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CROSSWINDS R/C CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MEETING LOCATION, Parker Fire Station 42 located at 7320 S. Parker Road. The station is located on the east side of Parker Road just south of Arapahoe Road.

**NEXT MEETING: (DATE CHANGE)
November 18th, 2015
6:30 PM AT THE PARKER FIRE STATION**

**Veteran's Day Show at Aspen Crossing
Elementary School 4655 S. Himalaya St.,
Aurora, CO 80015**

Display your warbird for the kids.
Contact Bob Porter 303.725.1561 let him know you are coming!

Crosswinds Christmas Party ! December 15th !

Location: Heritage Eagle Bend Club House, Shavano Room, Aurora Parkway and Gartrel Rd
Date: Tuesday December 15, 2015, 6:30PM ,
Menu: TBD, but limited to 3-4 entree's
Payment: Separate Checks with 18% gratuity automatically added , Typical cost: \$15-\$25 per person, cash bar.
Spouses and significant others are welcome.

President's Corner:

Because our normal November meeting landed on Veterans Day, we decided to postpone the meeting For 1 week.

Our November meeting will be on Wednesday November 18th 6:30 PM at the Parker Fire Station #42.

There will be no scheduled meeting in December.

However, we'll be sending out more information regarding the December 15th Evening Christmas Dinner event.

Crosswinds 2015 Year in Review:

I thought I would recap our Year 2015 highlights in the November newsletter. 2015 has been a year of significant happenings, starting with an entirely new group of officers.

Lease - Many thanks to Larry Falsetta who renegotiated our lease for 5 more years. This is so critical to the continued existence of our club. A 5 year lease gives us a much better planning horizon and the lease rate is locked in for the 5 year term.

Web Site / Marketing - We have implemented a new web site. It has had about 15,000 page views in one year! It is populated with about 100 videos and bunches of photos.



A member donated some new banners to Crosswinds which we will be able to use at events long into the future.

We have developed Crosswinds business cards, available at the field and available at meetings, so members may use to perform recruiting.

Meetings - We have conducted our monthly meetings with a pre-prepared agenda, keeping meetings on topic and on schedule. We do this so there is lots of time for post meeting socializing.

Dennis Kordes has arranged some wonderful meeting programs. Many thanks to all the members who made a program presentation (Clifton Moy, Doug Gilbert, Frank Kaylor, John Kleber, Ray Nyce and others)!

Budget/Financial - Mike Noll and Matt Holly prepared a very detailed budget presentation to members.

In May our members adopted the proposed 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. I prepared a field improvement grant request to AMA which was approved by District X. We are in good financial shape but may lose a little ground this year, in our operating buffer funds, because of the major runway improvement.

Events - Your officers have arranged the Chili Fly, Field Work Day, Member Overnighter, are working on a Christmas dinner event and we had a Crosswinds presence at the February Wings over Rockies.

Many thanks to Wayne Perry who organized a public event. That Parker War Bird Weekend raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project as well as for our club. This event was also great fun for participating pilots, members and the public. Mike Irwin and Patrick McVaney prepared and served some wonderful pulled pork sandwich meals. Many thanks to Wayne and the members who helped him with the Parker War Bird event.

Member Communications - Frank has prepared many newsletters and I have frequently used the group e-mail feature, to keep you informed of significant day to day field or meeting items.

Member Surveys - Early in 2015 we conducted a survey on what our members want as a future directions for our club. Our members wanted to strive toward a membership level of 70-80 members and have 1-2 Public events. We came pretty close to those club goals.

We also have a survey in progress related to our pilot safety stations. We're getting good responses levels to online surveys and plan to use that method more as we move forward.

We are always trying to guide our club, based upon input from club members. We are trying to meet the desires of a majority of our members.

Safety - Matt Holly and John Kleber added many items to our emergency safety box.

Unfortunately we did have a propeller startup injury this year. Be very careful with your startup procedure, whether you are around electric or internal combustion driven aircraft.

Pilot Training and Orientation - This year we established an AMA Pilot Introductory Training Program. Wayne Perry and I are the current designated trainers. This provides Crosswinds an AMA insured path to providing instruction.

Bob See has developed a comprehensive field orientation program and used that program to orient our new members to the safety and operational features of our airfield. Many Thanks to Wayne Perry and Bob See.

Field Improvements - In September we had the runway cracks filled and the runway was re-sealed.

Mike Noll and I put down some new runway striping. That includes the Jim Magee requested runway edge stripe on the south runway edge. That



stripe has become very helpful to pilots for landing alignment.

In October our driveway was graded by Robert and Taylor Rowland. Many thanks to Robert and Taylor.

A big Thanks to Norm and Matt Vanderslice who got our large sign located by the gate back in place after a wind storm.

A big Thanks to Tom Tower who constructed several more aircraft starting stations.

