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

Above: Ken Monblatt prepares his T-45 for a flight Saturday, November 21 photo by Bud Glass

December's Program: The December 2 meeting has been CANCELED due to the COVID-19 virus!

President's Message - December, 2020



As 2020 is coming to an end (thankfully), it is sad to realize that the celebration of the 60th year of Jefco Aeromod'lers existence was all but wiped out by Covid-19. Our club has been an inspiration and a very meaningful part of numerous modelers lives for many years and that should not go unnoticed. Perhaps, we may have a belated celebration and BBQ next summer!

A club thrives and survives through the contributions of its members and volunteers. Jefco Aeromod'lers members have kept our club going through good times and bad times over the past 60 years with their involvement and support. Along with their donations, members have volunteered their time and skills, intellect and experience. Thank you to each and every one, who either in the past or present, have volunteered and made significant and meaningful contributions to sustain the existence and improve the operations of Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club.

Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors has been diligently working behind the scenes to keep the club's "wheels turning". We are conducting Board Meetings online, and making every effort to manage club business in good faith, doing the best we can under these unusual circumstances. We are updating the Field Safety Manual, negotiating a new Park Agreement, planning for possible events next summer, designing and developing new and accurate field graphics, and assembling the 2021 Operating Budget. Projecting an accurate budget is a very difficult task with so many unknowns at this time. What we do know is that Covid-19 and its associated problems are still here. Experts say, even with the hopes of an effective vaccine on the horizon, the physical, emotional and devastating economic effects of this virus, will be with us well into next year, and for many even longer.

We are scaling back 2021 Budget projections, both income and expenses, based on this disturbing reality. For a number of reasons related to Covid-19, we have determined it prudent to cancel the 2021 Auction at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. In its place, we are exploring the concept of an online, silent auction sometime after the first of the year, perhaps in the spring. This will provide an outlet for modelers to sell unwanted or excess items in their inventory, and a place for others to pick up that item they've been looking for, or never knew they needed. If the details and programming can be worked out so this works well and is user-friendly, it will at least feed our "auction fever", and will serve as a mechanism to provide some revenue to the club as well. Thank you in advance, Terry Hock, for your efforts and expertise as you take on this challenging task.

Runway Striping

As previously reported, the runway striping and lettering project is scheduled for next spring after the snow season has ended. Thanks to everyone who have generously sent in donations to support this project. There are a few members who early on, committed to make a donation to this special fund and have not as yet done so. We still need more money to fund this, so please send in your donation now. Mail your check payable to Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club today, or contact Lora Knowlton to make arrangements to pay with a credit card. cocoug@aol.com Thank you.

Snow Skiing

Since the area between the east end of the pits and the old N/S runway, where we previously flew our snow and ski planes, can no longer be used, we are experimenting with a new designated area. This area will be approximately 40 yards wide and run parallel to the north side of the E/W runway. Use of this area for skiing will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis and when in use, it will be considered the active runway. Pilots will be expected to coordinate and share usage of all runways. A graphic of this snow ski area is included on page 12 in this newsletter

We Still Need Snow Removal Volunteers

We need volunteers to sign up to help out with snow removal when available. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer, and I'll put your name on my contact list. My email is iteachu2fly@comcast.net. We have 3 walk-behind snow blowers and lots of shovels! Thank You in advance!

History Books

My records show that I have unclaimed books for 14

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members yet. If your name is on this list, please make arrangements with me to claim your book: Amy Gamber, Bill Zimmerman (2 books), Bruce Riley, Dave Hock, Dennis Yates, Gary Warner, Josh Waltz, Michael Peterson, Michael Sadler, Paul Orkild, Peter Thompson, Robert Sikiyan, Sid Gates, Tom Boyce.

If your name is on this list in error, please let me know that as well. iteachu2fly@comcast.net

If you have not paid for your book order yet, you can bring a check payable to Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club when you pick it up, or contact Lora Knowlton to make arrangements to pay with a credit card. cocoug@aol.com If you would like the book mailed to you, please send (or include) a payment of \$7.00 to Lora, and verify the mailing address where you want it to go. When your payment is received, we will mail your book via USPS.

Flight Training

All candidates for beginner's flight training have been put on hold since last March due to Covid-19. There are around a dozen in the queue right now. Unfortunately, my training method is not compatible with social distancing, and I apologize to everyone patiently waiting. I can only imagine the angst one would be going through, having made the decision to get into RC flying, sign up for instruction, only to be put on hold for several months. Rest assured, you will be contacted when flight training resumes, and I promise we will get you in the air, flying with confidence in short order. In the meantime, get a flight simulator, like Real Flight 8 or 9 and put it on your computer. It is a great training tool, and crashes are free!

