



CROSSWINDS R/C CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2013 MEETINGS

MEETING LOCATION, Fire Station 72 located at 7320 S. Parker Road. East side of Parker Road just south of Arapahoe Road.

Meetings Scheduled for 2013

January 9	February 13
March 13	April 10
May 8	June 12*
July 10*	August 14*
September 11	October 9
November 13	December Xmas Party

Field Meeting Dates in RED



2013 EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
January 1	New Years Day "Chilly Fly"
February 1-3	Jeffco Aeromodelers Auction
February 23	Wings Over The Rockies museum show
March 9	Annual "Snow Fly"
April 6	CPR Class at Rattlesnake Fire Department
April 20	Field Work Day Alternate date 5/11/13
May 10	Littleton Public Schools Flynic
July 20	7th Annual Helicopter Fun Fly
August 10	Annual Fun Fly and Overnighter
September 7	Neighborhood Appreciation Day Warbirds Event
October	Open for Suggestion
November	Open for Suggestion
December 7	Annual Christmas Dinner



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President's Report



Larry Falsetta

President

Well it is now the start of the Summer months. By the time you get this you will notice that we have contracted to have the runway resurfaced we should see the results, (weather permitting) at our next meeting which will be held at the field.

The work day was a success and we have seen some very promising signs. We are still working towards painting the buildings. I have the paint and once we have non-windy days, when all the volunteers are available we should be able to spray the rafters and the buildings. This will be done before the helicopter funfly. I have been working with the state on weed mitigation, since the state doesn't have a plan in effect, I have been able to reach an agreement with them that we will wait until that is in place and we can partner with them. As long as we keep our area mowed the weed seeding is not a problem.

In case you have missed it, dues are due by June 1, 2013. If you haven't paid by that date you will not receive the new combination. That will change at the June club meeting. I will email only those paid members the new combination, please do not share this with anyone. Additionally, please interlock the locks at the gate.

Larry Falsetta, President

Vice President's Report



Jim Brown

Vice President

Flying season is in full swing! The field looks fantastic after all of the work from the Field Work Day and beyond. We have a field that sells itself to new members. From the great facility, complete with a newly resurfaced runway, to the great people we have in our club.

The runway was resurfaced this past week and it looks great! I went to the field today to have a look and take a few photos. The big cracks in the runway have been eliminated with the entire surface coated and smoothed out. I think everyone in the club will be happy with the results.

The web site continues to evolve and what we need today is content. If you want to write a blog, or have an article you want to post on the site, please let me know. I will provide an account and some basic instruction on loading your written content. The web site now has an application form that can be used by new members or for renewing your information each year. A volunteer form will be added in the next week so members can sign up to help in the upcoming Crosswinds events.

Remember the next meeting is held at the flying field. Be sure to bring a plane to fly after the meeting.

Jim Brown, Vice President





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Secretary/Treasurer's Report



Dan Cunningham
Secretary/Treasurer

Crosswinds RC Club

Meeting Minutes 5-8-2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

President Report Larry Falsetta

We have a new newsletter format thanks to Jack Steinhauer who has taken over for Stuart Carr. Thanks to Stuart for handling the newsletter for the last 4 years!

Larry created a new Gmail account to send out the e-newsletter and information updates to the club members.

Club membership dues are due. When you renew, you must also fill out the registration form. Registration can now be done on the web site.

We have received bids on resurfacing the runway. \$3,700 from Parker Asphalt \$ Resurfacing is the best bid. They will wire brush the top of the runway, wash it with acetone and apply a slurry coat. The resurfacing will take place on June 6 and the field will be closed for 2 days. We will need to strip the runway upon completion.

A motion to vote to go ahead with this project and spend the \$3,700 by Jack Steinhauer, second by Allen Abbott. Motion passed unanimously. Larry will submit the bill to AMA to request the 10% subsidiary support they offer clubs.

Larry noted he had received the property tax assessment in the amount of \$2,800.

Safety Officer's Report



Ed Eversole
Safety Officer

No report this month





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Member-at-Large Report



Jack Steinhauser

Member-at-Large

Pilots, start your engines!

The summer flying season is upon us and, just in time, we have a brand new runway. Well, maybe not a “new” runway... but a newly coated and crack-sealed runway. In any event, we seem to be assured of a delightfully smooth surface from which to take off and land. Hopefully every one of those takeoffs and landings will be as smooth as the runway, but no guarantees on that.

It seems that we have had a fair amount of wind lately as springtime fronts move through. I have been out flying, both at the field and other locations. As you will see from the photos in the newsletter, we have had a fairly active group flying and testing out new airplanes.

