



# Eagle Screams



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## February Meeting:

The February meeting of the Screamin' Eagles will be held at JJ's Top of the Swamp in Madison on Thursday February 13, 2003. As you know, they have good food at very reasonable prices so plan on grabbing a bite to eat there to show our appreciation for using their place as our fall and winter meeting site. Bring lots of show and tell.

## November Minutes – By Roy Seals

We held our meeting at the Gallery of Aviation. Lots of fun and laughs, good food, and good company. We would like to thank Le Roy for having us at the Gallery again.

Rob called the meeting to order. Le Roy gave the treasury report. We welcomed several guests. Carl Bachhuber, Mark Johnson, and previous member Leroy Brandt.

Rob announced that our charter is still in good standing. He also e-mailed the June 14, 2003 tentative fly in date to the necessary parties. Le Roy mentioned that we received a donation from James Vanderwalker to help defray postage costs for the complimentary newsletter we send him each month. Charlie graciously offered to continue his

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## *Prez Sez* – By Rob Goebel

I came across an article I read some years ago about the hazards of handling gasoline. Although I'm sure we are all aware of the possibility of a fire being ignited through a static discharge during the filling of our gasoline

containers, sometimes we become complacent and need a friendly reminder.

As an engineer with a printing company that uses solvents with flash points well below that of gasoline, it is extremely important for me to control static electricity and any other possible ignition sources. I've seen small fires ignited by static discharge when simply pouring a pitcher of solvent into a grounded drum through open air.

Static electricity is an interesting phenomena. Even more interesting is the fact that most accidents reported to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health involved the use of metal gas cans. This can be explained, but the scope of this article is to prevent an unnecessary accident. So with the editor's permission (please Le Roy), I would like to include the following article as a reminder to be safe while filling and dispensing gasoline.

The article, reprinted on page 2, was taken from the CDC web site, DHHS (NIOSH) Publication No. 98-111. See [Safe Gasoline Handling](#) page 2

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support for our newsletter by continuing his advertising of Schultz Sport and Hobby in Eagle Screams.

Wayne told us that the Madison field is coming along nicely and will be smooth and ready to go for our June event.

We welcomed Carl Bachhuber, Mark Johnson as new members and Leroy Brandt as a returning member. Welcome aboard Carl and Mark and welcome back Leroy!

Show and Tell

Wayne Lanphear showed plans for a 33% Edge 540 and 33% Extra.

Roy brought a replica of a WWII poster that was used in helping the factory workers keep in mind the importance of their job while making war time materials. It was given to him by his secretary for Christmas who also graciously types all our minutes each month. Thanks Jodi.

I might add that the highlight of the evening was when 2 Microsizers (1 inch long remote control cars) were brought out by new member Mark Johnson. This entertained us mature grown men for quite some time. I'm sure Joel has his own set by now, seeing his enthusiasm while driving that night! Thanks to Mark for bringing them.

Roy 



Trez/Ed Sez – By Le Roy Stuczynski

Well Eagles, we all survived another gathering at the Gallery and the food and refreshments that went along with it. I hope everyone had a good time because I sure enjoyed the evening. Remember you guys are always welcome at the Gallery for Screamin' Eagles meetings or, by appointment, individual or group visits. That's what dad built it for.

The January meeting ended with a blazing display of Microsizers 1" remote control cars skillfully driven in a highly modified NASSCR racing format, by new member Mark Johnson and Joel Wyttenbach. The Eagle grandstand had a blast watching as did the "Giant Scale" drivers??? My mother said she never heard grown men having such a good time.

It was great to pick up a few new members at the meeting and the following week I received a renewal check from our Research Editor Mike Pirkel. Let's keep the membership growing guys and keep recruiting. I have been. If you would like to renew or become a new member please come to a meeting or send your \$10 dues to me at the return address on the mailing page.

I sent in the AMA and IMAA sanction request so we should get pretty good press before our June 14 event. I'm sure we'll be talking about advertising, buttons, food, etc at upcoming meetings. Seems like we historically make our event better and better each year. Let's not make this an exception. I've ordered good weather

See you all at the meeting. 

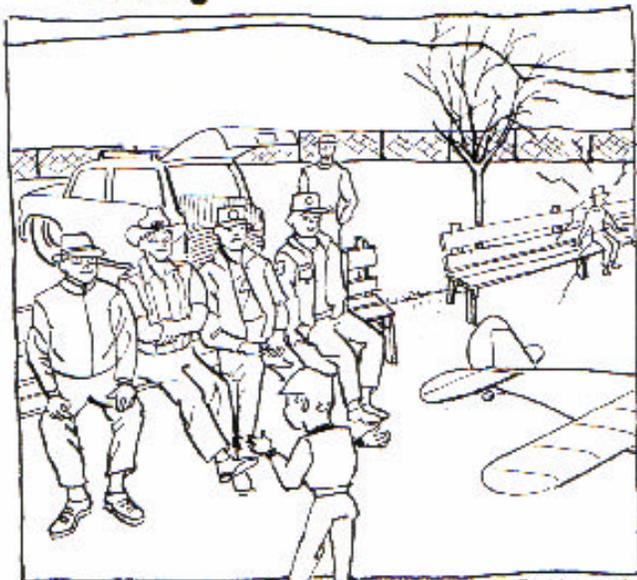
Safe Gasoline Handling – By Rob Goebel from CDC web site

