



# RC AEROGRAM

**The Monthly Newsletter of the Eugene RC Aeronauts Flying Club**

**Editor - Mickey Cohen**

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**Next Club Meeting** – Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The meeting this month will be held at the flying field. Come out early and get some flying in before the business meeting. *Enjoy some hamburgers and hot dogs before the meeting. The club will provide the burgers and dogs so please bring a salad, chips or something yummy for desert to share.* This is a great opportunity to bring your project or new bird for show and tell to share.

## **Meeting Minutes**

May 24th, 2016 Meeting

.No minutes available.

## **Safety Report**

No safety issues or concerns reported.

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



Hey All,

*Who knew fall would come so early this year? I'm kidding! Summer will be here by the time you are reading this!*

*Thanks to all who helped make our Memorial Day fun fly a success! The turnout was good, and I think we all had a fun day! I appreciate those who mae the group effort, from having the field in good shape, to those who fed us, to those who covered the "pop up" things during the day!*

*We have a new club trainer, thanks to Warren Edwards kit donation, and the building skills, and donations of Frank Blain, coupled with an engine, and JR radio from outside donations! At the current time, I have not "dialed in" the plane, due to recent liquid sunshine, but it should be ready for intro flights very soon.*

*I leave you with a quote that nobody has claimed.*

***"If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no classic helicopter fly-ins?"***

**Treasurer's Report – Jeff Lutz** [jefflutz@q.com](mailto:jefflutz@q.com)



*Balance as of 5/23/16 was \$9436.33.*

***Expenses for June:***

*Field Expenses - \$572.74*

*New Field Tables - \$937.42*

*Gift Certificates for Memorial Day Fun Fly - \$187.50*

*Portable Toilet Pump Fee - \$60.75*

## Treasurers Report Continued

### *Income for June:*

*Proceeds from swap meet \$900.00. Thanx to Roger for attending and selling planes and parts donated by **CHUCK JENKINS**.*

*Pilot fees from the Memorial Day fun fly was \$52.50 after we paid for gift cards.*

*Make sure you come to the June meeting at the field, we will be BBQ'ing burgers and hot dogs. I will be bringing some really good ranch style beans. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow members. See you at the field.*

*Treasurer, Jeff Lutz*

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Memorial day fun fly  
Attendees

Jeff Lutz  
Jim Thomas  
Roger Dahl  
Mickey Cohen  
Dennis Lalley  
Dave Carlstrom  
Al Barrington  
Gary Smith  
John Risbrough  
Dwayne Graville  
Frank Blain  
Oliver Willis

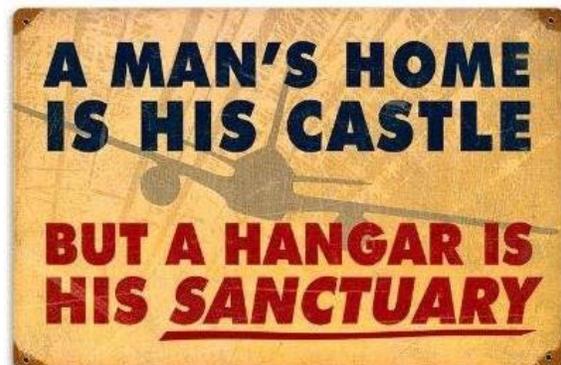
Marty Wittman  
Mike Burgess  
Jim Corbett  
Ricky Bobby  
Brian Funk  
Jess Ewyer  
Mike Lee  
Alan Wellington  
Jeff Grey  
Matt Rulien  
Pat Willis  
Warren Edwards

Prize winners

Frank Blain won the raffle drawing for a \$100 gift cert. for Eugene Toy and Hobby

Mike Lee won the ball drop and a \$25 gift cert. for Eugene Toy and Hobby

Alan Wellington won the timed landing and a \$25 gift cert. for Eugene Toy and Hobby



## **2016 Upcoming Meeting Dates – Time 7PM**

*June 28<sup>th</sup> At the Field*

*July 26<sup>th</sup> At the Field*

*August 23<sup>rd</sup> At the Field*

*September 27<sup>th</sup> Abby's Legendary Pizza, River Road \*NH*

*October 25<sup>th</sup> Abby's Legendary Pizza, River Road \*NH*

*November 22<sup>nd</sup> Abby's Legendary Pizza, River Road*

*December **NO MEETING***

**\*NH-No Host** , you purchase your own food and drinks.



### **Don't Let This Happen to You.**

*This person needed to charge their LiPo battery's and decided to set up the charger and take off. The battery was not in a bag or any other safety container. BIG surprise when they got home.*



