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DUES TIME LAST CALL - PLEASE pay your AMA and ERCA dues ASAP!

ERCA News and Information

Next CLUB Meeting – March 23, 2010, 7:00 pm at EWEB. If you have a building project, bring it with you for "Show and Tell".

At the February Meeting – There were with 29 members, family and guests in attendance. The PIZZA was a plenty.

This year's main events will be scheduled as follows: Big Bird Fun Fly – July 10th, Fun Fly – Aug 14th, Labor Day Fun Fly – Sep 6th

The cover structure project was discussed. Aeration and sanding project was brought up and discussed.

The last tickets for the Futaba 10C radio were sold at the February meeting. The drawing was held, Wayne Wahrmund won the radio and graciously donated it to the club for fundraising Auction to be held next

month. We will hold a live auction with Pat as auctioneer at the next meeting. Please show up with your checkbook to bid for the radio.

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WINTER FLYING RULES ARE OVER

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Flying field - Construction of the pit area covering will be starting soon, weather permitting.

Pylon Racing - Marty Wittman is the point of contact for organizing pylon racing at the field. If you are interested in becoming involved he wants to hear from you.

Check out the menu selection for the Pylon Racing on our web site.

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

2010 Meeting Dates

EWEB downtown Eugene:

- March 23rd 7:00 pm.
- April 27th 7:00 pm.
- May 25th 7:00 pm.

At the flying field 7:00 pm.

- June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th

EWEB downtown Eugene:

- September 28th 7:00 pm.
- October 26th 7:00 pm.
- November 23rd 7:00 pm

(No December meeting)

Presidents Corner

Good news, the canopy project is being completed. Craig has graciously donated a bunch of fencing poles that we needed as posts for the canopy. Frank and Brad are just waiting for decent weather to install the 18'x40' cover over the pit area. Please contact either fellow to help out if you're available this Friday / Saturday. I will be available Friday afternoon to help myself. We can use all the muscle power we can get from the club. I'm excited to see this canopy go up in time for our fun fly events coming up this year.

Another update is the runway maintenance. Lots of club members are expressing frustration over the water pooling on the west end of the runway. Rod Madison and I have been discussing solutions for that problem. It's no big secret that the west end is a low lying area that allows rainwater to pool up for days after a storm. The big question is how to improve drainage to that area in the most cost effective manner. Rod's expert opinion is that aeration and sanding alone will not be enough to solve the drainage problem. We must bring that low lying area up to level, so that water will spread to the side of the runway and into the farm. Rod suggests

that we add a loam base to the low areas to bring them up to level, then re-seed the lawn. Hopefully, he can make it to next club meeting to detail us on the process and give some cost estimates.

Club Auction at the next club meeting. Remember that Wayne graciously donated the Futaba 10C FASST radio that he won from the raffle last month. We will hold a special auction for the radio at the meeting next week. Wayne would like to see the proceeds go to field upgrades. He also requests that only club members in good standing can participate in the auction. Anyway, bring your checkbook or cash to the meeting and make it a lively get together. Pat will be the Auctioneer.

A final note. Wayne's spirit of giving has become contagious. I have a brand new Saito 72 4c laying around that I don't have any uses for. It should be perfect power for your next 40 size sport plane. I will donate the motor to the club to put up for auction at the April meeting. Hope this will trigger another good turn out and add some cash to the coffers.

See you then.

Khoi Tran

Are you guys getting tired of paying \$7 for NGK CM6 spark plugs?

If so, stand back and be amazed...

I found <http://www.boats.net> web site through RCU where you can get genuine ngk plugs for less than \$2 each. These plugs are replacements for DA, DLE gassers.

I've just bought 20 plugs to last me for years.

Check it out!

Khoi Tran

WITH THE WEEKDAY WARRIORS

This month we will be without C O'D's monthly column. He went under the blade and is recovering.

I chatted with him on March 15th, he said the some other complications have kept him occupied. Before his scheduled hospital visit we had discussed the lack of good flying weather during the week days.

I would expect that Chuck will back in the air before the month is out and we will be able to read a "first hand account" of that return.

To Chuck, "Best wishes for a speedy recovery and rising air".

Jim Corbett

FOR SALE - Visit EugeneRC.com for listings with full descriptions and pictures

Mike Duncan 541-510-7054

Planes Extra 300 - 58" wingspan Engine: Super Tiger 90 Servos: Futaba S3004 This is the last plane I built and has never been flown. Engine has been broken in only. This is normally a 40-50 size kit, so the plane will be very fast. \$200.00
Carl Goldberg Anniversary Edition Piper Cubs - 76" Wingspan, Engine: Saito Golden Knight 80, -Stroke These planes are rough but very fixable. There are two kits included. Servos: None \$150.00
Piper Cub Floats - New in box \$25.00
Tower Hobbies 40 trainer - Engine: Tower Hobbies 46 Servos: Futaba S3004 Only flown once \$110
OS Max 61 - 2-Stroke with pitts style muffler \$75.00
OS 40 FP - 2-Stroke \$40.00
Royal 40 - 2-Stroke New in box \$50.00

Mark 541-588-9884

Staudacher GS-300 95" - 8.5hp ZDZ80 - 26x10 Carbon, Carbon pants, Gear, Spinner, tail wheel, wing tube. Sell \$3000 Invested 2500

Jim Emerson emspunkin@msn.com

Have some Engines For Sale **OS FS61 4 cycle** W/perry pump excellent, **OS MAX VR 77 D/F** engine new in box, **HB 40-pdp**, **Fox 59**, **K&B 40 (2)**, **OS MAX 61**, **Olson** ignition engine complete, **Tornado (C/L)** engine, **Fox 19**, **Olson 23** ignition engine (2) mostly complete, **OS 45** no carb, **Olson 29** ignition engine,

McCoy 29, DENYMITE (1930') complete great condition. Will sell the lot for \$250.00 in Eugene

John Risbrough risbrough@worldnet.att.net 541-767-9883 (Cottage Grove)

Sorpio "Miss Moravia" w/ speed 480 brushed motor and 20 amp speed control. Plane has less than 10 flights and is in like new condition. This is a well built and is a nice slow flier. Paid over \$100.00 new. Asking \$65.00 or best offer.

