

The Jefco Flyer

Jefco Aeromod'lers Newsletter
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Bud Glass explains field safety rules for our Falcon AeroLab Guests (Photo by Rick Gonzales)

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President's Message - Bud Glass

June 2021

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you, **Kimberly Miller, Tom Boyce, Eddy Teel, Larry Fagan and Jim Griffin** for all the time you spent volunteering your time to help set up, manage and wrap up the Club Garage Sale the weekend of May 7th & 8th. We couldn't have done it without you!

Runway Striping

The runway striping project is now complete with the exception of a couple words that need to be added when the stencil comes in. There was a shipping delay. Overall, it looks fantastic, and finally like a real airport should look! The striping donation fund is still a little short, so please help out with a donation of any size if you are able. Just contact Lora.

Start-up Stand Relocation

At the suggestion of a few members, we moved the start-up stands about 3 feet to the north to provide additional clearance from the taxiway. As before, this will be evaluated while it is being tested and comments are welcome.

Field Projects, Maintenance & Repairs

The club needs a member who would be interested in volunteering to become involved with the field maintenance and improvement projects, and possibly chair a committee. We need the help, so please let me know if you might be interested. Email me [here](#).

Safety Officer

This important position is still open. We really need to get this vacancy filled soon. Anyone who may be interested or have questions about this, please contact me [here](#).

Drainage Swale Correction

The project to fill and level off the rock-filled drainage swales is scheduled to be done on Saturday, June 5th. Other field clean-up tasks will be done at the same time. Showing your support for the club and volunteering to show up and help would be appreciated. If topsoil is available, we may fill and level out the drop off around the edges of the runways where needed also. Please email [here](#) to confirm your availability to help.

History Books

Five club History Books remain unclaimed. If your name is on this list, please make arrangements with me to claim, and pick up your history book as soon as possible: Michael Peterson, Michael Sadler, Paul Orkild, Peter Thompson, Robert Sikiyan. If your name is on this list in error, please let me know that as well. If you want to pick your book up at the field, just let me know and I will bring it down and meet you there at our mutual convenience

Also, I still have a couple extra Club History Books and they are available for \$40 each. If you want one, let me know and I'll make arrangements to get it to you. You can call 303-829-5351, or email iteachu2fly@comcast.net

Colorado Skies Academy

The agreement has been signed and Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club is an official partner with Colorado Skies Academy. We



will be teaching their Model Aviation class and managing their flight training. The first model aviation class scheduled to start in June is full, with a waiting list for the next class that starts in July. More on this as we progress.

Newsletter Advertising

We are seeking a member to help with this venture. No experience is necessary, just the willingness to spend a couple hours per month helping the club as the Advertising Coordinator. Please let me or any Board member know if you would be willing to volunteer a little bit of your time to help the club with this important project.

Bud Glass

Club President

Warbirds & Classics Over Denver - June 11-13



Yes, there will be a Warbirds & Classics Over Denver this year! Due to lingering pandemic constraints and concerns, this year's event will be a "modified" version of the traditional event. This year's AMA sanctioned event will have tons of flying time fun with flight line support, minimal registration fees, prizes and giveaways. On the flip side, no overnight storage tents and due to pandemic health department restrictions, no onsite food vendorso bring your own lunch.

Registration is NOW OPEN! [Register Now.](#)

We are also in need of volunteers - to assign on the flight line, registration, etc. [Be A Volunteer](#)

Sad News

Long Time Club Member Sid Gates Passed Away



Brian Gates reports that on May 15, 2021, his father, long-time member and AMA Model Aviation Hall of Famer Sid Gates passed away. Brian provided the following link to the [AMA History Project's Biography of Sid Gates](#). Members will remember Sid as an extremely knowledgeable, insightful and approachable modeler. Sid contributed freely of his time and talents to the Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club as well as to other RC clubs in the area. Just August of last year he submitted a most [interesting article \(pages 5, 6 and 7\)](#) to the Jefco newsletter. Rest in peace, dear friend.

A memorial service for Sid will be held on Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 am at the Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery, 6601 S. Colorado Blvd. in Centennial (just north of Arapahoe Rd). A reception will follow at 12:30pm at the same location. Sid's obituary can be found at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/centennial-co/sidney-gates-10200776>. Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage if you wish to leave a memory.

Club News

Falcon AeroLab CENTCO visit by Bud Glass

Attached is a thank you poster sent to our club signed by the 20 or so Falcon AeroLab students from the Salida area who visited our airfield this morning along with their parents and several younger siblings. I gave them a welcome to the field and safety rule explanation up front, then took them out to fly. Rick Gonzales took many photos. Fortunately, there were only 2 members there who were flying and we worked everyone in with no problems. Everyone behaved well and the kids got in a lot of flying with their home-built foamies, although it was quite windy in the beginning.

