



# RC AEROGRAM

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## ERCA News and Information

**Next CLUB Meeting** – Wednesday January 23, 7 P.M at EWEB. If you have a building project, bring it with you for "Show and Tell".

**At the November meeting** - 18 members and guests attended. "Show and Tell" Nearly completed Corsair, for sale items from an estate sale.

Discussion of 2013 events and the crosswind runway may be able to be started in August.

### REMINDER

**Winter Flying Rules - Attention All Pilots:**

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Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday

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Meeting minutes are ONLINE at: <http://eugenerc.org/meetings.html>

### 2012 Meeting dates

December - No meeting

### At The November Meeting



Meeting begins.



Corsair show and tell



Anticipating purchase?

**2012 in review** - snippets of ERCA happenings

**At the January 5th meeting** - 25 attended.

Doug McWha received the 2011 Member of the Year Award.

Chuck O'Donnell was presented a collection of "WITH THE WEEKDAY WARRIORS".

**At the Field - January 19th**



*Craig Canaday photo*

**At the Field - March 22nd**



*Dwayne Graville photo*

**At the March 29th meeting** - 22 attended.

Pete won the 50/50. Marc won the raffle for a Real Flight 6 RC Simulator.



New ERCA logo adopted

**New on our web site**

**RCFLIGHTDECK™**

Events Page

Thank you - Brad Werneth



FaceBook Page

Thank you - Pat Willis

**Feb 22, 2012** Indoor Pilots and their aircraft



**2012 in review**

**SAFETY NOTAM**

**Small Fire at Field**

I just wanted to let you know the lawn mower caught on fire yesterday. (May 6)

Mike Winklepleck - Safety Coordinator

Mike and Doug making holes for more **Big Bird** restraints.



**Field Report - June 22nd work party**



Fresh gravel for the pit area. A crew of 12 members shoveled, wheel barrowed and spread three truck loads 3/8" minus crushed quarry gravel.



Most of the work was completed before the rain arrived.

Burgers and hot dogs rewarded the crew.

President Brad rented a trencher and the 2" PVC pipe for the wires from the Club house to the Power Station is in place.

**ERCA at Scout Camp**

Brad, Al, Doug, Wayne and Mickey attended.



**ERCA Club fundraising RAFFLE**

The drawing was held at the Big Bird Event  
The \$200 Gift certificate for Trumps Hobbies was won by a guest.



**2012 in review**



**Field Power**

We are using three SOLAR panels and an 800 watt generator to keep the two deep cycle batteries charged.

**Big Bird Fly In - July 14th** - Photos by Al B, Doug M, Mike W, James T and Jim C  
 18 pilots signed in, 100 plus spectators enjoyed the flying and good weather.  
 Two of the local television stations covered the event. See full report on eugenerc.org.



**July 16th** - Windssock bushing and windssock replaced.  
 Frank made a new bushing,  
 Doug installed the spare windssock  
 The replaced wind sock was installed November 23, 2009.



**Oregon Air and Space Museum** - our club manned a display of some planes at an event on July 21 & 22nd.

**Fire in Field Saturday July 21** Incident report:

At approximately 12:55pm we had an electric plane powered by lipo batteries crashed 150 yards northwest of the club house.



The crash resulted in a fire. I watched the area for approx 20 seconds before I noticed heat coming up from the crash site. No flames were visible. I called fire and ran for the extinguishers as Shola (guest) and Marty Wittman ran towards the area with a towel. It took approx 90 seconds to reach the area that had erupted into a full blown fire reaching 4 feet high stretching to an approximate width of 7 feet.

Mike Winklepleck - Safety Coordinator

**2012 in review**

**Labor Day Fun Fly September 3**



Lots of Flying - good turnout. We had sun with a 10-18 mph north wind, the temperature made it to the low 80's.

18 spectators drawn to the field by the new signs setup on Hiway 99, 29 pilots and a total crowd of 47 folks. Drawings were held for several \$25 gift certificates.



**Community outreach October 4 - Mickey Cohen and Doug McWha photos**  
 ERCA static display at Sheldon Oaks



Mickey Cohen, Al Barrington, Mike Farr, Doug McWha, Chuck O'Donnell and Brad Werneth participated.



**2012 in review**

One of our members is now flying with the angles. Dwight Rose.

His wife donated all his airplanes to the club to sell and split the moneys. Dwight was quit a collector. We gathered a crew and removed 57 airplanes and took them to my house.

We put the word out that they were for sale and at good prices and yes you guessed it!! They are almost all gone. I still have some left, trainers and a lot of gliders. Some geared electric motors and small stuff.

I want to thank you all. The money collected will benefit Dwight's family and the club.

