

**Appreciation Dinner** (formerly known as Wive's Appreciation Dinner)

Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM at Johnny Carino's

Hello,

I wanted to give a shout out to Ron, Alan and Mike for getting things together for our Club plane. It sounds like we have 10 planes coming so when they get here we can get an idea who has them and when to start building. If you have not heard it was brought up that we would have a club plane. one that is the same for everybody ,something we could all fly at the fun fly's. So in theory it would come down to the pilot in the events. I think it is a great idea. we can talk more about it at the meeting.

Our next meeting is our appreciation Dinner. this year we will be going to Johnny Carino's, around 6:30 pm. As you may know Fuddruckers went out of business. Bring the Family, wife or Girlfriend, who ever that has been supporting you and all your airplanes!! This is always a great time to catch up and visit. Also, who will be the next member of the year? We will find out after dinner.

Don't forget, December is when we will be electing officers for next year, so be thinking of some nominees and let's get ready for another year!! Also, December meeting we will have a swap meet at the church, get your stuff ready.

See you soon,

Destry

Aldertag in Pocatello

October 2014 —
by Phil Battle

On Friday Oct 3, I loaded up the CRV with 4 bat planes, four wings, tape, drills, radios, gas- kissed my family goodbye, patted the dog gently and headed out for Pocatello combat. I stopped in Shelly at about 6pm to get each plane tuned up and trimmed for combat. Of the three wings I rebuilt during the last month, Wing 1 (Cute Mabel) had to be put down -then and there -since, no matter how throttled back the digital "radio up", it would always snap uncontrollably. Wing 4 (JanieO), a survivor of many combat

rounds was showing its age - had a controlled straight and level, but tight turns and rolls on the edge of the flight envelop had a tendency to stall and (as I found out in pocatello) quickly progressed to



flat spins and other chaotic maneuvers. All was not lost though- Wing 3 and Wing 2 -Max Attack and AJ Smiles came out of the rebuild in decent shape - and were well tuned for combat. At about 8 PM, the car was reloaded and I headed the rest of the way to Pocatello - where I washed and ironed my uniform and waited for the starting horn to sound.

Saturday was beautiful and for the most part windless- a layer of frost on the fields - smiles on everyone's faces - Jerry (flying wing), Bret (profile), Scott(flying wing), Wayne (Flying wing), Randy(profile), Rick (profile-

I think) , Phil (bat)- Lots of spectators but no judges.

For round one, rather than potentially sacrifice a good flyer so early in the event- I chose to start with JanieO, a bad decision. Up they went and Scott, standing next to me, and even though he had not flown in years, was cutting streamer right and left - while I was fumbling around with endless turns to flat spins - tumbles, and generally unnerving maneuvers that left me with no cuts, no streamer and the feeling of being kicked in the stomach. Needless to say JanieO went to the back of the pack - back up of back ups. With that terrible decision behind me, I moved to AJsmiles - The next round was glorious. I was in control, I hunted, I chased and I cut - there was one, 2, three - and possibly more, but without a judge and only minor evidence on the wings it could have been my imagination too. I left it at three-and toward the end of the round with streamer left on the tail we hit the deck - jerry on pipe and down low too - a great show and while I lost the streamer I knew the stars had aligned and I was on my way but it did not last

Round three - heart singing like a bird and a wonderful in-control feeling in my head- the call to start engines came - I tried one two three times to start using the persuader but no ignition, - no panic I have had some trouble with glow starter before- I twist in on tighter, 4,5,6 times and not starting- anxiety creeping in - had a backup glow plug and while trying to get it seated in the motor, the dreaded START COMBAT horn and I was still fumbling-finally I got the glow pug seated and then 7,8, 9 times and no ignition. Sounds of laughter and mayhem, shouts of glory and shouts of near misses rang loudly all around. I was in a full bore scramble - what was it - the glow starter? (I cursed charlie who gave it to me, I cursed myself for not having a backup -which I had planned but dismissed needing) - I banged the glow plug- checked it on other plugs and saw the warm glow- but 10,11, 12 times and no start- I was in great internal pain- I wanted up, I wanted at least to keep my streamer points... 13, 14, 15 16,17 18 19 ... but no start- was it the fuel - it flew great 10 minutes before? - My lips to the fuel line I blew, my lips to the carb - Like mouth to mouth resuscitation-it seemed like it

