

The Jefco Flyer

Jefco Aeromod'lers Newsletter

AMA Club #176

March 2025



President **Bud Glass** has been notified by the Park that Aerial Logging operations are over. (Photo by Bud Glass)

The March 4, 2025 Club General meeting will be held at the **Waterstone Community Church**.

Program: "Building the World's Biggest Boeing 777X RC Airliner" By RamyRC

Jefco Club Website	Google Club Photo Gallery
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Club Volunteers List	AMA District IX Website
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President's Message March 2025 - Bud Glass

There is a lot of buzz about what's going on with the administrative side of the club with the new Board in place and about changes that are coming. At the last Board of Directors meeting, a unanimous vote was passed to modernize and streamline all club information systems, including integrating more automation wherever possible. Many members probably have no idea of the extreme amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to manage the financial record keeping and reporting, club membership records and renewals, club information posts (e-blasts), newsletter production, website operation and maintenance, AMA reporting and membership integration, weather station operation, maintenance and repair, field security cameras, and much more. To manage all of this, the club is fortunate to have several highly talented members who bring years of technical information management experience to the table. To share the workload and create a level of redundancy where more than one person can handle specific tasks, we have formed a cohesive team of four members with extensive and diverse experience in information management. **Terry Hock, Robb Hartzog, Josh Waltz, and Nicole Sanchez** will work together under the formation of the new Tech Committee, chaired by **Robb**. My



utmost thanks go to the committee members for committing to work together to increase the efficiency of our IT systems and save money for the club. I will periodically update everyone on the activities and progress of this new committee.

Club News

Membership renewals: Membership renewal reminders will be sent via email and a club blast to all members who have not renewed for 2025 as yet. **Anyone who has not renewed their membership by March 31, 2025, will be dropped from the roster and will no longer receive club information.**

Please Support our Advertisers Before Taking Your Business Anywhere Else We are thrilled to have several first-class businesses committed to supporting Jefco Aereomod'lers RC Club. They are **FMS Hobby, RCBattery.com,** and **Colpars HobbyTown's three locations.** Please show these vendors your support by shopping with them to fulfill your RC hobby needs. From **RCBattery.com**, a 15% discount code is given as an incentive to members who **attend the monthly Business Meetings**. Use this link to open the **FMS** site, and the club will get 5% cash back on the sale: https://www.fmshobby.com/4at_GliQ-xorAr Then use "**Jefco**" Coupon Code for 10% off your purchase. **Columbine Tree Service also supports our club..** Call Tim, the owner, when you need expert tree trimming or removal services at a very competitive price.- **303-979-5330**

RC Car Race Track and Rock Crawler Course Update We are now in the planning process for the 2025 racetrack activity. The priority project is an elevated drivers' stand. Concept drawings are being created and submitted to the park manager for review in the coming weeks.

We are still asking for volunteers and donors to help complete this exciting addition to our airfield. Visit the homepage on our website and follow the link.

Please help the club with this long-awaited project. We need volunteers and donations \$\$\$.. If you can help, let **Robb Hartzog** know [here](#).

Park Operating Agreement by: **Bud Glass** Well, I've not received an update from the park regarding the Operating Agreement yet, so we'll continue to sit tight and I'll post an update when it becomes available.

Club News (Cont)

BOD & Volunteers List Would you like to know who the Board of Directors (BOD) members are, along with their contact information, and all the dedicated club volunteers are? You can find the list [here](#). Additionally, the link is listed every month on the newsletter's front page.

Safety Corner - Bud Glass, AMA Safety Officer

Some pilots have arbitrarily decided they can fly from locations other than the designated and approved pilots' boxes due to wind direction and/or speed changes. **WRONG!** The club went to great lengths and expense to get the current airfield and pilots' box layout approved by the park and the Safety Committee, including relocating one of the new pilots' boxes that was the source of several near-misses. Our Operating and Safety Rule manual rules state it clearly. **All pilots must fly from the designated pilots' boxes except for take-off and landings.** If you cannot fly and maintain control of your aircraft in the existing wind conditions from one of the designated pilots' boxes, you should not fly. Others see this and think it is OK for anyone to fly from wherever they want. It simply is **NOT OK**, no excuses. Follow the posted safety rules or find somewhere else to fly.