Randi Dotter is the Centco Course Lead. She graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1985, the first class to have a female graduate. She progressed through her military career ending up flying C-130 tankers for mid-air refueling operations in Iraq and Afghanistan among other things and retired as a highly- decorated veteran pilot. Her husband was a B-2 pilot. It was interesting, with her military training, she had each student carrying a plastic-laminated checklist they each had to go through before flying their airplane.

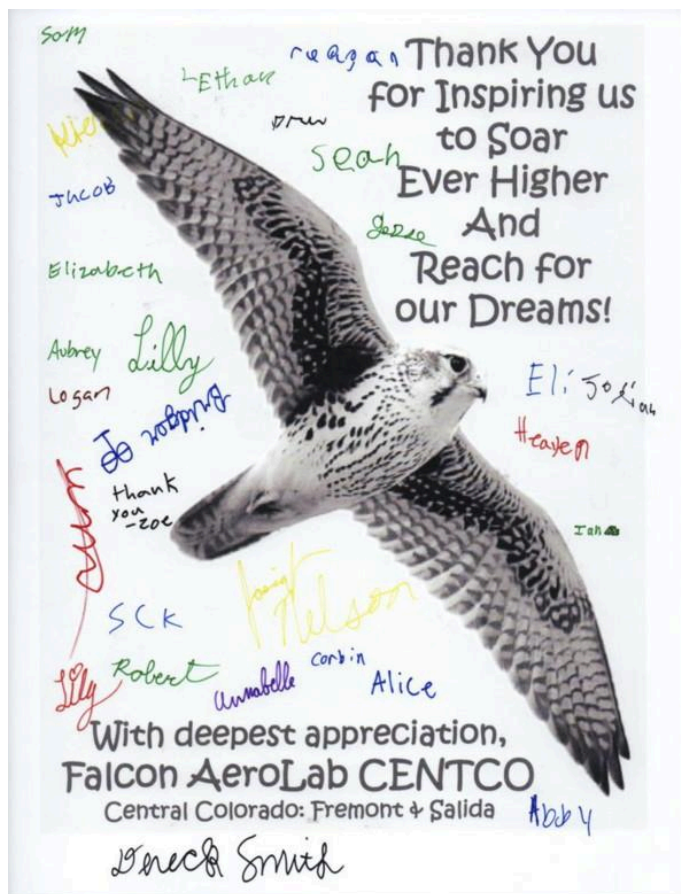
This was the school's first time ever to visit a real RC airfield and they all enjoyed it very much. When they left this afternoon, they asked if they could come back next year on their spring trip and do the same thing. Of course, I told them they were more than welcome to return and said maybe next time, we could have our BBQ wagon on hand for lunch.

Former club member Tom Neff has a tie to this organization. He arrived late morning and helped some of the kids for a couple hours, and used his hot glue gun a lot to patch up broken foamies from all the crashes. Upon leaving, Tom did ask me to thank the club for allowing this group to visit our field. [click on the Falcon AeroLab Guests album link below - Ed.]

May 2021 Fun Fly Report by Jeff Gittelman

The Fun Fly event (the first for 2021) returned on May 25th which was a great day to fly. There were fifteen pilots plus spectators at the field.

I know there was only three days advance notice (club email was sent on Saturday the event was held on Tuesday) but in the past longer notice often resulted in pilots not remembering or we had to postpone because of poor weather conditions.



Only four pilots were ready, willing and able to participate in the Washer Drop event. Lee DeMary won first place beating Tom Sarber by one inch!! Bud Glass took third place. [click on the Fun Fly May 25, 2021 album link below - Ed.]

Jeff Gittelman Jgittelman2@gmail.com

Member Gathering was Held On May 5 at the Aerodrome

A very informal "club member gathering" was held on May 5, with no official business conducted. Bud Glass welcomed everyone and had introductions all around. "Door" prizes were awarded and Michael Kranitz won the drawing prize of a Horizon Hobby Timber X 1.2 Meter plane provided by the Littleton HobbyTown hobby shop, 7981 S Broadway. Several members took advantage of the nice weather and put in a few flights. Click on the May Member Gathering album link below for photos of the meeting.

