



PRESIDENT'S NEST

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as a the email subject so I don't
trash it by mistake.)



DRCE,

There have been a few items that have come to my attention
in the last few weeks that need to be addressed.

1) Flying Stations

- a. Pilots flying aircraft with landing gear are to start and end flights from the concrete pilots stations on the active runway.
- b. Starting flights from the grass area's to the south and east of the north/south runway are forbidden.
- c. Helicopter pilots are to begin flight on the end of the inactive runways closest to the pit area and should position themselves so they can see the fixed wing pilots and or aircraft.
- d. Fixed wing pilots that are flying foamy's with no landing gear may, after communicating with those pilots flying from the pilot's stations, hand launch their planes over the taller grass but then must position themselves so they can actively communicate with the other pilots flying at the time.

2) Noise Levels

- a. We need to be cognizant of the noise some of our aircraft are putting out, as the number of members and visitors flying electric aircraft increases our neighbors to the south are getting used to the quiet of our sport. Some of our nitro and gas planes are pushing the limit for noise as set by the park and AMA for our area.
- b. We will be obtaining a new DB meter and getting clarification from the AMA as to how to measure the noise levels and going forward we will be enforcing the noise levels closely - in conjunction with what is permissible for the park and our close neighbors. This will enable us to continue flying without complaint and threat of closing our airfield.

We as a club have had some great press, as noted by the article in the October 2011 Model Aviation magazine on pages 93 to 95, that being said, we need to ensure the safety and continued enjoyment of our hobby by following the safe practices and rules set forth by our club.

Thank you and see you at the field,
Larry

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday October 19th
at Gander Mountain.
14000 Jewell Avenue,
Aurora, CO 80012
7:00 PM



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Denver R/C Eagles held September 21, 2011

Meeting minutes submitted by John Dickens, Secretary

A regular meeting of the Denver R/C Eagles was held on Wednesday September 21, 2011, at 7:00 PM at Gander Mountain Sporting Goods, located at 14000 E. Jewell Avenue, Aurora.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM. Members of the executive team in attendance: Larry Everett, President; Joe Apice, Vice President ; John Dickens, Secretary, and Ed Hoyer, Safety. Absent members of the executive team: Boris Gunjevic, Treasurer. Total members present: 8. We do not have a quorum.

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The approval of the 08/17/11 minutes was postponed due to a lack of a quorum.

Financial Review

Boris Gunjevic, Treasurer, was not present so there was no Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Airfield Maintenance Committee – Joe Apice, Vice President, discussed building structures for providing shade at the airfield. Carol Everett suggested that we should request funds directly from the Colorado State Lottery. Posting a sign with the airfield rules near the runway was also discussed. See our website for more details on future airfield maintenance days.

Safety Committee

Ed Hoyer, Safety Officer; reported that the October issue of AMA magazine, Model Aviation, has a good article, "Safety Comes First" on page 86. The article describes many common safety issues. Ed had a safety incident himself. When he disconnected his charger from the NiCad receiver battery, there was a short circuit which caused smoke and a very hot battery. He used pliers to

remove the battery by its leads from the airplane. Ed recommended that all electric fliers carry their own fire extinguisher. Ed found out that getting a defibrillator for the airfield was too expensive (between \$1600 and \$2200). Scott Yakel reported that on several occasions, small electric airplanes were being flown on the approach end of the north runway and their pilots were not anywhere near the pilot pads. Larry Everett will send out an email reminding members of the flying rules. Larry lost his P-51 Mustang at our Warbirds Over Cherry Creek event due to a malfunctioning receiver. The receiver was an orange Hobby King 2.4 GHz Futaba. He found out later that this receiver has a history of shutting down when it get hot. John Dickens reported that the slide on a Great Planes push pull receiver battery switch can sometimes hang up on the "On/Off" lettering on the switch. He recommended filing a beveled edge on the slide. Scott suggested removing the slide and replacing it with a "L" shaped wire.

Training Committee – No report

Old Business, New Business, & Open Discussion
Larry Everett reported that we made over \$400 at the Warbirds Over Cherry Creek event and 33 pilots had registered. The club will hold a barbeque and fun fly on October 29. Details will be provided later. Engine noise from gasoline engines is becoming a problem again. He is working with the AMA and Richard (Doc) Hamilton is working the db meter issue. Larry still has not received a reply from the Park on any of his questions. He reminded everyone to start thinking about selecting club officers for 2012. He will send out an email to the membership about the elections.

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John Dickens reported that our "Warbirds Over Cherry Creek" was a success, but that more volunteers are needed to support these events. He said that page 93 of the October AMA magazine has a good article about electric airplanes. It recommends using a watt meter and says motors can quickly burn out when run on the ground for a long time. The same article has a wonderful review about our airfield and its members. John had a problem where the wheels on his airplane would become tight after a couple of flights. It was caused by the two piece wheel hubs separating from the tire. You may want to occasionally check your wheels for free rotation. On Sunday afternoon September 11, John made a presentation and flying demonstration for about a dozen residents of the Lincoln Meadows Senior Center. Many of the residents were former pilots and they enjoyed the show. Another presentation and demonstration was made on Friday evening September 16 for Cub Scout Pack 554. Jordan Davis was the flyer and John was the talker. Jordan

did an outstanding job of flying a camouflaged Spitfire in semidarkness. The scouts had many questions, had a good time, and made a \$75 donation to our club.

Upcoming Events

Airfield Maintenance Day, October 15

Club Fun Fly & Barbeque, October 29

Check the DRCE website for details and other events

Show & Tell

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 19, 7 PM at Gander Sporting Goods located at 14000 E. Jewell Avenue, Aurora.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.