



# 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
May 10	Littleton Public Schools Flynic
July 20	7th Annual Helicopter Fun Fly
August 24	Swap Meet and BBQ at Crosswinds Field
September 7	Warbird Fun Fly
October	Open for Suggestion
November	Club Officer Elections
December 7	Annual Christmas Dinner



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## President's Report



**Larry Falsetta**

*President*

I am including in this writing the notes from the last Restoration Advisory Board Meeting on the Lowry Bombing Range. This past meeting was to identify the problems with the Lessees and the SLB. We still have to be good Neighbors.

**Larry Falsetta**

**President**

From the

### **Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners**

Hello,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on some of the activities that are occurring on the Lowry Range.

First, as a follow-up on our June discussion, we have been posting additional No Trespassing signs on the fence along the public roads. We still have a way to go, but hopefully the additional signs may discourage some folks that might otherwise assume that the property is open to the public.

Regarding the gate locks, our district manager is working with Conoco Phillips and others to install gates with rotary locking devices that will accommodate up to 10 individual locks and eliminate the need for the current "daisy chain" system. I suspect that the installation is still several months off, but we are making progress.

In the meantime, please ask your staff/employees to be

## Vice President's Report



**Jim Brown**

*Vice President*

There is no report VP Report for October

**Jim Brown**

**Vice President**

sure that they are using only the appropriate locks, not locking other lessees out and/or leaving unlocked gates unattended. Since our meeting in June, we have received several additional complaints about challenges associated with the current gate/lock system. There has also been at least one additional theft from the property that may or may not have been the result of gates being left open over night.

We plan to release an RFP for a grazing lease on the portion of the Lowry Range south of East Quincy Avenue sometime in the next 30-days. The goal is to have the successful bidder on the property by next Spring.

Finally, our commissioners plan to visit the property during one of their public meetings next Spring. I expect that this will provide an opportunity for any/all of you who might be interested to meet with the Board and share any concerns or other thoughts you may have regarding the management and use of the property. I will be sure to let you know when that meeting is scheduled so that you can make plans to attend.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the information in this update.

Thank you.



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## Secretary/Treasurer's Report



**Dan Cunningham**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**There was no meeting in September**

*Submitted by Dan Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer*

## Safety Officer's Report



**Ed Eversole**  
*Safety Officer*

There is no Safety Officer report for October

**Ed Eversole**

**Safety Officer**





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## Member-at-Large Report



**Jack Steinhauser**

*Member-at-Large*

This newsletter has been written on short notice after the September newsletter was delayed. Accordingly, it will be short. Larry Falsetta managed to scrounge up a letter he received from the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners. They are our landlord, so to speak, so take a minute to read their note. If it were not for the massive amount of armament that the former Lowry Bombing Range was subject to during World War II and thereafter, the land we use for our flying club would probably have long ago been subdivided for housing. These days it seems the only uses of the land are for farming, ranching, oil and gas development and RC plane flying.

Fall is definitely here and with it cooler temperatures and the first hints of winter. Last Friday it looked like winter where I live, with snow on the ground and grey skies overhead. However, this is also the best time of the year for flying with perfect Indian summer days like today: no wind, gentle breezes, temperatures up to 80 degrees, and brilliant sunshine.

I have been enjoyed flying a variety of old favorites and some new planes lately. The old favorites include my A1 Skyraider, Peaks Biplane, Yak 54, and Sbach; all electric. One new plane I have been flying a great deal lately is the Airfield electric F4U Corsair. As detailed in the last newsletter, this foam electric warbird is patterned after the Corsairs used in the mid-1950s to train new pilots out of Olathe, Kansas. Instead of the dark blue paint scheme of WWII and Korea, this Corsair was gull gray on top, with white on the control surfaces of the wing and tail.

My Corsair is a stock ARF kit, except that I added a sound system that produces a remarkably authentic

rendition of a Pratt & Whitney R02800 Double Wasp 18 cylinder radial engine. The sound system also does a great job of recreating the sound of a 50 caliber machine gun. I was out flying today at noon at Cherry Creek and came up behind a friend of mine who was absorbed flying a T-28 trainer. As the plane flew over the runway next to the flying stations with a combination of prop noise, authentic engine noise and a burst of machine gun fire, he said "wow, that really sounds great".



