



Gallatin Eagles

RC FLYING CLUB

Hello All,

Fall is In the Air!

Our last Tuesday night meeting will be October 14th at the clubhouse. In November we will start with our Saturday winter meetings and also our appreciation Brunch. We will pick a date at our next meeting. We also are looking for nominations for member of the year for 2025 so send them in. We will pass it along at our November brunch meeting.

Our Fun Fly and Swap Meet went pretty well, we had perfect weather all day and a few pilots, and a couple of spectators. Tim put on a great show with some flights with the mustang, it was a big hit. We also had two cadets from the Civil Air Patrol come out and I was able to spend some time with them on the buddy box, they both did really well. No planes sold or traded, so had to take them all home. We warmed up some hot dogs and finished out the day.

We all have noticed the large black pile at the field; (photo attached) I have a feeling it is not leaving. With MSU back in session we have the soil dept and the native Americans in their area as well, so please be cognizant of that when flying, and be aware of who is out there when flying. I believe we have a write-up from Lee in this letter.

I am sure you all saw Brian's email on the electric class for combat. Pretty exciting! I think this will be a great addition to the club events. I thought about making this a club weekend building project out at the clubhouse. I will check in next meeting to see if there is any interest. I have personally flown combat and if you want some adrenalin and want to make yourself a better pilot, this is it. We will talk more about this.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting,

Destry

Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events

October 14, Tuesday, 7:15 PM - Meeting at the field, come early for some flying time!

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

Items for newsletter, please email to: sjohnson825@msn.com

Safety Zone

I am thankful that we have such a cooperative summer for flying. On Friday Sept 5th Destry and I had an opportunity to brighten someone's day whose future is getting quite gloomy, which was very rewarding. The last fly-in was an amazing event and the weather was beautiful.

Anyway, back to safety items. I am looking for input on the pilot stations. Are they not easy to use? Is there something we can do to make them more accessible or user friendly? Until we can modify them (if needed) can I ask that when we are out flying and there are other people at the field with you that we use them. It is not just a safety issue but also a courtesy issue. Other flyers are using the taxi way and runway. Standing on them to fly can just as easily be done from the designated pilot boxes. We have very respectful members, but no one should have to ask you to move so that they may taxi or takeoff.

Flying over the "Pit" and parking area is prohibited. Period. I realize that accidents happen but please try to take steps so that they don't happen. Take extra room for a takeoff if they tend to go badly. If you are having trouble controlling your plane keep it away from other people or these areas. It is better to ground a plane and bear the shame than to injure someone and suffer the blame. We have a very good relationship with our landlord, but I can't help thinking that we are one nasty incident away from being homeless.

At the Fly in I did something that at the time I thought would be a cool trick but in hindsight I realized it was reckless and sent the wrong message to future pilots. I brought my E-Flite Eratix slowly and low and then attempted to catch it. Though I did do this from the pilot box it was stupid and just showing off. I had done this before while alone and with others at the field but as the Safety officer I know better. So, I apologize to the club and everyone that witnessed these acts.

I appreciate every one of you for all you do to help promote the hobby. This is one of the greatest hobbies that I have had the good fortune to become involved in and with your help we can continue to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

Thank you and see you in the air.

Dan Matthews



No Fly Zones

Editor's note:

Lee Fisher recently had a conversation with an MSU Soil Science professor, the following is a brief summary of their conversation:

Now that MSU is back in session. The soil science dept and others are conducting field classes at our flying area to the N.W. Of the Flight line.

Due to the Large mound of Road material, their cars are hidden from our view. Additionally, once the students climb up and just over the ridge, we often don't know they are there, thus resulting in flying over them, one of our NO-NO's!

Yesterday I spoke to The Lead prof, I believe "Tony". We devised a plan:

When they are present, a RED FLAG will be posted on a pole visible to us.

He said the other instructors will be made aware of this. I also told him I would let you know of the idea. Thus, we should alert our Pilots too.

In the interim I posted a note on the door of the club house so our members can be made aware of the proposed plan.

Additionally, the Native Americans are becoming more active at their "Sweat Lodges". As always, this area becomes a 'no fly' zone anytime people are present in that area.

I believe we have had this in the past but the presence of the Big Blot to our view adds new considerations.

Lee Fisher





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Above: Photos from our recent Fun Fly and Swap, September 13th.

All photos in this newsletter provided by Destry.

