

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

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

**Date:** December 5, 2016

**Next Meeting:** December 6, 2016

**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:**

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/](http://www.frankenmuthaeromodelers.com/)

Check us out on Facebook as well.

## **Club News:**

Greetings once again. Hope you all are having a safe and productive fall season. And to all the deer hunters, I hope you had good luck. This letter won't take too long as there's just not much going on to write about. Here goes.....

## **Members Present:**

We had 13 at the last meeting.

## **Visitors:**

Dan Pierce was a visitor this month.

## **New Pilots:**

None to report on.

## **Training and Field News:**

Not much here at all to report on as the field has been closed for the deer hunting season. I know it was really nice on opening day, November 15. It would have been nice to fly, but that's the way it goes.

Bill was out to the field and the tractors will have to be serviced in the spring. Oil change, grease

job, the usual stuff. I guess we have a couple months to get ready for that.

Ben reported that Consumers Power was going to be doing some digging around in the area and would transport some gravel or some other type of fill to the road. That'd be great as the road is getting kinda rough again, or at least that's what I noticed.

As mentioned last month, I'll bring in one of the Dave Platt videos for tomorrow. If it gets too long, we can run it in segments. I've met Mr. Platt a couple times in Toledo when he would enter a plane in competition. He's a Top Gun level modeler, a real master as far as I'm concerned, and is spreading the knowledge that he's acquired over his modeling career. I think you'll be interested in the video and hopefully, learn something. I know I've learned a lot.

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

There was a report of an RC boater being rescued out at the Buell Lake sight. No details provided, but at least he made it out ok.

Crossroads Hobby (Aaron Panek's shop) will be moving to another location in the River Place shopping center in Frankenmuth. He's going back to his old location which is much bigger than the one he occupies now. Should be interesting.

Also, we're coming up to the end of the year so it's time to get those dues in if possible. Thanks.

### **Indoor Flying:**

Dan Pierce came in and gave us an update on the indoor flies for this year at the Kern Pavillion. Basically, there won't be any. Dan's life is pretty filled up with family and Aaron really didn't do too well on them last year either. He did say there might be one or two, but that's up in the air for now, no pun intended...

### **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-diamond.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](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.

Frankenmuth Aeromodelers

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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, December 6, at Burger King in Frankenmuth**

**Editor's Note:**

There. A nice short newsletter. How about that?

As you all know, we just had our elections for the president of the AMA. The next three years should be pretty interesting. We wish Rich Hanson all the best. I was looking at some of the numbers that AMA came up with and with my usual cynical mindset, I'm wondering how accurate the numbers are. According to AMA, there are 138,224 adult members and 56,856 youth members. The vote totals were as follows: Rich Hanson 8,026 votes, Lawrence Tougas 4,902 votes, and Eric Williams 3,593 votes. That's a total of only 16,521 votes. Out of 138,224 adult memberships I think that is a pretty dismal number. Not much over 10% of the AMA membership took the time to send in their vote. Hmm. Something doesn't sound right here, at least to me. Could be, but I have a hard time believing that maybe 15% voted. Either that or the total membership count is way too high. I've always thought that because there are members listed as Aeromodelers members that haven't been here for a number of years already. Don't we send in club membership lists every year? Makes me wonder what the heck they do with them at AMA. Just throwing this out there as it seems to me this whole scenario doesn't make much sense. Well, I guess that's it for the month. See you tomorrow.

**See you at the meeting Tuesday, December 6.**

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