



CROSSWINDS R/C CLUB NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello, members. I hope everyone is having a great Fall season. The weather has been beautiful; I hope you have been able to get out and fly.

As we head into the winter months, there are a few reminders to be shared:

- Please refrain from ANY kind of snow removal from the runway or pit area. This includes any kind of shoveling. Please allow the snow to melt evenly, if you have never tried it, flying with a set of skis is a great time.
 - Communication – if another pilot requests to come out for takeoff while you are in the air, and you give the Okay, the pilot taking the runway has the expectation that should you need to land immediately, you will declare it as a warning which gives the person on the runway ample time to clear. It is very dangerous to land while someone is on the runway and outright reckless to do so intentionally without warning the other pilot. Please refrain from this practice.
 - Guests are welcome to fly with us up to three times before deciding whether to join. After that, they are expected to join the club.
 - For those who fly 3-D aerobatic maneuvers, please stay well north of the runway centerline. This is especially true if hovering just a few feet off the ground. Hovering on or to the south of centerline creates a very dangerous situation for those in the pit area should the aircraft lose control.
- There was an encounter with a small rattlesnake in the pit area recently. It is still warm enough for them to be out, so please be vigilant.
 - Please be watchful for wasps as well. There have been some in and around the cabana. We are working on mitigation.

The September Fun Fly was a tremendous success. It was the largest turnout we have had for this event in a very long time. So too was the single day contest on September 27. There were about a dozen pilots who participated and they were all very complimentary of the field.

The solar power system, thanks to the very hard work and extremely generous donation of a few of our members is fully up and running and it is running very well. Between the solar power and generator as backup, we have plenty of juice out there. We will be posting instructions in the coming weeks. The most critical item is to make sure the power transfer switch is in the off position if you are the last one leaving for the day.

The Holiday dinner will be held on December 12th. Details will be sent to club members in a separate email.

The combinations to the locks will be changed in the next few weeks. I'll email everyone with the new combo.

Lastly, I wish to thank everyone for their tremendous team efforts this year. We overcame a lot as a group, and the field is in magnificent shape.

Please be safe and be well.
Bill Whichelo
President

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Station 42, 1830-2030

February 11

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Party – December 12

6:00-9:00 pm
Bluebird Restaurant & Tavern
Spring Valley Golf Club
42350 County Rd 17/21
Elizabeth, CO 80107

Chili Fly – January 1

Pull your mukluks out of storage for the annual Chili Fly on New Year's Day! We'll see how kind Mother Nature will feel this year as club members descend on our field to put up the first flights of 2026.



Recent Events:

Mike Noll Fun Fly

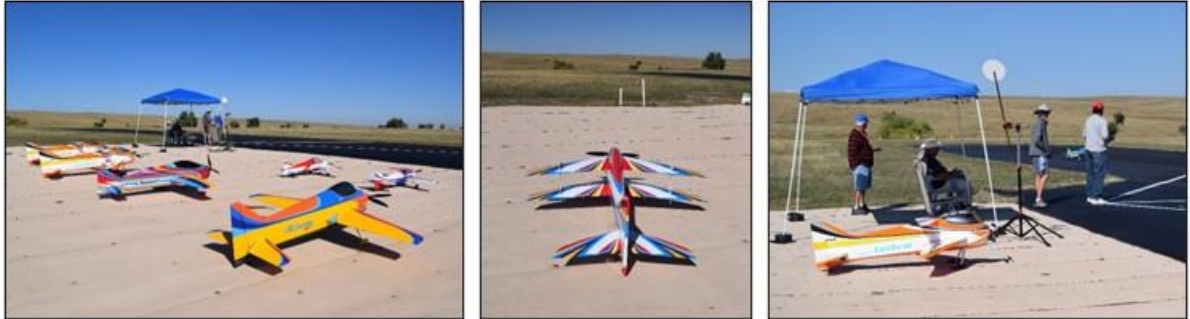
Crosswind's annual Mike Noll Fun Fly was held on a beautiful September 13th and was well attended. Here are some shots of the Limbo event:





Crosswinds Fall Pattern Contest

Crosswinds hosted it's second pattern contest of the year on September 27. It was also well attended and the field looked great! Pattern is a lot of fun and sharpens everyone's thumbs. Give it a try next year!



Current Topics:

Solar Powered Cabana

The sun is now powering our cabana. Power can be switched between the solar panels and the gas generator. Default is solar but the system can be switched to the generator if demand is higher than the panels and batteries can provide. That's likely to only be necessary during a major club event. Thanks go to the members who made this happen!

Don't mess with the 'wasp nest' in the cabana. It's there for wasp abatement

If you'd like to see any other field improvements pass your thoughts along to the club officers.



From the Shop:

This section is intended to include recent additions to club members' fleets, ongoing projects, construction hints, technical topics, etc. Please send me what you have for inclusion in future newsletters.

John Haberle's Beautiful Bucker Jungmeister

John brought his 28% scale Bucker Jungmeister project to the October club meeting. This gorgeous model was designed and scratch-built by John and is clearly a labor of love. The extensive laser cutting is evident in the photos. It wasn't quite completed yet and, ever the craftsman, he plans to build a second fuselage to shift the cg forward. It's going to be a treat to see this beauty take to the air!

