



Flying Eagles Inc.  
Newsletter for July 2014

Date: July 18, 2014

<http://www.flyingeaglesinc.org>

Next Meeting: August 7, 2014

**Location:** The meeting will be held at the club flying field - 5710 S. Mackinaw Rd., Bay City, weather permitting.

If inclement weather the club will hold the meeting 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 Liehr**  
Recording Secretary: **Dave Kasper**  
Safety Coordinator: **John Wright**  
Interim Newsletter Editor: **Ellen Kasper**

Club Trustees:  
Steve Gradowski  
Tim Vincent  
Richard Banaszczak

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

Our President, Mike Massey started the meeting on 7/3/2014 at 6:00 p.m.

There were no minutes from the last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – As of 6/30/14, \$1,941.69 was the reported balance. (Books are balanced)

**Safety report** – There was none. Mic mentioned the idea of having a class on fire safety regarding lipo batteries - he has a friend who is a volunteer firefighter that teaches fire safety.

**Web report** – None, Peter reported that there were no issues.

**Board report** – None.

**Old Business:** It was decided that not to purchase a credit card reader; Peter reported that the cost was too much for the amount of times it would be used.

### **New Business:**

- Mike was contacted by an Alma retirement home about having a flying demonstration.
- There will be no club fly-in this year.
- A plan is in the work to organize a committee to organize and plan a fun fly event next year to be held at James Clements Airport.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

### LOCAL EVENTS:

7/20/2014 -- Chesaning, MI (C) CHESANING 28TH HELI FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. Paul Binkley CD PH: 810.444.4558 Email: [paulbinkley41@yahoo.com](mailto:paulbinkley41@yahoo.com). Visit: [chesaningrcclub.org](http://chesaningrcclub.org). 14/1132. Sponsor: CHESANING AREA MODEL FLYING CLUB INC

9/7/2014 -- Midland, MI (C) MIDLAND RC MODELERS AIRSHOW. Site: Midland Rc Club Field. Jerry Hahnfeld CD PH: 989-631-1168 Email: [hahnfeld@juno.com](mailto:hahnfeld@juno.com). Visit: [midlandrc.org](http://midlandrc.org). 14/1873. All AMA pilots invited. No landing fee, complimentary pilots lunches and door prizes. 350' paved runway, 500' grass runway. Join us for a day of flying and demonstrations. Bob Thompson, Coordinator 989-488-2176 Sponsor: MIDLAND RC MODELERS

## Augusts' Airplane Contest

Name that Plane??????



### 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](mailto: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).

## Tip of the month:

### Avoiding Crashes – 5 tips to save your RC airplane!

#### **We've all been here, done that!**

The life expectancy of your RC airplane is directly proportional to how well you follow directions. That is to say, you've built and setup your plane properly as explained by the instructions. This article is intended to give the first time model builders some helpful tips for being successful the first time out. We'll talk about avoiding the avoidable, not correcting for things like crosswinds or hitting something with your plane.

There are several things that are common in that they can greatly affect your airplane's safety. Like a weak link in a length of chain, any one of these things can bring the best built planes down. Let's break down these areas of concern into the following groups.

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- **Center of Gravity Balance Point.** In my opinion, more airplanes are damaged or destroyed on their first flight because they were improperly balanced. The balance point for all RC model airplanes (with the exception of small foamy RTF planes,) are called out on the plans of a kit built plane, or in the instructions of an ARF plane. It is absolutely imperative that you take the time to balance your plane properly. Use a balancing jig or simply use your finger tips to hold the plane by the wing to see where it balances. If the tail hangs low while placing your fingers where the instructions say the balance point is, it is tail heavy. If the nose hangs low, it is nose heavy. Of the two, slightly nose heavy is better than slightly tail heavy. As the plane becomes more and more tail heavy, the more and more sensitive it becomes to control inputs until it gets to a point where it is uncontrollable. We see this all the time. The plane takes off and the wing rock back and forth. The nose stays high and eventually the plane snaps to one side and crashes. You prevent this by adding nose weight.
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To read the rest of this article click on the link:

<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/blog/2013/06/21/avoiding-crashes-%e2%80%94-3-tips-to-save-your-rc-airplane/>

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