

The Jefco Flyer

Jefco Aeromod'lers Newsletter

AMA Club #176

April 2024



A lone pilot prepares his plane for a flight off the pristine snow-covered field around noon March 15, 2024.

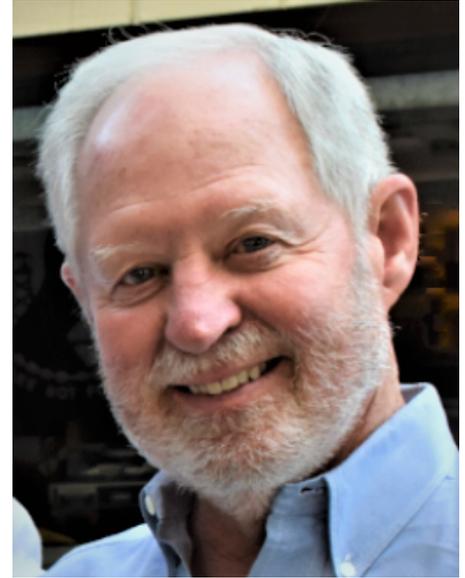
The April 2, 2024, Club General meeting will be held at the Waterstone Community Church.

There will be no business discussed since the entire meeting will be devoted to the Mini Auction.

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Board of Directors	AMA Website
Club Volunteers List	AMA District IX Website
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President’s Message April 2024 - Bud Glass

Please join me in welcoming Falcon AeroLab as our newest Community Partner. With programs in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Oregon. Falcon AeroLab’s mission is to “Inspire, educate and train students for some of the best jobs in the STEM/Aerospace industry”. Under the terms of the Community Partnership Agreement signed 3-20-2024, Jefco Aeromod’lers will provide access to our airfield for student field trips where they will explore flight with model aircraft, including fixed-wing and drones, that the students build in a lab setting. This organization has been a guest at our airfield since 2022, but we are now operating under a formal partnership agreement. Falcon AeroLab has scheduled their next field trip for their students to spend a day at our airfield on Friday, July 12, 2024. As an AMA Charter Club and a candidate for the IRS 501(C)(3) non-profit status, it is our obligation and responsibility to be involved in our community by providing charitable support and education for the remote aviation hobby. Other community organizations with whom we have established formal relationships are Valor Christian High School, Colorado Skies Academy, Warren Tech Aviation School, and Parker Arts (Science Days). I have also spoken with officials at The Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver and Aurora Public Schools, who are also interested in our Community Partner Program. I will update on these as more information becomes available.



Club News

Two New Sponsors Supporting Jefco Aeromod’lers

We have two new sponsors officially joining us this month. Colpar’s HobbyTown will support Jefco Aeromod’lers by providing us with gift certificates to be used at our discretion, either for drawings or door prizes for the loyal members who attend club business meetings. The Colpar gift certificates may be redeemed at their Lakewood or Aurora stores. We encourage members to support Colpar HobbyTown by purchasing their RC airplane and RC car supplies from them and keeping your business local.

Also, we are excited to add RC Battery.com as a sponsor starting this month. Each month, RC Battery.com will provide Jefco Aeromod’lers with random-sized Liperior LiPo RC batteries for door prizes at our club business meetings. In addition, each month RC Battery.com will provide Jefco Aeromod’lers with an exclusive code that can be used to receive a significant discount on RC battery purchases. Discount codes will be good for the entire month, and every month, a new RC Battery.com discount code will be provided to club members attending the club business meeting.

FRIA Update (Bud Glass): I received a notice from the FAA that our request to modify the approved FRIA flying area map to include the FPV Racing area has been approved. I do not anticipate receiving the updated FRIA map showing this modification for several weeks.

RC Car Track Update Bud Glass met with Park Operations Manager **Ben Vinci** on January 11th and discussed among other things, the status of the RC Car Track approval. Ben said he would check with Park Manager Kris Wahlers and see if he could get more information on this for us, recognizing that we should start construction this spring since we have already missed one entire season waiting on final approval from the park. As of the publishing of this newsletter, we have received no update from the park on the status of the approval of the RC Car Race Track rules, submitted in April 2023.

Club News (Cont)

Are you a photographer? Since Rick Gonzales moved out of state, we lost our official Club Photographer. If you have a camera and like to shoot photos of club activities, please do so and share your photos with us. You don't have to fill this vacant position, but if you are interested, please let me know here

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

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".

Safety Corner - Bud Glass, AMA Safety Officer

A couple of weekends ago on a pleasant spring-like Saturday, the airfield was very busy with heavy flying activity. Unfortunately, there were several non-members and newbies who had no clue that there were safety rules and protocols. They were using both runways at the same time, flying over the pits and pavilion, not wearing AMA cards, and other things. Thankfully, Steady Higgins' professional methods of communication resolved most of the problems, but we need all members present to help inform these safety rule violators of their infractions, especially if a Safety Team member may be busy or not close by at the time. Remember: Every club member is a deputy Safety Officer for everyone's well-being.

