# EAGLES WINGS

**DENVER R/C EAGLES**

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A summer of service. A remarkable milestone. A bright future.

As we look back on an incredible summer, the word that keeps coming to mind is gratitude.

I am deeply thankful for the remarkable work done by so many members who volunteered their time, talent and energy because they genuinely care about the Denver R/C Eagles. We hosted a record number of events this summer—including our new Park Staff Appreciation Event—and every single one was a tremendous success.

That doesn't happen by accident. It takes people arriving early, staying late, preparing food, organizing activities, maintaining the field, welcoming visitors, solving problems and helping wherever help is needed. The airplanes may draw people to our club, but it is our members and volunteers who make the Denver R/C Eagles such a special community.



Brett Schklar, President

Our momentum has continued beyond the flying field. Fundraising showed absolutely no signs of slowing down during the past month. The club recently received two incredibly generous donations—checks for $5,000 and $10,000—which bring our total fundraising to nearly $100,000.

That is an extraordinary milestone. Every donation, large or small, reflects confidence in the club, our future and what we are building together. We are getting closer to turning our plans for a new runway into reality, and that is exciting for every current member—as well as the generations of pilots who will follow us.

To everyone who volunteered, donated, organized an event, maintained the field, welcomed a guest or simply asked, "How can I help?"—thank you. This has been one of the most active and successful summers in our club's history, and it happened because of you.

I'm incredibly proud of what we accomplished together, and even more excited about where we're headed next.

See you at the field!

**Brett Schklar**
President, Denver R/C Eagles

### NEXT CLUB MEETING • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Colpar's HobbyTown** • 1915 S Havana St, Aurora, CO 80014

6:00 PM gathering & refreshments (thanks, Steve Miller!)
6:30 PM meeting begins promptly • Out the door by 8:00 PM

# MINUTES FROM THE PRIOR MEETING

Denver R/C Eagles • September 16, 2026

## Warbirds & Classics Recap

• The event generated **$3,653.39 in net income**.

• Members discussed improvements for future events, including more visible donation stations, QR codes, clearer signage and earlier promotion through other aviation events.

• Members were encouraged to email their suggestions to Brett (brett@schklar.com).

## Runway and Field Improvements

• We explored the idea of a 50ft extension to our new runway. Park officials requested Army Corps of Engineers sign-off for the proposed 50-foot runway extension.

• The club is also monitoring the park's road construction schedule for potential opportunities to reduce paving costs in the third quarter of 2027.

• Sealant equipment was sold for **$850**.

• Improved entrance signage and shade shelters remain future project priorities following the runway project.

## Membership and Club Operations

• The club reported **135 paid members**.

• An online store for club merchandise is being explored.

• John and Pete were recognized for their outreach at the park's Saturday campfire event.

• Bob Brelsford is happy to laminate your membership card at the meeting

## Signal Concerns and Safety

• Members reported signal-loss incidents involving AR637TA receivers and discussed documenting these experiences for a possible collective inquiry to Horizon Hobby. Members experiencing signal loss were asked to photograph the aircraft and receiver and record the circumstances. The cause of the reported issues has not been established.

• The club also discussed electric-aircraft arming and disarming practices in the pit area. Further discussion was requested for a future meeting; no new policy was adopted.

## Field Maintenance

• The scheduled maintenance day was canceled because the field had recently been prepared for Warbirds.

• Members are encouraged to continue picking up broken props, aircraft parts and other debris, and to help fill holes during field visits.

• Brett offered donuts for members helping with maintenance.

• Prairie dog holes near walkways and runways were discussed as a continuing concern.

• Members also discussed additional ways to document and monitor hole locations.

Minutes continued on the following page.

# CLUB BUSINESS & MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meeting minutes continued • Get to know a fellow Eagle

## Youth Aviation Program

• Pete and John introduced a proposed Aviation Enrichment Program connecting the club with local schools. Ideas included aircraft-building activities, flight instruction, support for existing school curricula and youth memberships tied to volunteer participation. “Aero Cadets” and other names were suggested.

• The proposal remains in development.

## Upcoming Events

• The annual club auction was announced for **November 28 at Wings over the Rockies**. Members interested in volunteering were asked to contact Brett or Tom. A club dinner for late November or early December is also being considered.

