

**Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Radio Control Club  
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**Next Club Meeting:  
Tuesday, January 6th 2009  
7:00 PM at the ELIC  
(East Library Info Center)  
Pikes Peak Public Library on Union**

**December Club  
Meeting Notes**



Meeting Started: 7:00 pm  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm  
Members Attended: 30

**Old Business:**

- 1) Perimeter fence still needs to be repaired. A time and date still needs to be determined.
- 2) The old, warn gate lock will be replaced with a new gate lock in March, in conjunction with the new combination.

**New Business:**

- 1) Need business cards and flyers to take to the Denver Air Museum display in February. The cards and flyers are advertisements for the PPRC Warbird event in June 2009.
- 2) 2009 PPRC VP was elected.
- 3) 2009 Bob Burrows Award recipient was announced.
- 4) Dave Smith, our former newsletter editor, was awarded an honorary plaque for taking care of the PPRC newsletter for the past few years. Thanks again Dave!
- 5) It is club membership renewal time.

**And The New  
Club VP Is . . . .**

By Ben Woofter



Hello everyone,

I would like to thank you for electing me as your new Vice President.

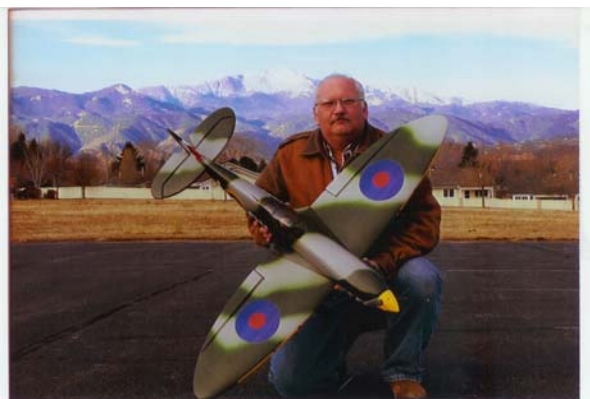
Jim Terry thinks he has some big shoes to fill after Adam, what size will I have to fill after both of them. They must be as big as an oil tanker.

Well I am not much of a writer or a public speaker for that matter, so I will sign off for now. Again thank you for your nomination, I will do my best for the club.

Ben Woofter,  
PPRC VP.

Jim Terry will be moving up from the PPRC VP to the PPRC president position for 2009.

Ben has been flying RC gliders, airplanes and helicopters for 8 years and has been a club member for 2 years. He hopes to participate in his 3<sup>rd</sup> Frozen Needle Valve Fly-In 2009.



Ben Woofter, the new VP

## The Bob Burrow's Award



Larry Laughlin was announced as the next Bob Burrow's Award recipient. Well deserved!

All previous recipients are allowed to cast votes on who the next winner should be. The winner is always announced at the December club meetings.



Greg Moore, the 2008 Bob Burrow's award holder, hands over the trophy to the 2009 recipient, Larry Laughlin.

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## The Warbird Corner

By Keith Davis



Well I made it to the 50<sup>th</sup> article of the Warbird Corner, so here are a few **"Did You Know"** facts related to the number **50**.

- Billy Barker was a Canadian WWI ace with **50** kills. He flew the Sopwith Camel and the Sopwith Snipe.
- The Junkers A-**50** was that aircraft company's first all metal sports plane built in 1929. It looked similar to the Fairchild PT-19.
- Dimitriy Glinka and Aleksandr F. Klubov were both Russian WWII aces with **50** kills apiece.

- Werner Hoffmann was a German WWII night fighter ace with **50** night kills. He flew the radar-equipped ME-110.
- During WWII, Germany had another 8 pilots with **50** day kills each.
- The **.50** cal machinegun was the standard heavy machinegun used by U.S. forces during WWII and the Korean War. It was used in aircraft, vehicles, ships and with infantry units.
- The B-25H Mitchell carried the most **.50** cal machineguns. It had a total of 14, plus one .75mm cannon.
- On some versions of ME-262 and the ME-410, they carried a single BK 5 cannon. That was a **50mm** cannon used against Allied bombers.
- During WWII, British bomber pilots had to complete **50** combat missions before they were exempt from duty. American bomber pilots only had to complete 25.
- The B-**50** Superfortress was an improved version of the B-29 Superfortress. It had bigger engines, a taller tail and max take-off weight went from 133,500 lbs to 173,000 lbs.
- The Beriev A-**50** Mainstay is Russia's primary Airborne Early Warning (AEW) aircraft. It first flew in 1978 and looks similar to the Lockheed C-141 Starlifter.
- The T-**50** Golden Eagle is a joint South Korean & American built single engine jet trainer. It looks similar to a miniature F-16 Falcon.
- The Kamov KA-**50** Hokum is a Russian single seat, counter-rotating, coaxial rotor system, attack helicopter. The Russians call it the "Black Shark".

So that's it for the 50's, I hope to make it to 100!

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## Show & Tell

By Keith Davis



There were plenty of things for Show & Tell at the meeting, But sorry no pictures! However, we did enjoy what was brought. Do you have something to show? Don't be shy, bring it in!

**Larry Laughlin** brought in his "Seagull" Edge 540, with Aeroworks parts!

**James Murphy** brought in his "Great Planes" nicely detailed, PBY Catalina.

**Ben Woofen** had his "Brian Taylor Plans" Spitfire wing. 74 hours just in the wing so far.

**Gus Gustafson** showed off his "Top Flite" P-51 Mustang wing, it's going to look nice.

**Romi Lucas** amazed us with his "Royal Plans" Cessna 310Q. Just waiting on a pair of motors.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PPRC Digital Airplane Contest

By Keith Davis



Don't forget to submit your photo(s) to enter the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PPRC Digital Airplane contest. It cost \$1.00 entry fee. Winners will be announced December 2009. 3 trophies will be given out to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

All money goes directly to the purchasing of the trophies. This is not a club fundraiser.

If you do not have the capability to send me a digital copy, just get a hard copy to me and I can scan the picture in.

The pictures that you see below, and any future pictures that are submitted, will be cut out of the newsletters and put into a box for the random drawing in December.



Keith Davis' 80" WS P-51 Mustang



Larry Laughlin's 70" WS F-18 Hornet



Daryl Lloyd's 70" WS P-47 Thunderbolt

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## A Safety Reminder

PPRC Safety Officer



1) Remember to stand at a pilot's station while flying your airplane when there are other pilots flying. Flying from the taxi way or other spots other than the pilot's station can become a safety issue. If a pilot is having a problem with his airplane, he has to yell that much further to warn other pilots.

2) When two or more pilots are flying, they must maintain a same direction traffic pattern. Flying down the runway in the opposite direction of traffic is not permitted. If you are outside of the traffic pattern, then there should be no problems in the direction that you choose to fly.

Keith Davis  
PPRC Safety Officer

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## Newsletter Columns

By Larry K. Laughlin



Keith Davis is having so much fun with the newsletter, isn't he? I'll remind you this once more – Keith's 'fun meter', as our Newsletter Editor, will peg out MAX even more so when YOU send him a column.

Ah yes, there's few things more exciting for a newsletter editor than that of receiving a column from one of his fellow club members. So go ahead and give it try you guys. Honestly, it's not so tough!

On that same note, I can only attribute my PPRC 2008 Bob Burows Award to my relentless contributions to our newsletter. I thank my fellow club members and previous recipients of this prestigious honor. I try to contribute to the club as best I can and I truly never expected any recognition for what little I've been able to do, much less the famed Burows Award. I'm sure my fellow club members will hear more about this club presentation in the months to follow. It's a true honor to receive it and I thank you all.

By the way, Keith certainly would have been a fine candidate for the Burrows AGAIN for his wonderful monthly War Bird Column contributions. His historical reviews and questions are just too much fun to read. We're pretty lucky (that Keith is on board and that you're not forced to read only Larry's babblings.)

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## Jefco's Auction

By Larry K. Laughlin



Steve Mangle has sent us the flyer (contained within this newsletter) regarding the big annual Jefco Auction in Feb 09. Indeed, NOW is when you must plan for it.

Prepare those items you deem worthy to sell and put together the list of what you might be

interested in buying. 1100 to 1300 items will likely be auctioned over a 16 hour period (Sat & Sun). Not all of it is great stuff, granted. But then, there are some drop dead amazing buys and you won't want to miss out on the fun. Just set Feb 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> aside and dust off those things you'd like to get rid of. Make room for something new and exciting in 2009!

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## Are You a 'Kit Basher?'

By Larry K. Laughlin



No, I don't mean crasher. We're all crashers! I mean, are you putting airplanes together, (ARFs, Plans or Kit built) exactly as the instructions dictate or are you adding your own special touch, perhaps even 'highly custom tailoring' your project to YOUR standard, and way different?

As modelers, we're all engineers to some degree and we all apply our unique building skills differently. A good, well built model is a pleasure to fly and highly satisfying, however all too often, it's just like every other on the field from the same manufacturer.

