

Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's Flight Line Gazette

Dedicated toward making R/C aircraft a family activity

Date: March 3, 2018

Next Meeting: March 6, 2018

Location: Burger King, 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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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:

What's this? An actual newsletter? You've got to be kidding ! It's been a few months so I figured I better get down to business and write one of these. I know you've all missed the monthly one way chats that we have... Anyway there's really not a lot to write about in the winter months other than the next swap meet or what's going on with the AMA and the FAA. I know, really interesting stuff. Well, here goes.

Members Present:

We've been averaging between 12 to 15 attendees at the last few meetings. That's really good considering there aren't that many members to begin with. I'd have to say the attendance ratio is pretty high.

Visitors:

We haven't had any visitors at the last few meetings.

New Pilots and Members:

None to report here.

Training and Field News:

There's nothing to report on here at this time. I know I haven't been to the field. Just been doing

my best to keep the house warm and the balsa sanded. Now's a good time to go over your airplanes to make sure they are airworthy. Make sure to check the batteries, too. The price of batteries has come down quite a bit over the last years so there's really no excuse to use a battery that's not up to snuff. I'm probably not telling you anything here, just sending along a reminder.

Recent Club News and Events:

Again, not much to report on, but a couple things of importance. I'll just go over a few highlights in no particular order. The rent has been paid for the year. Bill and I went to see Mrs. Mauer a few weeks back and took the check to her. She was very friendly to us now that she's a bit more familiar with us. No problems of any kind were reported to us and we intend to keep it that way. We had a nice visit with her.

Seems the AMA and the FAA can't figure out what to do in regard to registration and "drone incidents". Registration is back once again so make sure you get registered with the FAA and put your FAA info on your airplane, heli, drone, wind up rubber band plane, Guillow's balsa glider, and any stone that you plan on skipping at the local pond..... well, you get the hint. AMA mentioned "educating" the person who actually hit a helicopter with his drone. I'm sure the FAA will educate him in ways he never thought possible. Probably no "free tuition" either. Personally, I can't see wasting any more of our dues dollars to fight the FAA on the whole registration thing. Big deal. You put a sticker on your plane with the appropriate info and call it good. I know that's not the only thing that our AMA is fighting for. I can't see the FAA hiring a few hundred "Model Airplane Flying Field Nazis" to arrest the violaters either. Just seems like a lot of hoopla over a lot of bs. I know I'm probably wrong in a lot of regards with my opinions. I'm glad that we do have some sort of voice with the FAA, but I have to believe that the Airline Pilot's Association (or whatever they call it) has a hell of a lot more clout with lawmakers than a bunch of guys flying model airplanes. OK, I'm done with that.

Howard Beach and I attended a swap meet in Whitmore Lake a few weeks back. Had a great time as always. Didn't buy much but I won a Tower Hobbies \$25 gift certificate. With what's going on with them and their parent company Hobbico, I didn't waste any time in cashing it in. Anyone looking for a .40 size Tower Kaos ARF ?????? No, really. It's brand new in the box.....

The Chesaning Swap Meet was February 11th. Was kinda down according to Ike. I suppose most of the swap meets are in about the same shape. Was not able to attend since it was on a Sunday.

Speaking of swap meets, there are two coming up next weekend. On the 10th there is a swap in Westland. That's a Saturday so Howard and I will be going. Anybody else? Next Sunday is the Flying Aces Club swap meet at Lake Fenton High School.

The Glider Fly in that Geno is heading up has been moved to August 11th and 12th. Please note that the field will be closed to flying unless you are involved with the Glider Fly. Thank you.

Coming up in April is the big Toledo Weak Signals RC Exposition. The dates are April 6, 7, 8. Roger's Hobby is having a bus trip once again so if you are interested, please let them know asap. They need a certain amount of seats filled in order to have the bus. I went on this trip a few years back and had a great time. I'm planning on going on April 7, which is the Saturday. Due to bus driving and a gig Friday evening I have to wait a day. If anybody wants to ride along please let me know. Chip in a little gas money and we're good to go. Lunch at Tony Packo's....mmmmmm.....

I almost forgot to mention that we have the annual Antique Fire Muster coming up again in July. It's the last weekend of the month so it's July 27th and 28th. We haven't heard anything contrary to that so we are planning on being there. It's never too early to sign up so please plan your summer schedules so that you can give us a hand. This brings in most of the money that we need for the field rent so you can do your own math as to when your club dues will go up because we didn't help out. Please contact me for the scheduling. Thanks.

Tips, Tricks, and other Nonsense:

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://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 March 6, at Burger King in Frankenmuth
Flying Aces Swap Meet March 11, 9 till ?
Detroit Aeromodelers Swap Meet March 10, 9 till 1.

Editor's Note:

Well there's the update of the last couple months. I'm not feeling too witty at the moment so I'll keep this short. I'm sure that most of us are chomping on the bit to get out and commit model aviation. I know I am. Just remember to check out your fleet BEFORE you get to the field and find out something is amiss. As you all know, once you get the plane in the air a problem will not fix itself. It just makes sense to be safe. I think we have a fantastic record as far as safety goes....let's keep it that way.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, March 6.

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