Any interest in what's available please call

Marty Wittman - 541-968-2094

**At the November Meeting** Officers were elected for 2013

**2013 Meeting Dates - Time 7pm**

January 23	Wed - EWEB	July 23	Tue - Field
February 26	Tue - Roaring Rapids Pizza	August 27	Tue - Field
March 21	Thurs - EWEB	September 23	Mon - EWEB
April 22	Mon - EWEB	October 22	Tues - Roaring Rapids Pizza
May 29	Wed - EWEB	November 25	Mon - EWEB
June 25	Tue - Field	December	NO MEETING

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**At the Field** December 3rd



## Treasurers Report

2012 has been a great year for ERCA. We will end the year with 84 members and over \$5000 in the bank to kick off 2013. I want to thank all who helped make it such a success. In short review, we accomplished the pits area re-gravel project, the field solar power station, a Memorial Day Fun Fly, the Big Bird Fly In, the August Fun Fly, the Labor Day Fun Fly, the Eugene Air Museum display, the Briggs School display and demo, a Scout Day Camp display and demo and a Retirement Center display and demo. Whew!

In addition to all the above achievements, ERCA acquired official status as a 501c(7) not for profit corporation. I just received a response back from AMA regarding our application for the 2012 Gold Leader Club award. The AMA sent ERCA congratulations on our qualification for the award. They have forwarded the notice to the District X Vice President, Lawrence Tougas to make it official. All ERCA members should be proud. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

Many thanks to those members who have avoided the rush and already renewed their AMA and ERCA memberships. If you have not already done so, please renew your AMA membership to continue your AMA benefits. Then send your \$60 dues (still a bargain) to: ERCA, PO Box 26344, Eugene, OR 97402. I will process your renewal and mail your temporary member card as a receipt. If I have your photo on file, a photo ID badge will be made and clipped to the radio rack in the field club house for you to pick up on your next fly day.

All members are advised to read and understand the current ERCA Constitution and By-Laws available free on request or on the ERCA web site: Constitution

According to By-Laws Article III Section 5, members not renewed by the February meeting will be charged a \$10.00 late fee. After the March meeting, members not renewed will be dropped from the active roster and subject to the \$25 initiation (reinstatement) fee.

Instructor Pilots needed: If you think you have what it takes to teach new pilots to fly model aircraft, we need you. Please read about the Intro Pilot Program on the AMA web site: Introductory Pilot Program - Academy of Model Aeronautics

I have commitments to continue or enter the program from Wayne Wahrmund, Marty Wittman, and Jeff Engle. Please contact me if you want to continue or start in the program. Thank you for your dedication and your positive contribution to the club and the sport of aero modeling.

Member of the Year: I still need recommendations for the 2012 ERCA Member of the Year Award. The Executive Board will decide the award winner before the coming January meeting. I would like to be able to present the award at the January meeting. Please email me or write on your renewal form, your recommendation.

Thanks again to everyone for your dedication and contributions toward making a successful 2012. Here's looking forward to an equal or better 2013.

Happy landings.

AL Barrington  
Sec/Treas, ERCA

## President Elect's Report

Now that the building season is upon us we can look back at the great days we had this year for flying. I would suspect for most of us the flying season came and went way too quickly. As the holiday season passes, we will start thinking about and planning for the New Year. Some of us will build additions to our fleet, others will be checking their airplanes over and preparing for another great year.

I am looking forward to serving as your president in 2013. I have several goals that I will work on this year which include growing our membership, increasing attendance at our meetings, developing more youth involvement and field maintenance and improvements. I am certain that most of you have some great ideas as well. I would like to hear about your thoughts and idea's so that we can discuss

and evaluate them at the meetings. If you would like to send your suggestions to me prior to the meetings I can add them to the agenda. My email address is [mcaviation@comcast.net](mailto:mcaviation@comcast.net) and my phone number is 541-953-9902. I look forward to hearing about your thoughts and suggestions.

My responsibility as the president is simply to be a resource for you to make all of our club and flying experience's as enjoyable and satisfying as possible.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season & a healthy New Year!

Mickey Cohen  
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## Vice President Elect's Report

First and foremost I want to say we have been blessed to have had such a great leadership team with Brad and Mike at the helm for so long and I intend to keep their vision and momentum moving forward to make our field a must see/fly destination. I want to say "Thank You" to both of these gentlemen for there hard work, tenacity and a job well done, your work has not gone unnoticed! That goes for Al as well but since he is a gluten for punishment he gets to stay and work with us this year.

As I ponder the past year all I that comes to mind is that it has been quite the year for our club. With all of the events, visitors and TV exposure it made for a jammed pack full of fun 2012. We also had to call out our local member fire team twice to take care of a lawn mower and a electric plane fire, I am still having nightmares about that one. It just goes to show that without our dedicated club members, volunteers and significant others we would not have the field and fun that we do today.

