

The Monthly Newsletter of the Eugene RC Aeronauts Flying Club



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Next Club Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2026
7pm at River Road Abby's Pizza



From Our President

Fellow Flyers,

Well, it is 2026 and I'm your new president. My name is Dave Thomas; I've been with the club for six years.

Many of you will recognize me as "Burgerman" the club BBQ cook. 2026 should be an exciting year. We have the usual Fun Fly events, Monster Fest, and the Swap Meet scheduled. This year we are looking to add a F3A Pattern Plane Event and Drone Racing. The club is buying Pizza at the January meeting, we have new members to introduce, lots to talk about, hope to see you there.

Mike Burgess has updated the winter flying hours that allows us to start at 10:00 AM Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until January 31st. Considering the weather the last few days this is very good news.

Martin has posted this update on our Face Book Page

<https://www.facebook.com/EugeneRcAeronauts> , I will ask Jim for a Website NOTAMS adjustment.

I will follow up with Mike January 31st for clarification on February 2026 hours.

As always, I'm glad to be here".

DaveT

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Secretary and Treasurers report

Martin Booth

Secretary / Treasurer

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ERCA Members 2026

Officers (4):

- President: Dave Thomas
- Vice President: Al Barrington
- Treasury/secretary: Martin Booth
- Safety Officer: Brian Ostlind

As of January 10th, 2026:

Members (67):

Anderson, Wally	Graham, Mel	Rawson, Paul
Avila, Michael	Gutierrez, Samar	Ray, Blandon
Barrington, Al	Hansen, Augustus	Risbrough, John
Bell, Cecil	Hansen, Donnel	Schiltz, Don
Berger, Andrew	Hiner, Kurt	Shay, Tristan
Bergeron, Rick	Hoard, Wayne	Sinclair, Dan
Booth, Martin	Hokenson, Ron	Singer, Solomon
Bruckner, Cale	Jenkins, Nolan	Stuart, Jim
Burgess, Mike	Kristiansen, Mark	Thomas, Dave
Carlstrom, Dave	Leavitt, Lester	Thomas, James
Carmichael, Jesse	Lee, Mike	Trujillo, Mark
Clark, Jefferson	Lutz, Jeff	Von Moos, Larry
Clark, Shaun	Madison, Rod	Walsh, Adam
Cook, Doyle	Maris, Richard	Webster, Wade
Corbett, James	Mattox, Monty	Wellentin, Alan
Dahl, Roger	McClellan, Gary	Werneth, Brad
Dziura, Eric	Milbrett, Ken	Willis, Hudson
Edwards, Warren	Moffett, Brad	Willis, Pat
Firth, Peter	Monsen, Samuel	Wilson, Sean
Fitts, William	Montgomery, Roger	Winz, Roger
Funk, Brian	O'Donnell, Chuck	Yarbrough, Geral
Funk, Robert	Ostlind, Brian	
Giessen, Mark	Petrie, John	

Treasurers Report December 2025

Financial report:

Balance:	December 10th, 2025	\$9,122.25
Expenses:	Field supplies - Jim	\$119.98
	Postage stamps	\$31.20
	Above All Sanitation - monthly service	\$120.51
	Total Expenses	\$271.69
Income:	Dues & new member fees	\$630.00
	Swap meet table fees	\$326.41
	Total Income	\$956.41
Balance:	January 10th, 2026	\$9,806.97

2025 Financial Summary:

Here is a breakdown of the income and expenses for the club during 2025. I will have more details with me at the January club meeting and will be happy to answer any questions on the finances then.

Income:

BBQ Donations	\$ 1,765.00
Donations (Ad-hoc, plane sales, etc.)	\$ 733.00
Dues & new member fees	\$ 4,605.42
MonsterFest Income	\$ 1,569.70
Swap meet	\$ 1,905.31
Sub-Total	\$ 10,578.43

Expenses:

Above All Sanitation	\$ (1,245.73)
Adv. Fees	\$ (547.40)
Club Admin Supplies	\$ (164.66)
Field Lease	\$ (1,500.00)
Field Supplies & Equipment	\$ (1,954.57)
Food (BBQ Supplies or Abby's)	\$ (1,564.09)
MonsterFest Expenses	\$ (1,552.42)
Swap meet	\$ (739.94)
Sub-Total	\$ (9,268.81)

Total

\$ 1,309.62

- We ended 2025 with slightly more money in the bank than we had at the start of the year.

- It is not our purpose to be a "for-profit" organization, but there are a number of capital projects that have been discussed that this money could potentially be put towards in 2026.

- These suggested projects include: improving the field irrigation system, laying a concrete pad for the portable toilets, repairing/improving the geotex runway, building some new benches and tables, etc.

As of January 10th, we have a total membership of 67 members.

- Two members let me know they are not renewing: Dave Fenner & Oliver Willis
- 24** club members have not renewed their membership yet.
 - For members whose membership expired at the end of December, you can find the renewal form on the club website, and you can send a check for your renewal to the PO Box.
 - Please remember that the By Laws state that renewals over two months late will be required to pay an additional \$10 late fee, and after three months the member will be dropped from the club membership and will not be permitted to use any designated club flying area. Dropped members that rejoin the club after being removed from club membership will be required pay the initiation fee again in addition to the annual dues.
- 4** club members that are yet to renew also have lapsed AMA membership. AMA membership is required to continue to be a member of the club.

Thanks, Martin

A former member, Len Stolfo, sent us a link to a video that he put together for **MonsterFest 2015**. A blast from the past he thought we might be interested in sharing it with members. Thank you, Len. [Video](#)



Field Maintenance

Email to:
james.corbett@comcast.net



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.

* **From our Landowner, Mike:** regarding hunting season. We can arrive at the field at 10:00 AM Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday for the "next few weeks".

I guess the "next few weeks" includes the balance of January ?

From our Events Manager:

We have scheduled our swap meet for Saturday, February 28th at the Irving Grange, same place as last year.

Load in stats at 8:30 AM and the main doors will open from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM for the public.

I am giving our members first choice for tables. I will open up space to outside sellers on December 1st.

We have room for 25 tables and some outside space.

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to reserve a table.

[Swap Meet Flyer](#)

Thanks,

Ken Milbrett

Events Manager- Eugene RC Aeronauts

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Coming Events: Save these dates

- Tue Jan 20 – Meeting At Abby's
- Tue Feb 17 - Meeting At Abby's
- Sat Feb 28 - Swap Meet
- Tue Mar 17 - Meeting At Abby's
- Sat Apr 18 – Meeting At Field
- Sat May 16 – Meeting At Field
- Mon May 25 - Memorial Day fun fly
- Sat Jun 20 – Meeting At Field
- Sat Jul 4 - Warbird fly in
- Sat Jul 18 – Meeting At Field
- Sat Aug 15– Meeting At Field
- Aug 21-23 - MonsterFest
- Mon Sep 7 - Labor Day fun fly
- Sat Sep 19 – Meeting At Field
- Tue Oct 20 - Meeting At Abby's
- Tue Nov 17 - Meeting At Abby's
- No December Meeting

Happy Birthday!
To all members
born in the
month of
January

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