## **Crash Reports**

*Mike Lee's aircraft suffered the loss of one stab and elevator from a mid air while practicing formation flying with **Ricky Bobby** whose airplane suffered a damaged prop. Both landed safely.*

## **"Name The Plane"**

*Change to the challenge. The picture will not be shown until next month when the answer is posted. Just a short description will be given. Lets get more folks involved.*

**MAY'S ANSWER.** *The name of the plane is: Transavia PL-12 300T Skyfarmer. It's a single engine agricultural aircraft. A shoulder wing strut braced sesquiplane of all metal construction. Designed in New Zealand and certified in 1966. Al Barrington guessed it correctly. Roger Dahl also responded correctly.*



**JUNE'S CHALLENGE.** *This aircraft's mission was a Forward Air Controller. During the Viet Nam war this aircraft had a reputation for ruggedness and dependability. Often this aircraft returned to base with significant battle damage, but relatively few were lost.*

**Send your responses to: [ERCANewsletter83@comcast.net](mailto:ERCANewsletter83@comcast.net)**

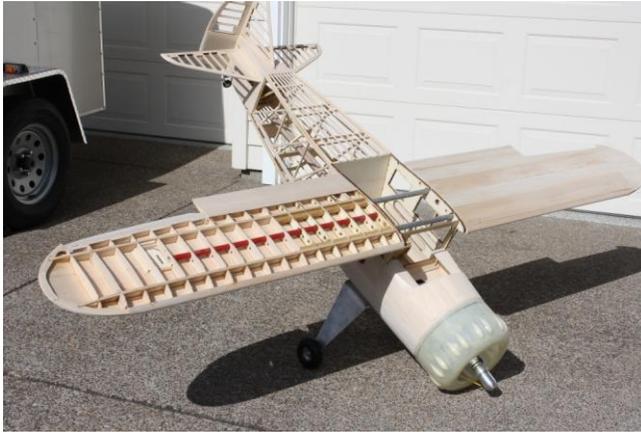
## **FAA Requires RC Aircraft Registration**

*Don't forget to renew your AMA membership and register to receive your required FAA number which must be on all your aircraft, the number must be visible without having to dig through the airplane. This applies to any RC aircraft weighing over ½ lb. Also remember that AMA requires that you have your AMA number or your name and address affixed to each aircraft. AMA sells great preprinted labels for your convenience.*

*HERE IS THE LINK TO REGISTER: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>*

## **Active Projects**

*If you have a build project that's new or have updates to a project we showed in a previous newsletter please send some pictures along with information about the project so that we can share it in the newsletter. New additions to your hangar are also a great item to share.*



**Mickey Cohen's** Howard DGA almost ready to start covering, left wing complete, fuselage complete. Needs sanding all over then fiberglass the wings. The rest of the airplane will be covered with Koverall. I will be using Minwax Polycrylic for the fiberglass and to fill the Koverall, its water based and lacking that smell of dope that drives my wife nuts.

### **Safety First**

**Now** that we are having some great flying weather and folks are taking advantage of the opportunity to fly more often it is important not to lose focus in what we are doing at the flying field. It is easy to get distracted with more people at the field and unfortunately sometimes we get complacent with our surroundings. We have a great hobby but it does have its inherent dangers. Our aircraft can be just a dangerous on the tables or pads as they are in flight. It is important to have an awareness and cautiousness about what we are doing all the time. Don't be shy and ask for help when starting your airplane so you are not reaching about trying to hold the airplane while starting it. Also with so many of us making the switch to gas engines and electric motors ALWAYS handle them as if the ignition or the battery is hot. Also do not forget when handling the batteries that they can get quite warm



**News at the Field**



*Seven New Tables*



*Roger and Frank Admiring Their Work*



*New Club Trainer Built By Frank- CG Eagle2, Magnum 35, JR Radio and Spektrum Receiver*

## **Around the Field**



*Dwayne Explaining How He Invented the Internet to Mel*



*Wayne and Doug Negotiating, Seniority Prevaile*

## Memorial Day Fun-Fly **A Good Time Was Had By All**

*This years Memorial Day Fly-In was a great success. The wind was not exactly our friend but lots of folks showed up for some great flying. Many came out just to enjoy the camaraderie. Biscuits and gravy was available early and pulled pork, burgers and hotdogs for lunch was available from the Kiwanis Club. That gave us the opportunity to eat well and help some of the kiddo's. Roger came up with some interesting fun fly events like the golf ball drop. Prizes were gift certificates from Eugene Toy and Hobby. Thanx to all for a great day.*



