

# **Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's Flight Line Gazette**

**Dedicated toward making R/C aircraft a family activity**

**Date:** April 24, 2018

**Next Meeting:** May 1, 2018

**Location:** Aeromodelers Flying Field, Dehmel Rd., Frankenmuth

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

The Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's meetings are open to the public. Club membership is not required to attend club meetings or receive pilot training. If you want flight training, just contact one of the club officers or club instructors listed in the newsletter.

## **CLUB OFFICERS ARE:**

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**John Baillargeon**

Visitors are always welcome to the club meetings and to join us at the club flying field. The flying sight is located at 9650 S. Dehmel Rd., Birch Run, MI.

See you all next month,

**Joel Zwerk**

Newsletter Editor

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Check us out on Facebook as well.

## **Club News:**

Greetings once again from the northern outpost here in Richville. Hope you are all doing well and are putting the finishing touches on your latest projects. After this past winter and spring I think all of us are really ready to get out and do some flying. We've got some events coming up so pay close attention to the dates. Hope to see you all very soon out at the flying field.

## **Members Present:**

We had 16 fellas at the last meeting. Pretty darn good I think.

## **Visitors:**

We had two visitors at the April meeting. Dennis Spender and Matt Wilton. Dennis is a General Aviation pilot and is interested in learning to build and fly RC. He has his AMA and also visited our field some years back. Matt was a member of the club some years ago and has joined up again. Welcome Dennis and Matt.

## **New Pilots and Members:**

Matt Wilton joined the club and I'm sure he'll be in the air in a short time.

### **Training and Field News:**

There's going to be a couple of events at the field that you should know about...

#### **FIELD OPENING IS SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 28th STARTING AT 10:00 AM.**

Rain Day will be April 29th.

I think I made that clear enough. That's this Saturday. Please make arrangements to show up and help out. As far as the field is concerned I don't think we'll be over worked. We do have some maintenance items to take care of as far as the tractors and other equipment that we have. The weather looks like it will cooperate so there's no reason not to be there. Remember, this is your club. Don't leave things for "somboddy else" to do. Somebody else might not feel like helping either. We have a small, but great bunch so let's get together and get things done. Thanks.

Arrangements are set for the Frankenmuth Aerotow Festival happening on August 11-12, 2018. Pilot's meeting is set for 9:30 each day with flying starting at 10:00. This event is open for anyone that has a sailplane or would like to try their hand at sailplane flying. If you don't have a plane, not a problem. They'll have sailplanes for you to fly. Current AMA and FAA required. Please note: the flying field will be closed to any other type of flying. There's plenty of other weekends that you can fly so please be respectful of the event. Should be a great couple of days.

#### **This just in... WE NEED AT LEAST 4 MORE VOLUNTEERS TO BE ON A MOWING CREW.**

This actually just happened. Wayne called and he needs more guys to help with the mowing duties this summer. I guess a few backed out and we are in need. This really isn't an optional thing. No Mow, No Fly. Please contact Wayne Nuechterlein at 989-290-2953 to let him know when you can mow. With enough crews you'll only have to mow one week of the month. Most likely twice during the week. You'll have to get checked out on the mowers but should not be anything too difficult. Thanks.

We also need volunteers for the annual Fire Muster that happens at Heritage Park in Frankenmuth on July 27-28. We do the "Security" for these folks. It's pretty much just keeping the general public out of the area where the trucks are displayed. We also keep an eye on their things during the night shift. Nothing hard, but a long shift. You can always break up your shift with others if you'd like. Please let me know when you can be there to help out. Thanks.

### **Recent Club News and Events:**

Did I mention that Field Opening is set for this Saturday? I guess I did. We also need some more guys to mow the field. Yup, mentioned that., too.

John B. and I made the journey to Toledo for the annual Toledo Weak Signals RC Show. We had a great time and didn't spend all the egg money, so to speak. There were some folks that I didn't see, namely Sig and Hobbico. Not sure why Sig wasn't there but Hobbico I understand. I've heard that since then Horizon Hobby bought them out so we'll see how this all works out. Part of the main floor area was for drone racing, which personally I could have done without. There were always folks watching so maybe it was ok for the show to have them there. They had TVs set up so you could see what the pilot was seeing through his goggles. Kinda neat. It looked to me that the swap meet area upstairs was better attended than the last time I was there. That was good to see. There were some pretty good deals going on, too. Servo extensions were very reasonable so I stocked up on some of them. The Deluxe Products booth is always very interesting. A nice selection of various hobby products that work very well. I've been using some of the glues and dope on my own things. The best thing is that pretty much every product is water soluble. Easy clean up and no smell.

### **Tips, Tricks, and other Nonsense:**

Get your winter projects done....its time to fly !

**Dues:**

Don't forget that club dues are being taken for the coming year. Please get the dues paid by December 31st. This makes it a lot easier on our treasurer.

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P.S. We'd like to get the dues in by the end of the year. That way we can keep our membership list current with the AMA. Thanks.

**Please be aware that the dues are now \$60 per year, per member.**

**Instructors:**

Anyone wanting to learn to fly or improve his or her skills should contact:  
Wayne Nuechterlein of Frankenmuth 989-652-9048  
Tim Bruzewski of Saginaw 810-743-1400 (M-F, 8-5) 790-0031 after 5  
Ben Rinaldi of Davison 810-577-4158  
Joel Zwerk of Richville 989-928-3062

We are in the process of updating our list of instructors. If you have any interest at all, please let us know. This is a great way to promote your hobby and teach somebody how to fly as well. Thanks.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Monthly Meeting May 1, at the Flying Field**

**Field Opening Saturday, April 28 starting at 10 AM**

**Pontiac Club's Warbird Festival, June 9, 4-9 PM, White Lake, MI**

Contact Joe Fialka (231) 818-8469

**Mid Michigan Fun Fly July 14, 10 AM-3 PM. Hosted by Forest Aviators, Davison**

Contacts: Ted Osterholzer 810-742-5650, Don Parks 810-653-4443

**Antique Fire Apparatus Muster, Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, July 27, 28.**

**Editor's Note:**

That's it for another newsletter. As you can see, we have quite a number of events coming up for the summer. Please make plans to help out in any way you can. We've got a small bunch guys so everyone needs to step up and take part. Any other type of club or service organization pretty much requires their members to volunteer for activities and events. Frankenmuth Aeromodelers is no different. We need your help, plain and simple. It's also not very fair to the guys that show up every time there's something to do. I know folks work and have families that need attention, but we need the help, too. There's nothing hard about helping out, just lend a helping hand. I think you get the idea here. Let's get active ! And THANK YOU to those that volunteer.

**See you at the meeting Tuesday, May 1.**

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to the newsletter, please feel free to contact me at JZwerk@aol.com.