



Eagle Screams



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The Screamin' Eagles Giant Scale Model Airplane Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month April through December. If you have any questions about club activities or meeting location please contact one of the following members.

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September Meeting: 5:00PM at JJ's Top of the Swamp



The Thursday September 8, 2011 meeting will be held at JJ's Top of the Swamp. The meeting will start around 5:00 PM. Come early and get some great food. If you haven't paid your 2011 dues yet we will be happy to accept them. Also consider rejoining the club if you've been absent for a while or become a new member. Attendance has been

very small at the last meetings so let's try to have a good turnout this month. See you there. 

August Minutes - By Richard Cohoon

The August meeting was held at the LARCC flying field. President Brad Witt called the meeting to order. There were four members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the July meeting were published in the newsletter. **Treasurer's Report:** Le Roy gave a report.

Old Business: None. **New Business:** Discussion took place about the location and time for the next meeting. It was determined that the next meeting would be at JJ's Top of the Swamp at 5 pm on the 8th of September. **Show and Tell:** There were a number of flyers at the airfield: Gary Gausmann had a successful maiden flight of his Sportster. Nice job Gary.

Trez/Ed Sez - By Le Roy Stuczynski



Hi Eagles. Not a lot has been happening this month. I did however get to the Fond du Lac Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest Fly In on the event's last day. I found their biggest activity days were on Thursday and Friday but I still enjoyed the smaller show on Saturday August 20. I understand Chuck Backman and Craig Lovell were there on the first days. On Saturday I saw Carl Bacchuber, Doug Yaroch, and Mark Johnson. I knew Mark Johnson was there that day because I saw a Giles G-202 airplane in an obnoxious purple color that could only belong to him or me. It is a great field and a well run event. Check out some great event videos at www.midwestwarbirds.com/. I did take a few pictures and have includes some in this issue.

I said in the last newsletter that I took a small number of photos at EAA AirVenture 2011. My friend Jim Vanderwalker of the Shawano R/C Club sent me a great link to a summary of its highlights. It can be found at www.twaseniorsclub.org/Oshkosh.html. Thanks Jim.

As far as our IMAA charter status goes, Doug Yaroch will be rejoining the Eagles so we now have our 5 valid IMAA members to meet our charter requirement and we can move on from here. Thanks Doug! **Don't forget the LARCC Fun Fly on 9/11/2011.** 

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Fond du Lac Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest Fly In **August 18-20, 2011**



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A member's perspective: the importance of being an ambassador to the RC hobby by Cecil Walston



Like many of you in the RC club, you probably have had a love of models, aviation, or both for most of your life. Some members in our club were actually pioneers in the field of model aviation and have seen numerous advances in technology turn this hobby from one of a minority of elite craftsmen, who spent untold hours developing ideas and hardware, to an industry filled with ARF and RTF out-of-the-box products that almost anyone can master!

My first attempt at model aviation flight was when I managed to talk my very frugal father into buying me a Cox .049-powered CL P-40 Warhawk when I was 7 years old. I was head-over-heels in love with the P-40, with its Flying Tiger decals, and I couldn't wait to get it home and start flying!

Well, neither dad nor I had any experience with airplanes, model or otherwise, and we studied the instructions front to back. Hey, the ads on TV and the brochure made it look and sound so simple! Needless to say, the airplane never even ran for me, much less flew, so we sadly returned it to the local store and traded it for a Fokker Dr. I Triplane. The Triplane actually ran great, but our lack of experience and knowledge saw the Red Baron's legacy in a heap pretty quickly right alongside my dreams and aspirations of being a master of the skies. Unfortunately, my dad saw the entire hobby as a complete waste of money, and he hasn't had anything but disgust for it since. The saddest part of this whole story is that this is actually the *normal* outcome rather than the exception.

My first serious attempt to fly RC airplanes was when I lived in Frisco, Texas, and was very close to the North Dallas RC Club field. I met several folks who were what I would consider to be "True Ambassadors" to the hobby. Among them were Laverne Chandler and US National Aerobatic team member Bradley Lang. Laverne let me fly his Ugly Stick, and Bradley let me fly his Super Chipmunk. Unfortunately for me, my work schedule and salary did not permit me to join a club of this caliber, so I did a lot of observation and spectating ... and wishing!

After a couple of other false starts, I have finally persevered and will soon be flying a plane that my "Ambassador" and mentor, Don Berner, helped me build from pieces and parts of airplanes crashed by other folks. I am a member of the AMA, and Angelo RC Inc., our local flying club, and have even recently taken over as secretary/treasurer too.

The moral of this story is this: without ambassadors who are willing to put forth the effort to bring in new members, promote the hobby, and guide new members through the pitfalls that would otherwise make them walk away in disgust, our hobby will ultimately stagnate or be relegated back to those elite, diehard few who are going to do it no matter what! If we promote our club and our hobby in a responsible way, everybody wins!

Being a good ambassador is more than being a proponent for the hobby; it also means being a good neighbor and member of the community. Let's face it, not everybody likes airplane noise, be it models or full scale! I know it's hard to believe, but it is true! As far away from homes as our field is located, we still get an occasional complaint. Being in West Texas, sometimes the only time we can fly without strong winds is early in the morning. Be considerate, especially if you fly a make or model of airplane that is particularly loud. One persistent complainant can shut down a flying club site forever.

We also need to be super attentive to our safety rules, regulations and record. Remember, it only takes one highly publicized injury or incident to permanently ruin the reputation of a club or hobby. I know personally of three RC fliers who have lost fingers to propeller strikes!

Another perfect example of this is the "Live Steam" large-scale, ride-on model train groups. I was a member of a large group that ultimately had to disband because of several high-profile accidents that happened to other clubs in other states. The latest one involved a 10-year-old boy who was killed when the miniature train he was a passenger on derailed because of the engineer operating at an unsafe speed. Now, that engineer and the boy's family will have to live with his death on their consciences for the rest of their lives. The "Live Steam" Train clubs can no longer get affordable insurance because of this and several other high-profile accidents!

I guess what I'm trying to say is this: please be aware of how you represent the club and our hobby. Several of our members have gone well above and beyond in their role as ambassador for me, and I fully intend to do the same for others that I meet. Sometimes it's easy to forget how hard it was when we first started out in this hobby. Hopefully we can look back and see how some well-timed and friendly advice can save a new member a whole lot of money and misery, and will hopefully ensure that they become lifelong RC fliers and club members. →



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LODI AREA RADIO CONTROL CLUB'S

19th Annual Model Aircraft FUN FLY

Spectators Welcome!

\$5 Pilot Fee, Spectators FREE!

This is an AMA sanctioned event. Proof of AMA Membership will be required for pilots to fly.

Bring the family and spend the day.

Food and soda available at the field

What will you see?

There will be flying demonstrations all day, including giant scale model aircraft with wingspans over 100-inches, biplanes, electric powered aircraft, single and twin engine aircraft, gliders and maybe even a helicopter or a jet. There will also be an airplane candy drop for the kids. Raffle at 2pm.

When:
SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
 Starting at 9:00 AM

Where:
Quarry Field
 Lodi Area Radio Control Club's Home Field
 See Map Below for Location

For more information Visit our website at:
www.larcc.com

We have a great raffle with flying and non-flying oriented prizes. There will also be a pilots only raffle.

Address:
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 Lodi, Wisconsin 53555
GPS Coordinates:
 43° 21' 17" N
 89° 29' 55" W

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Time for Carl to pack up and head to the Mayville hangar. Great show Fond du Lac Aeromodelers!