

The Jefco Flyer

Jefco Aeromod'lers Newsletter

AMA Club #176

November 2023



A busy Saturday morning at the airfield on Oct. 21, 2023. Photo by **Bud Glass**

November's Program: The video "Even Bigger HUGE RC Event - Horizon RC Fest 2023 Recap"

The November 7, 2023 Club Business meeting will be held at the Waterstone Community Church.

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President's Message November 2023- Bud Glass

November flying is always interesting, wheels or skis? It can change day-to-day. For the many new members who may not have enjoyed the snow flying at our airfield, put some skis or floats on one of your planes and give it a try. It's fun. Be sure to check out the rules and see where the designated snow flying area is located. Snow day flying rules change a little from the norm, but the safety call-outs are always the same. Let other pilots present know your intentions before you do it.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I would like to thank each of you for being members of Jefco Aeromod'lers and I especially thank the members who support the club by regularly attending the monthly business meetings. I am also very thankful for the volunteers who put in so much time and effort doing things for the club, especially the Club Officers and the members of the Board of Directors. It takes a team to manage the business of the club, and we have a great one. Thank you everyone and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.



Club News

FRIA Application Update: (Still no word from the FAA). The original denial of our FRIA exemption for the Chatfield location was based on the east boundary of the designated flying field being located where it permitted air traffic above the park entry road. An appeal was filed with the FAA stating that this condition has been in existence for 48 years without any problems, that by rule, overflight of the road had to be at a minimum of 100 ft. AG, and that the road in question was not a major thoroughfare, but simply an access road in and out of the park. A seasonally-adjusted estimate of the daily vehicle count using the road was also provided. That appeal was also denied for the same reason as the original denial. At this point, a Club Services Representative with the AMA is helping us construct a compromise plan to hopefully obtain FRIA approval, which may result in moving the east airfield boundary to the west side of the park entry road. Doing so will eliminate the basis of the FAA's denial.

Bud Glass

Club Members Contact List The Club Members Contact List is live on our website. 59 members have now signed up. Get your name on the Members Contact List now! Be aware, this is NOT the official club roster. You can access the input form via the home page or by [clicking here](#). Once you enter your contact information on the form, a complete updated list of participants will be emailed to all those on the list. The list will be updated each month when there are additions or withdrawals from the list. This listing is not available to anyone who is not on the list, and you can remove your name and contact information at any time. This is another example of where your Board of Directors listens to your suggestions and implements them when they are reasonable and appropriate.

Sign up--- stay in touch.

Park Operating Agreement As of the writing of this update, we are still waiting on a reply from the park regarding the final draft. While the current Park Operating Agreement has expired, the park placed this in what they call "Hold-Over-Status".

Club News (Cont)

Ideas and Suggestions Welcome Your Board of Directors listens to member's suggestions, ideas, recommendations and yes, complaints. We want your feedback about what's going on or what you would like to see in the club. If you have anything on your mind, please let us know [here](#).

Club Jackets Reminder: You can still get yours. Go to US Recognition, 3235 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80227, 303-988-4127. They will take individual orders for the Jefco Aeromod'lers official club jacket. **Stacey** is the owner and will handle your order.

Club Member Volunteer List Are you ready to help your fellow pilots with club projects to help maintain and improve the field. There is now an online registration form to be completed. If you would like to have your name on the list that will be shared with other volunteers please sign up below. Your information will be shared via email with the Club Board and all other volunteers to help coordinate activities. [Join Jefco Aeromod'lers Volunteers](#)
You can also remove your name from the list if in the future your situation changes.

Newsletter and Website Advertising The club is still looking for one or two members who would be willing to volunteer an hour or two a month, to help coordinate and secure newsletter advertising. All that would be required is to contact local businesses and offer them the opportunity to advertise on our website and in our newsletter for a modest fee. This can be done from your easy chair at home requiring only a telephone and a notepad. If you would be willing to volunteer a couple of hours per month of your time to help the club with this **important fund-raising project**, please let us know.

RC Car Track Update Suggested RC Car Racetrack start-up rules were submitted to the park for approval on April 26th, 2023. To date we have not received a reply. (A REMINDER was sent to the park on July 25th requesting the status of the racetrack proposal.) We still have received no reply.



