Message from President Jack Steinhauser

Turns out this weekend, February 7 and 8, was not a good weekend for flying. Despite wonderfully warm temperatures for February, the wind gods were actively stirring the atmosphere. Strong winds prevailed much of the weekend.

Fortunately, there was a great alternative to flying this weekend. The Jefco Aeromodlers held their massive auction at Jefco Fairgrounds yesterday. I was present and saw many friends and DRCE members. As usual, there was a spectacular array of aircraft and miscellaneous for sale.

I purchased three aircraft at the auction event: a twin-engine electric seaplane, a nifty foam BF-109, and a 24cc-gas-powered Pitts “Special” S1.

I have spent many pleasant summer evenings flying seaplanes at my local lake. Unfortunately, my last seaplane, a PBY Catalina hit a tree while on approach for landing last August. So the Great Planes Widgeon seaplane was a perfect replacement. Taking off and landing from water is
# DENVER R/C EAGLES
## 2015 ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Effective January 12, 2015

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Sid Gates AMA Hall of Fame Award Presentation
Sid Gates AMA Hall of Fame Award (continued)
President’s Report

Jack reported that the club Directors met on January 13th to discuss how the club was to achieve its goals. He also gave a progress report on our park lease. The lease will not expire until January of next year, but we would like to revise and renew the lease while Park Manager, Tim Metzger, is still in office.

Vice President’s Report

Joe Bolognese reported on our 501(c)3 status with the IRS. The IRS responded with a request to complete a qualification form. Joe completed it and the result will allow us to complete the short form for reinstatement. Joe will be doing this in the next week. Tom Neff, AMA District IX Associate Vice President, offered to help Joe with this task.

Secretary’s Report

John Dickens gave a quick overview of his new procedure to make sure new club members receive club materials and information and to allow club officers to process data about the new club member. He said he emailed out a new Membership Directory last night. John reminded everyone that if you are not receiving emails from the club, then we do not have your correct email address and you need to contact our Treasurer, Sid Gates.

Treasurer’s Report

Sid Gate gave balances for three bank accounts: Runway Fund, Runway Maintenance, and Operating Fund.

Safety Officer’s Report

Eric Sunderwirth had no safety issues to report. John Dickens reported on a LiPo battery fire incident. A club member accidentally charged a 3300 mAh battery at a 4000 mAh rate. The battery was being charged in a LiPo charging bag on the living room table. The member was occasionally checking the battery and it always felt cool. While he monitored the charging as he watched TV, he heard a pop and realized that he had a battery problem.
Things got exciting really fast. While he was pulling out the stored batteries from the bag, the battery that was being charged caught fire. He picked up the bag by the corner as smoke and fire came out of the bag. As he walked to the door with the bag of fire, his hand was being cooked, smoke was filling the room, and the bag was dropping fiery embers on the carpet. He was then delayed when he had to unlock the door to his house to get the battery outside. After making sure that all the fires were out and seeing that the LiPo charging bag was reduced to dust and ash, he drove himself to the emergency room and got his burned hand treated.

While there are many lessons to be learned from this, the two that immediately come to my mind are:

1. Do not expect a LiPo charging bag to provide any protection in a fire.
2. Before charging a LiPo battery, think about what you are going to do if your battery turns into a fire ball and then prepare for that event.

Director – Airfield Maintenance

Bob Brelsford reported that new tires for the lawn mower tractor have been purchased and that the tires have been filled with foam. The foam will prevent flat tires. Bob needs a new place to store the lawn mower tractor and trailer. If you know of a storage spot, let Bob know.

Director – Helicopter Operations

Stephen Lantz was absent. Jack Steinhauser reported that the Club was contacted by Shawn Murry representing the Colorado Aerial Media Pros Meetup Group to request permission to utilize our field facilities on January 10th. Jack responded that they were welcome to fly in our helicopter area as long as they followed our field rules, including displaying current AMA membership. There were approximately ten pilots that flew on Saturday, January 10th from this group. They were pleasant and polite visitors and seemed to have a really good time.
Web Master
Marty Miller described the new look of our website. Changes to the website are now easier to make.