Get well soon Ben Vinci

Park Operations Manager, Ben Vinci, recently underwent emergency surgery and I understand he is home recovering. We wish Ben and his family well, and hope he has a speedy recovery so we can see him back at the park soon.

2021 ICCarb

I am sick of saying this over and over, but due to Covid-19, we are not scheduling an official IC Carb event New Years morning. However, if a bunch of rugged, fun-loving RC pilots showed up at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of January 1st, 2021 to welcome in the new year with a socially-distanced flight or two.....who's going to stop them? C U there! Unfortunately, no food will be served.

Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas and my best holiday wishes to everyone!

A note from President Glass

Reminder: We are moving forward with modernizing and consolidating the way the club publishes notices, news, photos and other club information by transitioning everything up to our website.

The traditional monthly newsletter, as we know it, will be discontinued when this transition is complete and all the "bugs" worked out.

We hope to complete this transition in the next month or two. Email Blasts will still be used for time-sensitive notices.

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.

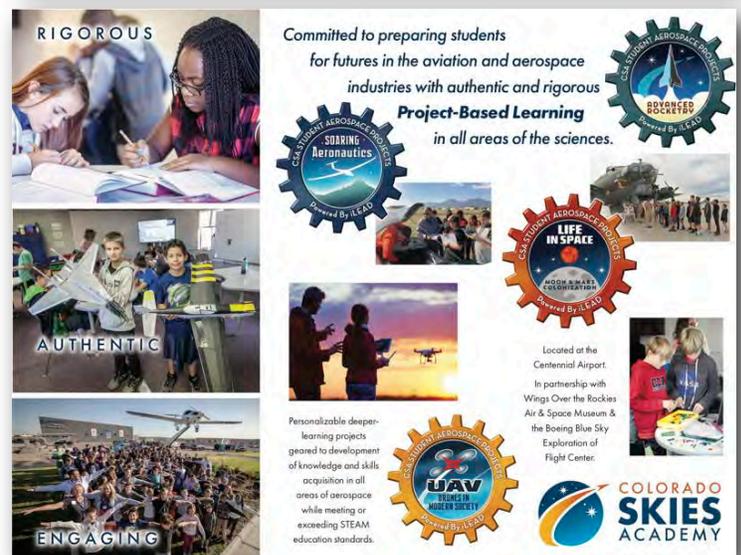


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**November 5, 2020 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Minutes**

This meeting was held via a virtual meeting platform. While the club bylaws do not say that virtual meetings can be held and considered a formal board meeting, the bylaws don't say they can't. Therefore in the best interest of

continuing business of the club (as there is no hope in sight to be able to safely meet in person due to pandemic concerns), the Board decided to meet virtually as a formal meeting and will continue into the future as necessary.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: President Bud Glass called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

5 of 6 board members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Bud Glass (Pres), Present	Lora Knowlton (Sec/Treas), Present	Hank Diepenbroek (BM), Absent
Josh Waltz (Vice Pres), Present	Craig Farthing (Safety Ofc), Present	Larry Fagan (BM), Present

All members attending this meeting were visually present with properly working audio.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Bud Glass thanked the board members for their continued efforts taking care of club business during these challenging pandemic times. He also thanked Craig Farthing for setting up the meeting link.

Motion: Larry Fagan made a motion for the Jefco club Board of Directors to meet via virtual platform moving forward. This will ensure that the business of the club can still be efficiently and productively managed. Josh Waltz seconded the motion. All directors present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

When the club is back to live in-person monthly club meetings, the bylaws will be updated and amended to formally allow virtual/video board meetings to be held when in-person meetings are not possible. It is still expected that nominations and election of board officers must still be held in-person unless other solutions are realized.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Safety Manual Updates – The Board has reviewed the current document and has submitted a first round of suggested edits and additions to Lora Knowlton, who is compiling everything. Moving forward, the board expects to have several more rounds of review with additional virtual meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Charging and Field Security – the Board discussed electronic field security and solar battery charging systems. Currently, getting electricity at the field in the right locations is an issue. Solar systems may not provide the power that is needed. More discussion is expected.

2021 RC Auction – this is the time of the year that planning dials in for the upcoming RC Auction. The 2021 Auction has been tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2021 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds (ACF). The Board discussed pros/cons of moving forward with event planning.

- Earlier this year, the ACF was used as an alternative care center for COVID-19 patients. For 2021, the club has been notified that while the club is on their calendar for January 25, the facility could be mandated

to return to a care center with little to no advance notice.

- State guidelines in January could be such that indoor events might be more regulated than they are now. In other words, if only 50 were allowed at an indoor event, the club would need to have a process in place to regulate attendees.
- Would attendance be less than the January 2020 event? Could volunteers be easily found to work the event?
- Most importantly, what is the financial risk to the club if the auction was cancelled within days of the event?