Maintenance - And many thanks to the many members who contributed on field work day, with regular mowing, repairing the mowers/generator, cleaning the cabana, repairing fences, removing bags of trash ,,,,,, It takes a village to keep our airfield running smooth...

End of Year Activities - Let's look forward to the Crosswinds Christmas Dinner on December 15 and Chili Fly on January 1st, 2015. We should all be proud of our club and our airfield, the highest quality RC flying experience in Denver. Let's have a repeat of all the 2015 fun and a safe year flying in 2016 !

Happy Holidays

Bob Moore h 303-220-9572

Vice President's Input:

Building tip: Top your building table with a sheet of drywall. It's flat, easy to pin parts to the plan, sacrificial...and cheap. Home Depot or Loews will cut it to fit your dimensions. Then cover the edges with clear tape. And when the surface gets "used", flip it over and start all over again!

Secretary/Treasurer October Meeting Notes:

Minutes
Crosswinds R/C Club Meeting

Date: October 14, 2015
Location: Fire Station No. 42
Attendance: 10 Members

The meeting was called to order promptly at 6:30 PM by President Bob Moore and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the September 9 general membership meeting were approved as they appeared in a recent notice sent to the entire membership. Motion to approve by Bob See. Second by Jack Steinhauser.

Bob Porter announced that Aspen Crossing Elementary School is planning a Veteran's Day celebration that includes the display of various military equipment. Bob is requesting members to bring War Bird type model aircraft to the school as part of the display. Members interested in providing model airplanes or other military hardware to display are to contact Bob Porter at 303-725-1561 or e-mail robertporter@aol.com.

Bob Moore reported the AMA grant submitted for \$289 has been approved locally by Jim Tiller and has been sent on to AMA headquarters. If approved the grant money will be distributed in the Spring.

Bob Moore has also submitted the First Pilot Program materials to AMA. Bob Moore and Wayne Perry are designated instructors for the program and consequently will be covered by AMA liability insurance while giving flying instructions to student pilots.



Mike Noll reported the club currently has two accounts with First Bank in Castle Rock. The balance in the checking account is \$XXX and the balance in the Lease Security Deposit account is \$XXX. There was no income for the month of September other than the sale of a couple rolls of donated MonoCote. Expenses included \$7.01 for a nametag for Roger Blasco, \$2,890.00 payment to Colorado Asphalt Works for runway crack fill and seal, and \$10.00 to reimburse Larry Falsetta for State Corporation Registration.

Mike Noll reported that over 20 members showed up to fly airplanes Saturday, September 19 for the Crosswinds Overnighter at the field. Twenty-three people attended the candlelight dinner Saturday evening on the North Terrace of the Cabana Lounge. There were plenty of side dishes and desserts along with the rib eye steak main entree. Six or so members spent the night and were served a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs and hash browns Sunday morning. The night flying on Saturday night was spectacular. Jack Steinhauser's airplane must have had hundreds of LED lights and was quite visible in the dark. Bob Motazedji also flew an airplane that had fewer lights and was much less visible.

Matt Holley reported that the first aid kit in the Cabana Lounge has been re-stocked with appropriate first aid equipment to handle cuts and other minor lacerations that may occur at the field.

Pilot Station Survey: A survey has been sent to all members via the Internet to gather information regarding whether or not changes should be made to our pilot stations. Bob Moore will try to summarize

the results for presentation at the November meeting.

The condition of the entrance road to our flying field was discussed. Member Robert Roland plans to bring his tractor out to the field on Friday, October 16 in an attempt to smooth out some of the deep ruts.

No further business being presented, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Submitted by Mike Noll
Secretary/Treasurer

Safety Officer:

No report.

Member @Large: Meeting Programming for November 18th.

Randy Shaffer is a fellow model flyer, and former Crosswinds member. Randy will be presenting on the WW1 Fokker DR1 full scale aircraft and his models. Randy is very knowledgeable about WW1 aircraft in general, and the Fokker DR1 in particular. He will also bring several models of the DR1 for viewing. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Website:

Your member's area of the website may be accessed by all current members. By default your user is your eMail address on file with the club and your password is your AMA number.

Members may opt to change their password once logged in to something more meaningful as well as you may also add a



'hint' to allow you to retrieve your password in the future.

Accessing the member's area will give you access to the member contact list and also allow you to post a message to all members that will show up on the website home page. If you have not yet signed on please feel free to do so. If problems with this please contact webmaster@crosswindsrc.com

Where to get it!

Batteries: Check out NOP BS Batteries <http://www.hangtimes.com> AS well as the outstanding batteries that hold up really well there is a lot of useful information there about choosing and caring for your batteries.

Electronic Gadgets: Electro Dynamics is a small operation located in Livonia Michigan and carries a number of interesting RC devices not found elsewhere. <http://www.electrodynam.com>

Do you have some sources to share with our members then please send information to news@crosswindsrc.com