2025 Jefco Aeromod'lers Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 4, 2025	Club Meeting	Waterstone Community Church
March 19, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	Virtual
April 1, 2025	Club Meeting, Mini Auction	Waterstone Community Church
April 16, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	Virtual



Columbine Tree Service generously donated a load of large rocks to the RC Car Race Track & Crawler Course. Give Tim Fohn a call when you need expert tree trimming or removal services at a very competitive price.

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Starting September 3 Meetings will be held at the Waterstone Community Church

Note! General meetings will convene at the Waterstone Community Church (map, page 11). March's program will be "Building the World's Biggest Boeing 777X RC Airliner" by RamyRC".

Mini Auction

Presented by the Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club

Tuesday, April 1st ~ 7:00 p.m.
Waterstone Community Church—East Atrium
5890 S. Alkire Street, Littleton CO 80127



Clean Out Your Hobby Room!
Donate & bring your good stuff
to the Jefco Aeromod'lers Mini Auction.
Anything Aviation-related acceptable ~
No Magazines or Fuel, please.

Proceeds to Benefit Flying Field Improvements

CASH & CREDIT CARDS ONLY. NO CHECKS.

Jefco Aeromod'lers Happenings

Save the Date!



Congratulations The Event Has Been Approved!

The Sanctioned Event Coordinator has approved the following sanction.
 Please review the below event information carefully.
 The Sanctioned Event Coordinator may have changed something.

Event name: **WARBIRDS & CLASSICS OVER DENVER**

Approved dates: 6/20/2025 - 6/21/2025

Location:

Category: Warbird

Sanction Event Number: 17484

Event description:

Warbirds & Classics Over Denver is an event honoring those who flew and fought in the skies from the US and around the world - and in addition, an event to recognize those "Classic" aircraft beauties from 50 years or more ago.

Contest Director:

Robert Hartzog

Phone: (720)990-3857

Email: Robb@robbhartzog.com

COMING SOON

RC CAR RACE TRACK &

CRAWLER COURSE

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
AND DONATIONS \$\$**

GO HERE TO DONATE

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Above, a driver is trying out the RC Car Race Track while it is still under construction.

Photo by Larry Fagan.

What's Happening at Dakota Ridge



Left, **Roger Lovett** and **Robert Sikiyan** enjoying a dead-calm Sunday morning at Dakota Ridge. Center, **Levi Van Mill** on his second flight of his new Apprentice STS at Dakota Ridge. Right, **Peyton Van Mill** (twin brother of **Levi**) also on his second flight of his Apprentice STS at Dakota Ridge.



And Now a Word from Our Sponsors

[Click here for the FMS Hobbies website.](#)

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Above, FMS 1400mm Kingfisher PNP with Reflex V2,
Wheels, Floats, Skis, Flaps,

Left, FMS EDF Jet 80mm Futura V3 PNP



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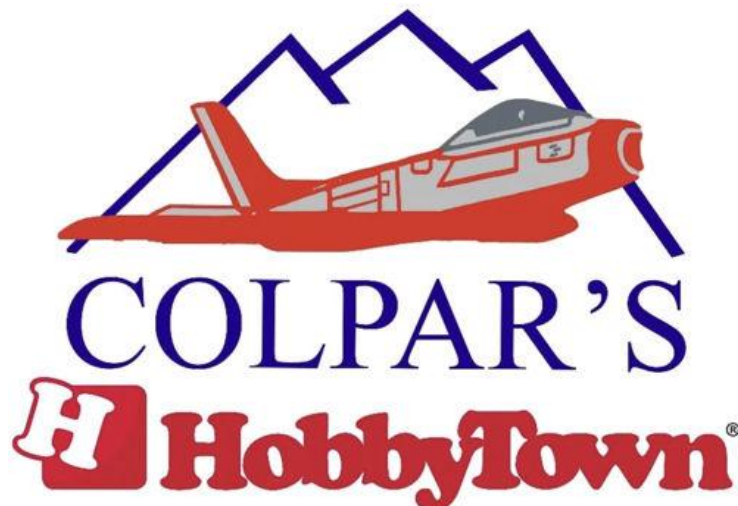
Come to club meetings for a discount code.