Member at Large
Bob Pash was introduced to the membership by Jack Steinhauser.

Director – Public Relations and Outreach
Ron Cox reported that a group of engineering students from North Dakota is planning to visit our airfield from January 29th to February 2nd with a test airplane. They will also bring an AMA licensed pilot to fly the airplane.

Director – Membership
Seth Buxton was introduced to the membership by Jack Steinhauser.

Old & New Business
AMA District IX Associate Vice Presidents, Tom Neff, and Norm Berger discussed the first draft of Colorado Senate bill 15-059 which restricts R/C flying. State senators were trying to address privacy concerns created by cameras on drone aircraft. The bill was written in such a way that it would have prohibited most R/C flying. The senators have now received input from the AMA and local R/C modelers and are now rewriting their bill. The AMA will monitor the revisions to this bill. For the latest status on this bill, go to AMADistrict-ix.org. While these senators do not need any additional input from R/C modelers at this time, Tom and Norm stressed that modelers need to keep their eyes and ears open about proposed legislation by state and city officials that might impact the R/C hobby. Contact Tom Neff you need to report on this type of legislation.

Dave Teich, from the Mile Hi flying club, recommended that club members take the time to visit and fly at other airfields in the Denver area.

Events
“Aeromodeling at the Hanger” will take place at the Wings Over the Rockies museum on February 21st from 10 AM to 4 PM. Eric Sunderwirth volunteered to manage our participation at this event. We need club members to help man our table. Contact Eric for more details.

Door Prizes:
John Dickens ran the door prize event for the evening. The following were the results of the door prizes:

1. Hobby Town $10 Gift Card – Bob Brelsford
2. LiPo Battery 11.1v, 2200mAh, 15C – Ed Hoyer
3. LiPo Battery 11.1v, 2200mAh, 15C – Brad Barnum
4. Quick Clamp 4” – Carl Truszynski
5. Five Minute Epoxy – Marty Miller
7. Lead Weights – Joe Apice
8. Ultra Fine Markers – Eric Sunderwirth

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be February 18, 2015 at Colpar Hobies.

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
a real test of pilot skill. Done well, it is fascinating to watch the planes on takeoff get up on step, then break free of the water while dripping water from their pontoons or hull. The best technique for landing seems to be a very gradual touchdown with power on that causes the seaplane to plane for awhile, then slow down to a pleasant cruise.

The Dynam BF-109 is a nice addition to my foamy fighter wing. With a motor upgrade, nav lights, and the addition of flaps, this plane is nicely enhanced in performance. The previous owner also did a fair amount of detailing. At 50 feet it looks like the real thing. I love the WWII era of big, fast, powerful and maneuverable piston-engined fighters. The notion that I could own and fly scale replicas of these fighters was a major source of my interest in the RC hobby. My foamy fighter wing already included a North American P-51 Mustang, F4U Corsair, Supermarine Spitfire, and Hawker Tempest. The addition of the BF-109 means I can “switch sides” and play the German aggressor in future air battles over Suhaka Field.

One of the things I am looking forward to as the flying season progresses is to get together a group of good pilots who enjoy flying foamy warbirds in formation. I think it would be awesome to have three to five warbirds flying in echelon past the pit area. Anyone want to join me?

Finally, the acquisition of the classic red and white Pitts Special is a dream come true for me. I have long admired this plane, and the many variations that have followed its introduction by Curtis Pitts in the 1940s. The extreme aerobatic performance of these planes has been witnessed by millions of people at air shows all over the world. To me, the sight of a Pitts billowing huge clouds of smoke and performing series of daring aerobatic maneuvers at low altitudes is magnificent. I have had a series of small and fast electric biplanes, including a perfect replica of the Pitts Special, that have been an absolute delight to fly. The addition of a big, gas-powered model gives me a nearly perfect replica of the real thing. Let’s face it, part of the attraction of watching a real aerobatic plane perform is the glorious sound that the combination of high performance reciprocating engine roar and propeller noise. As these planes dive towards the ground in front of the crowd, the rapidly increasing pitch and volume of engine and prop sounds is a very intoxicating brew of noise. I look forward to getting this plane properly preflighted and into the air!

