



# RC AEROGRAM

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**Next Club Meeting – Tuesday January 16th at 7PM.**

Meeting location: Abby's Legendary Pizza, located at  
1970 River Road, Eugene.

This meeting is BYOP – Buy your own pizza and share in  
the comradery.

**Roger Dahl – President** [roger@artistry-in-motion.com](mailto:roger@artistry-in-motion.com)



**Happy New Year!**

*I'd like to welcome you all, as we begin a new year  
as the Eugene R/C Aeronauts!*

*We start this year with a fresh, firm, beautiful  
grass runway, thanks in great part to Jim Corbett,  
our green thumbed field maintenance supervisor!*

*Jim spent countless hours last fall to oversee the steps required to  
give us the wonderful field that we will all enjoy for many years to  
come!*

*We will be having our first club meeting of the year next Tuesday,  
the 16th, and I am hoping for a good turnout! We use our meetings  
as a launchpad for events during the year. If you want to see certain  
things happen during the year, they begin with our monthly  
meetings. Our January meeting helps us to set event priorities for  
our yearly budget meeting, which our leadership does between our  
January and February meetings.*

*I would love to see some new event ideas for this year!*

*See you soon,  
Rog*

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**Treasurers report (pending)**

*See you at the meeting, Jeff*

**Dave Fenner – Secretary** [dbfenner@comcast.net](mailto:dbfenner@comcast.net)



*ERCA Minutes (pending)*

*Happy Flying,*

*Dave*

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

## **2018 ERCA Club Officer Contact Info.**

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## **2018 ERCA Upcoming Events**

*Happy Birthday!*

*To all members born in the month of*

*January*

***ERCA Winter Build Challenge***

***Maiden Day for Winter Build Challenge is:  
May 19th***

*The main goal of the Winter Build Challenge is to stimulate and encourage traditional model building within the club. It will also be a good platform for sharing modeling techniques and will hopefully provide some good content for our newsletter and facebook page. Don't be afraid to bring your build to the monthly meetings for show and tell or advice from fellow builders. The WBC is for experienced builders and beginners alike. Its important to know you will NOT be judged at any time on your building skills.*

*The end game for this event will be a maiden flight party, sometime in the spring of 2018 (probably May sometime). All entries will be expected to make their maiden flight, one-at-a-time, on that day. If you are not comfortable flying your plane, you can have someone else do the test flight. After all the maiden flights are done, successful builders become eligible to win prizes or cool stuff yet to be determined.*

### ***Here's the Challenge:***

***☐ Must be a NEW build from a balsa kit or plans. No repair jobs of previously flown aircraft. No ARFs. No foamies. ☐***

***Previously started kits are okay, but they should have no covering and the framework must be less than 50% completed. ☐***

***Models must be radio-controlled, of any size or complexity, and powered with glow, gas, or electric. ☐***

***To enter, you must post at least one current photo showing the starting point of your project in our newsletter or on the clubs Facebook page. Remember, this is a social event - no secret projects allowed. ☐***

***To finish the challenge, your plane must be flown at the maiden flight party. The plane must take off, make at least one lap, and land. ☐***

***The Challenge is open to any AMA member.***

*For now, let's consider these guidelines to be semi-fluid. There may be good reasons to make some tweaks down the line. It's not like this is a competition. The idea is to challenge yourself, learn a thing or two, and have fun.*

*If you are a relative newcomer to building, take some time to research your kit options and talk with a few experienced club members for ideas and advice. If you are an established builder, grab a kit out of your stash and start gluing!*

*Questions, suggestions, comments, or ideas? Contact Jeff Lutz 541-954-8955 [jefflutz@q.com](mailto:jefflutz@q.com)*

