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CROSSWINDS R/C CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MEETING LOCATION, Parker Fire Station 72 located at 7320 S. Parker Road. The station is located on the east side of Parker Road just south of Arapahoe Road.

**NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2015
6:30 PM AT THE PARKER FIRE STATION**

- **The new meeting format will consist of a 5 minute report from the Club Officers followed by any new business.**
- **After Club business will be a demonstration by Cliff Moy highlighting the foam airplanes by FlightTest. These are really clever planes made from a flat piece of foam.**
- **After the meeting, plan on joining us for refreshments at a local restaurant for food and more airplane talk!**

If you haven't attended a meeting for some time, come check it out...you won't be disappointed!

From The President:

Transition Reflections - As an incoming officer, in the transition process, I've spent a bit of time reviewing various web sites of other

local RC clubs and reviewing our club documents/historical photos. I'm struck by how far our club has come over the last 20 some years. We have a good hearted and welcoming spirit. We have a good relationship with the State that permits us to lease this gorgeous piece of land. We have an established infrastructure including a solid runway and cabana to provide a warming hut in winter and shade in summer. We are in a good financial position. We've had many recent upgrades including the covering in the pit area, cabana painting, gas grills and improved lawn mowing equipment. We've had good club meetings and training sessions including CPR. We certainly should be thankful to all of the past officers. And to the outgoing officers Larry, Dan, Jim and Ed a special thanks for turning over a club in good shape. Their efforts over the last 4 plus years are sincerely appreciated.

New Website - In December Norm Berger did a great deal of work to put together a new web site. I've added some photos and videos that you may enjoy. There is a member only area where you may login and see our member roster, for member to member contact purposes. You may also post an alert message about your plans to go



to the field. We hope this sparks more field meet-ups and community lunch plans. Keep your alert messages positive and light hearted. The appropriate forum for club issues are the club meetings. Next time you see Norm Berger be sure to thank him for building our new web site.

Jefco Auction - Be sure to sign-up for the Jefco Auction at <http://www.jefcoaeromodlers.org>. Your registration money is for a good cause. I can't think of a better way to spend a winter day than checking out a bunch of RC aircraft and hanging out with a bunch of RC buddies. See you there.

Bob Moore

2015 Auction Dates

NEW THIS YEAR: This is the weekend AFTER the Super Bowl & the Auction is SATURDAY ONLY! _Jeffco Fairgrounds, Golden Colorado
Item Checkin: Friday February 6th - Auction: Saturday ONLY February 7th

Don't miss the 2015 Aeromodeling Expo on Saturday February 21 at the Wings over the Rockies Museum. Crosswinds will have a booth and all club members are invited to bring a model, limit of 2 models per person, If you register with Dennis Kordes (AKA Sparky) and get your name on the attendance list, you can get into the museum free...what a deal! Dennis will bring a sign-up

sheet to the January and February Club meetings. If you can't make either those meetings, you can send him an email at dkordes@gmail.com He needs the name of all members no later than February 14.

Note from the Editor:

I enjoy building...almost anything. I ran across this article written by Adam Savage, one of the hosts of TV Show "Myth Busters", and would like to share it with you. I think these "10 Commandments" truly apply to building...even in our hobby. From scratch built scale airplanes, kits, ARF's or RTF's these points "nail it"... (sorry for the PUN) perhaps with the exception of #10, so add in your own! Enjoy.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF MAKERS

By Adam Savage

- 1. Make something. Anything.** Weld, carve, cook, sculpt, sew. Make something in the world that wasn't there before. As humans, there are two things that make us truly unique: the ability to use tools and the need to tell stories. Making things is both. Everything made has a story embedded in it. When you make something, it becomes part of your story. Humans are natural storytellers, and when you make new things, you join in the most ancient and important story of all.
- 2. Make stuff that improves your life, either mechanically or aesthetically.** It doesn't matter which. Nothing cements a feeling of utility than using something you've made in the course of moving through life. Make useless stuff too, because that's fun and fine, but you'll cement your satisfaction by improving your surroundings.
- 3. Don't wait.** You can start now with what's in front of you. As Goethe [may or may not have] said, "Begin it!"



4. **Use a project to learn a skill.** I don't know about you but I need a goal to learn a skill. I can't deconstruct and just learn welding for welding's sake. I need to have something that *only welding will bring me*. Look around and find something you need to build. Something you can't help but build.

5. **ASK. Ask for help.** People who make things love to share their ideas and knowledge. Makers love to talk about their work. Any husband or wife of a maker knows this is true. Learn how to work well with others and it will give back to you tenfold. Ask questions. Ask for advice. Ask for feedback.

6. **Share your methods and knowledge and don't make them a secret.** Take lots of pictures and make notes. Make noise. You will forget key details unless you do. Recognize that no matter how esoteric the build or the process you're working on, somebody somewhere is interested in the same thing and will benefit from your experience, *no matter how young you are*. Nobody has the monopoly on being you. No one can steal that. Don't keep secrets!

7. **Discouragement and failure are intrinsic to the process.** Don't hide from these. Talk about them. They're not enemies to be avoided, they're friends, designed to teach your humility. Go easy on yourself. Don't compare yourself to others; go ahead and be envious of others' skills, because frequently you can't not. Use that.

8. **Measure carefully.** Have some tolerance. You know what tolerance is? If something fits tightly into something--that's a close tolerance. If something fits loosely, that's a loose tolerance. Knowing the difference between tight and loose tolerance is perhaps the most important measure of a craftsperson.

9. **Make things for other people.** Nothing feels better than expanding your making beyond yourself. Make no mistake: you make yourself vulnerable

when you give something to someone that you made, but the rewards are incredible.

10. And if I could go back in time and tell my young self anything--any specific thing at all--it would be this: **Use more cooling fluid!**

2015 Chilly-Fly:

We started 2015 with the annual Chilly-Fly with about 12-15 members attending. There was good food, a warm Cabana Lounge and typical "Aero-Comedy". Check out the video's and photos on the website www.crosswindsrc.com. Yours truly was the first to fly in 2015...and the first to crash...an honor I have held in previous years!

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING!