



Flying Eagles Inc.  
Newsletter for March 2012

Date: March 15, 2012

<http://www.flyingeaglesinc.org>

Next Meeting: April 5, 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: **Tom Dearden**

Treasurer: **Brian Wenzel**

Recording Secretary: **Dave Kasper**

Safety Coordinator: **Wayne Heminghous**

Newsletter Editor: **Ellen Kasper**

Club Trustees:

Peter Liehr

Ryan Lockwood

Tom Dearden

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.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Our President, Mike Massey started the meeting on 3/1/2012 at 6:07pm at the Library with 8 members present and no visitors.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2194.53 in the checking account.

**Safety report** – Wayne discussed a video posted to a forum regarding a “Training” method for helicopters. It seems that cables fastened to the skids were used to keep the heli under control. It appeared that nothing was stopping the heli from tilting which could cause the main rotor to come in contact with the cables, resulting in self destruction & sending parts flying. This is one of those times where if something seems to be wrong with the idea then it probably is.

**Web report** – Our webmaster has the page moved to his servers and is currently up and running with the same functionality that it had previously. Over the coming weeks the page will be converted to PHP, existing bugs worked out and new functionality added.

Ryan talked had the Facebook site complete and has been posting items to it. Everyone is encouraged to visit it & put up pictures, comments, etc.

**Board report** – In Peter's absence the report was given by Dave which covered:

- Membership cards should be given out the current members (this was done at the beginning of the meeting. Those not present will be mailed at a later date).
- The display case at the library will be filled again this year for May & June. Wayne will be leading this, but could use some help. If you've got anything to contribute, please let Wayne know.
- We need members to lead the organization of both the Dawn Patrol and the Annual Fly-In. Dave volunteered the use of the tables again for this event.
- A grass cutting schedule needs to be put together for this season. Ryan volunteered to take this on.
- Once the web site is fully functional, Dave will be putting together a list of all the usernames & passwords. This will be put in a sealed envelope & given to the President. This way, should something happen, there will always be two people with this information.

### **Old Business:**

- Wayne handed out the business cards & post cards that he had printed. They are very nice and will surely help to promote our club.

### **New Business:**

- As Rich will be unable to make a majority of the meetings, he has resigned his position. Tom was nominated (reluctantly) and was voted in.

### **50/50:**

- The drawing will be postponed until summer when we'll have better attendance.

### **Show & Tell:**

- Denny brought in a Seidel 7 cylinder radial 4-stroke gas engine. It's 260cc (15.9ci) and will turn 6000RPM with a 32-18 prop. It hasn't been run yet, but should sound as beautiful as it looks.
- Tom brought a Hangar 9 J-3 Cub that he converted to an L-4. It's powered by a Magnum 70 4-stroke & controlled by a JR radio. It looks really nice, but Tom said it was a real pain to paint over the original shrink covering.
- Wayne brought drawings for a 72.82" wingspan Piper Aztec that he plans to build from foam. He intends to power it with 2-2200mah LiPo's and wants to get started over the weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

### **Club Events:**

**Field Opening Day** – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Memorial Day Picnic** – May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Father's Day Dawn Patrol** at James Clements, June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Invitational Fly-In** – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Christmas Party** – December 8

### **Upcoming Events:**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Midland Air field; event starts at 10:00 a.m.

## February's Airplane Contest Winner was Peter Liehr!

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

All of the participants correctly identified the airplane as a The **Grumman J2F Duck** (company designation **G-15**) was an American single-engine amphibious biplane. It was used by each major branch of the U.S. armed forces from the mid-1930s until just after World War II, primarily for utility and air-sea rescue.

## 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](mailto: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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