



Gallatin Eagles

RC FLYING CLUB

September Events

Tuesday, 5th **Pilot Training** At the field, 5:00 PM until dark.

Tuesday, 12th Club Meeting at the field 7:15PM **Pilot Training** At the field, 5:00 PM until dark.

Saturday, 16th **RC Combat** Battle over the Wasatch 2610 Scale, Open-B, and Electric Wasatch Aero Modelers, Syracuse, Utah. North of Salt Lake, not as far as it sounds, and a good excuse for a weekend getaway

Tuesday, 19th **Pilot Training** At the field, 5:00 PM until dark

Tuesday, 26th **Pilot Training** At the field, 5:00 PM until dark



Dear fellow club members,

I was asked to stand in as a surrogate newsletter contributor this month due to the illness and recovery of our club president, Destry Jacobs. I am happy to do so. This is my first time so bear with me....lol

As many of you know, our Club President, Destry, was diagnosed with a serious circulatory infection on Friday Aug. 18th and admitted to Bozeman Health. Not only did he have an infection to fight off, but also underwent back surgery to relieve some symptoms caused by the infection. He was released this afternoon and is currently at home convalescing. I spoke with Chris (his lovely wife) this evening (8/29) and she wanted me to express to the club that they are truly grateful for the visits, prayers, and support he received and continues to receive. Although he has improved and is home, they are asking that visitors hold off until after the Labor Day weekend to visit him personally. The doctors and nurses have expressed concern over Destry coming into contact with outside germs (colds, flues, etc.) as his immune system is still trying to recover and doesn't need another challenge to overcome. Get well my friend, look forward to seeing you at the field again!

Another letter "came across my desk" a few days ago expressing concern over our lack of progress on our new "field house", "club house", "spectators shed", "<insert your descriptive noun here>". I just want to put everyone's mind at ease. The project will be completed soon. I know sometimes we get impatient, I'm guilty of being that way sometimes too, but this is a volunteer project being completed by volunteers who have lives, jobs, and other commitments outside of this club. The main man behind this project is Butch Keyes. He is a contractor, builder, and rancher. Between numerous trips

to Idaho and Colorado, he has been busy with sheep, cutting, etc. He was recently a volunteer donating and delivering water and supplies to the Jordan, MT / Garfield County Lodgepole Fire DES. He is a good man, an honest man, and my friend. Nobody wants to see this project completed more than he does. Although this project is important, it is



very low on the priorities list. I talked to him a few days ago and he said that he will have more time in the upcoming weeks. Thank you Butch and Ryan for taking this project on. We are grateful that you are willing to do it. Like my Ma always said "Anything worth having is worth waiting for."

On a personal note, as many of you know, I haven't been the most active member in our club as of late. To be brutally honest, the maiden flight and crash of the plane I had been working on for many months really took the wind out of my sails. I know it happens to everyone but between having to move out of my shop/apartment, trying to find a new place to live, putting all of our things into storage, moving into a new place, having family visit for two weeks, and working a full time job, the crash was the icing on the cake. I went through a "forget it, I hate this stupid hobby" phase. But tonight I felt like I had a turning point. I came out for Tuesday night flying and had a great time. It was good seeing some old faces, some new faces, and some REALLY old faces.... haha. (you know who you are!) Tonight made me realize it's not all about one airplane, or one bad day at the field. It's about friends, fun, talking and laughing with the guys. I missed it. I feel like I owe the members of this club an apology. I haven't been a very good Vice President lately. I'm sorry. I will do my best to put my best foot forward looking ahead.

On a lighter note: Did you hear about this?

Poland Plane Crash - A Cessna 152 plane crashed into a cemetery early this afternoon in central Poland. Polish search and rescue workers have recovered 200 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the evening.

-Tony Covert

The written opinions, statements, and racist joke in this letter, represents the views of it's author and does not necessarily carry the endorsement of The Gallatin Eagles or the AMA.

Last week we went to Luccock Park (east of Pine Creek south of Livingston) and, on the way back, passed the Crazy Mountain Flyers flying field. There was a group there from Billings flying large scale gassers (up to 40% size). There were members of the Crazy Mountain club and had joined the club to make sure there were enough members to charter the club. It's a great field with lots of parking and a very smooth grass runway. The dues are \$20 per year-I plan to join to help and I plan to fly there also.

Destry is home as of the 29th but doesn't need any visitors for a few days. He'll be on medication for a few weeks but is on the road to recovery. I offered to bring him a building board, a kit, glue and an Exacto knife to the hospital but he wasn't ready for it. We'll keep everyone posted as to his condition.

Chuck Curtis

Don't keep those damaged LiPo batteries in the house. They could cause a fire. Ace Owenhouse downtown will recycle LiPo batteries. Cut the power leads off the battery for future use. Take the battery to Owenhouse's repair shop.

Safe flying,

Larry Nelson



1928 Travel Air

Three Forks Antique Aircraft Fly-in

For several years I've wanted to see the Three Forks Antique Aircraft show, held every year during Sweet Pea weekend, and I've usually been working on the Friday and Saturday of the event. Being retired now, I headed out there to see the flour bombing and spot landing competitions (I have no idea who won what, but it was fun to watch!) as well as all the aircraft on display.

The Travel Air is a huge single engine passenger aircraft, even has wicker seats!

My personal favorite, while not truly antique, was the 3/4 scale Mustang. Then there was a very clean looking Beech Staggerwing biplane.

It was a fun way to spend a couple hours and I plan to go next year.

Stan Johnson



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