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President’s Report – Doug Gilbert:

First, I would like to apologize for the tardiness and brevity of this month's newsletter. My body decided to pay me back with a week long hospital stay to battle a bout of pneumonia after I decided to take it to the beach in Texas for a week of vacation with my family. That being said, a couple of quick items, and this newsletter will be out of here.

Calendar:

- ✓ New Years’ Day Chili Fun Fly: January 1
- ✓ Pit Repair Day: April 19
- ✓ Crosswinds Work Day: April 21
- ✓ 4 Star 20EP Group Build Fly Off: April 28
- ✓ MMM Field Visit, April 29
- ✓ Impromptu Pit Repair Crew/All Member Lunch and Fun Fly May 6
- ✓ LPS FLYNICK: Thursday, May 17, contact: Mike Irwin
- War Birds over Parker: July 28 and 29, contact: Wayne Perry
- Mike Noll Memorial Fun Fly & Member Appreciation Weekend: September 15 and 16
- Veteran’s Day Celebration @ Aspen Crossings Elementary: November 2, contact: Robert Porter
- Holiday Celebration Dinner: December 7

The LPS FLYNICK was a fantastic success, the weather was beautiful, the food was great, and the pilots and volunteer staff were all wonderful with the visiting Littleton Public School staff and special needs students. Thank you to all who supported this fantastic event, and in particular to Mike Irwin for staging this event on numerous occasions!

Our next big event is War Birds over Parker, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 28 and 29. There is an active call for volunteers for leaders for this event.

Club members Adam Small and Wayne Thompson attended Heli Bash 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah last month, read their write up regarding the exciting event they attended below!

Minutes from last month's meeting are included following the input from Adam and Wayne for membership approval at our next club meeting.

Crosswind's Members Adventure at Helibash 2018 Fun Fly! - By Adam Small

Combine good friends, good weather, RVing, and RC Helicopters and you have one great recipe for an absolute blast of a time. Helicopter fun flies are what we wait for all year long and we are lucky if we can make two of them in one year. There aren't many Heli fun flies out West but when there are, we do our best to make them. Fun flies are a great way to make life long friends and support our small niche market in the RC industry. Of course, getting some pulls behind the sticks is what we look forward to the most.

A couple weeks ago myself and Wayne Thompson made our way to the city of Salt Lake City for the Jordan River's Aeromodeler's club annual Helibash. This event had at least 10 sponsors, 45 registered pilots, top professional pilots, night flying, and fun contests. The sponsors donated over \$5,000 in raffle prizes! Along with Wayne and I, there were 5 other Colorado pilots who made it out. I would say we were representing our great state very well.

The event started on a Friday and ended on a Sunday. I arrived with my RV Thursday afternoon with another friend that flies at Cherry Creek. After setting up camp close to the runway, I had a transmitter in my hand and one of my helicopters in the air. By the end of the event, there were 6 other RVs around forming our own compound. If you took a look around, it looked like it rained helicopters and all the support equipment that goes with them. There was no need to set alarm clocks since you would wake up to the sound of generators starting and rotor blades barking in the air. Getting up early was all right with me considering the circumstances.

Two of the World's top professional heli pilots were at the fun fly, Kyle Dahl and Jamie Robertson. Watching these guys fly up close in person is something that defies logic and physics. You could feel the concussion from the blade's affect in the air the way they flew so hard! These guys make Wayne and I look like we are in slow motion! Their precision and mind boggling aerobatics were a thrill to watch. You would think that these top pilots would have attitudes, but they were very informative and friendly during the entire event.

Night flying in front of 2 light towers happened Friday and Saturday night. Since I have never conducted a night flight, I decided to be cautious and observe Friday Night so I could learn. By Saturday night, I was ready for some action. Wayne put on a very good night flight and I felt I did a good job as well. Both our helicopters remained intact so that is a victory in my book.

Some of the contests included auto-rotation precision landing and hovering for 30 seconds. I participated in the auto-rotation contest and got within 5 feet of the sticker on the runway where we were supposed to land. The winner landed on the sticker. The 30-second hover contest was a little more difficult than it seems. You had to hover by counting to 30 seconds in your head. If you went over the time limit, you were disqualified. I hovered for 25 seconds. The winner hovered for 29.2 seconds.

