



# RC AEROGRAM

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

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## **Next Club Meeting – Tuesday June 20th at 7PM.**

*This is the first meeting of 2017 held at Carl Henson Field.*

*Come out early and get in some flying and have some hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring something to share, the club will provide the dogs and burgers.*

## **Presidents Report – Roger Dahl**

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*Hey All,  
Greetings from Kailua-Kona, on the Big Island!*

*I have been here since the 30th, and plan on being back in Oregon on the 19th.*

*It seems that the local rc club has let the FAA completely scare them out of flying rc planes! I tried to contact the President to explain the latest lawsuit which has ripped the legal hands of the FAA away from model aircraft, but I was unable to contact him.*

*I understand the Oregon weather has been keeping things green, (he said with a grin), but don't lose hope! I'll bring some sun and warmth home with me!*

*We will plan for our next event, our Warbird and Fun fly, at our club meeting this month.*

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Dwayne Graville**

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Jim Corbett**

**Field Maintenance  
Jim Corbett**

*It is scheduled for July 4th, and I hope it goes as well as our Memorial Day fun fly was.*

*It occurred to me that we had no crashes at our fun fly last month!*

*That had to be a First!*

*Stay safe out there, and come out early for some flying, and dinner! We will fire up the grill around 6:00 and char some burgers and hot dogs!*

*Aloha!*

*Rog*

### **Treasurer's Report – Jeff Lutz**

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#### **Treasurers report May 2017**

*Balance as of May 10 2017: \$6,858.95*

*Checks written for:*

*Jim Corbett field expenses: \$109.51*

*Winco picnic supplies for memorial day \$82.21*

*US bank service charge for paper statement: \$5.00*

*Total expenses for June 2017 **\$196.72***

*Income for June:*

*New member dues for Dave and David Lloyd : \$287.50*

*Donations from Memorial Day BBQ: \$167.59*

*Donations for planes and parts Creswell swap meet: \$488.00*

*Total income for June 2017 **\$943.09***

*Balance as of June 14 2017: **\$7605.32***

*The meeting is at the field this month. June 20<sup>th</sup>. I will bring burgers and hot dogs to bbq and most likely some beans. Other side dishes would be welcomed - cookies, potato salad, fruit and potato chips etc... Come out early and get some flying in. I will try to have the burgers and dogs done around 6 o'clock. I am building a Phaeton 90 biplane and will bring it for people to check out.*

*Sincerely, Jeff Lutz*

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



**ERCA Minutes for May 2017**

*The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. at Abby's Pizza on River Rd. There were 17 members present, plus 4 guests. The minutes were read and approved for the April meeting.*

*The Treasurer's report was read and approved.*

*Under Old Business...*

*-Jim C. announced that he is about ready to purchase a new fertilizer spreader (\$190), and get some yellow jacket traps for the field.*

*-The runway grass has been reseeded where needed.*

*-Fertilizing will be done sometime in early June, weather permitting.*

*-It was also announced that the cutout on the left side of the culvert heading into the field has an eroded area that might become a problem. Roger said he would touch base with Mike on this.*

*Under New Business...*

*-Four guests were introduced – all family members. They were Dave Lloyd, David Lloyd, Christie Lloyd, and Trevor Stroda. All 4 were unanimously voted into the club.*

*-Dave Carlson suggested that we update the "mugshots" of our members and post the updated pictures in the clubhouse. Members can have their pictures*

taken by the Secretary (Dave F.) at the next meeting, or submit their own pictures via email to Jim C. for inclusion in the new “member board.”  
-The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*“We are updating the “mugshot” pictures of our members to be posted in the clubhouse. Members can have their pictures taken by the Secretary (DaveF.) at the June meeting (at the field), or submit their own pictures via email to Jim C. for inclusion in the new “member board,”*

### **Safety Report – Dwayne Graville** [dgraville@msn.com](mailto:dgraville@msn.com)



#### **FLYING SAFETY**

We are starting another summer flying season and we need to think about flying with more people than when we caught a few good days this winter. We need to remember to communicate with our fellow fliers about what we are doing. Do not make high energy passes towards the pits or spectators.

Announce or pass along.

- Entering the runway.
- Taking off.
- Making a low pass.
- Dead stick landing.
- Landing.
- On the runway.

Always takeoff, fly and land in the same direction as the other flyers in the air. It is usually a left-handed pattern unless the wind is from the west.

Also we will be mowing and watering the runway. Please do not fly when we are mowing, and the mowing will go much faster if we get both mowers going. If you fly when the sprinklers are out keep your aircraft away from the water lines, they are damaged easily by spinning props.