In recent incidents reported to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), fires spontaneously ignited when workers or others attempted to fill portable gasoline containers (gas cans) in the backs of pickup trucks equipped with plastic bed liners or in cars with carpeted surfaces. Serious skin burns and other injuries resulted. Similar incidents in the last few years have resulted in warning bulletins from several private and government organizations.

These fires result from the buildup of static electricity. The insulating effect of the bed liner or carpet prevents the static charge generated by gasoline flowing into the container or other sources from grounding. The discharge of this buildup to the grounded gasoline dispenser nozzle may cause a spark and ignite the gasoline. Both ungrounded metal (most hazardous) and plastic gas containers have been involved in these incidents.

Construction workers and others in small businesses who often work with gasoline-powered equipment commonly use portable gasoline containers. Homeowners use gasoline cans for their lawnmowers and other equipment (Rob's interpretation - large scale model airplanes).

Avoid the hazardous practice of leaving the portable gasoline containers in pickup trucks or cars when refueling!



Why is Buff sitting by himself? He got mixed up with a skunk looking for his airplane out in the tall weeds!

# Questions & Answers

*In response to my plea for articles for publication, Harold Blossom gave me an article which appeared in Sport Aviation titled Q&A. This particular Q&A article was devoted to World War II Historical Information. Each month, in this block, I will publish one question and answer, some of which may be completely unknown. Ron Twellman of the EAA Aviation Foundation Boeing Library provided this information. Thanks Harold.*

**Question: Was the U. S. mainland ever bombed by a piloted enemy aircraft?**

**A -** On September 9, 1942, Lt. Nubuo Fujita dropped four bombs near Mount Emily on the Oregon coast. His plane was catapult-launched from the submarine I-25.



## **Carl Bachhuber – Scale modeling at its finest!**

Whenever there was a modeling event in the Madis on, Wisconsin area, dad would be there to photograph the models. He was especially interested in World War II scale models. His favorite scale modeler was Carl Bachhuber because of the spectacular projects he would turn out. Dad and I were equally impressed how Carl flew his models. Carl's models fly at their scale speed and no faster. I've often accused Carl of under powering his models to attain that realism. To my astonishment, Carl told me that I discovered his secret. It takes a great pilot to do that and Carl is a joy to watch.

At the June 2002 Screamin' Eagles Giant Scale Fly In, Carl told me that his next project was going to be an Avro Lancaster done in Royal Canadian Air Force markings. Carl asked if dad might have some books with the markings for this model. I did some research for Carl and he recently sent me the above photograph of the resulting project. He said, "attached are the results of the Canadian Lancaster search you helped start". That made me feel pretty special and dad would have been pleased that the Gallery contributed to development of one of Carl's superior projects. The picture is on my website but I am printing it here for those of you without internet access.

Carl also expressed his gratitude of my including him in my list of electronic copy recipients of "Eagle Screams" each month and said he wants to join the Screamin' Eagles. Dad was an honorary lifetime member and would be proud to know Carl is now a member of our fine organization and actually joined at the Gallery. Welcome Carl.

Le Roy



## **Priority Landing**

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked." ATC told the fighter jock that he was number two behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down.

"Ah," the pilot remarked, "the dreaded seven-engine approach."

## **The Canadian Hunting Trip**

Two men went hunting moose on a Canadian island. When they landed on the island in an airplane, the pilot told them, "Now I know that both of you have tags, but between the both of you, you can only shoot one moose, OK? That's all that will fit on the plane".

The two men said OK and the pilot said "See you in a week" and took off. The pilot came back a week later and sure enough, the two men had two moose.

The pilot jumped out of the plane, walked towards the men and said, "What the hell are you doing? I specifically told you ONE moose! How the hell are we going to get rid of this thing? We'll never get off the ground!" The two men replied "We did last year."

The pilot said, "That was a different plane." "No, sir, it was exactly like yours." "Really? Well, then what are we waiting for lets get them in their and get out of here!" They get the moose on the plane, take off only to crash 10 seconds later. There was moose parts everywhere and the pilot was killed.

One man says, "Dude, where are we?" The other man thinks for a while then says, "I think about a hundred yards further than last year!"



## **In Memoriam**

***Our hearts ache for the families of the astronauts who lost their lives in the "Columbia" space shuttle accident on February 1, 2003. God bless the astronauts and their grieving families.***

*The Screamin' Eagles*