



# EAGLES WINGS

MAY 2026

## President's Letter



**Dear Eagles,**

It's already been an amazing May and we're just getting started. Following our meeting in April where we formed a Runway Replacement Committee and explored many ideas for that, we've had some great progress. Some key highlights:

- Pete ran an incredible instructional session with a local school - we had many of our Eagles volunteer for it and it was a huge success.
- We've already had our first Runway Replacement Committee meeting and put together a high-level project plan to keep us on track
- We've got our planning team in place for our Warbirds & Classics event taking place in September
- We've had a renewed interest in investing in and helping build our rotorcraft community (more to come on that).
- We had an incredible first maintenance day of the year with more volunteers than I could count making our 'third home' more beautiful and safe.

### Some items coming up that you'll want to keep on your radar:

- Maintenance Day - May 23
- Air Show - May 30 @ 9am
- Park Staff Appreciation Event - June 17 @ 11am
- June/July - Member Dinner - TBD

Looking forward to seeing you all at the field!

Now - Let's go fly!  
Go Eagles!

Brett Schklar, Club President

## Updates to the Communications Board

Thank you Pete Link





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## DRCE Club Meeting Recap

April 15, 2026

**Location:** Colpar's Hobby Town

**Meeting Start:** 6:30 PM

**Attendance:** 23 attendees

### Leadership Updates

**President: Brett Schklar**

- We had a great time gifting our plane to the park - the plane and the plaque are hanging proudly in the park's Visitor Center - go check it out!
- We've got an 18 month project plan created for the runway replacement project. Lots of work to do, but getting organized is a great first step!
- We will want to start our school/scout outreach program in June (more to discuss in our May meeting)

**VP: Dan Kellogg:** Not in attendance

**Treasurer: Joe Apice**

- Got 3 quotes for Runway - different approaches - getting us to think about options
- 149 Total Members / 5 new members / 36 members not paid / 131 paid members

**Secretary: Pete Link**

- Discuss future formation of education committee
- Updated signs at the field bulletin board (looks amazing!)

**Safety Officer: Joe Vedovati**

- Joe is out of town for a few months - will all be helping keep safety front of mind
- Rotor Craft area needs love with signage and maintenance
- New First Aid Kit in the box (code is 4444)
- Take the prop off when working on your plane
- Keep hydrated
- Watch out for Prairie Dog Holes

**Field Maintenance Officer: Bob Heheman**

- Thanks Mike McClusky for the pole to get our runway cam installed through our Ring system

- Thanks Rob Williams for the awesome swinging gate
- New sign work complete
- Maintenance Day items to work on
- Wind updates are every 5 minutes on our weather app (Thanks again Gary Gillis for donating that to the club!)

**Chief Flight Instructor: Rodney Getty**

- No new reports - new students are coming in regularly

### Key Decisions & Outcomes

- Runway Replacement Committee Created
- Warbirds committee formed - Thanks to Tom Neff for getting that event sanctioned by AMA
- Armando will bring snacks for our May meeting (thanks Armando!)

### Next Maintenance Day:

Saturday, May 23

### Events

**Warbirds & Classics over Cherry Creek:**

September 12 & 13, 2026

- Sanctioned Event (Tom Neff provided guidance on what it is and its importance)
- Committee formed, led by Joe A.

**May Air Show - May 30 @ 9am**

**Park Staff Appreciation Day -** scheduled for June 17 from 11am to 1pm. Voted on and approved.

### Non-club events:

May 28-30: Jets Over the Rockies (Arvada Associated Modelers) <https://www.arvadamodelers.com/events/jets-over-the-rockies-2026/>



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## DRCE & CCSP Staff Appreciation Presentation



**A DEDICATION TO CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK STAFF**

The Denver R/C Eagles, founded in 1960, is one of Colorado's oldest and most established radio-controlled flying clubs with almost 150 members united by a dedication to R/C aviation.

Our club has many volunteers and a passion for keeping our space safe, clean and a sought-after destination for visitors to the park. The support we receive from the park is second to none, and we feel honored to receive help from each and every staff member.

We are profoundly honored to call Suhaka Field at Cherry Creek State Park our permanent home.

As a thank you for your dedication to our mission, please accept this custom-built R/C aircraft as a lasting token of appreciation for the exceptional partnership and unwavering support provided by the entire staff of Cherry Creek State Park. Your dedication is instrumental in maintaining our facility as a safe, clean, and welcoming destination that shares the enjoyment of R/C flight with park visitors daily.

Aircraft: "Tiger" model, custom-built and gifted by Master Builder and long-time club member, Roger Camp.