**EUGENE RC AERONAUTS**

**Memorial Day RC Air Show**

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 3 pm  
92560 Alvadore Road

**FREE to Spectators** \$10 Pilot Fee -- Includes a Raffle ticket

Introductory Flights  
Food by Elmira Key Club and Fern Ridge Kiwanis  
Fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital

From Eugene, go North on Hwy 99 to Left on Meadowview Rd to Right on Alvadore Rd North to the field. Look for ERCA Air Show signs.



*Jeff's New Citabria*



*Good Food and Very Nice Folks*



*Nice Crowd Gathering*



*Pilot Meeting*



*Marty's Newest Addition (Snoopy)*



*The Whole Hangar Is Here.*



*Once Again Oliver Making The Old Folks Feel Bad About Their Flying*



*More People and Airplanes*



*Heavy Airplane Conversation*



*Many Cars*

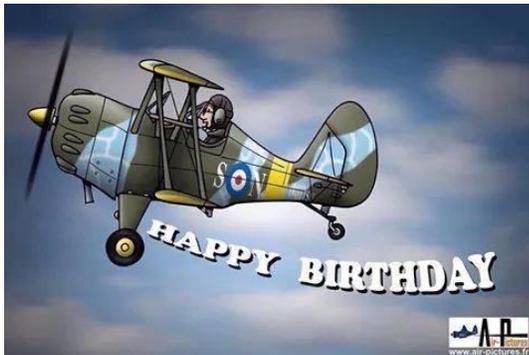


*Frank Sorting Out the Fuel Problem Flight*



*Patrick and Oliver Headed Out For Another Great Demo*

## **Birthdays June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 19<sup>th</sup>**



*John Farkas 7/2*

*James Weller 7-14*

*Missed From Last Month*

*Roger Dahl 6-17*

## **A Collection of Conversations From Our Full Scale Captain (Roger)**

***P = The problem logged by the pilot.  
S = The solution logged by the mechanic.***

***P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.***

***S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.***

***P: Test flight OK, except auto-land***

***very rough.***

***S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.***

***P: No. 2 propeller seeping prop fluid.***

***S: No. 2 propeller seepage normal. Nos. 1, 3 and 4 propellers lack normal seepage.***

*P: Something loose in cockpit.  
S: Something tightened in cockpit.*

*P: Dead bugs on windshield.  
S: Live bugs on backorder.*

*P: Autopilot in "altitude-hold" mode produces a 200-fpm descent.  
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.*

*P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.  
S: Evidence removed.*

*P: DME volume unbelievably loud.  
S: DME volume set to more believable level.*

*P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.  
S: That's what they're there for!*

*P: Transponder inoperative.  
S: Transponder always inoperative in OFF mode.*

*P: The T/C ball seemed stuck in the middle during my last turn.  
S: Congratulations! You've just made your first coordinated turn.*

*P: Suspected crack in windscreen.  
S: Suspect you're right.*

*P: Number 3 engine missing.  
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.*

*P: Aircraft handles funny.  
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.*

*P: Radar hums.  
S: Reprogrammed radar with words.*

*P: Mouse in cockpit.  
S: Cat installed.*

*P: Radio switches stick  
S: Peanut butter no longer served to flight crew*

*P: Screaming sound in cabin at start-up  
S: Company accountant deplaned*

*P: Funny smell in cockpit  
S: Pilot told to change cologne*

*P: Aircraft 2,400 lbs over max weight  
S: Aircraft put on diet of 92 octane*

*P: #3 engine knocks at idle  
S: #3 engine let in for a few beers*

*P: #3 engine runs like it's sick  
S: #3 engine diagnosed with hangover*

*P: Brakes howl on application  
S: Don't step on 'em so hard!*

*P: Radio sounds like a squealing pig  
S: Removed pig from radio. BBQ behind hangar tomorrow*

*P: First class cabin floor has a squeak  
S: Co-pilot told not to play with toddler toys in cabin anymore*

*P: Electrical governor is broke  
S: Paid off governor's debt to Jimmy "The Fish" Galvano*

*P: Air conditioning motor makes a loud squeal like my mother-in-law.  
S: recommend divorce*