

# Flying Eagles RC Club



Not sure why, but John decided to throw his new Mig in the trash on its first flight.

## Next Club Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library, 500 Center Ave (corner of Madison & Center Ave). The meeting will take place in the Community Meeting Room located in the entranceway of the library.

The Flying Eagles Club meetings are open to the public, please come by and see what we having going on in our club.



Parks Recreation 101 program.

- Another project we are trying to get up in running is a Fun Fly competition. The club is thinking about doing something like this instead of a Fun In.

- The club is also looking into supporting the Pancake Social at the Bay City Airport this year.

## Last Month's Meeting

Last month's meeting was held at the Library. The meeting started at 6:00pm and there were 8 members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

We do have a few ongoing things:

-The club has decided to fix the safety barriers, with materials we already have

-We are working on getting a Tag program grant from the AMA to continue on partnership with the State

## Events in February

- Ryder Center Indoor Fun Fly. 10 Feb 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- Chesaning Area Model Flying Club Swap Meet. 10 Feb 9:00am to 2:00pm. Details on their website: [chesaningrcclub.org](http://chesaningrcclub.org)
- Next Club meeting. 07 Feb at 6:00pm

## CLUB OFFICERS:

### **President:**

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### **Treasurer:**

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### **Safety Coordinator:**

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## Club Trustees:

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This could be a fun project for those of you who actually build your planes from kits instead of ARF's.

## Building Tip of the Month

I found this story on the AMA Facebook page. I had never really looked into different methods of covering airplanes, but after seeing this, it really looks like a great way to cover a fully sheeted airplane.

I was surprised that it does not really seem to add much weight to the plane. It sure would be nice not to have to re-shrink the covering all the time.

Please check on the link the video and see what you

think.

### [YouTube Link](#)

For those of you who are getting a paper copy try this link:

<http://youtu.be/C2d7IJK1wF0>

## Airplane Contest

No one won the airplane contest last month, so the prize money was donated to the pizza fund.

Airplane contest rules:

Only paid members of the Flying Eagles are eligible to win. All entries must be emailed to Ryan ([rrlock\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:rrlock_us@yahoo.com)) the day before the meeting (Wednesday). The winner will be drawn from all correct entries that have been received during the club meeting for that month. The winner need not be present to win and you may enter each month regardless if you won the previous month.



This should be an easy one, but it is my first newsletter and I almost forgot about this.

**Our Field location:**

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**Bay City, MI**

**If you are interest in learning more about the hobby or want information on joining our club, please contact Ryan at:**

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**Do not forget to check us out on Facebook!**

## **Something from the AMA**

### **Do We Have a Right to Fly?**

In a recent email an AMA member asked if we had a ‘right’ to fly model aircraft... ?

It’s an interesting question... And in fact yes, we do have a right to fly!

Though we do not have a specific right to access the civil airspace as part of our constitutional rights, we do have the right to navigate the US National Airspace System (NAS) by Public Law.

PL 112-207 states, “A citizen of the United States has a public right of transit through the navigable airspace.”

The FAA has been tasked with developing “plans and policy for the use of the navigable airspace and assign by regulation or order the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace.” And the law does allow the FAA Administrator to “modify or revoke an assignment when required in the public interest.” However, the FAA cannot unilaterally exclude any specific aeronautical activity from the NAS unless it can first show that it is in the “public interest” to do so.

Of course with this right to fly comes personal responsibility. We all have the responsibility to follow the rules once legally established, to operate our model aircraft in a safe manner and to not endanger the life and property of others. Failure to do so risks revocation of our personal right to the NAS.

AMA is committed to protecting aeromodeling’s access to the national airspace and will continue to fight for your “Right to Fly”!

Rich Hanson  
AMA Government and Regulatory Affairs

Taken from the AMA website

Last year's club opening.  
Only a few months left!

