



# Gallatin Eagles

## RC FLYING CLUB

**Hello everyone,**

I think the cold weather can quit anytime, it's cutting into my flying time! I can't believe another month has flown by. Hopefully you all have some inside projects you are getting done during this cold snap.

It's been nice having the county plow the parking lot. Our monthly power bill has been around \$80/month, assuming it will go down for the summer months.

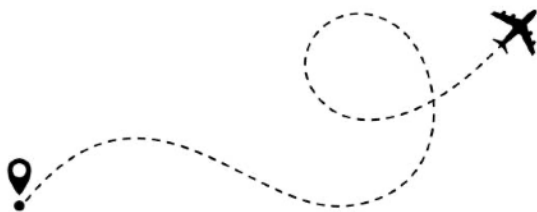
Our last meeting was at the clubhouse and we had a great turnout due to having heat and lights. We have set some dates for our summer events, so be sure and check out the newsletter for those dates.

Brian is getting closer to being able to pay our dues online, and that will make things easier moving forward. Thank you Brian for all of your work and time on this.

We have lots of great stuff coming up so be on the lookout in the newsletter and email updates!

See you next meeting at the clubhouse!  
Stay warm and keep flying.

Destry



Plan your flight and fly your plan!

### **Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events March 2022**

8, Tuesday, 7:15 PM, Meeting at the field in our insulated, heated and lighted clubhouse!

28, Monday, Noon, First Security Bank Downtown - Window Display.

A chance to display your planes and promote the club. Planes brought to the bank at 12 noon on Monday, 28th and removed on Monday April 4th at 9am. Please include an informational sheet with details on your plane.

For more information on club events see our website: [gallatineagles.org/calendar](http://gallatineagles.org/calendar)

## Dues for 2022

We had very good year for membership last year, with a lot of new members joining late in the year. Memberships for our club are still effective from 1 January to 31 December. AMA went to a staggered system several years ago so your AMA due date is not the Eagles due date. A lot of members tend to remember to renew just before they start flying in the spring and that is coming soon (maybe). We would really like to get the dues in as soon as possible. You should not be flying if your membership is not current. So far this year we have 33 of the 60 members from last year renewed. Only 3 of the 60 are delinquent in AMA, so I expect nearly everyone is planning to renew. Currently the best way to pay is to send a check payable to Gallatin Eagles, to Chuck Curtis at [119 W. College St. Bozeman, MT 59715](mailto:chuck@clarksbay.com). Brian is working on electronic pay through the web site but it isn't active yet. Dues are \$55 Adult or Family, \$20 Youth. MSU students/faculty get 1/2 price memberships. We will also gladly accept cash or check at meetings or the flying field.

Chuck Banta  
Membership Coordinator

## A Chill in the Air

The weather is yucky and it's a good time to check airplanes and especially batteries. When flying season does get here, we need to be ready. I've been getting batteries made up into packs with connectors at Batteries Plus. Just take your old pack with cable and connector into them. They will spot weld the packs together, solder the wires in place and shrink wrap the pack.

Chuck Curtis

### Helena Flying Tigers club

Event Dates for 2022:

May 7 and 8 WW1 - WW2 warbird scale event.

May 21-22 Float fly at @ Clarks Bay

May 28 pylon race. This will be a monthly event from this point forward, every 3rd Saturday of the month until September. We will have both an EF1 class and a fun class. For the fun class we are using either the 850mm P-51 or the 850mm Dora from MotionRC. <https://www.motionrc.com/products/flightline-p-51d-mustang-850mm-33-wingspan-pnp-flw101p?variant=20558869659761>

<https://www.motionrc.com/products/flightline-fw-190-d-9-dora-850mm-33-wingspan-pnp-flw102p?variant=21607689977969>

June 10-11-12 EDF Jet Jam

July 23-24 FunFly with several games limbo, loop contest, bomb drop and so on.

September 10-11 Float fly @ Clarks Bay

Larry's Log,

The on-going construction of the Gee Bee R2 has posed challenges. That's why building RC planes is so much fun. The assembled plane offered a difficult situation on how to measure and set the correct tail and wing incidences in relation to the fuselage. My old Styrofoam cooler I was using as a stand would not work. So, a fixture was built to hold the fuselage with the ability to raise and lower the back end of the plane. I used the fuel line hole in the firewall to support the front end with an adjustable strap in the back. Note the clamp. Now I could raise and lower the tail to get the fuselage incidence angle at zero. Adjusting the horizontal stab and wing were straight forward then. This fixture is a much better work stand than the cooler since I can swivel the fuse and it won't fall over.