Speaking of new airplanes, I have a Depron F-22 that I am currently building. This is my first attempt at building a “giant” Depron plane. It has a 37 inch wingspan, is 52 inches long and I expect a flying weight slightly north of four pounds. This plane is designed to be flown from its belly directly off grass. Mine is equipped with landing and navigation lights so it should be perfect for evening flights at the local ball field. Instead of the standard “shades of gray” military camo look, I have spiced this one up with metallic red on the top wings and empennage, trimmed with Cub yellow. I wanted to be able to see the plane easily in the sky and gray just doesn't work well for that.

Today, I participated in an F3J contest for discus-launched sailplanes, typically referred to as “DLGs”. To launch a DLG you place your forefinger and middle finger on a peg on the wing, spin around and let go when the glider is headed into the wind. A great DLG pilot can get over 150 feet on a launch. I am somewhere above

100 feet. Once you are up in the air, the name of the game is finding lift and staying airborne for very specific periods of time. The fun of it is when you tag into a big thermal and watch your plane become a speck in the sky before pointing the nose down and rocketing back towards the ground. I was in elite company today at the contest. There were four of the best pilots in the State of Colorado and two junior pilots that are headed for the International competition to be held in July of this year in Denmark. Rounding out the field were four, more ordinary, pilots including yours truly. It was fun, but pretty exhausting, to spend seven hours flying DLGs in the gorgeous weather we had today.

One of the topics that the Board has been discussing lately is how to handle training for new pilots that become members, or are thinking about becoming members. We need to have an organized program of instruction with instructor pilots and possibly a club trainer aircraft. Our esteemed President, Larry Falsetta, is the only officially designated training pilot. I believe he has a glow trainer and a buddy-box system for training purposes.

I would like to request a couple of volunteers to act as Crosswinds Club Instructors. We will have to figure out the logistics of the training aircraft. Ideally, the student pilot will have their own. Perhaps the instructor will have a plane they can give a student a little orientation flight with. At the recent Men's Breakfast organized by Rocky Rash I utilized a big powered glider called a Super Sky Surfer to give some total novices some flight time. This plane is ideal for novices once it is in the air because it is big, light, and stable. I have also had a couple of friends, who are novices, fly the plane and am surprised by how quickly they learned to make good basic turns.

Tim Kagele recently took on working with a group of students from the **Wings and Things Club** at Sage-wood Middle School. Tim volunteered to help them with flying an ARF trainer they have been building over the course of the school year as a project. Tim went to the school to help them get the engine started as they claimed the airplane was “ready to go”. Tim found this was not the case, and the airplane required several evenings of his work to make it airworthy. They were going to meet at the field a week ago Saturday for the maiden of the plane and a chance for each of the kids to get on



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Member-At-Large Report from Page 4

the sticks of a real RC plane. I look forward to hearing from Tim at the next meeting how this event went.

One other thing that the Board has been discussing is how best to welcome new members. I would appreciate any suggestions of things the Board or membership can do to make new members feel welcome, and to attend to needs they may have in getting planes airborne or working on flight skills.

Our next planned event is the 7th Annual Helicopter Fun Fly to be held on Saturday, July 20. We will have only one more meeting before this event. Larry Falsetta is the organizer of the event but he will need lots of help. I am certain we will hear more from Larry on this topic at the next meeting and in the next newsletter.

At the end of this month's newsletter there is a special note from Jan Scharnell, the owner of Air Scharnell. She has some exciting news to share, so please take a look.

As a final note I want to share with you two emails sent to the Board on Saturday, June 8, by member Donald Sass regarding our oldest member: David Teich. Most of you probably know Dave, he is an active member, a master builder, excellent pilot, and a very friendly guy. I have contacted Dave to prepare an expanded article on him for the next newsletter, he is sending to me a written copy of his biography as a starter. Many of you may know that Dave is a genuine war hero from the Korean War, not to mention having served at the Normandy landing in WWII, and he is going to be receiving a special award for his Korean War heroism at an honorary ceremony to be held this July. We'll have more on that next month.

I will let Don's works speak for themselves:

Good idea regarding mentioning Dave in the newsletter. I don't know many details about his WWII experiences and I imagine other club members know more. Wayne Perry to mention one.

Here is what I do know from brief conversations with him at club meetings during the past couple of years. Dave is 87-yrs. He volunteered to join the Army in 1942 when he was only 16-yrs. He says he didn't lie about his age to the recruiter but the recruiter misread his birth certifi-

cate. He was a 19 yr old Army medic at Normandy. He remained on active duty in the Army after the war and completed OCS as a 2nd Lt at Fort Riley in 1949. He was a tank commander during the Korean war and retired as a Major in 1963. During one of the club meetings last year he showed me his photo album and mentioned he is writing his WWII history mainly for family.

There aren't very many of these WWII veterans left, especially ones who were on Omaha Beach in 1944. I wish I knew more of his experiences in Europe after Normandy. Maybe he would be willing to give a talk at one of the meetings.

As you know he still flies large scale RC and enjoys instructing young people with his flight simulator at different aviation related events. I saw him instructing young boys on his simulator set up at a vintage aircraft fly in Andy Parks held at Fort Lupton last month.