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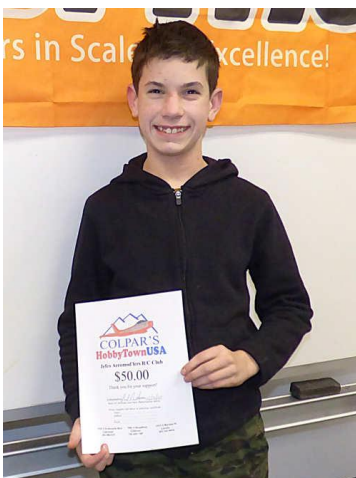
February 7, 2025 General Meeting (Photos by Bud Glass)



President **Glass** thanked everyone for their attendance. Above left, **Jack Ryden**, brother of member **Dylin Ryden**, introduced himself and attended as a guest. Above right, a portion of attendees. Below left, assistant treasurer **Nicole Sanchez**, board members **Robb Hartzog**, **Steady Higgins**, **Doug Martel**, **Josh Waltz** (in black cap taking

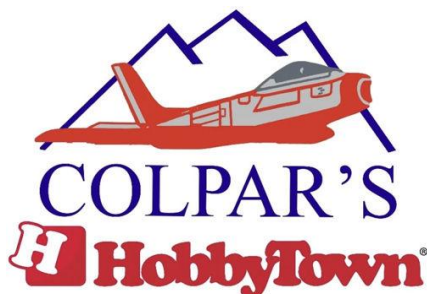


minutes) and **Robert Sikiyan** manned the front table. **Door prize winners:** Above center, **Scott Ballinger**, an RCBattery.com 4000 mAH 4S battery; above right, **Bob Carver**, an RCBattery.com 3300 mAH 3S battery. Below, left to right, **Timothy Auth**, a Colpar's \$50.00 gift certificate; not shown, **Johnny Wolf**, an RCBattery.com 2200 mAH 3S battery and **Paul Inman**, an RCBattery.com 3300 mAH 4S battery. **Drawing winner Timothy Auth** won an FMS 800 mm F4U V2.



February 7, 2025 General Meeting (Cont)

Note, the batteries and decal sheets were donated by club sponsor **RCBattery.com**, the gift certificates by club sponsor **Colpar's HobbyTown USA** and club sponsor **FMS Hobby** donated the F4U V2.



Follow the link on page 2 to be taken to the sponsors respective websites and to directions for receiving club discounts.



Welcome New Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club Members

Timothy Auth - Lakewood, CO

Bryan Bockmon - Littleton, CO

Montana Sanchez - Littleton, CO

Welcome
Aboard!



Alan Higgins - Conifer, CO

Eli Eastment - Conifer, CO

Business and BOD Meeting Minutes

[Read the January 14, 2024, Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

[Read the February 4, 2025, Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club General Business Meeting Minutes](#)

Grouper Information

AMA Members age 65 and older, you should have received an email from the AMA entitled "Grouper Has Refined Its Benefit with the AMA!" The email includes this [link](#) to check your eligibility. Grouper has made some changes for this year. Additional information is available from the front page of the [Jefco Website](#). Click on "Click Here" to be taken to a brief introduction to Grouper from President **Bud Glass**. Click on the link to "Grouper FAQ" to see the latest updates for the Grouper program.

Club Reminders

Club Members Contact List The Club Members Contact List is live on our website. Over 70 members have now signed up. Get your name on the Members Contact List now! Be aware that 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 completely 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.

Ideas and Suggestions Welcome Your Board of Directors listens to members' 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 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 to help the club with this **important fundraising project**, please let us know.

Support the Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club, Donor Brick Program In 2011, 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 fantastic! Due to renewed interest, we have launched Phase III of the brick program! The first order of bricks has arrived and is installed. [Follow this link to the Donor Brick Program web page.](#)



Your donation will support future field improvements!

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.

Club Reminders (Cont)

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 and multi-rotor drone operations are prohibited from anywhere other than one of the three designated helipads.

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, and click on the "Contact Us" tab. Fill out the short form, and 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. Below is the current information.

Links from the [Technical Resources & Guides](#) web page, reminder submitted by **Terry Hock**.

- Don't Let an ESC Crash Your Plane – Understanding Battery Elimination Circuits [> YouTube Video](#) (Nov. 2021 Club Presentation)
- Measuring Internal Resistance of Lithium Batteries [> Click for Slide Presentation](#) (May 2019 Club Presentation)
- Ten Radio Control Mistakes to Avoid: Excellent information by Lee at www.crashtesthobby.com [> Click Here](#)
- Top 10 RC Flying Tips: Great Information by Michael Wargo [> YouTube Video](#)
- Sticky Business – How to Glue Neodymium Magnets [> Click Here](#)
- Inside the Electronic Speed Controller – Model Aviation Article [> Click Here](#)

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.

