

# The Monthly Newsletter of the Eugene RC Aeronauts Flying Club



## RC AEROGRAM



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Next Club Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
7pm at River Road Abby's Pizza (No Host)



### *From Our President*

Fellow Flyers,  
The weather is getting better every day, grass on the field is looking great, more flying days are ahead. Our 2026 Swap Meet was a huge success. Ken and Martin will present a wrap up report at the March 17 meeting. We're still working on the FAA altitude variance for the F3A Pattern Event in August. I talked to contested director Gary McClellan a while back and he's working on this. Still no news from Mike Burgess about April dog training days. We'll post NOTAMS if this changes. As always, "Happy to be Here".

DaveT

Note: This month's meeting is **"No Host"**—everyone pays for their own food and drinks. ERCA usually sponsors twice a year, the November and January meetings. Please support Abby's for generously providing the space.

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AMA Charter #530

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Jim Corbett

Events  
Ken Milbrett



# 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 March 8, 2026:**

**Members (70):**

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

### Treasurer's Report February 2026

Balance:	February 8th, 2026	\$9,813.84
Expenses:	Swap meet venue rental balance	\$550.00
	Swap meet table refund	\$50.00
	Above All Sanitation - monthly service	\$120.51
	Swap meet flyers - Ken	\$12.07
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$732.58</b>
Income:	Dues & new member fees	\$690.00
	Swap meet table fees	\$50.00
	Swamp meet admin	\$484.81
	Sweep meet - club table sales	\$669.00
	Swap meet cleaning deposit	\$200.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,093.81</b>
Balance:	March 7th, 2026	\$11,175.07

**Swap Meet Financial Summary**

Expenses:	Venue costs	\$600.00
	Admin costs (AMA insurance & advertising, flyer printing)	\$57.07
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$657.07</b>
Income:	Table fees	\$652.60
	Admissions	\$484.81
	Sales from the club table (Roger)	\$669.00
	Cleaning deposit refund	\$200.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,006.41</b>
Overall Total:		\$1,349.34

- As of March 8th, we have a total membership of 70 members. Jed Robinson and his son Jack have joined the club. They have already spent some time buddy-boxing with Roger.
- 8 club members still have expired memberships. If they renew now, they will have to pay an additional \$10 late fee.
  - If they do not renew by the end of March, they 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 to pay the initiation fee again in addition to the annual dues.

**Other notes:**

- Other than the swap meet (which Ken has reported on elsewhere), this month has been quiet on the finance and admin side of the club.
- We have significant funds in the bank at the moment, which is great as we look forward to things we can do to enhance the club this year. However, there is some concern that one of the mowers is misbehaving and might need servicing or replacing.

Thanks, Martin

**From our Safety Officer: Brian Ostlind,** Time to check batteries and find your Lipo voltage meter. If you can't find it, your charger is good. Storage voltage is 3.8 Volts per cell and full is 4.2V. Brian



## Field Maintenance

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Thanks to Les for doing most of the winter mowing and NOT getting the mower stuck. One of our mowers is misbehaving but still doing its job.

Runway watering time will be coming in May. We will be needing a couple more volunteers to fill the task list. If you are interested please contact me and I will assist you in getting trained for the task you chose to help with. In the past we have had enough volunteers that they only worked one week a month until July and August dried the field out.

### **From our Events Coordinator - Ken Milbrett**

Our second Swap Meet is in the books. It was again a successful event with over 100 visitors come through the door. We had 26 tables sold indoor and 1 outside vendor set up for this swap meet. Martin has published the financial report, but I believe it was about \$1200 profit for the club. We had people from as far as McMinnville come to browse the tables for their next project or plane. We even had a visit from RCGirl, who is a Facebook and YouTube content creator. In the following months we will be discussing what we did well and what we can do better. Please send me your questions or comments on what you think we need to change to make our next swap meet bigger and more successful. Hope to see you at the field. Ken

### **Coming Events: Save these dates**

- 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 Abby's
- 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**  
**March**

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