Support the Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club, Donor Brick Program. In 2011, the Jefco Aeromod'lers created a donor brick program to help raise funds for the club while adding a valued component to the new field info kiosk area. Approximately 60 bricks were engraved and installed. In 2015, more bricks were added to fill in some existing blank bricks. The Kiosk area looks great! Due to renewed interest, we have launched Phase III for the brick program! The first order of bricks has arrived and will be installed soon. [Follow this link to the Donor Brick Program web page.](#)

Your donation will support future field improvements.

Business and BOD Meeting Minutes

For November, we will meet in room **211-E** at the **Waterstone Community Church, 5890 S Alkire St, Littleton, CO 80127**. The Board of Directors meet virtually.

[Read the September 20, 2023 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

[Read the October 3, 2023 Jefco Aeromodelers R/C Club General Business Meeting Minutes](#)

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Safety Corner - Bud Glass

Overall, the past few months safety awareness and compliance at the airfield has increased significantly. A few safety rules are still being “bent”, but there have been no major safety incidents resulting in personal injuries that I am aware of, which is the goal. So, congratulations to all fliers who are stepping up and doing the right thing, and thank you for getting involved and calling out those who are not.

Happening at Dakota Ridge (Photos by Bud Glass)



September 24: left, **Darcy Niblo**, a new student enjoying his first day of flying his Apprentice. Center, member **Pete Gabardi** is all smiles after completing several flights on his Apprentice. Right, **Reece Killgore** attended our RC Ground School and Safety Class on Oct. 7 and completed his first solo on his AeroScout at Dakota Ridge on Oct 25 on his first outing. Congratulations Reece!

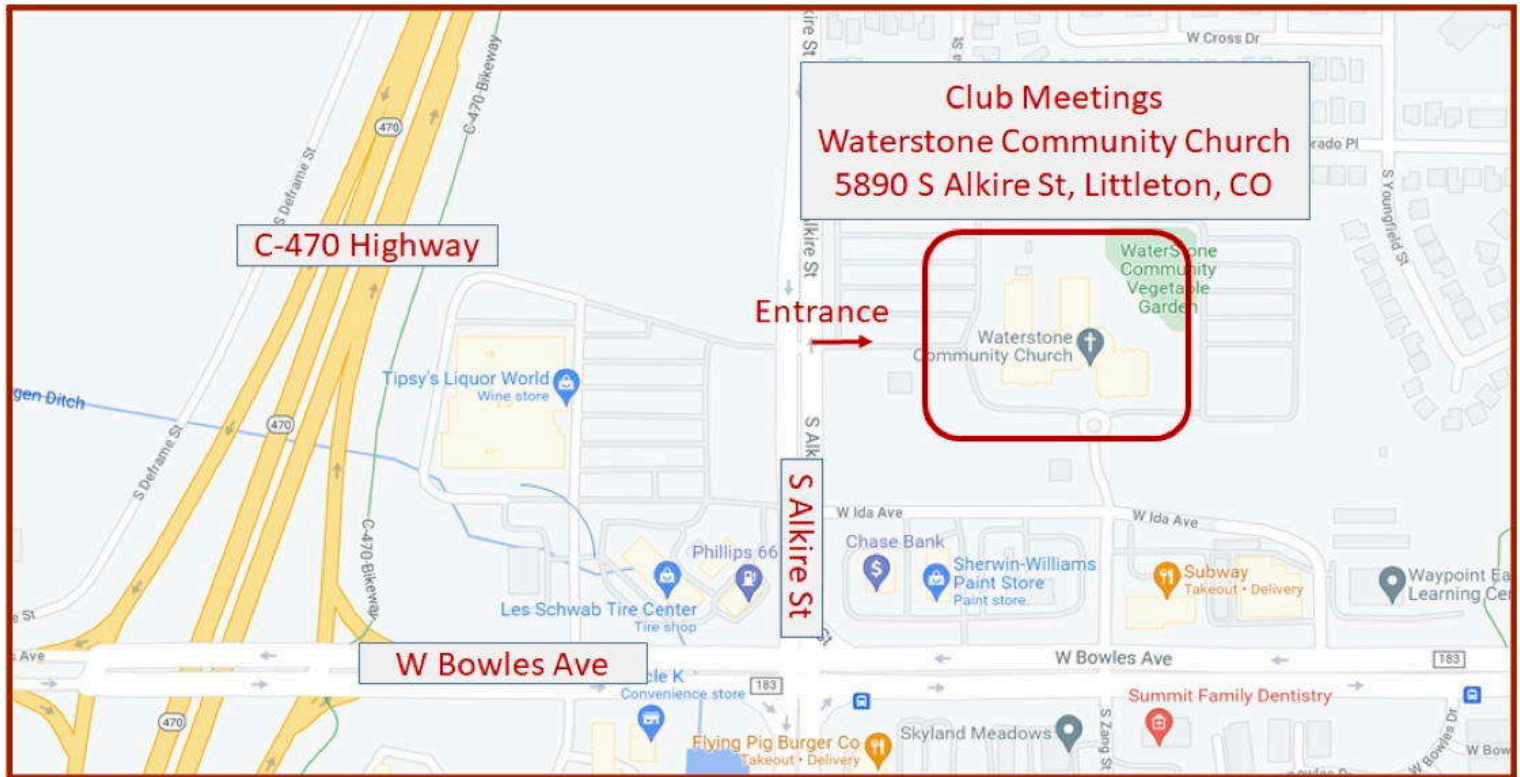
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (Photos by Rick Gonzales)



