



Gallatin Eagles

RC FLYING CLUB

Happy New Year! Bring on 2019!

As always, what a great way to bring in the new year with our annual fun fly. Thank you to all who came out and participated and the spectators. Brian and Joni brought chili, Les and Cindy brought yummy cornbread muffins and some brownies. Our new Eagles Nest worked out great! It was so nice to be out of the direct weather and not standing in the snow. Can't wait for next year to see all the improvements we will have done by then. Brian did have some events planned for today but we decided to postpone them until Next Fun Fly due to the brisk weather, thanks for putting them together Brian.

Last meeting we had our election of officers and setting dates for next year, our turnout for elections was a bit grim this time. The dates for next years events will be posted in our events calendar on our website. I am proud to say I will be your club president for one more year, I appreciate all of your support as I do my best to keep our club headed on the right track of getting better and better every year and making improvements to our great field. It brings me great joy to see all of us building relationships together and enjoying the wonderful field we have. The rest of your club officers are as follows.

President-Destry Jacobs
 Vice President-Larry Nelson
 Safety Officer -Ron Banta
 Events Coordinator-Brian Westberg
 Secretary-Chuck Curtis
 Newsletter PR-Stan Johnson
 Chief Instructor / Membership -Chuck Banta

A couple new names moved around this year and thank you to Tony Covert for your term as Vice President last year. Next meeting we will go back over some of the dates coming up and a couple of ideas for this year, after the craziness of the holidays.

See you at the meeting!
 Destry

Gallatin Eagles January Events:

- 1, Tuesday, New Years Day Fun Fly!
- 8, Tuesday, 7 PM Meeting at the church
- 17, Thursday, 6-9 PM Indoor flying at The Commons

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



Indoor Flying

Alan Beard has arranged with The Commons, 1794 Baxter Lane (Baxter and Love) for some indoor flying dates for this coming winter. Bring any aircraft designed for indoor flight!

January 17, Thursday, 6 - 9 PM
 February 7th, Thursday, 6 - 9 PM
 March 14th, Thursday, 6 - 9

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and that Santa brought them what they wanted. After 46 years in this fantastic hobby, I still enjoy kit building as much as flying. Opening a new kit box has its thrills; looking at all the balsa, plywood and other parts makes me want to start building right now. Studying the plans and instruction manual is a hoot. Currently, I'm building a Top Flite P47 Thunderbolt and enjoying every minute. This a large scale plane that I plan to have a .90 or bigger engine. It will have a scale cockpit and pilot. And will have retractable landing gear and flaps. I have the tail group and the top half of the fuselage completed. (Honest, that's the way you build it.) I traded my Spitfire ARF for the P47 kit, thanks Ron Banta.

I wish I had an area at my house to host a "Building night" like Mike H. did a couple years ago. Does anyone have such an area? There were anywhere from 3 to 6 builders that attended. We did not get a lot accomplished; but, we had a lot fun. Don't forget the New Year's Day fun fly January 1st starting around 10 am. See you at the field.

Larry Nelson

New Years Day Fun Fly



January 1, 2019: First official use of the Eagles Nest!



Destry's 89" Cessna 170 on floats is a great flyer. It handled well on the snow and in the air!

Andy made quite an impressive takeoff and landing with a wheeled airplane using only the taxiway!
Too bad we didn't get any photo or video of that . . .



Above photos courtesy of Chuck Banta.

Indoor Fun Fly

Our second indoor fun fly was December 13 at the Commons. A half dozen pilots and a couple of spectators were in attendance. The night was fun but a couple of near mishaps have caused us to rethink the type of airplanes to fly in the Commons. The Commons is a large venue but they have a lot of installed sound equipment, lighting, video cameras and monitors that present a challenge to indoor flight. Medium size planes that are reasonably heavy can be flown in the space but they present a potential for major damage to the installed equipment if they get out of control. We had a near miss with the video cameras



and decided not to continue with that type of plane. We also had a medium size helicopter that was only planning to do a close in hover. Unfortunately while attempting to fix a reverse pitch problem the advise to reverse the throttle (since it is on the same stick as pitch) caused the helicopter to go full throttle and perform an uncontrolled flight into a wall. We were all diving for cover. Some damage to the wall - more to the helicopter. The Commons maintenance person was very understanding but we need to ensure that doesn't happen again. Therefore only small helicopters should be flown in the future. My little helicopter had a control arm come loose causing it to go out of control but the potential for injury or damage to installed equipment was very low. It did make the spectators a little uncomfortable. I put the control arm back on and flew it again. I got a few pictures from Les Scheidt's quadcopter. Have fun and fly safe.



Photos from the quadcopter

Chuck Banta

A note from Gus Carlson, a recent Gallatin Eagles member who's now living in Gunnison, CO:

Hope you're well and busy. Here's 3 photos I just took. My old RV-4 on the wall had a good summer, slight damage in the fall, and is now awaiting return to service. My new project I just began a couple weeks ago, a Sig 1/4 scale Cub. And my newest plane, a modified Great Planes BLT kit. Got about 50 minutes of flight time with it today, mainly touch and gos. Such a nice plane to have on calm days, great for flying in the high school parking lot here in Gunnison, across the street from my apartment. If you want to publish the pictures in the newsletter I'd be honored, it's up to you. I miss the Eagles' flying field, and I enjoy reading the newsletter, so thanks for sending it to me!

Gus



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