New Jefco Aeromod'lers Photo Albums by Rick Gonzales

Photos contributed by Jefco Aeromod'lers members may be viewed directly by clicking the following links:

Google Photo Link: [Member Gathering May 5th](#) Photos by Rick Gonzales

Google Photo Link: [Fun Fly May 25](#) Photos by Rick Gonzales

Google Photo Link: [Falcon AeroLab Guests May 26th](#) Photos by Rick Gonzales

These links will also be 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 RC Club and Colorado Skies Academy Form Partnership

The Club has signed a partnership agreement with Colorado Skies Academy to establish an RC aircraft building and flight training program for the academy's students. Jefco Aeromod'lers will provide qualified instructors to conduct classes and flight training on a time-available basis. As part of the agreement, Colorado Skies Academy will obtain a Student Club charter from the AMA. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting partnership!

Pylon Race Volunteer Opportunity

The Mile High Challenge Pylon Race, hosted by the Jefco Aeromod'lers, scheduled for July 17 and 18, is in need of volunteers. Volunteers at this event will have a "front row seat" at this exciting event. Interested persons should contact CD Hank Diepenbroek nsdraft@comcast.net for more information and available time slots.

RC Pilot

From the AMA [website blog](#): RCPilot.com is led by board chairman and strategic advisor [and Jefco club member - Ed.], Michael Kranitz, the cofounder and former CEO of RCUniverse. According to Michael, "Members of the hobby have stepped up to cooperatively fund, moderate, and help develop RCPilot.com in a way that truly gives the community what it needs..."



AMA and [RCPilot.com](#) have formed a community partnership to showcase the newest and most innovative online platform ever built for the RC flying community. RCPilot.com is a place for model airplane enthusiasts to share knowledge,

experiences, and insights related to building and flying. Users will also have access to how-tos, model aviation articles, and more.

"AMA is committed to being at the forefront of innovative technology which includes platforms such as RCPilot.com. Being a part of this online community will allow AMA to engage with all modelers and continue to stress the importance of safe model airplanes flying in the national airspace," stated Chad Budreau, AMA executive director of AMA. "In addition, clubs and other event hosts will get free promotion of their events on the RCPilot.com Event Engine. Sanctioned AMA event listings will automatically publish to RCPilot.com, allowing more pilots to discover them by event specialty and type.

"In addition, content posted on RCPilot.com will make its way to *Model Aviation* magazine and vice versa. Although dubbed 'RCPilot.com,' the site will also host content for pilots interested in Control Line and Free Flight," Chad added.

Welcome New Jefco Aeromod'lers RC Club Members

Welcome New Club Member!!! - June 2021

Joshua Fatzinger - Englewood, CO

Club Reminders

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 [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.

Social Distancing at the Field

Approximately 1 Radian Wingspan (6 feet), is encouraged at the Aerodrome, let's all do our part to end the pandemic. Everyone please stay safe!

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

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.



HobbyTown Littleton supports our club with donating items for our monthly drawings. Please support this local hobby shop.

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Business and BOD Meeting Minutes

[Read the April 21, 2021 Jefco Aeromod'lers R/C Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the May 5, 2021 club business meeting was an informal affair, and no official business was conducted. Therefore, there are no minutes of the meeting.

In the future once business meetings resume, there will be a link to the club's Business Meeting Minutes in this section of the newsletter.

2021 Jefco Aeromod'lers Calendar

Date	Event	Information
June 2	Club Meeting	6 PM at the Chatfield Aerodrome
June 11-13	Warbirds & Classics Over Denver	Click here for details
July 7	Club Meeting	TBD
July 17-18	Pylon Race	Details TBD

Club Business Meetings

Before COVID-19, club business meetings were held on the first Wed. night of each month. Meetings were called to order at 07:00 P.M, programs to follow, at the Alice Terry Elementary School at 4485 S. Irving Street, Englewood, CO 80110 in Sheridan, Colorado (located approximately 1/4 mile away from the previous middle school location). REGULAR CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE STILL TEMPORARILY CANCELED. Please check our website for the most current info. Board meetings are typically held virtually, the third Wed. night of each month at 7:00 P.M. If you wish to offer input, contact President Bud Glass in advance.

NOTE: On June 2, 2021 at 6PM, there will be an informal club member gathering held at the Chatfield Aerodrome. There will be no formal program, and no official business will be conducted. Members are encouraged to bring Show and Tell items to share with the membership, as well as a plane to catch a flight or two before sundown. We will have door prizes for attendance and drawing tickets will be sold for a chance to win something cool! Refer to the President's message for more information.

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Seal Coat Repair May 21, 2021 *Photos by Bud Glass*



Runway, Taxiway and Pit Striping May 27, 2021 *Photos by Bud Glass*



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