



Upcoming Events

March

14th, **Meeting** at the church, 7:15 PM

16th, **Build Night** at Tony Covert's shop, 4241 E. Valley Center Rd. 6 - 9 PM. Bring something to work on or show and tell, or just come to hang out!

April

3 - 10, **Bank Window** - See next page for details

13th, **Build Night** at Tony Covert's shop, see info from March 16.

29th, **Mall Show**

May

2nd, Tuesday, **Pilot Training** begins. Held every Tuesday during the flying season, weather permitting, begins around 5:00 PM.

20th, Armed Forces Day Fun Fly.

For a complete listing of our upcoming events, check our website:

<http://www.gallatineagles.org/calendar>

Hello

Spring is coming!! Well, sooner or later. I hope all of you are well and getting your build projects ready for the heavy flying season. I have fallen a little short on keeping the runway plowed. I had some mechanical issues with my four wheeler but now I have it repaired so I will get back after that. The weather has been pretty decent for flying, I know Tony and I have been out a couple times.

We are getting ready for some events in April, our bank window and Mall Show so get your projects ready.

If you have not heard, our Vice President has been on KMMS two times giving great plugs for our club and events on the morning show. I was present for the first one but not for the second. I believe you can replay them if you did not get to hear them. Great job and thanks for all your work Tony! Tony has also put a couple more build nights together so look out for those dates.

Stan has a guest speaker for this months meeting so please show up for some insider views of our sport and the laws.

See you at the meeting,

Destry

Editor's note: See March and April in column at left for Tony's upcoming build nights. SJ

Security Bank Window Display

Monday, April 3rd - Monday, April 10th. A great opportunity to display your airplanes and promote the club. Planes should be brought to the bank between 12 noon and 4pm on the 3rd and removed on the 10th between 9am and 1130am.

Please include an info sheet. Sample shown below:

Four-Star 40

MFG: SIG

ENGINE: SAITO .56 4-Stroke

WINGSPAN: 60"

COMMENTS:

With a wing loading like a trainer, the Four-Star is easy to fly, yet will perform all the free-style aerobatics your thumbs can keep up with.

The flight capabilities of the aircraft are limited only by your imagination. Very popular model in this club, several members fly this model.

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Safety First

The new computer transmitters can provide additional safety if setup properly. One should take advantage of the following programming features.

An alternative to using a rubber band to inhibit the throttle (as discussed previously); one can enable the Throttle Cut feature. Selecting this option inhibits the throttle through a programmed switch. I'm not sure which approach is better; the rubber band or switch. But be sure to use one method to prevent accidental motor start.

The transmitter battery alarm can be enabled if the transmitter is setup for the proper battery chemistry. The audible alarm activates when the battery reaches the low voltage limit. Never select the improper battery chemistry as doing so may allow the battery to over-discharge.

I have wrecked (or as Chuck C. says, "re kitted") the YAK 54 several times when the on-board Li-Po battery became discharged. I now use the transmitter timer to alert me when the battery maybe low and time to land. I initially start out with a 4 minute time and fly. Then I check the battery condition. If I have used say 50% of the battery, I might increase the time duration. I set up the timer to start timing at 25% throttle setting. This feature provides me with an audible and vibration alert. One could also use telemetry to monitor the on-board battery condition.

Fly Safe,

Larry

Gallatin Eagles R/C Club

FUN FLY !!

Saturday May 20th, 2017

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Open Flying -

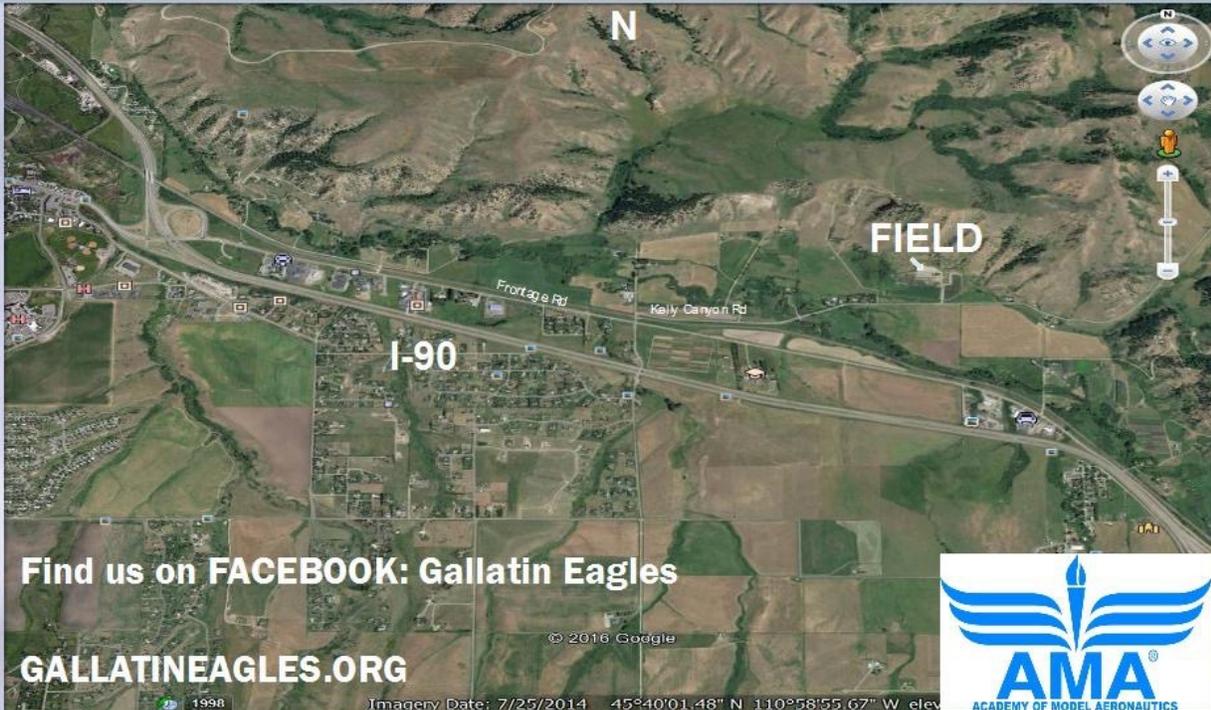
- BBQ -

Family Friendly

Spectators Welcome!!

In honor of Armed Forces Day, participants are encouraged to bring military themed aircraft.

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Heading South!

I'm leaving for Arizona on the 17th of March and will be back on April 14. Keith and i will attend two meets at Superstition Airpark where I'll take lots of pictures.

Keith and Shirley have bought a new place with a 2500 sq ft house and a 2400 sq ft shop with room to add 100 feet to the shop length. I'm going to soak up sunshine and help get the shop organized. Keith has two kits to be build while I'm there so I should be busy.

I will be here for the March meeting but I will miss the April one - we should be meeting at the field by then.

Chuck

I could've hand launched it, and hoped for the best,



but after spending considerable time building it, and converting it from rubber band free flight to electric RC. I erred on the side of caution! It's a Guillows 24" Beaver that is now equipped with a Park 180 brushless motor, 10A ESC, 2 nano servos, a micro FASST receiver and a 2S 450mAHr Lipo. It weighs in at 4 oz.

I taxi tested it at The Commons last month and during a short, high speed burst, it rose about 6" but realizing I probably wouldn't be able to turn it in time, I cut the power and let it land. I'll wait for a nice calm

outdoor day this spring or summer to flight test it. It may also make an appearance at the Mall show and/or bank window. . .

Stan Johnson

Club Dues!

As we get close to our 2017 flying season, it's a good time to make sure your club **and** AMA memberships are current.

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