Recent member, board member and Club Photographer Rick Gonzales sent in pictures of the 2023 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. To see more pictures of this fantastic event check the link on the Club Reminders Page.



Club Business Meeting Location: Please note our new meeting location: Waterstone Community Church, 5890 S Alkire St, Littleton, CO 80127. The church is located approximately 2 blocks north of Bowles Ave on the east side of Alkire St, near the intersection of Bowles Avenue and C-470. The church has a very large parking lot directly off Alkire St. Enter the main doors on the south end of the west side of the building, and proceed down the hall and up the stairway on your left. **We will be meeting in Room 211-E. <----- Note Room Number!**



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The Slate of Nominees for the 2024 Board of Directors Election

Position	Name	Term
President	Bud Glass	One Year
Vice President	Josh Waltz	One Year
Secretary-Treasurer	Lora Knowlton	One Year
Safety Officer	Bud Glass	One Year
BOD at Large	Doug Martel	Three Years
BOD at Large	Robb Hartzog	Three Years

Unable to attend the November 7 business meeting? Vote online!

**ONLINE VOTING WILL BE AVAILABLE
UNTIL MONDAY, NOV 6 AT 5:00PM MT.**

To vote online, click the link and you will be taken to a voting ballot. The first page will ask for your email address and AMA number. This is to verify that you are a Jefco member. The second page will ask for your Board of Directors nominees' votes. Press the submit button and your vote is cast!

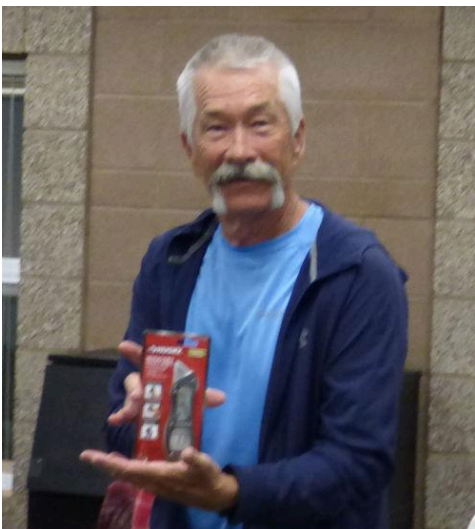
[Link to the Online Voting Ballot](#)

October 3, 2023 General Meeting Photos (Photos by Danny Erwin)

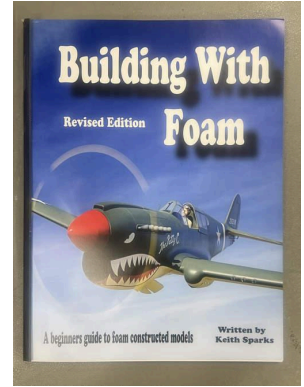
Right, new member **Dan Groeneman** introduces himself. He is a retired bridge engineer. He had started flying about eight years ago but let it drop off his radar after a couple of years. He wants to get back into flying again and looks forward to meeting up at Dakota Ridge for some flying instruction and practice. Far right, **Bud Glass**' presentation explained how to make your out-of-the-box "ready to fly" model airworthy. Below left, **Bud** holding his working visual aid showing all the moving parts for a four channel airplane. He presented many simple and common sense additions and modifications to improve the reliability and safety of these models.



Door prize winners: Above, far right, **Robb Hartzog** (Defiant 1200 lumen utility light). Below, l - r, **Tom Higgins** (Husky retractable utility knife) and **Danny Erwin** (Milwaukee ratcheting multi-bit driver). Drawing winner **Bob Carver** (Horizon Hobby E-flite Valiant 1.3m).



