



Gallatin Eagles

RC FLYING CLUB

Hello,

Well I think good flying weather is near. Hope you all are well. It has been a slow summer start. Last weekend before Memorial Day was our Armed Forces Fun Fly but the weather put a damper on it for sure.

Last meeting we talked about keeping up with our mowing and the weeds at the field and one of our biggest goals is getting the siding on the Club House which I have reached out to Butch so he can help us with measurements and get tin ordered. My goal is to have it all done for our Sept Fun Fly.

I hate to keep bringing it up, but as Chuck has mentioned in this letter PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!! We have a lot of members that have paid their AMA, and thank you, but have not paid the yearly club dues. Our yearly dues are pretty low as far as clubs go and the only reason we have a nice field to go to and use is because of the generous donations and the money from club members that help support it. I have lots of ideas for our club to do but the ten of us that are putting money back in cannot support it. I know the siding will be \$1500 or more and we are so fortunate to have gone as far as we have thanks to Butch so let's not let it go to waste. Also we will be looking to seal coat the runway soon to

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Membership Update

It is now the end of May and we still only have 23 members that have paid their 2019 dues. Last year we had 52 paid members. AMA is sending out reminders on their new staggered membership system and all but 6 of last year's members have renewed their AMA memberships. Based on that we expect most of our old members to continue to fly. Since we do a 1 January to 31 December (calendar year) membership, your dues were due the 1st of January. It is pretty common for many of you to wait until the "flying season" to renew but it is imperative that you pay your dues before you fly. As you all should know the insurance on our field and your individual insurance requires your memberships to be up to date. Dues are also necessary to keep our flying field in good condition (mowing, spraying weeds, field improvements and repairs) and to pay our recharter fees to AMA. I suspect most of those unpaid members just forgot or planned to pay at the field but there isn't always a club officer at the field to take your money. The best way to pay is to drop a check in the mail to our treasurer, Chuck Curtis, at his home address – 119 W College St, Bozeman, MT 59715 made out to Gallatin Eagles. We currently don't have a way for anyone to pay on-line with credit cards or paypal although a few of you have asked for that option. As a reminder dues are \$42.00 for a standard adult; \$20 for age 17 and under; and \$50.00 for a family membership. Now would be a great time to write that check!

Chuck Banta
Membership Coordinator

Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events:

June:

- 1, Saturday, Red Baron's Turkey Shoot, RC Combat, Pocatello, ID.
- 4, Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field.
- 11. Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field w/ 7PM Meeting.
- 18. Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field
- 25. Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field

July:

- 2, Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field.
- 9, Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training, 7 PM meeting at field.
- 16, Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field.
- 23. Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field.
- 27. Saturday, Battle for the Mountains RC Combat
- 30. Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field.

For more information on club events see our website: gallatineagles.org/calendar

keep it in good shape so please support your club.

Anyway, Tuesday night training has begun, meetings will be out at the field, get out and enjoy the wonderful place we have to fly!

Destry

Mall Show 2019

Our club's annual Mall Show was held on Saturday, May 4.

Like the Bank Window display, the mall show is a great way for us to expose our hobby and our club to the public.

The photo below, and two others in this newsletter were sent to me by Chuck Banta.



Its spring and time to get ready for flying. The following is a checklist to go through before you bring a plane out to the field. I recently found several issues in a plane I had flown last year. It is amazing I didn't "re-kit" the 90 size Hanger Spitfire or worst yet hurt someone. This inspection may allow for successful trips to the field. Remember: Fix at home and fly at field, don't get it the other way around.

PLANE INSPECTION:

- Prop nut and spinner on tight?
- Inspect and replace if propeller is nicked or damaged
- Engine mounting screws/bolts tight?
- Verify engine is not bound up and carburetor is free
- Servos are secure and servo screws are tight?
- Inspect pushrod clevises and keepers
- Inspect control surface control horns are snug
- Verify servo movement is free and not binding
- Wheels spin freely and wheel collars tight?
- Inspect wing hold down bolts and blind nuts
- Replace old wing rubber bands
- Inspect airframe for loose parts
- Pull on control surfaces to verify hinge
- Inspect airframe for loose parts
- Check covering for loose seams, tears and holes; repair
- Verify retracts work freely; if pneumatic, check for airline leaks
- Inspect fuel tubing for cracks and leaks, replace if needed
- Verify fuel tank clunk is free to move
- Disconnect and reconnect servo leads; watch for intermittent connections
- Pull on all wires to verify integrity of wire connection and solder joints
- Range check at field
- Sorry, there is no check for "Dumb Thumbs"



FIELD BOX INSPECTION:

- Verify fuel pump works and does not leak
- Verify starter and starter battery are in good condition
- Verify glow plug battery is in good condition and plug connection is tight
- Verify sunscreen is in flight box
- Verify AMA and FAA documentation is available



Fly Safe,
Larry Nelson



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Dear members,

Some of you may be aware of a recent FAA Memorandum that addressed altitude and flying restrictions in controlled airspace.

This memorandum was intended as FAA guidance to educate air traffic control facilities (ATC) on best methods to respond to recreational flyers seeking authorization, not as guidance to recreational operators.

Recent legislation under Section 349 (c) states operators in controlled airspace will be required to seek authorization from towered airports, unless flying from a charted flying site. We successfully championed that if you are flying at an AMA flying field or sanctioned event, you can continue flying by following AMA's safety program and within the existing agreements your club or contest director has with nearby airports. AMA has been in contact with the FAA regarding this memorandum, and we have been assured that our flying sites' current agreements with air traffic control facilities (ATC) will be honored and our members can continue flying within AMA's safety program, as usual. This memorandum was not intended for public distribution, and out of context can read as problematic or contradictory to previous messaging to protect our operations. The FAA clarified this memorandum is just one of many steps in the Section 349 implementation process.

Future steps in the implementation process will require letters of agreements (LOA) between AMA flying sites in controlled airspace and nearby ATC. Updates and guidance on how clubs should proceed with LOAs will be provided to our members in the coming days. Please monitor social media and www.modelaircraft.org/amagov for the latest information. You can reach our offices at 765-287-1256 or amagov@modelaircraft.org.

Sincerely,
AMA Government Affairs Team

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