His Roban Huey is 69" in length and electric powered.

September 5 Giant Heli Demo Fly (Cont) photos by Rick Gonzales



Patrick and his electric powered 600 size Bell 212 HH-1N.



Patrick's RobanBell 212 in red/white Navy livery.



Michael Kranitz's Vario 1/5 scale Bell 429. It weighs 48 lbs and is powered by a Jakadofsky Pro 5000 turbine.



It's 7.5 feet long and has a 2.3 meter rotor disk with aluminum blades. It has actual blue/red police strobes.



John Christensen prepares his Russian Mil Mi-24 Hind 9



attack helicopter. Powered by a Pahl turbine it weighs about 62lbs, has a 2.5 meter rotor diameter and is a 1/6.7 scale model built by Heli Classics of Germany.

September 5 Giant Heli Demo Fly (Cont) photos by Rick Gonzales



Punch List Work and Final Seeding photos by Bud Glass



Punch List Work and Final Seeding photos by Bud Glass





Opening fly-by, Bud's Apprentice towing banner.



Washer just released.



Jefco Aeromod'lers New Air Field



Jefco Aeromod'lers General Information

October 2020		November 2020		December 2020	
7	Meeting Canceled	4	Meeting TBD	2	Meeting TBD
21	Board Meeting	18	Board Meeting	16	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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