October 3, 2023 General Meeting Show & Tell (Photos by Danny Erwin)



Left, **Eddie Teel**, shown in the background, brought his scratch-built foam board airplane which he was planning to maiden the next day. He highly recommends the “Building With Foam” manual by Keith Sparks.

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FAA Extends Remote ID Enforcement Date Six Months

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Drone pilots who are unable to comply with the broadcast requirement of the [Remote ID Rule](#) will [Now have until March 16, 2024](#) to equip their aircraft. After that date, operators could face fines and suspension or revocation of pilot certificates.

In making this decision, the FAA recognizes the unanticipated issues that some operators are experiencing finding some remote identification broadcast modules.

Drone pilots can meet this deadline by purchasing a standard Remote ID equipped drone from a manufacturer or purchasing a Remote ID broadcast module which can be affixed to existing drones that do not have Remote ID equipment.

Remote ID acts like a digital license plate and will help the FAA, law enforcement, and other federal agencies find the control station when a drone appears to be flying in an unsafe manner or where it is not allowed to fly.

Learn more [Here](#)

Member Showcase, Robert Sikiyan

I was born in Hollywood, CA and grew up in Van Nuys, CA., attending Grant High School in Van Nuys and going on to college at Cal State University Northridge, graduating with a BS Degree in Management Information Systems.

I've been married to my wife Debbie for 21 years and we have 3 daughters, Grace (19), Emily (17) and Ashley (15). Emily also is an excellent RC pilot.

I was always fascinated with airplanes. My father would take me to Redondo Beach to watch the 747 (my favorite airplane) take off from LAX. We also saw the Concorde take off for the only time from LAX as well and watched the SR71 take off for its last flight from Edwards AFB in 1990. It flew to Washington DC in about 1 hour.



I had a gas RC trainer when I was 12 years old and flew it for almost 2 years and unfortunately crashed and damaged it beyond repair and did not have the money to buy another one.

I joined Jefco Aeromod'lers 5 years ago and consider myself an airplane enthusiast since I was a kid. I love watching all the various RC models from UMX to turbines and watching other RC pilots fly them. I love asking questions and talking to other pilots so I can improve my skills as a RC pilot.

My favorite prop plane is the E-Flite P51 1.2mm. It is still a somewhat difficult plane to fly and I have rebuilt it a handful times. My favorite EDF is the E-Flite F4 Phantom 80mm. It is by far my favorite plane to fly and keeps you on your toes while flying it.

I have worked in the Automotive industry since I was 13 years old, working at my father's automotive repair shop. He was a GM mechanic for almost 35 years. I have worked as an emissions repair technician for almost 20 years and before I moved to Colorado, worked for Porsche of North America as a Director of Service and Customer Relations. When I moved to Colorado, I was fortunate to be hired by Roush Enterprises and worked as an Automotive Pre-production Test Engineer. My duties included vehicle software validation, durability testing and warranty analysis. I have since retired and now have my own business, renting Jeep Wranglers to tourists.

I also have a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and play recreational ice hockey.

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2023 Jefco Aeromod'lers Calendar

Date	Event	Information
November 7, 2023	Club Meeting	Waterstone Community Church, BOD elections
November 15, 2023	Board of Directors Meeting	TBA
December 5, 2023	Club Meeting	Waterstone Community Church
December 20, 2023	Board of Directors Meeting	Virtual
January 1, 2024	I. C. Carb Day	7:00 am at the Aerodrome
January 9, 2024	First Club Meeting of 2024	Waterstone Community Church Note Date!
January 26-27, 2024	Annual RC Auction	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Club Business Meetings

For the remainder of the 2023 season, club business meetings will be held at the church on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars now.

For the 2024 season, the first meeting of the year will be held on January 9 which is the **SECOND TUESDAY** of January. This is due to New Year's Day being on Monday in 2024. All other meetings will be held at the church on the first Tuesday of the month unless scheduled otherwise; check the schedule in the newsletter.

Board meetings are typically held virtually, the third Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 P.M. If you wish to offer input, please contact President Bud Glass in advance.

Views and or opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor, staff, and writers of articles submitted. They may or may not be those of the Jefco membership, club officers, or board members.