He's a remarkable guy!

[In response to Larry Falsetta emailing a photo of Dave]

Yours is a great photo! I have attached one I took a few weeks ago at the vintage fly in. My photo is not that great but feel free to use it if you like. Dave represented his local Dawn Patrol IMAA group at the fly in, 18 May 2003. I was there with my vintage car group. The guy in WWI uniform (I don't know his name) had his beautifully restored and running Nash-Quad ammunition truck at the museum. WWI era. "Jack" (I don't know his last name) on the left is also a member of the Dawn Patrol group.

By the way, Andy Parks dedicated this event for the benefit of Mark Holiday, one of the museum's pilots. Mark was seriously injured when he crashed the museum's replica Fokker Dr.1 (Red Baron colors) last year, not too far from the Crosswind's field.

Don [Sass]

Wishing you all many happy flights at Crosswinds this summer.

Jack Steinhauser, Member-at-Large



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Dave Teich

Veteran, public servant, citizen, father, friend, and RC pilot





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Larry attended the District 9 Meeting. A big topic at the meeting was the use of Drones. It was noted the problems are not with hobby flyers, but with commercial applications. Our club is agreeing to stay within AMA guidelines and any drone (first person view) activity must be within line of site and have a spotter. There is no commercial flying at our field.

Gate – when locking the gate, please interlock the locks so other contractors can access the field. Larry will put up a sign to this affect.

Vice President Report – Jim Brown

The new web site is up. If you want to write a blog, let Jim Brown know and you will be given a login.

New signage for the club using weatherproof banners was discussed. Ideas and sample to come.

Treasurer Report – Dan Cunningham
Dan Cunningham was unable to attend the meeting. Larry spoke to Mindy at the State of Colorado about paying for weed mitigation. Because the State is not performing weed mitigation, we have been temporarily relieved of this obligation.

Safety Report – Ed

New safety posters are coming from the AMA for the field and new labels are coming for the members to put inside of their planes for identification purposes. This is

an AMA member requirement.

There was discussion about having defibrillators at the field some day. Ed will continue to look into this.

Grass fires – there are no fire extinguishers at the field. We need to look at getting these as well as fire rakes.

A trash can specifically for old lipo batteries will be put at the field and the batteries will be taken to Best Buy for recycling. Do not put lipos in the regular trash – they can start a fire.

Member at Large – Jack Steinhauser

Thank you to everyone who helped in the Field Work Day. There are photos and videos available. There are a few items left to do, but the field looks great.

Warbirds has been rescheduled to September 7th. The Heli Fun Fly is July 20th.

Jack is working on a new member packet consisting of an application, contact names, instructors and club expectations of member. This will eventually go on the web site.

Old Business

Men's Breakfast Saturday May 11 at 8:00 AM. Field will be closed to open flying. Bring you trainer and contact Rocky for more information.

No New Business. Meeting adjourned.





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CROSSWINDS GETS A NEW RUNWAY

Wow! Look at the results of the runway resurfacing completed in early June.



No more cracks! Smooth as silk.

Yahoo, let's go flying!!!





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F-16 Testing

Here is Jim Kropelnicki testing his new F-16 on May 26 with the assistance of Robert Reagle. Jim purchased the F-16 from Wayne Perry. The aircraft is set up with a 0.60-sized glow motor in a pusher configuration.

This is one cool-looking plane. Good luck on the maiden flight!





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Jan Scharnell

Dear Friends of Air Scharnell,

We have two exciting news items to share with you about Air Scharnell and the Scharnell family!

First, I am pleased to announce that my son, Rick, will be taking over Air Scharnell full time at the end of June or early July! Rick will continue the Scharnell tradition of a friendly, family atmosphere and bring it forward into a second generation as the premier RC Aircraft and Supply Store in Parker, Colorado. Rick has a great passion for flying RC airplanes, has received many awards for his flying skills, is an excellent modeler, and knows the hobby as well or better than anyone else in our family. He will provide you excellent service.

Second, we will be moving the store in the next month or so to a new and larger location in Parker at the Shops of Crown Point at the southeast corner of Parker Road and Cottonwood Drive. We have plans to refresh the layout of the store as well, making it better than ever. Meanwhile, I am opening a new business which will be located right next door to Air Scharnell. I will keep you informed as to when Air Scharnell will be moving to its new location. You are going to LOVE this new store!!!

Please stop by the store to visit and catch up on the latest news on plans for the "new" Air Scharnell. Also, check out our many consignment aircraft for sale. We have a wonderful selection of slightly used aircraft to choose from, a variety of new products, and all the supplies you need for flying! We also provide a variety of services including: building, covering, repairs, and equipment installation.

Rick and I look forward to seeing you in our store very soon!

Sincerely,

Jan Scharnell

June 8, 2013

