

Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's Flight Line Gazette

Dedicated toward making R/C aircraft a family activity

Date: March 6, 2017

Next Meeting: March 7, 2017

Location: Burger King Restaurant--Frankenmuth *Please note new location*

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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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.flyfrankenmuth.com

Check us out on Facebook as well.

Club News:

Hi Gang. It's been a while since I've written a newsletter. I thought I better "get on the stick" and send one out before you all forgot about model airplanes. There's still not too much to write about since this is only March, but here goes...

Members Present:

We had 16 at last month's meeting.

Visitors:

Dale LaChance was our visitor last month. He also joined the club again. Welcome back, Dale!

New Pilots:

None to report on.

Training and Field News:

Really nothing to report on here. It's been a mild winter so far and I'm hoping spring will be here soon. It's only March so it may be a while yet.

The biggest thing we need is a volunteer to take over the mowing schedule for the summer. This seems to be a problem area just about every year. Bill has been doing this for a number of years and I can't blame him for wanting to step down. Please consider this because No Mow = No Fly.

Recent Club News and Events:

I've been talking to Aaron over at Crossroads Hobby in regard to setting up the Saturday morning

coffee and donut meetings. He's all for it. He also mentioned that most of the RC truck guys come in on Saturdays as well. Let me know what you think about this. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Tips, Tricks, and other Nonsense:

Get your winter projects lined up and ready to work on. Spring will be here soon enough I hope.

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, March 7, at Burger King in Frankenmuth
Flying Aces Swap Meet, Sunday, March 12 at Lake Fenton High School 9-12.

Mid Michigan Fun Fly Information Meeting will be at Portia's Kitchen (old Exit Restaurant) on March 25th starting at 11 AM. Info please call Bill Gerald 810-730-3533. Toledo Weak Signals RC Show April 7, 8, 9. Seagate Center, Toledo, OH.

Editor's Note:

Well, that was pretty painless. There's just not a lot to write about during this time of year. And you can only BS so much. This is the season for swap meets and RC shows. It happens every year. Seems as though the last few years especially, that the shows have been shrinking as far as attendance and vendors. I remember Toledo last year was somewhat disappointing. The swap shop was not nearly as full as it was just a couple years prior. Quadcopters were all over the place. Good deals were available, though, so that was a good thing. I won't be able to make Toledo this year as I have playing engagements both Friday and Saturday. Probably just as well. I have plenty of fuel for the next couple years, at least at the current rate of consumption during the summer. I did go through about 2 gallons last year and that was an improvement. I guess Rich's Brew fuel will have to suffer through me not being there... I've been looking at going to the Lake Fenton show this Sunday. That might be the only swap meet I'll get to. Sure don't need anything, but if a great deal is available I'm not going to turn it down. No sense in that. I guess what I'm getting at here is that I probably won't miss anything in regard to RC airplanes. I have way too much already. What I will miss is the people that are at the shows and just being around like-minded folks. Gets my energy back up again after being stuck inside all winter. I'm not sure where exactly I'm going with this except to say that I miss getting to the field, flying, and mostly fellow club members. Hope to see you all soon.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, March 7.

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