I also would also like to thank each and every member for there vote of confidence in me for the office of Vice President. I look forward to serving in this position as Mickey Cohen's right hand man and your go to guy for input and ideas. Please feel free to contact Mickey or myself for anything as we are here to serve you.

Well for myself I have been trying to get out to the field and do some flying but this weather is just not cooperating like last year winter. Thanks to all of the guys (Pat Willis, JR, Mel, Brad, Donnie, Chick Foster and Mike Vaughn) I moved up to a 50cc Yak 54 this year that keeps my adrenaline pumping like crazy. All of these guys have saved my butt a few times each with this plane. And thanks to Frank it's a beautiful again and just waiting to be flown. For those of you that don't know Frank saved my plane from the recycle bin in August of this year, that runway is just not as long as I thought.

In closing there is a lot of fun to be had in 2013. Happy Holidays!

Mike Winklepleck



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Possible Field Improvement Projects for 2013

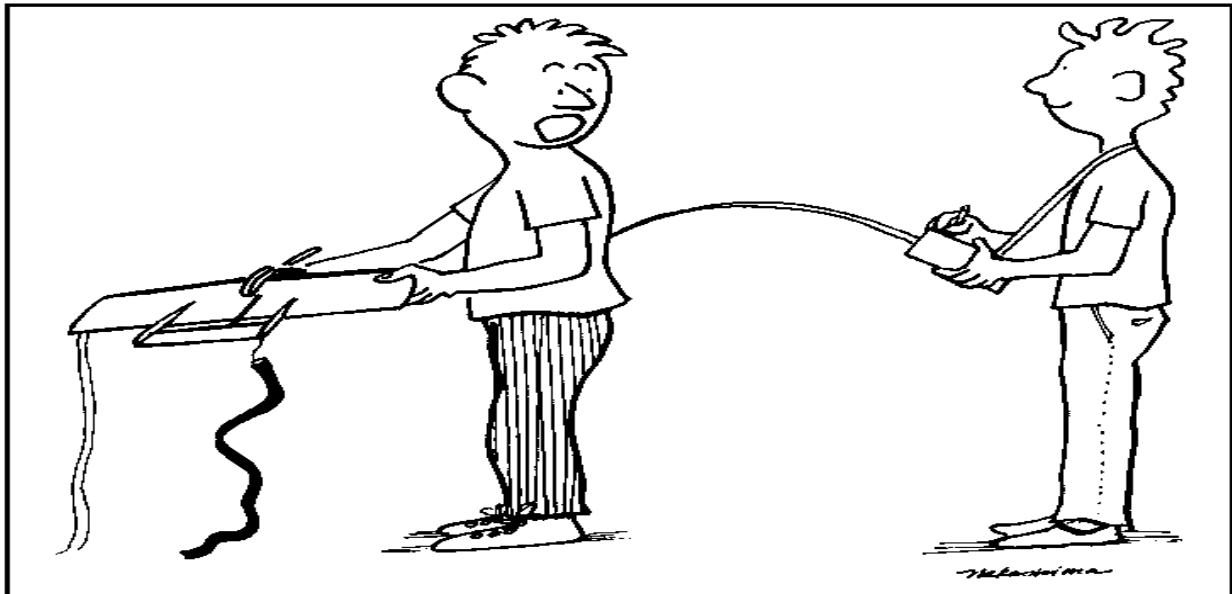
Replace Pit cover tarp.  
 Install second solar panel kit.  
 Build or purchase bleachers for spectator seating.  
 Start filling area for crosswind runway.

Airport scale model

Check out this miniature airport. Don't miss take off and Landing at 14 minutes marked (it is 15 minutes video). This modeling at a whole different level. Khoi Tran  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=gn1qMYfFrro&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=gn1qMYfFrro&feature=related)

RC Trivia

Large Radio Controlled plane - Longest flight so far 469 days.  
 It qualifies as a BIGer BIRD - 29 feet in length, weight - 11,000 lbs  
<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/20121211air-force-space-plane-launch.html>



“Touché my foot! If you do that again, I’ll sic ‘Dirty Dan’ and his cucumbers on ya!”

--- That's All Folks --

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**December 2012**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Renewing Current Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**INVOICE FOR 2013 MEMBERSHIP - EUGENE RC AERONAUTS**

**Please fill in the following information and send back with your Dues Remittance**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ under age 17 \_\_\_\_\_

2013 AMA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have paid my 2013 AMA Dues. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Check your AMA Status** <http://www.modelaircraft.org/MembershipQuery.aspx>

Member Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Via: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Do not need to receive newsletter

Please enclose your check for \$ 60.00 as a current member renewing for 2013 and

Mail to: Eugene RC Aeronauts, PO Box 26344, Eugene, Or. 97402.

Or bring this INVOICE and \$60.00 to the Meeting.

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Newsletter ONLINE at: <http://eugenerc.org/NL/CURRENTNEWSLETTER.pdf>