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Denver R/C Club Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

No minutes to approve as there was no meeting due to weather in January.

Mike Eason, President, absent, was present on video call

Dan Kellogg, VP, absent

Joe Apice Treasure present, chaired meeting

Joe Vetovadi, Safety officer present

Bob Hehemann, Field Maintenance Chief, Present

There are 12 members in attendance we have a quorum

Treasurer's Report

90 of 126 members have paid dues fantastic!! It's only February.

I attribute this to Groupworks system

Account balances reported

Joe Apice

Runway improvement project update

Schmit construction produced a quote with 3 options. A test would be performed before any work done so appropriate machinery can be used to be sure the area would support:

1. Grind existing runway into subsoils, roll and overlay with 2" of new pavement
2. Mill 1' off existing pavement and apply 1" of new pavement.
3. Apply slurry to smooth the runways.

Option 1 would require us to remove soil from the park



Message from President Mike Eason

Dear Members,

We will have a meeting with Cherry Creek State Park early in April. We will be looking into or renewal of our lease agreement for Suhaka Field. We have questions about the new Park pass use for entry that

is purchased with our car registration. And finalize Warbirds Over Cherry Creek special Event in September.

The cost for resurfacing the runways is financially out of our reach at this time. The will continue to aggressively work on maintaining the runway using the crackseal machine this year. This is labor intensive. Membership participation is needed to accomplish all the work to maintain the runways. I am looking forward to another great year of flying. Remember to be friendly when informing new members and visitors to Suhaka Field that may not be aware of flying rules. Suhaka Field is known for being a friendly and welcoming place to enjoy the hobby.

Best Wishes,
Mike Eason-President

March Events

6:30 p.m. March 15, Club Meeting—Colpars



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2023 Events Calendar

Revised 12/29/2022

Item	Date	Event	BBQ	Time of Event	Location
1	1/18/2023	January Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
2	2/15/2023	February Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
3	3/15/2023	March Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
4	TBA	Spring Dinner			
5	4/19/2023	April Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
6	4/22/2023	April Maintenance Day		8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Suhaka Field
7	5/13/2023	May Air Show	BBQ	10 am to 12:30 pm	Suhaka Field
8	5/17/2023	May Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
9	5/20/2023	May Maintenance Day		8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Suhaka Field
10	6/17/2023	June Maintenance Day		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Suhaka Field
11	6/21/2023	June Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
12	6/24/2023	Field Closed		All Day	Special Event
13	7/19/2023	July Club Meeting		8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Suhaka Field
14	7/22/2023	July Maintenance Day		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Suhaka Field
15	8/16/2023	August Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
16	8/19/2023	August Maintenance Day		8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Suhaka Field
17	9/15-16/2023	Warbirds Over Cherry Creek	BBQ	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Suhaka Field
18	9/20/2023	September Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
19	9/23/2023	September Maintenance Day		8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Suhaka Field
20	10/18/2023	October Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
21	10/21/2023	October Maintenance Day		8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Suhaka Field
22	TBA	October Gun Fly	BBQ	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	AirPark Elite
23	11/15/2023	November Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
24	12/20/2025	December Club Meeting		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Colpar Hobbies
25	TBD	Wings Over the Rockies Auction		7:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Wings Over the Rockies



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Dan Kellogg



Joe Apice



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Minutes, from Page 1

Option 2 seems expensive and does help improve the foundation at all

Option 3 was very expensive, doesn't improve the foundation, is sealant and sand and won't last

After debate it was concluded and a vote taken. Option 1 although most expensive would give the best and longest lasting result. It was determined that the cost over cash we have could be covered by a bank line of credit or loan, and/or an assessment. I (Joe Apice) would be looking into financing options, and try to have info for the next meeting. The topic was tabled.

WBOCCC - not much to report. Mike Eason said we have not yet heard for the park as to our approval for the dates requested for the event, he would contact the park and request and update

Learn to Fly program

The club has a learn to fly promotion where Colpar puts stickers (which we supply) on their airplanes to be sold. I (Joe Apice) asked Marty Miller to design and have made a banner to put up in the store. Marty had two made, one for the field at a cost of under \$40. Thanks to Marty Miller and Moonlight designs.

Joe Vedovadi, safety Officer, reported on an accident that happened in the pits back in Oct '22, we were made aware of many weeks later. Brianna was standing at the end of a table talking to Steve. Steve's plane was on the table facing Brianna. Steve accidentally throttled up the plane, which then went at Brianna, she raised her hand to protect herself. Her fingers were badly damaged requiring multiple surgeries, she has missed work. The AMA has been notified and Steve notified his insurance company. Brianna had hoped to attend tonight's meeting but was unable to due to the weather.

Bob Hehemann reported that the batteries for the charging station are the wrong kind. We need deep cycle batteries. After learning that the batteries

donated by Shawli Neemi were still on warranty he returned them and got deep cycle batteries at no extra cost. So far the new batteries are performing well and being charged by the solar panels. We'll see how they perform when people start using the charging station. He also replaced the solar panel regulator to a much higher quality one. It uses an web-based application, so Bob can easily check on the health of the system.

Show and Tell

Bob Smith brought in his 80" B25. A 80" wingspan Banana Hobby model which he said is on sale. Complete with robust scale retracts and many scale details. Bob added pilots and some detail painting to the engines and cowls. The plane flies on 4s batteries.

Jack Dunkle brought in a customized Taylorcraft. He made this from several models and parts he procured. Stripping them down and modifying to match the stunt pilot Duane Cole's Taylorcraft he was modeling. He gave detail on how he applied the amazing paint job, the technique he used to paint the scallops. He used a vinyl cutting machine to produce the scale lettering. The plane flies on 8s.

Jack batteries are installed internally and he doesn't remove them unless they need to be replaced. He charges them in the plane. He installed a power on/off switch to activate the batts, which he doesn't do until the plane is sitting on the taxiway / runway. So he is never carrying an energized aircraft.

Rodney Getty brought in a huge assortment of quality donated items which everyone gobbled up all proceeds went to the club \$ 90 was raised.

The new windbreakers with logo and embodied name were distributed to attending members who prepaid. The club has more available at \$30 each

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm



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