## Other Business and Adjournment

• A donated aircraft sold for **$125** during the meeting. Steve agreed to coordinate refreshments for the next meeting—thank you, Steve!

The meeting adjourned following a motion by John and a second by Dan, with no dissent.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JURGEN DE LEMOS



Jurgen leading a Littleton Symphony Orchestra rehearsal. Photo by Jon Rose, published in Denver Life Magazine.

We share the flying field with some remarkable people—and club member **Jurgen de Lemos** is a wonderful example!

An accomplished cellist, conductor and educator, Jurgen earned a Fulbright scholarship to study at Juilliard and became the youngest cellist in the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein. He went on to serve as principal cellist of the Denver/Colorado Symphony from **1968 to 2009** and taught cello and chamber music at the University of Colorado for **23 years**. His career also includes decades of conducting the Littleton Symphony Orchestra.

We’re proud to count Jurgen among our Eagles. Take a few minutes to learn about his extraordinary musical journey in this **2020 Denver Life Magazine spotlight**.

Read the full article: Cellist Jurgen de Lemos

# TWO EAGLES EARN THEIR WINGS!

Congratulations to our newest solo pilots

Please join us in congratulating **Bill Adams and Norman Schklar**, our newest solo pilots! Flying solo is a milestone worth celebrating—a moment when practice, patience, and confidence come together. We're proud to celebrate this achievement with both of you.

This one is especially meaningful to me because Norman is my father, and he got me into the hobby. I'm glad to be dragging him back into it.

Thank you to the instructors and fellow members who help our new pilots along the way. **Congratulations, Bill and Norman—here's to many more great flights and happy landings!**




Bill Adams celebrates his solo milestone.



Norman Schklar celebrates his solo milestone—a proud father-and-son moment.

# SHARING THE JOY OF FLIGHT

Campfire Talks at Cherry Creek State Park

A big thank-you to **Pete and John** for representing the Denver R/C Eagles at Cherry Creek State Park's Campfire Talks session last month! They brought model aviation beyond the flying field, sharing our hobby with park visitors in a relaxed outdoor setting. With model airplanes on display and families taking part in hands-on activities, it was a wonderful opportunity to introduce both kids and adults to the fun of flight.

Outreach like this helps strengthen our relationship with the park and introduces our club to people who might never have discovered us otherwise. **Thank you, Pete and John, for giving your time, sharing your enthusiasm, and helping inspire the next generation of aviators!**



Model airplanes and hands-on learning brought aviation to Campfire Talks.



A relaxed evening of discovery for kids and adults alike.

See more photos and a video from the evening

## SIGNAL LOSS UPDATE

AMA launches a broader investigation into suspected interference

At our September meeting, members discussed signal-loss incidents involving the **Spektrum AR637TA receiver**. On September 29, AMA announced a committee to investigate increasing reports of suspected radio-frequency interference across the hobby. The committee brings together industry representatives, experienced competitors, AMA staff and Executive Council members to review reports and identify possible causes. This is a broader investigation; AMA's announcement does not identify the AR637TA as defective or confirm interference as the cause of our members' incidents.

**If you've experienced suspected interference, your observations can help.** AMA is asking members to send reports to **amagov@modelaircraft.org**, including the field location, club information, transmitter and receiver makes and models, incident date and time with time zone, and contact information. If known, include approximately how many transmitters and receivers were powered on nearby. You don't need to determine the cause before reporting—specific details will help the committee distinguish interference from other control problems.

Read AMA's full announcement and reporting instructions

## HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF SUHAKA FIELD

# NEARLY $100,000

**Raised together • Runway replacement fundraising**

Two recent gifts of **$5,000 and $10,000** have brought us close to an extraordinary milestone. Thank you to every member and friend of the club who has helped move the runway project forward.

