



Flying Eagles Inc.
Newsletter for April 2010

Date: April 4, 2010

Next Meeting: May 6, 2010 (We will be reviewing plans for the September Invitational)

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.

2010 CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President: **Tom Dearden**

VP: **John Szelogowski**

Treasurer: **Armond Kowalkoski**

Recording Secretary: **Dave Kasper**

Safety Coordinator: **Dave Kasper**

Newsletter Editor: **Ellen Kasper**

Club Trustees:

Peter Liehr

Rich Herzberger

Randy Hemingway

John Szelogowski

Dave Kasper

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

John Szelogowski
989-893-5769

MEETING MINUTES

Tom started the meeting on 4/1/2010 at 6:15pm at the Wirt Library with 6 members present. Two visitors, Wayne Heminghaus, and Brian Wenzel attended our meeting. Both visitors paid their dues and were voted in as new members. Additionally, Mark Wolcott sent his dues and was voted in as a returning member.

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

Treasurer's Report –The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1416.05 in the checking account.

Safety report – Nothing for this month.

Web report Nothing for this month.

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

Comments regarding the November library millage. If it doesn't get approved, there may be a change in meeting place or time.

Discussion about the Annual Fly-In. The date has been set for September 18th and will be held at James Clements Airport. Duties for this event are being worked out and volunteers will be asked for in the upcoming weeks.

The grass cutting schedule will be done the same way as in previous years. The schedule will be posted on the club website and on the bulletin board at the field. Please check the schedule and be responsible when it's your turn.

Due to wonderful spring weather, the field opening is being moved up. Saturday, April 10th is the new date. At that time, the starting tables and picnic table will be brought out of the shed and the tractor will be prepped for the season. This shouldn't take too long, so if we get started at about 10:00am we should be done before noon.

Training nights will again be Tuesday nights beginning on April 13th (weather permitting). If anyone would like to come out to try R/C flying or brush up on their skills, club instructors will be there from about 5:30pm until dusk to help out.

Peter graciously volunteered to mow the grass for training nights once again this year.

Thanks Peter!

Old Business:

No old business this month.

New Business:

Dave received the renewal packet from the AMA and went over some of the contents. This year the AMA listed the top portion of the officer's patches. This is a half circle patch that sits atop the other officer patches and brings them all together. This patch is \$2 each. A motion was made and passed to order five patches.

A large sticker that contains the AMA safety rules was sent out. It's a great looking sticker, but we're not sure where we can place it at this time.

Intro Pilot instructors for this season will be Rich H & Dave K. These are the ONLY two instructors that are allowed to train students that do not have a current AMA membership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Upcoming Club Events: Tentative opening of the field on April 10th, at 10:00 a.m., if the beautiful weather continues. Please be sure to come out and lend a hand moving the starting tables, grill and picnic table out of the shed. After set-up, there will be time to fly, so come prepared with your gear.

Upcoming Events:

Frankenmuth Aero Modelers Club presents:
Indoor Flying at the SVSU Ryder Center, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
7400 Bay Rd, University Center, MI:

April 11th

Cost is \$8.00 if you're flying (\$5 to SVSU, \$3 to Frankenmuth Club) Free for spectators!

We were asked by the Library to decorate the display case on the second floor for the month of April. I have some ideas of what to put in it, but if you have any suggestions, or an item that you might be interested in lending us for the display, contact me at emkasper@speednetllc.com

Airplane Contest

March's aircraft was a Sukhoi SU-37. This aircraft (which incidentally was a picture of RC version of the real thing) was correctly identified by 4 members (Two members caught my mistake about the plane. Good going Peter and Mitch). From those correct answers, the winner was drawn. April's winner was:

Mitch Kasper

Mitch generously donated his prize back to the club. Thanks Mitch!

It was brought up at the meeting that we should be doing something with the prize money that is being donated back to the club. If anyone has an idea that they would like to share, shoot me an email or send Tom an email. Your feedback is important.

Name that Aircraft:



- 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).

TIPS: Pre Flight Checklist – Do you have one?

Before you start flying, be sure to do a pre flight check on your plane and radio. Some major areas to be checked are below:

1. Control surfaces have free movement
2. All screws, bolts, etc are tight
3. Radio equipment is securely fastened inside fuselage
4. Receiver is receiving transmitter commands (for those of you that have multiple planes programmed on your transmitter, be sure that the correct plane is selected before flying)
5. Fuel tubing is free of kinks
6. Batteries are fully charged (and know the estimated flying time of the battery)
7. Airplane is properly fueled (doesn't apply when flying electrics of course)
8. Servo motors move freely (nothing interfering with their movement)
9. Antenna is properly strung
10. Servos respond correctly to control inputs (make any adjustments before taking to the air)
11. Wings are securely fastened (Toss out the old rubber bands; start with new ones)
12. Make sure the rudder moves in the correct direction
13. On and off works for engine

Remember – Fly smart, fly safe!

Until next month,
Ellen Kasper
Newsletter Editor



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