Board members were not comfortable moving forward with plans for the 2021 RC Auction. All agreed that it was in the club's best interest to suspend/cancel the traditional RC auction for 2021 and to explore alternatives for club fundraising opportunities. Briefly discussed was having an online auction sometime in the spring. Stay tuned as the board filters through ideas.

Motion: Josh Waltz made a motion to cancel the 2021 RC Auction scheduled for January 25, 2021 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and to explore alternative fundraising opportunities. Larry Fagan seconded the motion. All directors present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Lora Knowlton will notify the ACF and club member Art Wilson (Auction computer guru) . (Post meeting note – the ACF has rescheduled the RC Auction for January 2022).

2021 Budget – Traditionally, this is the time of the year that the Board pulls together a draft budget that is then presented to the club members in December for approval. Since club meetings are not being held in person due to pandemic restrictions, the budget will obviously not be presented next month. Despite this, the Board felt strongly that they could still work on a draft budget and get it to the point where it would be ready to be presented to the club. Treasurer Lora Knowlton will craft two draft budgets – one reflecting no auction and another reflecting an online auction and no events until June. She asked board members to send her project

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suggestions with financial info to be compiled and incorporated into a prelim budgets. The Board will meet again soon to discuss the draft budgets.

Club Meetings in December 2020 and January 2021 – Rather than cancelling club meetings (due to pandemic restrictions) on a month-to-month basis, the Board discussed cancelling both the Dec 2020 and Jan 2021 meetings now. In mid-January, February and March meeting status will be discussed. How would have ever thought the club would be cancelling club meetings for nearly a year!??

Motion: Craig Farthing made a motion to cancel the Dec 2020 and Jan 2021 club meetings. Josh Waltz seconded the motion. All directors present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Shea Homes "Good Neighbor" Plan – the Board discussed creating a plan to "interface" with Shea Homes HOA. This could be brochures, memberships, open house in the spring, etc. Josh Waltz, club Community Relations chair will coordinate the effort.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Lora Knowlton presented the financials to date via email to the Board. Balance Sheet (as of Nov 4) reflects all account balances to date. The Profit & Loss Statement (as of Nov 4) – shows income with membership revenue has slowed down a bit since last reported and expenses – runway sealing/crack filling and weather station upgrades took place.

Motion: Craig Farthing made a motion to accept the

Safety Spotlight

As we have entered into our winter flying season, it is important that we don't lose sight of our safety guidelines.

Remember to fly from the designated pilots boxes and follow the designated flight patterns. You may approach the runway only after clearing your takeoffs and landings with the other pilots flying. Always notify the flight line pilots of your intentions. **NEVER** walk out onto the runway without notifying the pilots flying. If you see someone not complying, please bring this safety infraction to their attention. With this being an open airfield, not all pilots are familiar with our safety guidelines and rules. Most of the time it is just a matter of educating the pilot.

Thank to all of you for making it a safe year at the Jefco Aeromod'lers Aerodrome.

Stay Safe

Craig Farthing
Safety Officer

financials as presented. Larry Fagan seconded the motion. All directors present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT:

Safety Officer Craig Farthing reported that a meeting with the park rangers will be requested in 2021 to discuss safety and how for them to most efficiently enforce club rules when the club needs their assistance when issues arise.

ADJOURN: Larry Fagan made a motion to adjourn the board of directors virtual meeting. Josh Waltz seconded the motion. All directors present were in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lora Knowlton, Secretary/Treasurer

It's Membership Renewal Time

All members will receive an invoice via mail for renewing their membership for 2021 - along with a form to update your contact info. You will be able to renew via the website or pay with a check. Please wait till you receive the invoice with renewal info.

Thanks!

Lora Knowlton, Membership Coordinator



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

Tractor Umbrella Replacement



The old canvas umbrella finally bit the dust, and a new one would have been at least \$210.00. Bud welded up a Unistrut frame and installed an old road sign for shade. A little ingenuity and donated Unistrut saved some big \$\$\$.

General Club Information



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

Newsletter Advertisements

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

Upcoming General meeting Programs

- December 2 – Meeting Canceled, no program.
- January 6 – Meeting Canceled, no program.
- February 3 – Meeting TBD, program TBD.

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.

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 officers 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.

Pilots enjoying a beautiful November afternoon at the field. *photos by Bud Glass*



More pilots enjoying a beautiful November afternoon at the field. photos by Bud Glass





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Jefco Aeromod'lers New Air Field



Jefco Aeromod'lers General Information

December 2020	January 2021	February 2020
2 Meeting Cancelled	6 Meeting Cancelled	3 Meeting TBD
16 Board Meeting	20 Board Meeting	17 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 is currently updating the **Field Safety & Operations Manual** to reflect recent changes in the field.*

The current document can be reviewed on the club's website www.jefcoaeromodlers.com .

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