



# RC AEROGRAM

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## ERCA News and Information

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**Jim Corbett**

### COMMITTEES

Events  
**Brad Werneth**

Noise  
**Frank Blain**

**AMA# 530**  
District 11

**Next CLUB Meeting** – Tuesday, November 24, 7 P.M at Abbys Pizza on River Road. Got a project? Bring it for show and tell.

**October meeting** – 13 members present. Club membership is 75.

Old business:

Jim gave an update on drilling of the second well. Since the rains started water level is 9 feet (up from 11 feet.)

Work will continue until well depth is 18 to 21 feet, then flow rate will be determined and a decision to proceed with installing new irrigation system will be made. Minimum flow rate is 30 gpm.

New Business:

Decision was made to apply 2 truckloads of additional sand to the runway.

Nominations for 2016 officers were made:

President	Roger Dahl
Vice President	Frank Blain
Treasurer	Jeff Lutz
Secretary	David Fenner
Safety Officer	Mike Burges

**Show and Tell:** Mickey Cohen brought the fuselage of his scale Howard Hughes DGA-11 which is being built from scratch.

### Field improvements



Geotex runway area rototilled, dragged and Roundup-ed..



Second well down another 3 feet. Flow at 5 gal per minute.

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



Hi Hi all, Another year is coming to the last month, and we will be wrapping up 2015 soon!

I would like to thank all of you who have been pivotal in the success of our club this year! It takes a good group to carry the load, to make things run smooth, and I really appreciate

those who are willing to do it reliably, and usually without fanfare.

We will be voting in some new club officers at our meeting on Tuesday, so you all come, and if you'd like, bring your spouse!

See you then!

Rog

**Treasurers Report - Al Barrington - [albarrington@msn.com](mailto:albarrington@msn.com)**



Our membership remains at 75 and the treasury balance is \$7,894.07.

The November meeting is elections of ERCA officers for 2016. So, come and cast your vote for those you want to see lead ERCA through the next year. We look forward to seeing

you all at the River Road Abby's Pizza parlor for our final business meeting of the year. This meeting the pizza and soft drinks are on the club.

Thanks for another great year.

Happy landings.

AL Barrington

Treasurer, ERCA

**2015 Meeting Dates - Time 7pm**

January 27	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	July 28	Tue - At the Field
February 24	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR	August 25	Tue - At the Field
March 24	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	September 22	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH
April 28	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	October 27	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH
May 26	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	November 24	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR
June 23	Tue - At the Field	December	NO MEETING

*\*NH – means NO HOST, you buy your own pizza and drinks*

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ERCA Field Care Crew -

**Mowing**

The grass keeps growing, not as fast. A once a week or every other week mowing will be needed through the Winter and Spring.

**Watering**

The watering will start again after the spring rains slow down

My thanks to this years' watering crew - David Fenner, Doug McWha, Jim Corbett, Brad Werneth, Al Barrington, Warren Edwards, Casey Sanguins, Dwayne Graville and Jeff Lutz.

At the Field



**WINTER FLYING RULES**

During November, December, January and February  
 On Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays  
 no flying is allowed prior to NOON.  
**DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE FIELD BEFORE NOON.**





## DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU - Mickey Cohen



BEFORE



AFTER

***This ugly transition took place for a number of reasons:***

It was a very nice Friday morning, no wind, good visibility, just one other person at the field. I was feeling good about my flying after 4 flights on another airplane so it was time to fly the 4 Star.

Performed a very limited preflight check of the airplane after all it flew great the last time it was out. Checked flight control direction and all looked good.

Take off was great and on my first pass down the runway a different noise was heard. Two rocket scientists, Flank Blain and myself said wow that sounds like flutter so I decided I better make a high speed pass and check it out. As the

airplane was on a slight dive to get more airspeed I quickly learned about the elevator failure. BOOM!

During the recovery of many pieces the post mortem began and there it was right in front of my face. This airplane had a joined elevator and the block in the elevator where the wire inserts had a very old crack and decided to split. I must admit the crack was most likely caused by me. There was a small differential in the elevators so I simply tried to bend them to be equal.

I think it will be obvious to all of you how one error compounded by another quickly will equal disaster.

***PERFORM A GOOD PREFLIGHT BEFORE YOUR FIRST FLIGHT.  
IF YOU HEAR SOMETHING DIFFERENT LAND AND CHECK IT OUT.***

Up, Up, and Away - Mark Tolonen - Curator of Exhibitions

Philomath, Ore. – “Up, Up, and Away”, a year-long exhibition about the history of flight, is scheduled to be open from November 6, 2015 through November 5, 2016.

See artifacts and learn stories about the past century of manned flight. Themes in the exhibition include ballooning, kites, helicopters, toys, and early development of the airplane and its evolution through the 20th century, during wars, by commercial travel and into space.



Did you know?

The Wright Brothers’ father, Milton, had many friends in Benton County.

Benton County inventor Thomas Benton Slate built a 212 foot long metal dirigible during the 1920s. CH2M cofounder Fred Merryfield was a biplane pilot during WWI.

In 1929, Corvallis Boys Scouts painted the roof of OSU's McAlexander Fieldhouse with a large “Corvallis” sign and an arrow pointing to the Grant Street airport a mile to the northeast.



Enjoy a visit to Oregon’s past AND present! The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 – 4:30. Admission is always free!

Located six miles west of Corvallis on Hwy 20/34, at 1101 Main Street, Philomath, Oregon, the Benton County Historical



Society operates the Museum facilities for the preservation of history and culture. Its goal is to preserve the material culture of Benton County, Oregon. It strives to enrich people’s lives through interesting exhibitions and educational programs.

Please call (541) 929-6230 or visit [www.bentoncountymuseum.org](http://www.bentoncountymuseum.org) for more information.



--- That's All Folks ---

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