



Flying Eagles Inc.
Newsletter for February 2012

Date: February 15, 2012

<http://www.flyingeaglesinc.org>

Next Meeting: March 1, 2012

Location: The meeting will be held at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library, 500 Center Ave (corner of Madison & Center Ave) Community Meeting Room located in the entranceway of the library. The Flying Eagles Club meetings are open to the general public.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

2012 CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President: **Mike Massey**

VP: **Rich Herzberger**

Treasurer: **Brian Wenzel**

Recording Secretary: **Dave Kasper**

Safety Coordinator: **Wayne Heminghous**

Newsletter Editor: **Ellen Kasper**

Club Trustees:

Peter Liehr

Ryan Lockwood

Richard Herzberger

Dave Kasper

Dick Banaszak

Visitors are always welcome to the club meetings and to join us at the club flying field. The flying sight is located at 5710 S. Mackinaw Rd., Bay City, MI.

Anyone interested in flying or in improving his or her skills should contact our club instructors:

Dave Kasper
989-894-4670

Richard Herzberger
989-686-3457

MEETING MINUTES

Our President, Mike Massey started the meeting on 2/2/2012 at 6:08pm at the Library with 7 members present and no visitors.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2144.53 in the checking account.

Safety report – Wayne discussed the value of spotters while flying. Some of the ways that they can help to promote safety is through:

- Relaying messages of the other pilots
- Notifying the pilot of collision paths
- Take off & landing of other aircraft
- Traffic alerts (dead stick or other emergencies)
- Minimizing distractions

Web report – Dave talked with Bob Genigeski regarding updating our website. Because we are a non-profit, his charge to maintain our site will be \$30/year which will include adding updated newsletters, any changes to officers and the addition or removal of pictures. Any further updates will be at the rate of \$20/hour. Additionally it was discussed to move the site to his servers so that he would have access to mySQL & PHP. There would be no charge to perform this move.

A motion was made by Peter to have Bob be our new webmaster. This was seconded by Ryan and passed unanimously.

An additional motion was made by Peter to allow up to \$140 to get the website going. This was seconded by Brian and passed unanimously.

Dave will be contacting Bob to get the ball rolling. One item that will be changed immediately is removing the contact information from the public area and replacing it with links. Another item will be the addition of a distribution list for interested people.

Board report – The report was given by Peter which covered:

- Dave Appold is planning to sell his plane and convert the runway back into crops. He has given us the option of leasing the portion that we currently use for \$200 in addition to the piece that we already lease for \$80. A written lease will need to be put together. A motion was made by Peter & seconded by Wayne to go ahead with this arrangement. The motion passed unanimously.
- Events for this year will be Memorial Day picnic, Father's Day Dawn Patrol, Invitational Fly-In, and Christmas party. The club agreed on June 23rd for the date of the Fly-In and December 8th for the Christmas party.
- Ryan Lockwood presented the idea of using Facebook as a method to promote the club. Some of the items talked about include:

- Having a public area
- Using the “Like” buttons
- Secret group for members
- Tying this to the website
- Addition of an event area
- Discussion about what would happen to club finances should the club dissolve. A section will be created in the by-laws to address this in the January meeting.
- The field opening is scheduled for April 14th at 10:00AM

Old Business:

- Wayne showed the club the new postcard design that will be used to promote the club. Peter motioned that the new design be accepted along with the cost of \$48.71 for 250 cards. The motion was seconded by Dave & passed unanimously.
- The aircraft contest hasn’t had much additional activity; however, Wayne motioned to keep it going for the remainder of the year which was seconded by Ryan. Voting was four for and two against. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Newsletters will continue to be sent to the member list from last year until April.
- All honorary members from last year will continue for this year with no additions.
- Wayne, Ryan and Peter will be working on the Library display case this year.

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- None this month due to forgetting the tickets (again). Not really enough people at the meeting anyway.

Show & Tell:

- Mike Massey brought a plastic model of a 1966 Chevy SS 396 that he’s been working on through the winter. Nice job!

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Club Events:

Field Opening Day – April 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Picnic – May 28th

Father’s Day Dawn Patrol at James Clements, June 17th

Invitational Fly-In – June 23rd

Christmas Party – December 8

Upcoming Events:

Indoor Flying Schedule at Saginaw Valley Ryders Center
March 11th, 6pm - 10pm

Midland Center for the Arts Model Airplane Show - now until April 14. Times are 9:00 to 5:00 Monday thru Friday. Tickets: Adults \$8.00, children 14 and under \$ 5.00 There's lots to see besides the models; there's the history of aviation through artifacts and photos.

Mid Michigan Radio Control Helicopter Association of Mount Pleasant - Funfly - May 18, 19, & 20. This is MMRCHA's third year holding this event. Information and pre-registration will be on the club website, <http://www.mmrcha.org> on or after February 1st, 2012.

Mid Michigan Fun Fly – July 14th with a rain date of July 15th at the Midland Air field; event starts at 10:00 a.m.

AMA Today, February 2012

Congress acts to protect model aviation from burdensome regulation

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate passed the first FAA Reauthorization legislation in several years, including an amendment aimed at protecting model aviation from what AMA views as burdensome federal regulations. "This is a great victory for aeromodeling," said AMA president, Bob Brown, "and much of the reason for this success is due to AMA members who sent letters of concern to Congress last year. Thanks to all of you, we've been heard and our flying privileges have been protected."

Read more of the article at:

http://www.modelaircraft.org/news/mediarelease_SenateBill.aspx

January's Airplane Contest Winner was Brian Wenzel!

Congratulations Brian, and thanks to all who participated in the contest.

All of the participants correctly identified the airplane as a **Beechcraft Model 17 Staggerwing**. The Staggerwing is an American biplane with an atypical negative stagger (the lower wing is further forward than the upper wing), that first flew in 1932.

Airplane Contest



Airplane Contest Rules:

Only paid members of the Flying Eagles Inc. Radio Control Club are eligible to win. All entries must be emailed to emkasper@speednetllc.com BEFORE the day before the meeting (before Wednesday). The winner will be drawn from all correct entries that have been received by that date and presented during the regular meeting (need not be present to win, even if you have won previously, you are still eligible to enter every month).

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