Business and BOD Meeting Minutes

Read the February 21, 2024, Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Read the March 5, 2024, Jefco Aeromodelers R/C Club General Business Meeting Minutes

2024 Jefco Aeromod'lers Calendar

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event, Location. Rows include dates from April 2 to May 15, 2024, listing events like Club Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting at various locations.

Note, the June 4, July 2 and August 2 Club meetings will take place at the Chatfield Aerodrome.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Warbirds & Classics Over Denver - Contest Director Lora Knowlton reports this event is scheduled for June 7-9, 2024.

Mini Auction

Presented by the Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club

Tuesday, April 2 ~ 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.

And Now a Word from Our Sponsors

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**Happy Easter
RC Airplane Sale**

Buy Two Airplanes, Get Two Jets Free!

LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE

A promotional banner for an Easter RC airplane sale. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and colorful confetti. In the center, there are two large, realistic-looking Easter eggs. Several RC airplanes are flying around them: a red and white biplane, a blue and white propeller plane, and a grey and white fighter jet. A small gift box with a red ribbon is in the bottom left corner. The text "Happy Easter RC Airplane Sale" is in a large, yellow, serif font. Below it, a yellow banner says "Buy Two Airplanes, Get Two Jets Free!". At the bottom, a yellow banner says "LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE".

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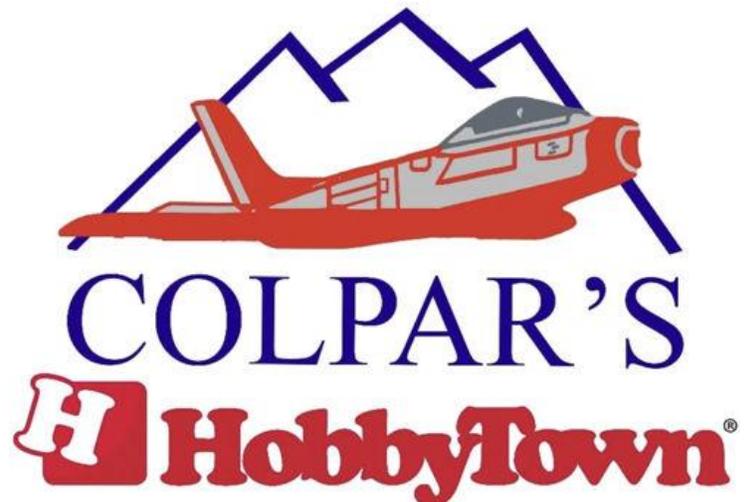
QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE BATTERIES

An advertisement for Liperior batteries. It features two batteries: a yellow one labeled "5000" and a black one labeled "LIPERIAIR 2200". The background is black with red and white accents. The text "LIPERIAIR" is written in a stylized font. Below the batteries, the text "QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE BATTERIES" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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Happening at the Aerodrome after the March Snow (Photos from the field cameras)



Above left, snow-covered field March 15, 11:00 AM



Tom Elliot begins snow removal March 15, 12:55 PM



Above left, **Bud Glass** continues removing snow, March 16, 8:45 AM



Bud Glass and a volunteer continue removing snow, March 16, 8:55 AM

Below left, **Bud Glass** and **Rick Riley** still removing snow, March 16, 12:25 PM



Sunrise, March 17, 7:10 AM
Runways, Taxiways, and Pits already drying out



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 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 fundraising project**, please let us know.

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 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 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, 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.

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: [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](#).

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March 5, 2024 General Meeting (Photos by Danny Erwin)

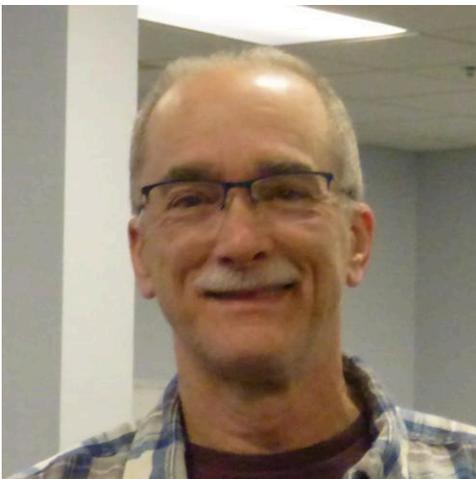


Above, President **Bud Glass** thanked everyone for attending the meeting and showing support for the Club. He thanked **Danny Erwin** for handling the drawing and **Robb Hartzog** for snacks. Bud ran a two-minute video to give the membership an idea of what an RC race track might look like.

Bud asked if there were any visitors. Above right, **Randy Hodges**, below left, **Greg Baxes**, and below center, **Bob Corwin** introduced themselves. The video "Building and Flying a C-17 Globemaster RC Airplane" by Ramy RC was shown.



Below right, door prize winner **Robb Hartzog** (DEFIANT® 1200 lumen utility light).