Board of Directors’ Meeting

Last Thursday the Board of Directors of the DRCE had a meeting at Sid Gates’ home. A series of important business items were covered.

- Our IRS 501 c-3 application is just about completed. We are making a payment of $400 to reinstate the club as a registered charitable organization. This means that any contributions to the club beyond normal dues can be taken as tax write-offs by the charitable person making them. This will become important as we seek contributions in the near future for projects that we want to undertake as a club that require special financing.
Jefco Aeromodlers Auction, February 7, 2015
Jefco Aeromodlers Auction, February 7, 2015
Organization of the DRCE participation in the Aero-modeling at the Hanger event on February 21, 2015. This event is held at the Wings Over the Rockies Air Museum and is a wonderful opportunity for Denver-area RC clubs to meet and discuss the hobby with members of the general public. With all the negative publicity about “drones” in the media, it is nice to have the opportunity to present a more positive view of our wonderful hobby. Eric Sunderwirth has graciously volunteered to be the onsite manager of the DRCE club booth. Thanks Eric!

The upcoming Jefco Auction. The Board noted that this event is the largest regional event of its kind, not to be missed by those interested in buying or selling, or just to visit with friends.

The lease negotiation with Cherry Creek State Park. Our current lease expires on January 23, 2016. The Board reviewed and approved a draft agreement with revisions. The basic idea of this three-page agreement is to provide the legal basis for a sound and long-term working relationship with the Park. Much of the previous agreement has been retained, but important changes have also been made to reflect the changing needs of the Club. A copy of the draft will be circulated to club members prior to the next club meeting.

Plans for improving the runway, taxiways and pit area at Suhaka Field. The runway is at a point where it needs a seal coat. The taxiways and asphalt areas in the pit are in need of repair. Sid Gates will be working with our Director of Maintenance, Bob Brelsford, to obtain and approve bids for performing this work in the next several months. We plan to get the work done when the weather is nice enough to assure a good quality job, but early in the summer flying season. Sid Gates commented during the board meeting that the present runway has lasted much longer than originally expected, which is good; but that it was vitally important that we make the investment needed to protect our runway for the long term.

Plans for a shade shelter at the Field. Based upon early research, including discussion with some of the guys at Chatfield involved in the building of their shade shelter, it seems the best approach is to utilize a contractor to install a pre-fabricated steel structure. We will be conducting a bidding process to get an idea of cost prior to making a formal proposal to membership on this item.

Plans for pilot protection at the primary pilots pads. At Suhaka Field, most of the flying is conducted from the pilot pads at the SE intersection of our two runways. And most of this flying is done with a left hand pattern landing and taking off to the north on the north-south runway. The Board feels it would be prudent to install permanent pilot protection consisting of a log fence with fencing that protects the south and west flanks of pilots occupying these pads. All it would take is the avoidance of one injury by a plane striking a pilot to fully justify these pilot protection facilities. More details will be forthcoming at the next Club meeting, so please plan to join the meeting for that discussion.

Annual Club Budget and Projections. Our newly-elected Treasurer, Sid Gates, has been hard at work getting our finances in order. As part of that effort, Sid has designed an accounting system to track key revenue and expense items, and prepared an initial forecast and is in the process of refining his numbers. The official budget for 2015 will be presented to club members at the March club meeting.

Aeromodeling at the Hanger

On Saturday, February 21, 2015 the Denver R/C Eagles will be participating in the 2015 Aeromodeling at the Hanger event at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum. Members that commit to participating by Saturday, February 14, and show up at the event prior to 9:45 a.m., will be granted Free Admission!