*My scale electric Corsair in the Air*

After I finished taxiing the plane back to the pits from the east-west runway, I had another guy come up to me just bubbling over with enthusiasm. He had been riding through the State Park on his three-wheeled motorcycle. He noticed the Corsair flying overhead as he passed by the airfield and, being a vintage plane aficionado, decided to swing in to investigate further. He just loved the way the plane looked and sounded as I put it through its paces, including lining up on the T-28 and letting loose with bursts of machine gun fire. It would have been more appropriate for the target to have been a Japanese Zero, but he didn't mind. I was very pleased that he stopped to watch, and also enjoyed some positive comments from the RC Eagles "peanut gallery".

## A Visit from my Son Rob

On Friday, September 30, my son Rob and I went out to Crosswinds to fly my big glow Mustang and Super Sky Surfer powered glider. This glow Mustang is the Topflite 65 inch Mustang powered by a SuperTigre 1.20 cu in glow engine. Despite being of fairly heavy construction, it moves out pretty well with the big SuperTigre two



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stroke swinging an 18 x 8 prop. I do have to admit there is something quite intoxicating about having a fast and loud warbird making low passes over the field in front of the runway, then pulling up into a series of loops and rolls.

After a good adrenaline flow flying the Mustang, I put the powered glider into the air and gave the controls to Rob. He started to get the hang of flying it after about 15 minutes, and by the end of an hour of flight time was executing very smooth turns with the big Sky Surfer. Rob is currently working in Hollywood for a famous movie producer, but is thinking about joining the Navy or Marines to fly jet fighters, or whatever they will let him fly. At twenty-five years old, he is at the perfect age to start a flying career. So, he was pretty keen on getting some stick time on my powered glider to hone his flying skills. The Sky Surfer has become my go-to plane for giving friends an opportunity to fly an RC plane. Being a glider it has docile flight characteristics and features a very stable, self-righting design that is just ideal for building skills and confidence in the air. Here's a couple of pictures of Rob at the controls and with the Sky Surfer.



*Rob Steinhauser with the Super Sky Surfer*

## Mitchell Woodward Visit

This coming weekend I will be hosting a friend's son, Mitchell Woodward. My friend, Steve Woodward, and I went to Cherry Creek High School together back in the early 1970s. We were drawn together as friends by a shared interest in aviation, and have remained good friends since then. Mitchell is fourteen years old and has a keen interest in aviation as well. He is one of the few teenage boys I know that has an encyclopedic memory of World War II fighter and bomber aircraft.

So, I am hoping for good flying conditions and the opportunity to get Mitchell on the sticks flying a couple of my aircraft. The Super Sky Surfer is an obvious choice for building flying skills. However I am going to have my new DX-18 transmitter rigged up with a buddy box cord to my DX-8 transmitter, which allows me to put Mitchell on higher performance aircraft yet quickly regain control if he starts heading for the ground.

It is interesting to me to see young people like Mitchell have an interest in the RC hobby. When I was in high school the idea of flying an RC plane was captivating. For today's kids, with all the entertainment alternatives they have such as video games, the RC plane hobby probably looks somewhat dowdy, especially when they see a bunch of old guys like me flying planes. But, put them on the sticks and something magic starts to happen!



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Ben Thompson, Avid RC Pilot

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Ben Thompson is an avid RC pilot with thirty years of experience in the hobby. He has a variety of large sport planes and has been an active flyer at Crosswinds this past flying season. Ben recently moved to Colorado and has enjoyed being an active member of our Club.





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## Gorgeous Scale Mosquito for Sale by Owner/Builder

Dear Crosswinds RC Club Members,

My name is Dr. Randy Shaffer. I have met some of you at the field. I would like to invite all of you to consider the opportunity to purchase my scale de Havilland Mosquito fighter-bomber.

**Specifications-** Wing Span 73 inches  
Length – 52.5 inches

**Features -** Engines – Two O.S. 32SX high performance dual ball bearing  
Robart Air Retractable Landing Gear  
TWINSYNC – Electronic engine synchronizer keeps both engines running at same RPM  
Rudder Gyro – For compensated take offs, landings, and engine outs  
True Turn Aluminum Spinners  
Futaba radio and receiver – in PCM mode 72 Mhz

Comments - This plane has been flown and trimmed with outstanding results. It tracks straight and smooth and has all the power you would ever want. The flaps are very effective and slow the plane very quickly. Since this design has the engines as close to center line as possible an engine out situation is very mild giving maximum reaction time to the pilot. I would like to sell this beautiful Aircraft for \$ 880 which is only 30 % of the cost of the equipment alone plus the Futaba PCM computer Radio and Receiver are included in the price.

**Interested parties please contact:**

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