Message from President Mike Eason

Dear Members,

I attended the District 9 Meeting this month and the main topic was the FAA rules making for UAS. The knowledge test will be coming out and the AMA is hopeful that CBO’s will administer the test. The FAA has not determined who the CBOs will be.

The Remote Identification is being pushed very hard by Homeland Security and the FBI. There is a consideration for different RID areas. Fixed flying sites may not require RID since aircraft will be flying within a defined area and altitude. There has also been progress on approval of higher altitude limits at some fixed flying sites. This would allow fixed flying sites to be approved but once the date of approval of the site has passed, no new sites would

February Events

Regular Meeting of Denver R/C Eagles was held on Wednesday January 15, 2020 at Colpar’s Hobby Town, 1915 South Havana Street, Aurora, Colorado, 80014. Refreshments provided prior to start of meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Board Members present; Mike Eason, President, Richard Lowrey, Vice President, Erkan Gunal, Secretary, Joe Apice, Treasurer, Joe Vedovati, Safety Officer, and Bob Brelsford, Director of Field Maintenance.

Number of Members Present

A quorum is 9 members present. 32 members and 1 guest, we have a quorum.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members

Club welcomed Pat Steiner and Dugan Doyce.

Approval of Minutes from last Club Meeting

Motion made by Bob Smith and second by Mike Swan. Motion passed without objection.

Speaker: Paul Schlein

Paul talked about his professional aviation career experience with F-22 Raptor project development. Paul will share more stories during our upcoming club dinner.

Combat Event - Tom Neff

Tom talked about the upcoming combat event at
Denver R/C Eagles 2020 Calendar
TBD at Board Meeting
Denver R/C Eagles Club Leadership

Mike Eason  Dan Kellogg  Erkan Gunal

Joe Apice  Joe Vedovati  Bob Brelsford

John Dickens  Doc Hamilton  Joe Bolognese

Eric Sunderwirth  Marty Miller  Jack Steinhauser

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Suhaka Airfield and shared some simple scratch designs for those who would like to participate. The combat event is scheduled to January 18, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (The recorded video is available on GroupWorks and also it can be accessed here: https://youtu.be/P1qrskTauq4).

Leadership reports

President - Mike Eason

Mike had a meeting with the Cherry State Park on January 13, 2020. Prairie dog issue has been discussed as usual. The current program is vegetation rehabilitation. The Park has a plan in place to deal with the prairie dogs in the Park. They will start mitigation using the CO machine early morning and early evening treatments as well as other methods within the Park.

Mike talked about the current issues with the FAA. Everybody is encouraged to write to the FAA and share their comments about the regulations being out of control.

Jim Tiller with AMA District 9 is putting together a PAC (Political Action Committee), to get donations and be able to lobby with the politicians in the Congress about FAA regulations. In addition, the White House Administration to set up a website to put all petitions together specifically regarding regulations and other issues. We will need to get at least 100,000 signatures within 30 days to get their attentions. We are working on it right now to get some good results on it.

Mike also talked about the plans for looking into putting gravel walkways/taxiways to remote pilot pads.

Charging station wire upgrade is underway. The other thing we are looking into is installing a wind turbine generator. Solar panels are not effective in winter season.

Jeffco Auction is on the 25th of January at Arapahoe Fairgrounds.

Vice President - Richard Lowrey

Richard provided information about jacket order planning. More details to follow up during the upcoming Board Meeting on January 22, 2020.

Secretary - Erkan Gunal

Erkan talked about filming more flight videos at the airfield and potentially looking into getting commercial sponsorships to support the club during airshows. Companies as well as club members with private businesses can also sponsor these videos.

Bob Brelsford reached out Erkan and requested shooting a battery safety introduction video. It is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday 18, 2020. (The recorded video is available on GroupWorks and also it can be accessed here: https://youtu.be/73dEXhHAgrc).

Erkan requested the login credentials for the existing Facebook account of Denver R/C Eagles. We will need to search through previous meeting minute archives. Erkan will follow up with both Josh Bybee and Jesse Gatewood and will take over the social media account.

Treasurer – Joe Apice

Joe has utilized the GroupWorks app to collect membership dues online. It is working great and we are very happy with it. Upcoming club dinner tickets can be purchased through GroupWorks as well.

Reports on club account levels and Club is solvent. As of January 2020, we have already 22 paid mem-
bers so far and it is counting. Last December 2019, we had 128 paid members. It is a good start for the new year.

For our fundraising raffle, we received a great deal from Colpar Hobbies (PNP EDF Jet), and we will be selling the tickets for three for $10 and eight for $20, and the winner will be announced during our club dinner.

The club dinner location is Piney Creek Club House where Dan Kellogg and Erkan Gunal are current residents in that community. The club house reservation has been made for March 7, 2020. More details to be discussed during the Board meeting on January 18, 2020. The web site is www.pineycreek.org. Erkan Gunal has also filmed the area with his commercial drone. You can sneak peek at https://youtu.be/iiNy7SRhR3. The tickets for the club dinner will be coming up through GroupWorks email shortly.

Safety Officer - Joe Vedovati

Discussions on club rules for basic violations can be very hard sometimes. One argument was where all club rules were posted or where could they be found. Joe had to inform a flyer standing on the runway instead of pilot pads. The violator argued that he could stand on the runway as long as there were no other pilots in the area flying. The problem is that this flyer is setting a bad example for others. All flyers are advised to follow the rules. Anybody has the right to enforce the Club’s safety rules in a friendly manner.

Director of Field Maintenance – Bob Brelsford

Bob mentioned about some changes and the need for a maintenance committee. Bob is currently asking support for upcoming repairs. He reached out to Joe Apice, John Dickens and Bob Hehemann. They will be helping him during the scheduled maintenance days.

Director of Flight Training - John Dickens

Boy Scouts contacted the Club and several members from Denver RC Eagles got together on their maintenance presentation day. We provided a general overview of flying RC. Expecting Boy Scouts to visit our airfield when the weather gets better.

Show and Tell – Sid Gates

Sid shared his experience with 3D printing techniques. He shared some samples with the meeting attendees.

Auction - Auctioneer Tom Neff

Bonanza Fixed - Wing Balsa Airplane – Jack Steinhauser $100

Combat Airplane – Mike Ellis $20

Door Prizes

1. Eric Sunderwirth – Hat (Wings Over the Rockies)
2. John Dickens – Mug (Wings Over the Rockies)
3. Joe Vedovati – Mug (Wings Over the Rockies)
4. Joe Apice – Hat (Wings Over the Rockies)
5. Mike Swan – Foam Airplane
6. George Mitsuoka – T-shirt (Wings Over the Rockies)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Richard Lowrey and second by George Mitsuoka. Motion passed.

Adjourn Club Meeting time

7:49 PM
be added. The comments to the FAA related to RID must be submitted to the FAA before March 2nd. There is no limit on the number of comments you can send in.

The Board Meeting took place in January and we have set goals for this year. What goals can be reached will be determined once membership level is determined for the year, and the Budget is made. It would be helpful if members that intend to renewing their membership would complete it before March 31st.

The Spring Dinner is coming up soon on March 7th. The Dinner Committee has put together a great event. I’m looking forward to sharing the evening with those that can attend.

Cheers,

Mike Eason
President
Denver R/C Eagles