Below left, door prize winner **Bob English** (Gerber Paraframe™ I Clip Folding Knife).



Below center, door prize winner **Randy Hodges** (HUSKY® Folding Utility Knife)



Below right, drawing winner **Larry Fagan** (FMS 850mm Ranger).



March 5, 2024 General Meeting (Cont) (Photos by Danny Erwin)



Left, the March meeting was well attended. Right, the video "Building and Flying a C-17 Globemaster RC Airplane with a 6 meter (19.7 feet) wingspan. This video is by the popular YouTuber channel "Ramy RC."

Happening at Dakota Ridge (Photos by Bud Glass)



Youth club member Dresden Telthorst is all smiles after soloing on his second flight following Ground School and flight instruction at Dakota Ridge on 3-10-24.



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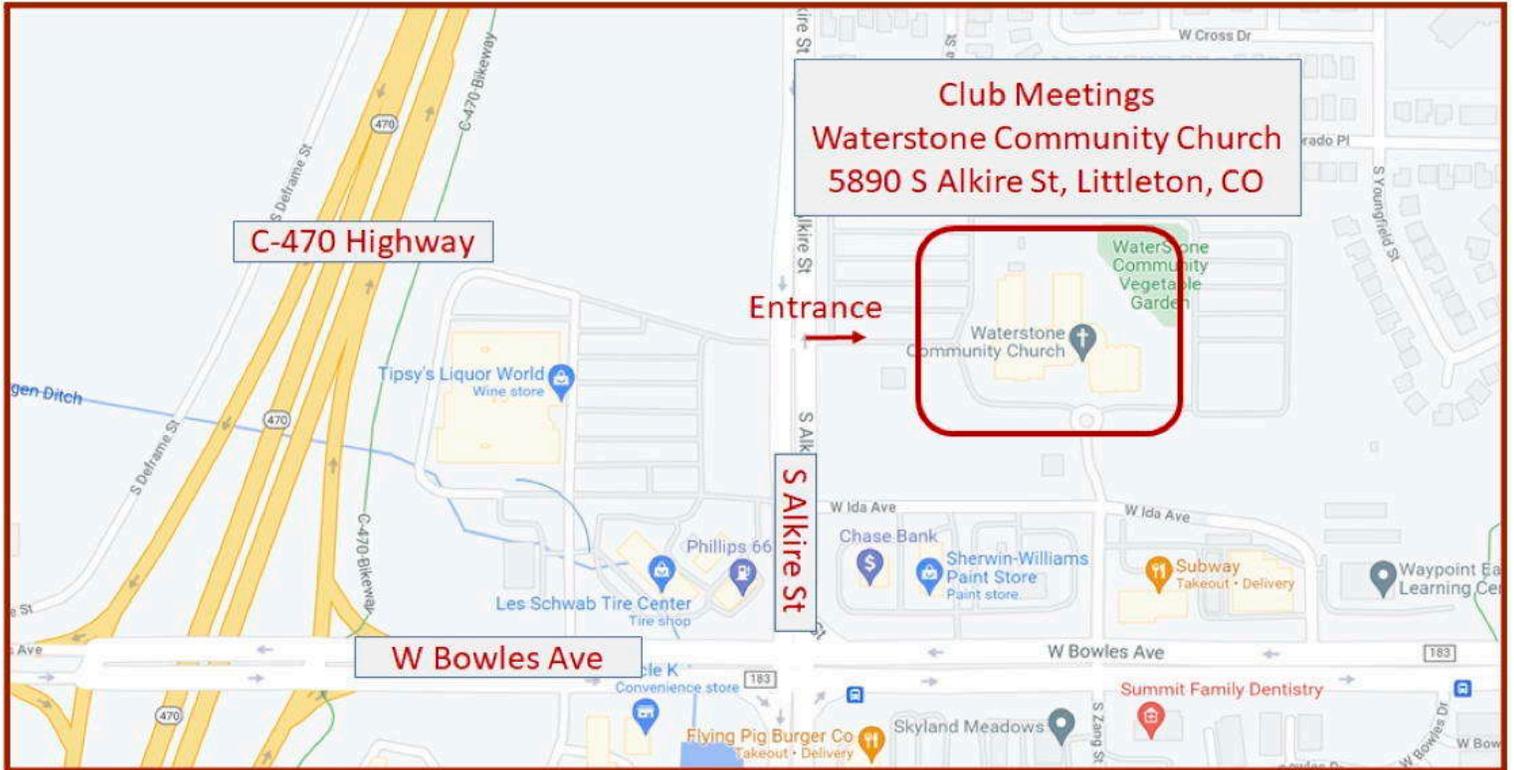
GET IN ON THE
Easter FUN AND
SCORE YOURSELF
SOME EGG-CITING
SURPRISES!

EXPLORE



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. NOTE: We will be meeting in the atrium for the mini-auction in April.



Club Business Meetings

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

Note, the April 2, 2024 meeting will be held in the atrium at the Waterstone Community Church!

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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