*Here is a list of the builders committed so far:*

<i>300s</i>	<i>Jeff Lutz</i>	<i>Great Planes Extra</i>
<i>P-47</i>	<i>Frank Blain</i>	<i>Top Flite Giant Scale</i>
<i>Smoothie XL</i>	<i>Mickey Cohen</i>	<i>Balsa USA</i>
<i>Astro Hog</i>	<i>Chick Foster</i>	<i>Scratch Build</i>
<i>Pattern Plane</i>	<i>Mel Graham</i>	<i>UFO with OS65</i>
<i>Aeromaster</i>	<i>Mel Graham</i>	
<i>Astro Hog</i>	<i>Dwayne Graville</i>	<i>Sig</i>
<i>Combo Airplane / Heli.</i>	<i>Alan Wellentin</i>	<i>Should be an interesting Maiden!</i>
<i>Skymaster</i>	<i>Pat Willis</i>	<i>Wendell Hostetler</i>
<i>Waco Biplane</i>	<i>Roger Dahl</i>	<i>Ikon Nwest</i>
<i>Skylark</i>	<i>Dave Calstrom</i>	<i>Goldberg</i>

## ***Some Pictures of Winter Build Challenge Projects***



*Jeff Lutz's Extra 300*



*Jeff Lutz's Extra 300*



*Chick Fosters Hog*



*Chick Fosters HOG*



*Franks P-47 Fuselage Painted*

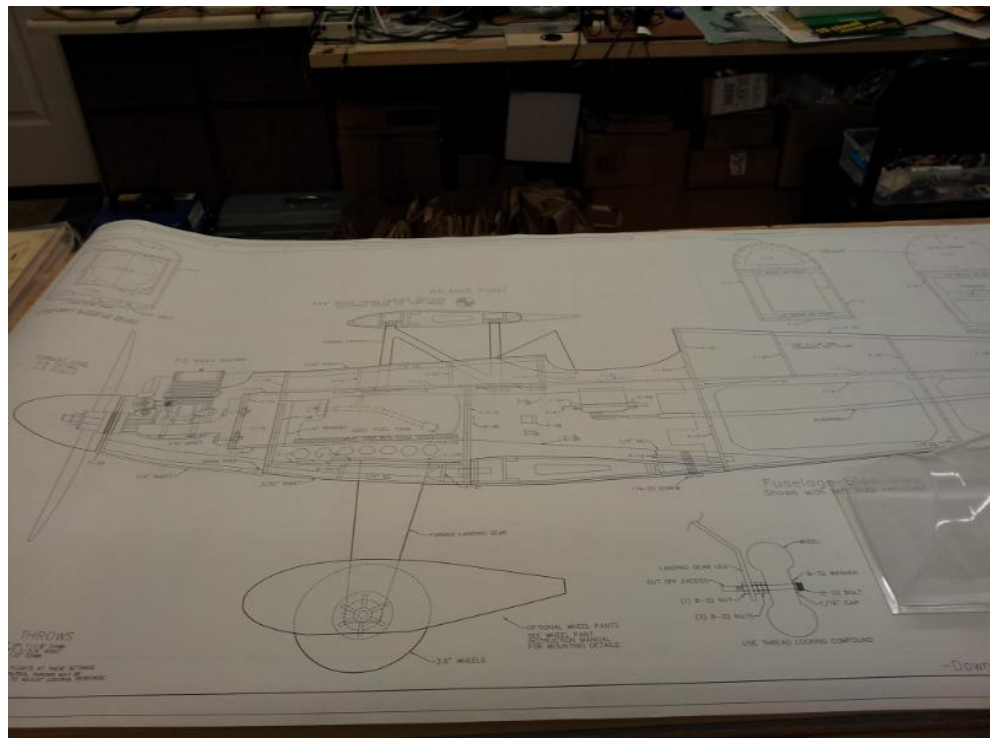


*P-47 Wing, Rivets and Panel Lines Ready to Prime*





*Mel Graham's Arrowmaster*



*Peeking inside the box of Arrowmaster Kit*



*Mel found the lumber for the Arrowmaster*



*Hardware Also*

## ***ERCA runway redo 2017 progress***

*November 12 – Main runway ready for flying  
The grass is green and has been mowed three times.*



*As this is the WET time of year use caution flying from WET the grass.*

*IF you leave muddy footprints walking on the runway, your wheels will most likely throw mud on your aircraft.*

## Recent Field Pictures 2018 - thanks to Jim Corbett

Jan 3





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## WINTER FLYING RULES

During November, December, January and February  
on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays no flying is allowed  
prior to NOON.

**DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE FIELD BEFORE NOON.**

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*Contributed by Mickey Cohen - FYI  
interesting RC app for those with  
smartphones or tablets.*

[UAVForecast.com](http://UAVForecast.com)