If you would like to participate in the event, I encourage you to bring a plane or two to exhibit. There will be many members of the general public present at the event, so you can expect to have numerous opportunities to discuss various aspects of our hobby with curious visitors. I have attended the last several of these events, and found them very enjoyable opportunities to visit with fellow club members, other RC pilots, and the general public. The Wings over the Rockies museum has a spectacular collection of military and civilian aircraft housed in a hanger formerly used by Lowry Air Force Base.
If you plan to attend this event, please send me an email at jacksteinhauser@comcast.net by next Saturday, February 14. Eric Sunderwirth will be the onsite manager of the event. Other members that are already planning to attend include Joe Bolognese, Ron Cox, Peter Aeby, Jack Steinhauser, and Dan Davis. With this group you can be assured of having a fun time if you attend, so please plan to join us!

**Sid Gates Hall of Fame Award**

Last month we had a remarkable event when fellow Denver R/C Club Member Sid Gates was presented with a certificate honoring his induction into the Academy of Model Aeronautics Model Aviation Hall of Fame. The Certificate was presented by AMA District IX Associate Vice President, Tom Neff. Tom Neff also recognized fellow club member Bob Brelsford for nominating Sid Gates for this award.

The AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame recognizes aeromodelers whose contributions to model aviation over the years have been outstanding and have improved the sport/hobby and increased its prestige and stature. Induction into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame occurs annually. Selection is based on the individual’s contributions to model aviation, which may include competition, design, experimentation, leadership, education, organization, writing, publishing, manufacturing, or other related activities. Emphasis is on the accumulated contributions in one or more of these categories over an extended period of time. The program is administered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The selection of inductees is determined by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, which is composed of past presidents and a selector from each AMA district.

Along with many Denver R/C members, there were many family members and special friends of Sid’s present at the awards ceremony. Along with his wife, Shirley, Sid was blessed to have his son and daughter-in-law, Brian Gates & Barbara Gates of Arlington, Texas, and his daughter and son-in-law, Carol Bauman and Bill Bauman of Greenwood Village, present at the event. Other family members attending included Carol’s daughters and families: Leigh Torres and Steve Torres, son Augie, daughter Mila, and son Sammy, all of Castle Rock; and Jackie Jackson and Luke Jackson, son Finn, and son Carter, of Highlands Ranch. Steve Torres took footage and prepared a good video of the ceremony. Sid is planning to post it on You Tube.

Also in attendance was an old friend and coworker of Sid’s, Jim Eide, who worked as a Technician at Royal Electronics, and currently resides in Parker, Colorado.

The Denver R/C Eagles is fortunate to have Sid as a founding club member and guiding light throughout the history of the club. It is impressive to me that Sid continues to be a very active modeler, pilot and contributor to the club. As testimony to his continued dedication to the club, Sid has recently taken on the job of Treasurer. This is a job that requires a great deal of effort and attention to detail, and does not offer much in reward. Thank you Sid for all you do for the Eagles!

**Planning for our Airshows**

As we all work through what is left of the winter of 2014-15 to prepare our aircraft for the flying season ahead, it is time to start thinking about plans for the Airshows we have scheduled for June, July and August.

These Airshows are our big events of the year. They are designed to give every member of the club the opportunity to demonstrate their flying skills and aircraft before a crowd of fellow members and the general public. Based upon the enthusiasm generated our successful events last year, plus the anticipated marketing contribution of Ron Cox as our Director of Public Outreach, I expect we will have record-breaking attendance this year.