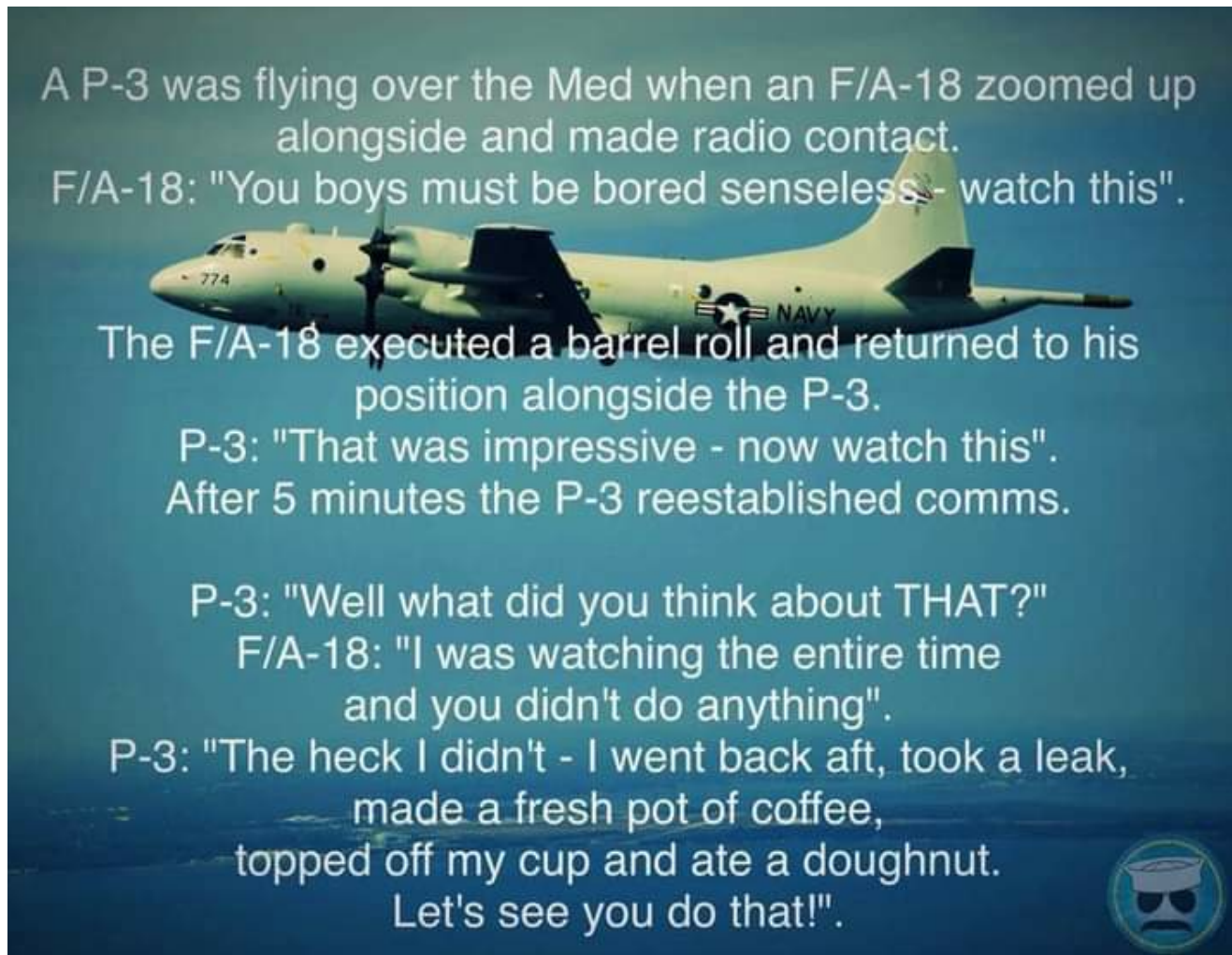


I'm always looking for tools to work smarter. I found a contouring gauge that is perfect for copying the top surface a wing in order to build the fuselage wing saddle.



Keep on Flying!!

Larry



A P-3 was flying over the Med when an F/A-18 zoomed up alongside and made radio contact.

F/A-18: "You boys must be bored senseless- watch this".

The F/A-18 executed a barrel roll and returned to his position alongside the P-3.

P-3: "That was impressive - now watch this".

After 5 minutes the P-3 reestablished comms.

P-3: "Well what did you think about THAT?"

F/A-18: "I was watching the entire time and you didn't do anything".

P-3: "The heck I didn't - I went back aft, took a leak, made a fresh pot of coffee, topped off my cup and ate a doughnut. Let's see you do that!".

### Club Officers for 2022

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