*Thank You*



*The Eagles showed up strong and proud in April when we gifted one of Roger's works of flying art to the park. As you can see from the pictures above, their staff was excited to receive the gift. They have since hung the plane and the plaque for all to see at the Visitor's Center at the park.*

*We also got to announce our Park Staff Appreciation event coming up this June 17th from 11am to 2pm.*



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## DRCE Maintenance Day

### Snow, Sunshine, and Serious Progress

If you showed up early this morning, you might have wondered if we accidentally scheduled a ski day instead of a maintenance day. We kicked things off with a fresh layer of snow, cold air, and that classic Colorado “are we really doing this?” moment.

The snow didn’t stand a chance. Within a short time, the sun came out, the field dried up, and the combination of hot coffee, donuts, cookies, croissants, and OJ turned the group into a highly motivated, well-fed maintenance machine. And what a day it turned into.

#### Here is what the team knocked out:

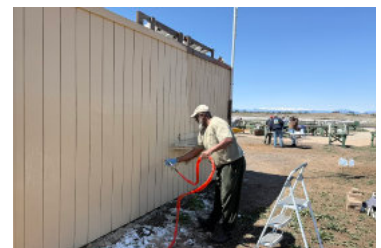
- Painted the Connex and trim, giving it a clean, sharp look
- Painted and sealed the structures on top of the Connex supporting solar panels, cameras, and weather station electronics
- Painted a fleet of green airplane tables (they are looking fresh)
- Repaired an airplane table and put it back into service

- Sealed the paver patio to keep it looking great and protected
- Moved what felt like truckloads (because it was) of dirt and completed edging along the entire north taxiway
- Installed a cap on the new camera pole so rainwater stays out where it belongs
- Somewhere between the first cup of coffee and the last shovel of dirt, we went from “winter conditions” to “mission accomplished”
- Huge thanks to everyone who showed up, pitched in, and made it happen. Days like this are what keep DRCE not just functional, but exceptional

And let’s be honest... any club that can turn a snowy morning into a productive, donut-powered success story is doing something right.

Click here to see all photos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/KsY57q4zbsebgFK26>





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## Taking Flight STEM Day

### Jeffco Middle School

The event was absolutely amazing and a huge success.

We had a great turn out from the club and an overall an amazing day.

The kids had a great time and learned a lot. Yes, we had 35 6th graders! The teachers were very appreciative of our efforts and would like to come back next year.

I would like to thank all the members that came out today. I can't tell you how appreciative I am for all the club members that came out to support this event. Steve Miller, Mike McCluskey, Gary Gillis, Bruce Abramson,

Bob Brelsford, Bob Hehemann, Charles Bradley,

John Schefcik, Loren Anderson, Marino Guzman, Roger Camp, and probably few others that I am forgetting...

The pictures tell a better story than I can.

Here are all the pics that were taken by me and Marino:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/JdKqXgRJsUqirEDS9>

Pete Link  
Club Secretary



**What:** Jeffco Middle School 'Taking Flight STEM Day'  
**Who:** 35 Middle School (mostly 6th grade, few 7th and 8th)  
**When:** Wednesday, April 29th, 10 to 1PM  
**Where:** Suhaka Field, Home of The Denver RC Eagles (at Cherry Creek State Park)  
**Directions:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qoRW452xbFURvNJA>  
**Kit Order:** <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0D47922KH>

**Agenda:**

	<b>Presentation:</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
1	Welcome and Safety	Pete Link & Steve Miller	10:00 to 10:10
2	How Flight Works	Pete Link	10:10 to 10:25
3	RC Systems and Controls	Steve Miller	10:25 to 10:40
4	Jet Demo	Mike McCluskey with F14 Tomcat & F22 Raptor	10:40 to 11:00
5	3D / Freestyle Demo	Gary Gillis with Extra 260	11:00 to 11:20
6	Lunch Break (kids have their sandwiches)	N/A	11:20 to 11:40
7	Airplane Build	Pete Link	11:40 to 12:00
8	Flight Challenge	Pete Link	12:00 to 12:15
9	Career Pathways	Bruce Abramson	12:15 to 12:35
10	Drones	Bruce Abramson	12:35 to 12:55
11	Wrap-up & Group pic	Pete Link	12:55 to 1:00

**Responsibilities:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Duty</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Cell</b>
Pete Link	General coordination Taking pictures	thepetelink@yahoo.com	720-437-0616



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Our next meeting is  
Wednesday, May, 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm  
Colpar's HobbyTown  
1915 S Havana St  
Aurora, CO 80014



JOIN THE FUN

For more information on DRCE membership benefits, training, and club activities, visit the club website: [www.denverrceagles.org](http://www.denverrceagles.org)