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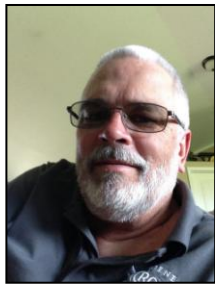
October 2017

Next Club Meeting – Tuesday October 17th at 7PM.

Meeting location: Abby's Legendary Pizza, located at
1970 River Road, Eugene.

This is a no host meeting.

Roger Dahl – President roger@artistry-in-motion.com



Hey All,
It's turning to Fall, and the leaves are going to soon be doing just that! The new grass is growing fine on our runway, and I'm thankful for another season!

Jeff Lutz has kicked off a winter challenge to build a kit, and others are jumping on the "kitwagon"! Good to see!

We will be needing to vote for club members, so if you would like to make a nomination, make it known at our next meeting!

See you at the meeting!

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Treasurers report for October 2017

Balance as of September 13, 2017: \$7590.71

Checks written for:

Field Expenses Jim Corbett: @431.57

Above all sanitation: \$65.75

Total expenses for October: \$497.32

Income for October 2017:

Donation from Henry Barckley: \$50.00

Donation from Eugene Toy and Hobby: \$50.00

Total income for October 2017: \$100.00

Balance as of October 11, 2017: \$7,193.39

I went to the field and flew a helicopter on Sunday and the new grass is coming up nicely. We should have a fantastic field to fly off of next year. The club recently received a donation from Henry Barckley a past member of the Aeronauts and The Eugene Toy and Hobby

See you at the next meeting: Jeff



ERCA Minutes for September 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 at the River Rd. Abby's Pizza. Eight members were present. The August minutes were read and approved. Jeff read the Treasurer's report, which was approved.

Under Old Business:

-Between August 19th and September 16th, the flying field was plowed up, disked, rolled, seeded, and rolled again. Jim announced that the main field will be closed until further notice, allowing the new grass to properly grow. The geotex section will remain open. Frank stated that he would check with the Creswell club to see if we can temporarily fly at their field, and check to see whether there would be any cost for flying privileges.

Under New Business:

-Jeff suggested we compensate new members for at least some of next year's dues because of the field closure right after they joined the club.

Several members agreed that there should be some compensation.

-Frank reiterated that Jeff's idea to have a spring event to promote the building of model aircraft was a good one, and that we should follow up on that idea.

-There was considerable discussion about how to increase membership and bring in "new blood" amongst club officers to add enthusiasm and energy to club activities. For example, concern was expressed that the club is not reaching out individually to new members.

Under Show & Tell, Jeff brought in his "new build" to show the progress he's making on his project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

2017 ERCA Upcoming Events

November 21st Membership Meeting at Abby's, River Road,
Hosted by ERCA @7PM.

2017 ERCA Club Officer Contact Info.

President: Roger Dahl- 541-579-5959 - roger@artistry-in-motion.com

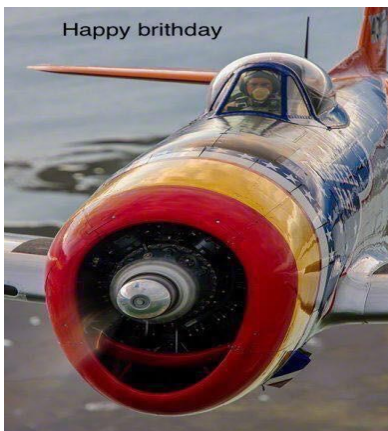
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October Birthdays



Aaron Bailey 10/8

Casey Sanguins 10/14

Dave Schiltz 10/18

Darin Thramer 10/26

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

ERCA Winter Build Challenge

The main goal of the Winter Build Challenge is to stimulate and encourage traditional model building within the club. It will also be a good platform for sharing modeling techniques and will hopefully provide some good content for our newsletter and facebook page. Don't be afraid to bring your build to the monthly meetings for show and tell or advice from fellow builders. The WBC is for experienced builders and beginners alike. Its important to know you will NOT be judged at any time on your building skills.

The end game for this event will be a maiden flight party, sometime in the spring of 2018 (probably May sometime). All entries will be expected to make their maiden flight, one-at-a-time, on that day. If you are not comfortable flying your plane, you can have someone else do the test flight. After all the maiden flights are done, successful builders become eligible to win prizes or cool stuff yet to be determined.

Here's the Challenge:

□ Must be a NEW build from a balsa kit or plans. No repair jobs of previously flown aircraft. No ARFs. No foamies. □

Previously started kits are okay, but they should have no covering and the framework must be less than 50% completed. □

Models must be radio-controlled, of any size or complexity, and powered with glow, gas, or electric. □

To enter, you must post at least one current photo showing the starting point of your project in our newsletter or on the clubs Facebook page. Remember, this is a social event - no secret projects allowed. □

To finish the challenge, your plane must be flown at the maiden flight party. The plane must take off, make at least one lap, and land. □

The Challenge is open to any AMA member.

For now, let's consider these guidelines to be semi-fluid. There may be good reasons to make some tweaks down the line. It's not like this is a competition. The idea is to challenge yourself, learn a thing or two, and have fun.

If you are a relative newcomer to building, take some time to research your kit options and talk with a few experienced club members for ideas and advice. If you are an established builder, grab a kit out of your stash and start gluing!

Questions, suggestions, comments, or ideas? Contact Jeff Lutz 541-954-8955 jefflutz@g.com

Some Pictures of Winter Build Challenge Projects



Jeff Lutz's Extra 300



Jeff Lutz's Extra 300



Chick Fosters Hog



Mel Graham's UFO



Mel Graham's UFO

ERCA runway redo 2017 progress

September 16th



Runway seeded



and rolled

October 3 – Grass growing.



Looking West



Looking East

*Main runway **CLOSED** until the grass grows. It will be some weeks until the grass has grown enough to fly off of. OK to use Geotex runway.*