# THE AIRCRAFT MODELER AS SEEN BY...



THE HOBBY SHOP OWNER



HIS NEIGHBORS



HIS COMPETITORS



HIMSELF



HIS WIFE



HIS KIDS

March 1971 American Aircraft Modeler (pp 49)  
ARTIST - CHARLES CATRON III

## **2017 ERCA Upcoming Events**



*June 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at ERCA Flying Field @7PM. ERCA will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. You are encouraged to bring a side dish, deserts, chips or make a cash donation*

*July 4<sup>th</sup> Warbird Fun Fly*

*July 18<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at ERCA Flying Field @7PM. ERCA will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. You are encouraged to bring a side dish, deserts, chips or make a cash donation.*

*August 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at ERCA Flying Field @7PM. ERCA will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. You are encouraged to bring a side dish, deserts, chips or make a cash donation.*

*August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Monster Fest.*

*September 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Fun Fly.*

*September 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Abby's, River Road \*NH @7PM.*

*October 17<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at Abby, River Road  
\*NH @ 7PM*

*November 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at Abby's, River Road,  
Hosted by ERCA @7PM.*

## **2017 ERCA Club Officer Contact Info.**

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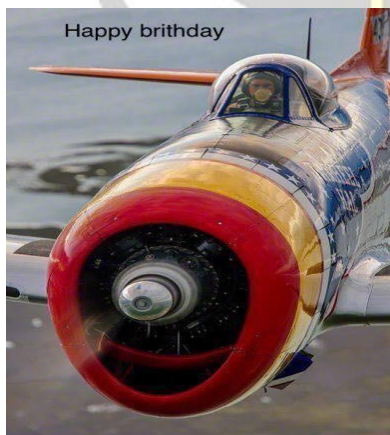
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### **June Birthdays**



Doug McWha 6/15

Roger Dahl 6/17

Glenn Forrest 6/21

Kurt Hiner 6/23

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### **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. Send some pictures of your shop.*



*Balsa USA Phaeton 90 build project of Jeff Lutz. This aircraft will be powered by a Saito fa-90 twin cylinder 4 stroke engine The aircraft has a 72" wingspan. Its looking good Jeff.*





## FAA Registration Requirement Struck Down

On Friday, May 19 the federal appeals court struck down the FAA's registration requirement for recreational model aircraft. You can [read the opinion here](#).

The Court ruling is effective immediately. As such, if you have not registered with the FAA, you are no longer required under the law to do so. For those of you who have already registered with the FAA, you may be wondering what this means for you. We are currently working to obtain answers from the FAA and will share more information as it becomes available.

Please keep in mind that this is a fluid situation and there is always the possibility of a renewed push in Congress to compel federal registration for model aircraft. If that happens, rest assured that AMA will continue to advocate for your interests and keep you well informed every step of the way. We have repeatedly argued that federal registration for our community is duplicative and unnecessary, as our members already register their model aircraft with AMA. In addition, our 80-year history of safe and responsible flying demonstrates that we're not the problem. We shouldn't be burdened by overly broad regulations.

The ruling also bodes well for our pending court challenge to the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (also known as the Interpretive Rule). That petition, which AMA filed in 2014, is currently before the same Court that today rejected the FAA's registration rule and affirmed the strength of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, otherwise known as Section 336. This gives us hope for our continued fight against the Interpretive Rule.

We understand that these policy and legal developments are sometimes dizzying and complicated, and they are rarely resolved quickly. We're nearly three years into our challenge to the Interpretive Rule, for example. We truly appreciate your sticking with us while we press on in the fight to protect your right to fly, free from unnecessary and burdensome restrictions.

Sincerely,  
AMA Government Affairs

**Check out something different in radio control.**

*No need to wait for the field to dry out.*



From eastbound beltline (Hwy569) take delta hwy north exit or from westbound beltline take delta hwy valley river exit and turn right. Follow north through traffic light of GREEN ACRES AND DELTA HWY about 1/8 mile past Eugene sand and gravel and the last building which is a county building on the left is a driveway. Take GATE 4 entrance. (GRAVEL ROAD) You will see the pond. We are on the west side of pond. This is all near HOME DEPOT AREA

**2017 Racing Season is HERE!!!**  
Dust of those hulls and polish your props!

- Fun run March 5
- Race 1 March 19
- Race 2 April 9
- Fun run April 23
- Race 3 May 7
- Race 4 June 4
- Race 5 July 16 (Emerald Cup)
- Race 6 August 6
- Race 7 September 17

Other Fun runs, Tests and tunes will be added throughout the season as needed.

Gates open at 8:00 am racing starts at 10:00 am. 10 dollars for a day of racing. race all the classes you want. NAMBA card is required for racing.

Some of the exciting classes this year will be 1/12 scale/ Pspec, 1/10 scale hydo, tunnel hull nitro and electric, A mono, Pspec outrigger, stock gas and mod gas!



## **Editors Choice for RC Airplane of the Month**



## **ROLLOUT OF PAUL ALLENS ROCKET LAUNCHING AIRPLANE**

***WINGSPAN 385 Feet, 28 Wheels, AC weighs 500K, Payload 550K.***

***And as you might expect Paul Allen is partnered with Engineering Genius and AMA member Burt Rutan (Scaled Composites).***



*Paul Allens Rocket Launching Airplane*



*Wingspan 365 Feet*