Jefco Aeromod'lers Photo Albums (Cont) 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: [Latvian Drone Demo](#)

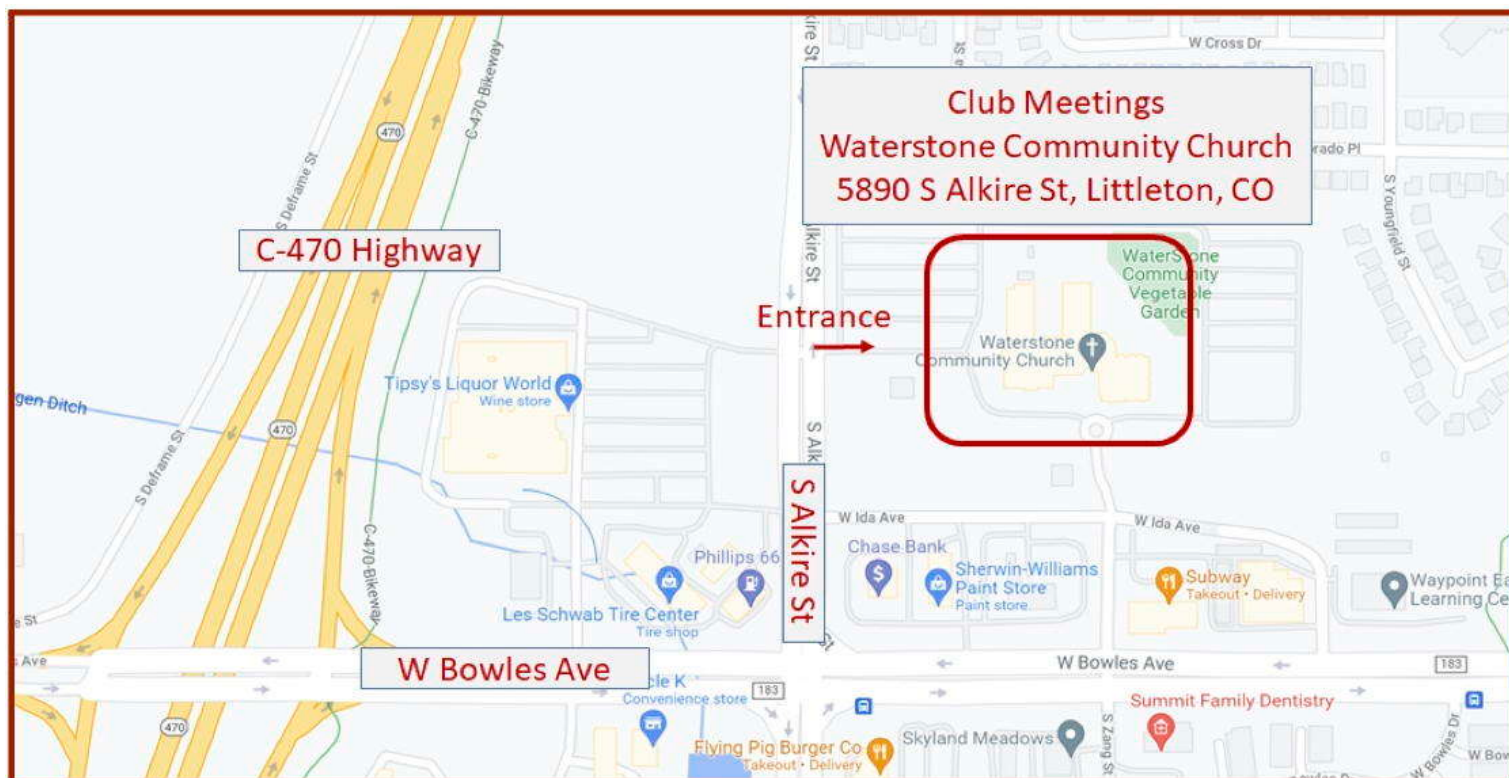
Google Photo Link: [April Mini-Auction](#)

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

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

Club Meeting Location

Club Business Meeting Location: Please note our 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 to the east end of the building. **We will be meeting in Room 211-E. <----- Note Room Number!**



Club Business Meetings

Club meetings are held the **first** Tuesday of each month.

Board meetings are typically held virtually, the third Wednesday night of each month at 6:30 P.M. If you wish to offer input, please contact President Bud Glass in advance.

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