

Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's Flight Line Gazette

Dedicated toward making R/C aircraft a family activity

Date: September 1, 2016

Next Meeting: September 6, 2016

Location: Aeromodeler's Flying Field

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:

President: **Bill Hendley**

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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

Visit us on the internet at: www.frankenmuthaeromodelers.com/

Check us out on Facebook as well.

Club News:

Hello again guys and gals. Its been a while since I've written a newsletter so I apologize for that. The summer has been really busy again with band jobs and the occasional night of flying. There usually isn't an awful lot to report on as the meetings are short and the flying is in full gear. There's been a few events this year so we'll recap them.

Members Present:

We had 17 at the June meeting, 15 in July, and 20 at the August meeting. Those numbers may not seem too high, but we don't have many more than that as paid members. We're running at 80% to 90% attendance at the meetings. I would seriously doubt if any other club has that high of a percentage of attendance. Fantastic !!!

Visitors:

There haven't been too many, but the ones that did visit joined the club.

New Pilots:

We picked up two new members this summer, Gino Pastori and Don Jones. Jerome Day also re-joined after a brief "vacation". Great to have all of you along for the ride.

Training and Field News:

There hasn't been too much training going on this summer, that is up to just recently. Bob Weidenmiller retired in early July (congrats again) and has been flying the last couple of Tuesdays. Just this past Tuesday he took off and landed on his own and is quickly getting back into the swing of things.

We've had good turnouts on Tuesday evenings all summer long. It's been hot, but very enjoyable and one heck of a lot of fun. If you haven't been able to come out, I really hope you can come out during the fall months. There's a great group of guys there.

On a sour note, we've had some individuals out on the field with a vehicle the last few weeks. Since this is going out to the public, I won't say what they've been called... We did call the police and as a result the Michigan State Police stopped out last Saturday morning to take a report. Hopefully this will resolve itself. I just can't make any sense of someone just going out to disturb other people's property.

Recent Club News and Events:

There's been a few events this summer that were noteworthy. The Mid-Michigan Fun Fly was hosted by the Saginaw club this year. They had a good turnout although the weather didn't cooperate as it was really windy. Quite a few folks there and a great turnout by our club. I had a blast, and that's the main thing. Everyone else had fun, too.

The annual Fire Muster project turned out good this year as well although I'm of the opinion that we need to do a better job next year. Frank Lee stepped up at the last minute and spent Friday night with Brad. It was raining on Saturday so there were no baseball games to contend with. Ike and Larry had it covered pretty well. I really hope that we can get more guys there next year, especially on Friday night and Saturday during the day. Personally I don't believe there's anything to worry about as far as security is concerned, it's more of a safety issue. Anything can happen and if you're there by yourself, you're kinda screwed. We really cannot afford to lose this gig, and it'd just be a shame to lose it because we can't get just a couple more guys there. Maybe put this on your calendars for next year. It's always been the last weekend of July. Keep it in mind if you would.

Last Saturday, August 27th, we had a fun fly and swap meet at the field. There were about 20 guys that showed up from various clubs with items to sell and swap. It was kinda rainy so I didn't see anyone fly before I left. There were some deals to be had. We also had hotdogs, chips, and pop available.

There were hot dogs, I think some chips, pop, and water left over so we're going to cook them up at the meeting on Tuesday. Make sure you plan on attending. We have a bit of business to discuss and some eating to do. Probably more eating than business. Should be fun.

The Board has had a few discussions concerning the Winter meetings. We've been at DaVinci's for a number of years and it's been great. They've been great hosts and we've had no complaints. Like most clubs like ours, membership has declined the last few years. With that decline, naturally the available funds have declined a bit as well. We're still doing pretty well, but we do need to cut some of the costs and also keep some funds available for emergencies. While the idea has not yet been finalized, I'm pretty sure we'll be moving our meeting place to Leo's Coney Island Restaurant in Birch Run. A number of the "regular flyers" on Tuesday have been going there, and in our discussions with them, they would make their back room available for no charge. It perhaps isn't the most private room, but the price is right and we'll be just fine. You'll be on your own if you'd like to eat. And if you happen to bring a plane with you we just might be able to drum up a little interest in the club. With smaller membership we really have to watch the expenses a bit. By the meeting I'll try to have something ready as far as what our expenses have been in the past couple years at the winter meetings. Whatever is decided will be fine.

Indoor Flying:

Nothing here.

Tips, Tricks, and other Nonsense:

Please check out your planes before you plan on flying them. Preparation is the key to success.

Here's some websites that may interest you.

<http://mecoa.com/faq/> Engine Q&A, Was pretty good. Also American made engines.

<http://www.all-battery.com/index.aspx> A good and economical source for batteries

<http://www.radicalrc.com/shop/> Radical R/C
<http://switchglo.com/> Neat On Board Ignition system
<http://www.rc-dymond.com/> Very small servos
<http://www.outerzone.co.uk/index.asp> Free, full sized plans printable on your printer
http://www.onlineconversion.com/electric_current.htm Electric current conversion calculator
<http://apexmagnets.com/> Good source for powerful earth magnets
<http://www.microfasteners.com/> Great place to buy bulk nuts, bolts,screws, etc.
<http://towerhobbies.com/help/convcalcs.html> Tower Hobby conversion calculator
<http://foxmanufacturing.com/> American Made model airplane engines. Great trade in policy.
<http://rogershobbycenter.com> Your local hobby shop located on State Street in Saginaw.
<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/index.php> Website with many RC related discussion forums.
<http://www.rcuniverse.com-index.cfm> Another RC discussion website.
<http://www.toysonics.com> All kinds of RC planes, heli's, and supplies. Too much to mention.
<http://www.hobbyking.com> Mail order RC items. Also have a USA warehouse.
<http://bridiairplanes.com> Bridi line of airplane kits. Great quality.
<http://rtlfasteners.com> Nuts, bolts, screws of all types for modeling. Reasonable prices.
 We'll be adding to the list, but at least it's a start. Also, don't forget to support your local hobby shop.

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 Tuesday, September 6, at the Aeromodeler's Flying Field

Editor's Note:

Well that's it, gang. A brief review of the summer. School will be starting for most of the kids and grandkids next week. We've already started here in Richville.

As we have a long weekend coming up, just a reminder to stay safe out there if you're traveling during the holiday. There's an awful lot of crazy drivers out there not watching what they're doing. Don't become a statistic. Also remember that **we're having food at the meeting Tuesday**, so I'm pretty confident of a good turnout. Till then, God Bless, take care, thank a Veteran, and we will.....

See you at the meeting Tuesday, September 6th.

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