might have been plugged but I did not see how- last round was too glorious for something to be wrong - it did not make sense - but the people behind me were having so much fun, yelling with joy , I just could not think I new I was running out of time. I banged the carb, I borrowed Scott's glow starter (he had a tough round and was out early) nothing would work yet it was just working! and then the dreaded - END COMBAT - and there I was on my knees - cold, angry , fuel dripping from my mouth, a full streamer BUT zero points - a round of nothing. And then looking down I noticed the carb arm was stuck closed – even when I had it full open on the radio.. a little wiggle of the arm – it was freed up and started up like a champ!

Round 4 (no lunch yet) – Ajsmiles still on deck – I was in a reserved mood. But the launch was smooth – the plane was flying great, I could feel it getting better I could hunt , I could chase, I could cut, and then from out of no where (where they usually come from) WAM- AJ smiles tumbles from the air.

Round 5 – I almost went for JaneO! -Max Attack was “pristine” I just lost AJ smiles and did not want to loose another good flyer....but I put my best foot forward – a good choice-Max Attack flew great- two cuts and some streamer but something happened- was bumped or just dumbled thumbed it in (or both?) Still it was great flying and the plane was flyable -and only one more round to go!

Round 6, Are you exhausted? Don't worry, It will be quicktwo cuts one minute in - on the road to glory –but following in the path of Icarus – my wings melted, I lost control and went straight in (really dumbled thumbed it) all within 1 minute of START Combat - 4 minutes to go but not for me – I picked up the pieces loaded up the car and came home. Hugged my family, pet the dog and started making plans for next year!

Phil

A Few Words from Chuck

The wives/girl friend appreciation dinner will be on Tues, Nov 11th at Jonny Carino's on North 19th. We should start gathering at 6:30 pm. The club will pay for the wife's meal as per usual. We'll also announce the Outstanding Club Member then too.

Keep in mind our annual New Years Day gathering at the field. Burnt chilli is a tradition as well as hot chocolate (Not burnt-hard to burn hot water).



Chuck Banta has promised a program on electric motors and what the numbers mean for our December meeting at the church.

The Gee Bee "Z" is moving along. Half the wing is covered as are both ailerons. I hope to finish covering the wing this week. The next big part is the landing gears. Lots of welding and messing around there.

Chuck Curtis

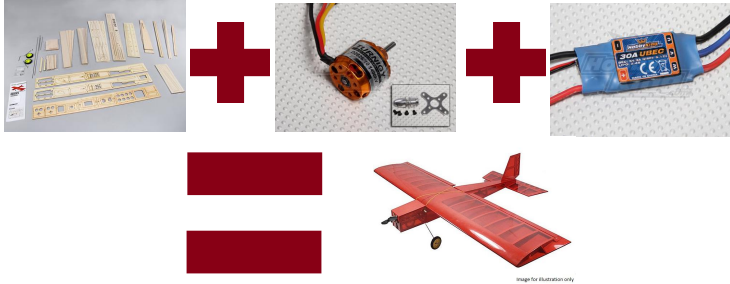
Final Approach

As of this writing, I've heard that about 10 people have signed on and ordered a 'Club Plane'. This should be a fun winter build as well as a good competition idea - everyone competing will have the same aircraft! How many will be ready in time for our New Years Day Fun Fly?

A copy of Ron's original poster (right). Contact Ron if you'd like more information.

A new venue for our November Appreciation Dinner, looking forward to seeing everyone at Johnny Carino's November 11!

Stan Johnson



Introducing the first ever Gallatin Eagles Fun Fly competition airplane. We are planning a series of fun fly events centered around the same airframe and motor. This will make pilot skill the most important aspect of the competition! This is guaranteed to be a fun time of building and flying next season. You provide the radio, battery and prop. The price for the above combo is about \$60 depending on freight. For a receiver ready set up it is about \$90.

We already have 6 people committed. Please contact **Ron at sntgizmo@hotmail.com** to reserve your plane. He will order the first of November in time to complete them by New Years fun fly!

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