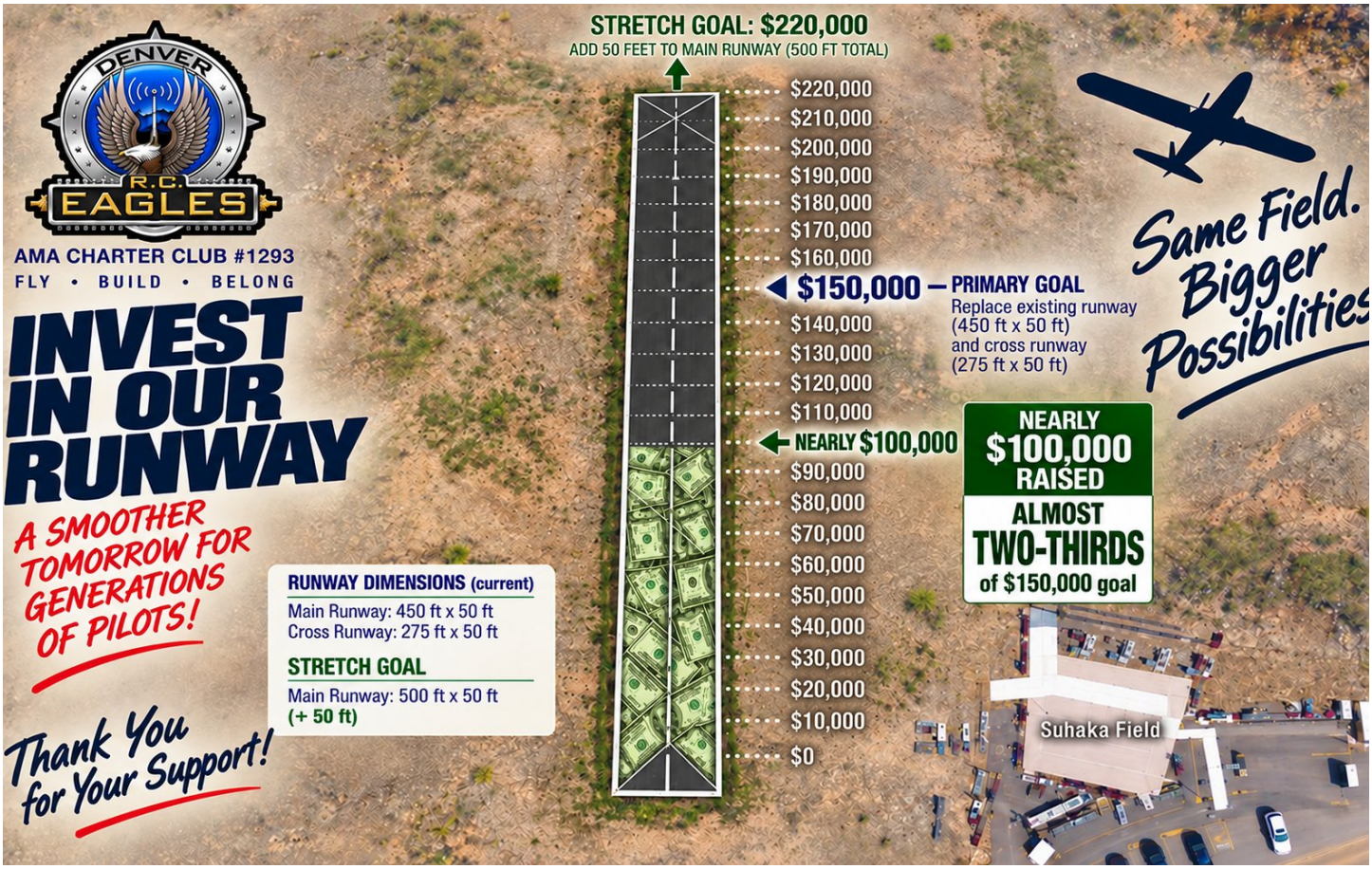
Every contribution helps us build a stronger future for model aviation at Suhaka Field. Financial gifts, donated aircraft and equipment, sponsorship introductions, and volunteer time all make a difference.

**Want to help?** Contact Brett to discuss a donation, sponsorship or ways to volunteer.

Email Brett: brett@schklar.com

# RUNWAY REPLACEMENT FUND PROGRESS

A permanent final-page update until the project is complete.




## NEARLY $100,000

**CURRENTLY RAISED**

Almost two-thirds of our $150,000 primary goal.

## $150,000

**PRIMARY GOAL**

Replace the existing main runway and cross runway.

## $220,000

**STRETCH GOAL**

Add 50 feet to the main runway for 500 feet total.

### Help Build the Future

Every donation, donated aircraft, auction purchase and sponsorship helps move the project forward. Thank you for investing in the future of Suhaka Field.

To donate or discuss sponsorships: brett@schklar.com