Ah but a 'bashed kit' is different. If you 'bash a kit' hard enough, you'll separate it from the herd and you'll have folks walking up to the airplane to take a closer look. They'll stare, crank their head, scratch a body part or two, and then pop the questions, "what kit is that"? "Scratch built"? "I've never seen anything like that"? "How did you do this part"? And so on . . .

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## It's Renewal Time

By Frank Tuxworth



Membership renewal time is now officially here. As of now, there are approximately 100 members who have not yet done so. Memberships officially expire at the end of the Feb meeting, although we will eagerly accept renewals at any time.

Applications are readily available on the club website, [www.pprcflyers.net](http://www.pprcflyers.net), where you can fill

in all the blanks and print it out all in one easy step. If you reply by US Mule, please enclose a photocopy of your current AMA membership card. If you renew at a meeting or at Dan's, show your card to Dan or me for verification.

If you fill out the application by hand, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure it is legible. We are working on a system by which all members with email addresses can be rapidly notified about something interesting or critical. You would have a hard time believing some of the hieroglyphics that I've tried to decipher. ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE WAIVER AT THE BOTTOM!!!

If we seem too anal about this form, remember that it is the American Trial Lawyers Association and the ScrewU2 Insurance companies that run this world we live in. Since we can't prevail against them our best shot is to avoid them. Outside of a handful (pun intended) of medical incidents we at PPRCC have an outstanding safety record. I am not personally aware of any big liability incidents involving PPRCC.

The March newsletter will have 4 numbers by your name if you have renewed by then. That is the new gate combination which will go into effect on March 1st.

If you have not renewed by then, XXXX will appear next to your name and you will not get the new combo until you renew. Remember, as an AMA sponsored club, all who fly there MUST be AMA members in good standing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Frank Tuxworth  
PPRC Treasurer

**Do you have an article, picture or information that you would like to share with the club? E-mail me at:**

[Lkdavis02@msn.com](mailto:Lkdavis02@msn.com)

(Keith Davis – PPRC Newsletter Editor)

**Get it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and it will make the next newsletter!**

## Jeffco RC Auction



JEFCO AEROMOD'ERS

# R/C AUCTION

*The Nations Largest R/C Auction*

Buyers and Sellers Welcome

**February 6th- 7th- 8th, 2009**

3 Day Event...Sell your old stuff & buy new stuff

VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER ACCEPTED

**Jefferson County Fairgrounds / 6th Avenue & Indiana St.**

Take 6th Avenue west to Indiana St.(8 miles west of I-25) Turn Left under the overpass, then right at the second light for 3/10 mile to the Fairgrounds entrance, follow the signs.

### Schedule of Events

Friday	February 6th . .11 am to 8pm	Merchandise check-in and Inspection
Saturday	February 7th . . 8 am	Auction starts and Merchandise check-in all day
Sunday	February 8th . .8 am	Auction only-No Merchandise accepted on Sunday

*Over 1000 Items up for Bid...Huge selection & Variety*

AIRPLANES  
Gos  
Kits-ARF  
Electric  
Pon to built  
1/4 scale  
ready to fly

CARS

ELECTRONICS

RADIOS

ENGINES

GLIDERS

PLANS

BOATS

PARTS

CHARGERS

ALL KINDS OF TOOLS  
Power tools  
Hand Tools  
Building Tools

JETS

CYCLERS

SIMULATORS

METERS & TESTERS

HELICOPTERS

### NEW THIS YEAR.....\*BUY IT NOW\*

Some items may be purchased immediately...before they go up for Auction  
Ask for details at the registration counter

No admission fee to view merchandise .....Come out and look around !!!

There will be a \$6.00 registration fee to sell or bid on items...See other side for details

For questions or additional information... contact:

Steve Mangels ~ day 303-922-8107 / eve 303-987-1944 ~ E Mail-rcflyer@qwest.net

## Upcoming Events:

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 – PPRC Frozen Needle Fly-In
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 (Tuesday) – PPRC Club Meeting
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 (Thursday) – PPRC Club Meeting
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 - Jefco Auction
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 – Denver Air & Space Museum RC Clubs Display
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 (Monday) – PPRC Club Meeting
- May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 – Love Air RC Club Jet Rally
- Jun 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 - Jefco Warbirds Over Denver
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 – PPRC Warbirds Over Pikes Peak
- Jul 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 – PPRC Scale Fly-In
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 – Warbirds over the Rockies
- Sep 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Pueblo Warbirds Event