Over \$5,000 in raffle prizes was awarded Saturday afternoon. Some of the raffles included expensive helicopter kits, transmitters, ESCs, and chargers. Of course, I came home empty handed, not that I need another helicopter though! Raffle prizes are an important part of any event because it helps raise funds for the club.

Sunday morning was probably my favorite time to fly because it was warm, no wind, sunny, and not busy. It was relaxing flying in the warm morning sun with a beautiful background of the mountains. What a great way to finish of the trip.

By the end of the event, I would say Wayne and I fried our brains from all the concentration over the weekend and we were ready to come home. Not only did our helicopters make it back in one piece, so did my RV!

I would recommend that all of you try your best to make a fun fly sometime this summer especially if you never have been to one. Airplane fun flies would be very similar to helicopter fun flies in that everybody is informative, friendly, and just as enthusiastic as you about our great hobby.



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Minutes Crosswinds R/C Club Meeting

Date: May 5th, 2018

Location: Parker Fire Station

Attendance: 19 and 1 guest

The meeting was called to order promptly at 6:30 PM by President Doug Gilbert, who conducted the pledge of allegiance, confirmed a quorum and welcomed everyone.

Tom Tower made a motion to approve the meeting minutes published in the May 2018 Newsletter. Dorethea Thomas 2nd the motion and it was approved by a membership vote.

- Doug informed us that we have a new member Marty Miller. If you see him at the airfield be sure to introduce yourselves.
- **Doug reviewed club event status.**
- Pit repair day was April 19th. We had a great group of volunteers for this short notice high priority field repair. Thanks to all participants.
- April 28th Ray Nyce organized the 4 star 20 EP Fly Off event. Winners of various categories were covered and photos will be in the newsletter. Rick Gutierrez (local Hobby Town rep) provided some great prizes for the winners of those events.
- April 29th a handful of Crosswinds members attended the Mountain Men flyers introductory event. They had donated 5 Alpha rubber band aircraft so Crosswinds members could try their hands at free flight. Dennis Thomas had the best free flight. It's not as easy as it looks.
- May 6th we had an impromptu lunch for the Pit Repair efforts, workday efforts and general member appreciation. About 30 people attended. Lots of flying and a great lunch cooked by Wayne Thompson.
- May 17th FlyNic - Mike Irwin filled us in on more of the detailed plans:
 - At this point the event was a go, unless you hear otherwise through an e-mail.
 - Around 8AM meeting of aircraft providers for buddy box setup.
 - 9AM pilot briefing
 - 10AM the kids arrive
 - Also looking for static display aircraft
 - Maybe Dr Bob will be able to present a jet show around lunch time
- War Bird Event - Wayne Perry has declined to be an organizer this year. However, he will provide some coaching, if another member wants to be the organizer. We need to get a volunteer to be the organizer of this event, or we will have to cancel. Contact Doug Gilbert if you would like to volunteer.
- Vice President Report - Wayne - no report
- Secretary Report - Bob Moore
 - Bob reviewed the income and expense and account balances for the month.
 - Member renewal forms have been sent. Payment is due after May 1 and before June 1. A primitive PayPal option will be available. Contact Bob for specific PayPal instructions.
 - As of the meeting about 50% of members had renewed.
 - The check for annual lease payment has been sent to the State of Colo.
- Safety Officer - Jim Gilbert no report
- New Business
 - Frank Kaylor demonstrated an aircraft balancer and kits for various servo trays that he is producing for commercial sale. If members purchase, he will direct a portion of the proceeds to the Crosswinds club.

Doug called the meeting to a close as there was no more new business.

Our program for the evening was Kevin Archer presenting his adventures with a 60 CC Corsair. While it was won as part of a contest, there was considerable downstream time and expense to getting it flyable. But now that it's flying well, he's very happy he took on this larger scale aircraft.

Robert Moore Secretary / Treasurer