



Flying Eagles Inc.
Newsletter for October 2014

Date: October 10, 2014

<http://www.flyingeaglesinc.org>

Next Meeting: November 6, 2014

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.

2014 CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President: **Mike Massey**

VP: **Tom Dearden**

Treasurer: **Peter Lehr**

Recording Secretary: **Dave Kasper**

Safety Coordinator: **John Wright**

Interim Newsletter Editor: **Ellen Kasper**

Club Trustees:

Steve Gradowski

Tim Vincent

Richard Banasczak

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

MEETING MINUTES

Mike Massey started the meeting on 10/2/2014 at 6:30pm at the library with 5 members present and one visitor (John Potts).

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

Treasurer's Report – We have 1503.78 in the checking account.

Safety report – None this month.

Web report – Missing the August newsletter from the site. When John Potts was questioned about the webpage, he mentioned that he'd like to see new pictures posted on it.

Board report – None this month.

Old Business:

- Wayne didn't have the update to the flyers for the fly-in ready yet.
- The expansion to the storage shed was brought up with the property owner, but no decision has been made at this time. Mike sent a Visio to Peter as an example of how the new construction would look. The idea of the steel shed was talked about, but based on the price this would likely not be an option.
- The grant from the AMA needs to be finished up. Mike will be looking into that this month.

Tabled Items:

- Safety nets were tabled for now and will be repaired next spring
- The idea of a fund raiser rummage sale was discussed, but tabled until the January-February timeframe
- An expansion to the storage shed, changing it from an 8'x8' to an 8'x16' with an 8'x16' pavilion (essentially a 16'x16' structure). The cost of such a change was calculated to be approximately \$1200. At this point this will be tabled pending more information as well as additional funds.

New Business:

- Discussion about moving the meetings to Monday night. Mike will be sending out a notice along with the reminder for next month's meeting, to get a response if this would work better.
- Dave made a motion that gas will now be provided by the club. A 5 gallon gas can will be left in the shed for all to use. When it's emptied, that person will refill it and be reimbursed. Motion passed
- Field closing will be on the 5th of October. Starting stands and picnic table will be left out over the winter.

- The Officers voted to enact Article VI, Section 7 of the bylaws where Board Members can be removed for lack of attendance. The new Board Members are now, Mike Young, Wayne Heminghous, Mike Massey, Peter Liehr & Dave Kasper. A board meeting is scheduled for October 27th

Airplane Contest:

- The plane for this month was the Taylor Aerocar. Mike and Peter got it right. Peter won

Show & Tell:

- Mike brought in some old engines that he and his Dad used while he was growing up. Additionally he showed us a new FlySky FS-TH9X 9 channel radio that came with three receivers and four battery packs all for under \$120. Pretty cool stuff!

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Upcoming Events:

Ryder Center Fly 2014-2015 Dates & Times

Sunday, October 26 6pm - 10pm	Sunday, November 2 6pm - 10pm	Sunday, December 7 6pm - 10pm
Sunday, January 11 6pm - 10pm	Sunday, February 1 6pm - 10pm	Sunday, March 8 6pm - 10pm

Tip Corner - Electric RC Planes – How EP changed the Hobby

To view the entire article:

<http://www.rc-airplane-world.com/electric-rc-airplanes.html>

Points to remember when choosing electric RC planes

With *so* many EP planes available nowadays, choosing a suitable model does need some consideration.

Fortunately the process of selecting the right plane for your needs can be kept simple so long as you keep a few basic guidelines in mind. Many RTF electric planes *are* designed for the beginner, but there are also many that are not.

Here are a few of those thoughts that you should remember when choosing and buying your first model:

- Planes that are of a **high wing** design (*i.e.* the wing sits on top of the fuselage) always make the best ones to learn on because of their natural stability in the air. An alternative to this design type is the rc powered glider.
- An **RTF** (Ready To Fly) airplane is far better if you have no modelling experience; it's the best way of getting airborne with the least amount of frustration.
- Size matters! A plane with a wingspan of between 30 and 50 inches is the optimum size for learning. Much smaller and you'll have trouble seeing what it's doing, much bigger and it

could be too much of a handful. That said, micro-size planes like the *Champ* do have their place for beginners, especially if you're limited with your flying area size and/or budget.

- Check out availability of **spare parts** before you buy - you *will* need them at some time or another. A proper replacement part is a safer option than a bodge repair.
- Choose an rc plane that is durable and easily repairable after minor damage; for example, foam planes are tougher and easier to repair than balsa wood ones.
- Be aware of who you're buying from - with the increased popularity of the hobby in recent years comes the increase of unscrupulous sellers who are only interested in your money rather than your success in and enjoyment of your new hobby.
- Do research. Internet forums and video sites are great places to seek further advice, or ask at your local hobby shop, or club, if you have one.

If you keep the above pointers in mind then you're halfway to having a successful first flight!

Novembers' 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 dekasper@speednetllc.com the day before the meeting (Wednesday or earlier please). 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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