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Hangar Talk

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January 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Total Attendance 16

Dues. Club President Jeff Griego raised the question of dues. Jeff suggested that we raise the dues to $125.00. Discussion taken. Matter tabled unit report from Secretary/Treasurer

George Kerr and Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Osborn are tasked with creating a budget for 2017 to be presented in March and Voted in April. They are also tasked with creating a budget proposal for 2018 to be presented in July or August and Voted on in Sept including any increase in dues.

Adams County Fair – Do we participate? Question tabled until April. This will be drop dead date for fair.

We have received info/requests from Echo Park Dealership regarding future Meetings at Echo Park. Written rules were presented to club for disbursement. Please park in the old Texas Roadhouse parking lot.

Warren Janssen raised the question if there Is there going to be a wings over the Rockies. Larry

Fuehrer usually handles the details but was not in attendance. Since it was not on their calendar, there will be no event.

IMAAC and Pattern Contests – Do we want to do those events? We need contest directors. IMAAC July 15th and 16th . Pattern August 19th and 20th .

Kids Day – Do we participate? August 12th Date passed. Send a flyer to Boy Scout office.

Bethesda event – George will be in touch with them.

Work Day – April 22nd

Club Picnic – June 17th

Ron Martin's estate sale – To be organized and conducted in February meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

HISTORIC AVIATION

The **Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress** is a four-engine heavy bomber developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps (USAAC). Competing against Douglas and Martin for a contract to build 200 bombers, the Boeing entry outperformed both competitors and exceeded the air corps' performance specifications. Although Boeing lost the contract because the prototype crashed, the air corps ordered 13 more B-17s for further evaluation. From its introduction in 1938, the B-17 Flying Fortress evolved through numerous design advances.[5][6]

The B-17 was primarily employed by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) in the daylight strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets. The United States Eighth Air Force, based at many airfields in central and southern England, and the Fifteenth Air Force, based in Italy, complemented the RAF Bomber Command's nighttime area bombing in the Combined Bomber Offensive to help secure air superiority over the cities, factories and battlefields of Western Europe in preparation for the invasion of France in 1944.[7] The B-17 also participated to a lesser extent in the War in the Pacific, early in World War II, where it conducted raids against Japanese shipping and airfields.[8]

From its prewar inception, the USAAC (by June 1941, the USAAF) promoted the aircraft as a strategic weapon; it was a relatively fast, high-flying, long-range bomber with heavy defensive armament at the expense of bombload. It developed a reputation for toughness based upon stories and photos of badly damaged B-17s safely returning to base.[9][10][11] The B-17 developed a reputation as an effective bomber, dropping more bombs than any other U.S. aircraft in World War II. Of the 1.5 million tons of bombs dropped on Germany and its occupied territories by U.S. aircraft, 640,000 tons were dropped from B-17s.[12] In addition to its role as a bomber, the B-17 was also employed as a transport, antisubmarine aircraft, drone controller, and search-and-rescue aircraft.

As of May 2015, ten aircraft remain airworthy. None of them are combat veterans. Dozens more are in storage or on static display. The oldest of these is a D-series veteran of combat in the Pacific and the Caribbean

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Serving the Northeast Denver Area the Miniature Aero Sportsters flying site sits on 48 acres with a 500 foot paved runway. The club is open to all who have a current AMA membership. The Miniature Aero Sportsters consists of a group of individuals with a common interest in radio control aircraft. Club meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at Echo Park Automotive, 500 East 104th Street, Thornton, CO Meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm. All M.A.S. club members are encouraged to attend meetings, and to become actively involved in the club's activities

The first year there is a once a lifetime $35 initiation fee charged to all new members. Total first year dues are $125, every year after that Annual membership dues are $90. Check out the web page for more information.

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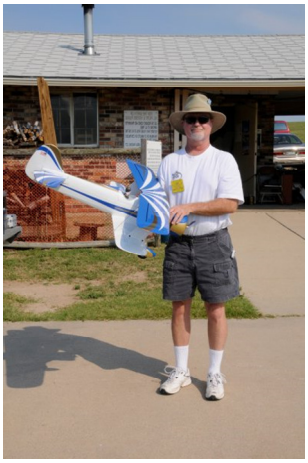

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