So, I encourage every member to plan on participating in the Airshows, and to begin preparations now. Think about which events you might want to participate in. To prompt some ideas about what events might be a fit for you, I have reproduced our Airshow Plan from last September’s show. You may wish to join in one of the group events like the Trainer Flight, World War I Biplane Dogfight, Foamy Fighter Event, Sport Plane Display, World War II Air Battle, or Jet Rally. Or, you may want to create your own exhibition. Each event in the Airshow will fea-
### Example of DRCE Airshow Plan from September, 2014

#### Denver R/C Eagles Club Airshow
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, September 27, 2014 at Suhaka Field**

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<td>TRAINER FLIGHT (Two 5 Minute Flights)</td>
<td>Jay Telhage, Carl Truzynski, Bill Seuneng, Seth Hamilton, Mark Broschinski, Jannett Collins</td>
<td>Apprentice and similar trainers</td>
<td>Denver Brass – “Glenn Miller Medley” Group demonstration of capabilities of basic trainer. Exhibition of normal maneuvers including takeoff, turns, approach, and landing.</td>
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<td>Electric Sailplanes</td>
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<td>World War I Biplanes</td>
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<td>Bob Brelsford, John Dickens, Dave Genet, Chuck Brown, Carl Truzynski</td>
<td>Smoker, Little Stick, Dave’s Plane</td>
<td>John Tesh “Barcelona” Demonstration of aerobatics and sport maneuvers</td>
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<td>STOL Beaver or Cub Demo</td>
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<td>Lared Skydive “Sweet Home Alabama” Demonstration of STOL capabilities of scale Beaver or Cub</td>
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<td>Charlie Daniels Band “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” Aerobatics with high powered electric scale version of the Pitts Model 12 flown by Ryan Jensen.</td>
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<td>Band of Brothers – “Suite 2” Aerobatics with best WWII fighter</td>
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<td>Dave Randomski</td>
<td>300cc Yak 54</td>
<td>Led Zeppelin “Whole Lotta Love” Demonstration of standard aerobatics with large, gas-powered plane</td>
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Apollo XI RC Flying Field, San Fernando Valley, CA
Amazing Hexcopter Aerial Filming System
President’s Message (continued from page 13)

ature either music or prerecorded sound effects to further enhance the spectator experience.

The next several months will also give you time to prepare for the June Airshow. Time to build the aircraft you plan to fly, and time to practice and perfect your flying exhibition. While the Airshow is purposely not designed to be a competitive event (because everyone that participates is a winner!), it is an opportunity to demonstrate your skill before a large audience. The thrill and satisfaction of giving a good performance before your friends and other spectators is the reward, and it is a wonderful reward!

California Travels

Last weekend I visited my mother in sunny Southern California. My son, Rob, came along for the trip. Rob and I were able to make a couple of interesting side trips. One was to the Apollo XI flying field in Encino, California. This field is located off of Woodley Avenue in the San Fernando Valley. The land is part of a flood plain area, so it is unsuitable for permanent building; which is which this land can be used for a flying field in the middle of a busy metropolitan area. The field is maintained by the San Fernando Valley Flyers, a club of about 400 members. The club has members with a wide variety of flying interests including sport, scale, pattern, 3D, giant scale pylon, and helicopters.

The Apollo XI Field has one main paved runway which is oriented in a NW-SE direction. This runway is 82 feet wide by 608 feet long. This is an idea size for larger aircraft, and the field attracts many of them. Rob and I saw lots of larger 3D type planes, and have previously seen many turbine jets fly at this field.

Apollo XI also has two U-control circles, three helicopter pads, a smaller dirt field specifically for park flyer aircraft, and a really nice parking area with restrooms.

One fascinating aircraft that was being tested at the heli area while we were there was a hexcopter aerial filming system. This system carries a Red Digital Camera for doing professional-grade aerial filming for movies, commercials and other applications requiring really high quality imaging. You can see some pictures of this UAV on the preceding page.

Another excursion was to the Museum of Flight located at the Santa Monica Airport. This is a relatively new facility which is still building its exhibits. Among other things of interest to me were a replica of the Wright Flyer, a section devoted to recognizing California Air Pioneers, and the actual table used by the Board of Directors of the Douglas Aircraft Company, which was also located at the Santa Monica Airport.

Enough for now, I look forward to seeing you all at Suhaka Field! Regards, Jack Steinhauser, DRCE President.
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