Email: bonvivantllc@comcast.net

Three NEW planes in their original boxes
Lanier - 1/3 Scale 300s, Kit (7ft wing span) - \$300
Kadet Mark II - by Sig Craftsman - \$75
Sig - Somethin' Extra - \$110

Mark Cross 541-741-0180
mchartmann@yahoo.com

Stinson Reliant - Unbuilt in box, includes extra interior detail kit. \$180, **Hobby Lobby Gee Bee model y Sportser** - ARF 48 in span electric, includes brushless motor, both brand new in box. \$80, **Carl Goldberg Falcon 56** - Unbuilt in box. \$40, **Heli Max AXE CPV3** helicopter With original box, includes extra battery and charger. \$80, **Kyosho Hein (Tony)** Latest version ARF, brand new in box. \$140

Dan 541-729 8764

OS fx .46 good running motor with a Macs pipe.
 KHOI kmtranmd@hotmail.com

I'm selling some of my small warbirds. Examples include: **Hangar 9 P40**, **KMP Sea Fury**, **Patriot XL**. They are 60-120 size birds. They can be sold as airframe only or RTF with engines, radio, retracts.

Mark @ 541-688-0026

WASP electric trainer, with or without ailerons - foam wing and tail feathers very simple construction. \$30

Gar Van Blericom 541-385-9424 cell 541-285-8000 gvanblericom@yahoo.com

I'm selling my last back-up **Funtana 90** that is in virtually mint condition. owned by the super reliable YS FZ 1.10S engine with a Dave Brown Vortech spinner. Has a brand new JR 6volt 1650mah Nickel Metal pack, Voltwatch installed, (2) Hitech Digital HS5474HB's on the Elevator, Hitech High Torque HS645 metal gear on the rudder, (2) High Torque S9350 metal gears on the Ailerons, and a micro on the throttle. have almost \$1,000 in building this plane like this. If someone is willing/first to give me \$600, then I will part with one of my babies

Treasurers Corner

We're up to 67 members now.

Renewals are trickling in. I'll be finalizing the membership list after the March meeting to submit to AMA. Then I will also submit the applications for the Intro Pilot Instructors. I renewed our club's charter and insurance for 2010 with AMA. The treasury balance is at \$6139.20. AI

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Meeting at Papas Pizza



Looks like a HAPPY group to me!

Doug McWha Photos

Field Maintenance

Water pools are just like a swimming pool or bathtub water has no where to go and is trapped so it pools. When the water builds faster than it can drain it will pool. The reason they build roadways with a crown in them is so the water will drain to each side and run down a gutter and through drains away from the road. Our field is draining to that point as well as others on the field when we have to more rain compared to how much the field can drain.

Aeration helps only the top 2 to 3 inches where the grass roots are to break up the soil that gets compacted to help the roots be in a more porous soil condition which is good for the health of the turf. Fields like sports fields that are professionally installed are installed in a sand base. These type of fields require almost constant watering and fertilizing just like a golf green. We do not have that type of base under our field we have a clay based soil under our field that overtime gets compacted and acts more like a paved surface than a sand based well drained golf green or professional sports field so what you get is pooling.

The low spots in the field if they were leveled would help tremendously for the pooling problem and sand would not be what you would use to do the leveling, however a sand loam organic material should be used and sanding the field would be done after the leveling over all of the field to start building a more porous soil condition for the health of the turf.

To sum up this correspondence aeration is to aid the health of the turf with some aid to drainage, leveling the field is for the water pooling on the field, and regular maintenance, over time, and done properly will aid both. However keep in mind to have a perfect well drained field it first starts with the total underlayment of the correct soil. After turf has been installed in a clay soil it takes much time and maintenance to get it like a golf green and keep it in that condition.

Regards, Rod Madson

EVENTS - Visit EugeneRC.com for this years listings

War Birds Event - South Lane Club has changed the dates of the to June 25,26 & 27th. Location is at their Mosby Creek Field.

Big Bird Fun Fly – ERCA – July 10th

Fun Fly – ERCA – Aug 14th

Labor Day Fun Fly – ERCA – Sep 6th

Projects Pit area Covering

With just a little cooperation from the weather controller, this project should be under way before our next meeting. Brad and Frank are ON IT!

--- **That's All Folks** --

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_____ **Renewing Current Member** _____

INVOICE FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - EUGENE R/C AERONAUTS
Please fill in the following information and send back with your Dues Remittance

Name _____ Name Tag Request - Clip ___ Pin ___

2010 AMA Membership No. _____ (Name tags are Free)

I certify that I have paid my 2010 AMA Dues. Initial _____

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 2010 and
Mail to: Eugene R/C Aeronauts, PO Box 26344, Eugene, Or. 97402.
Or bring this INVOICE and \$60.00 to the Meeting.

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