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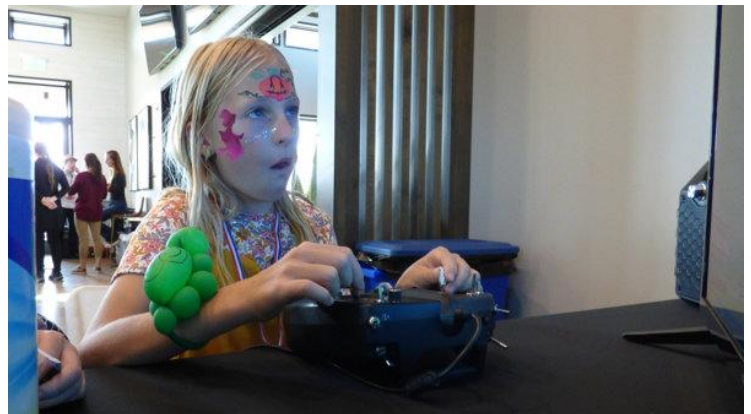


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Shea Fall Festival at the Solstice Pavilion (Photos by Bud Glass)



Shea Fall Festival at the Solstice Pavilion Cont (Photos by Bud Glass)



Club Reminders

First Aid Box Lock Combination

The combination for the First Aid Box in the pavilion is the Club's AMA number, 0-1-7-6. Please re-lock the box after you open it to prevent theft of the contents.

Helipad Reminder, FPV Racing Drone restrictions

A new helipad has been added to the south end of the new diagonal runway. Only one helipad may be used at the same time, and heli operations are prohibited from anywhere other than one of the three designated helipads. FPV Racing Drones may fly in the field south of the parking lot and must remain within the 100 ft. X 200 ft. area designated by the 4 white corner poles.

Have a Tech Article or Related Info?

Some members have asked about a place to post hobby-related technical or informational articles, how-to's, video links or other helpful items on our website. Webmaster **Terry Hock** has updated our website to accommodate this request. If you would like to post something to our [Technical Resource Page](#) which already has excellent technical information, simply go to JefcoAeromodlers.com, click on the "Contact Us" tab. Fill out the short form, attach files or links where shown. Your submission will be reviewed and will either be posted to the site, or returned with a question, comment or request for additional information if necessary.

Jefco Aeromod'lers Photo Albums

Photos contributed by Jefco Aeromod'lers members may be viewed directly by clicking the links posted on the website under Gallery/Google Photo Gallery.

When viewing an album, click the image to view in a larger format, then click the left ("<") or right (">") arrow to view the previous or next photo in the album. Click the back arrow (upper left) to go back to the album of all photos. If you have a Google Account (example <your name>@gmail.com), you may add a comment ("Say something") to a photo or add (upload) a photo to an album.

Important Note: All images are the property of their respective owners. Jefco Aeromod'lers reserves the right to remove any images or comments deemed inappropriate.

Some of the photo albums contain videos. If you roll your cursor over one of them they will play the first few seconds of the video. Click on the triangle in the circle on the upper right to play the entire video. The number indicates the duration of the movie in seconds.

Google Photo Link: [I. C. Carb Day 2023](#)

Google Photo Link: [Jefco RC Club Auction 2023](#)

Google Photo Link: [Latvian Drone Demo](#)

Google Photo Link: [April Mini-Auction](#)

Google Photo Link: [Albuquerque International Balloon Festiva](#)

They can also be viewed on the club's website [Google Photo Gallery page](#).

Jefco Aeromod'lers Club Member Contact List (Authored by Lora Knowlton)**NEW - Join the Jefco Aeromod'lers Club Member Contact List**

Please consider being part of the new Jefco Aeromod'ers Club Members Contact List!

Currently, the official club membership roster is not shared with members due to privacy concerns. However, several club members have expressed interest in having their contact info shared with fellow club members – for a variety of reasons (borrowing tools, coordinating flying schedules at the field, etc). Your Board of Directors heard your suggestion!

As a balance between privacy concerns and what some club members would like, a new Club Members Contact List has been created.

Those club members who want, will “opt in” to participate in this new Club Members Contact List. An updated monthly list will be emailed only to all of those who have opted in. If, at any time, an "opted in" member wishes to “opt out” - no problem. As a reminder, this new list is totally separate from the official membership roster.

The "Opt In" option is currently available. To “opt in”, please complete the online form with your contact information via the link below:

[YES, I want to "Opt In"!](#)

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[Click here for Brick Program webpage.](#)

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(Stonegate Village Center)
Parker
303-996-7560**

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Please support this local hobby shop.

