



# Eagle Screams



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## November Meeting:

The November meeting of the Screamin' Eagles will be held at JJ's Top of the Swamp (Previously referred to as the Bavarian Inn) in Madison on November 8, 2001. 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.

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## Prez Sez – By Rob Goebel

It's time to start thinking about nominations for your officers (I use that word loosely). None of the positions are difficult and think of the prestige that goes along with any one of the positions. If you don't show up at the

November meeting, you may be elected to one of the positions, so it may be a good idea to be there to defend yourself. By the way, if you will be attending the meeting, bring lots of "show and tell" so I don't have to talk so much.

See you at JJ's on Thursday.



## Next Month:

**Mike Pirkel will tell you about Evelyn Sharp who got her first flying lessons from a barnstormer who could not pay a bill owed by him to her father.**

**Find out where her tremendous perseverance took her.**



**October Minutes** – By Le Roy Stuczynski

The October meeting was called to order by President Goebel at JJ's Top of the Swamp.

Rob asked for a Treasurer's report and it was approved as presented. Rob announced that Le Roy will begin accepting 2002 dues at the November meeting

A suggestion was made to consider making a donation to a New York disaster fund in the name of the Screamin' Eagles. Rob suggested that members research possible recipients and we will vote on a recipient and an amount at the November meeting.

Wayne Lanphear asked that MARC's members make a special attempt to attend their November meeting to ensure a quorum is present for election of officers, a vote on a dues increase, and a vote to add a non-voting City member to the board. Dave Patrick will be at the meeting.

Tom Lazar was involved in a multiple sclerosis fund raiser chili cookoff at Marshall last month. He used his MARCS New Year's day fun-fly recipe and cooked to 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 14 teams. The event raised \$5,482 for MS.

A recommendation was made that we consider doing something like the chili cookoff in conjunction with our June event or a separate event to benefit a charity.

The annual raffle will take place at the December meeting.

**Show and Tell**

Harold Blossom demonstrated how to use PVC pipe to make a C-clamp.

Charlie Schultz showed a Showcase 60cc gas engine. Further information is available at [info@RCShowcase.com](mailto:info@RCShowcase.com).

Leroy Brandt showed a sample of an aluminum wing leading edge he made at an Oshkosh firm called Sonex. He attended a Sonex Homebuilt workshop and is interested in building one.

Doug Yaroch showed a Desert Aircraft wing fastening kit.



**RC Definitions**

**ANGLE OF ATTACK** - Direction from which you are hit after setting up a nice mid-air with your club mate's new plane.

**AUTOROTATION** - What your car does on icy roads.

**BALSA** - What dreams were made of.

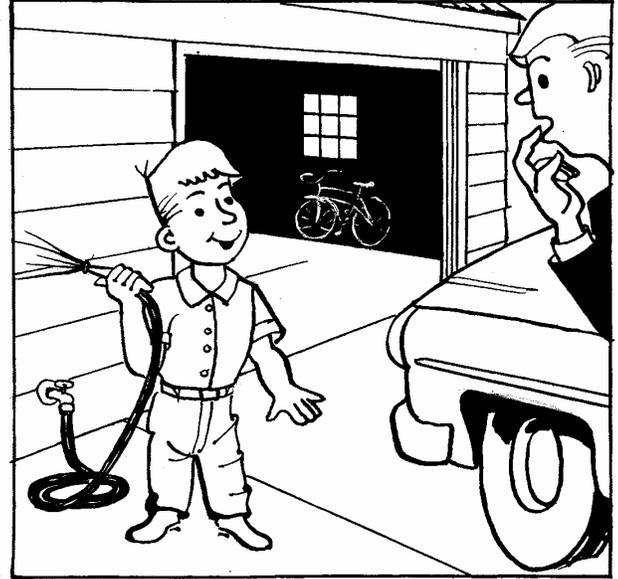
**BALSA** - Also: What P-51 pilots have a lot of.

**BALSA STRIPPER** - Lightweight female dancer, rhythmically removing covering, to show inner structure to drooling RC Pilots.

**BLIND NUT** - Judge at a pattern contest.

**BULKHEAD** - Removable part of fuselage. Comes off on landing.

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**Good news, Dad. You won't hafta clean Your Airplane tonight!**

**Editorial** – By Le Roy Stuczynski

The November meeting should be filled with lots of interesting topics. Dues collection time, a decision about a New York disaster fund contribution, setting a dollar limit for our December raffle, discussion about 2002 officers, and whatever Rob has up his sleeve. I just wish I could say the newsletter contributions were even a fraction as ambitious. I thought my plea for assistance sent about a week ago would have sparked something. But, as usual, nothing new arrived. Thank God for the minutes, Mike Pirk's research, and Harold's cartoons.

I really enjoy putting the newsletter out each month, but to be quite frank, I don't have a clue if everyone receives it, reads it, enjoys it, dislikes it, or what. I'm not asking each of you to line up on Thursday and tell me you received the newsletter, you liked an article, or what you like or dislike about the newsletter. Rather I think the club needs to have a discussion about the future direction of the newsletter because, quite frankly, I'm feeling somewhat discouraged. Do I want a little cheese with the whine? Perhaps! At least it's something.

I'm sure I haven't made any friends with what I have said here and I hesitated to present my feelings to the membership in this manner but I needed to get it off my chest. Leroy, Doug, and Bill warned me it is a thankless job but dad and I felt it would be a shame not to have a newsletter and I was warned.





## Capt. Lance Sijan (Researched by Mike Pirkl From the Air Force Museum web site)

On Nov. 9, 1967, the F-4 flown by 1st Lt. Lance P. Sijan of Milwaukee, Wisc, was hit by North Vietnamese ground fire and exploded. Although badly wounded he was able to parachute from his stricken plane.

Even with no food and very little water he managed to avoid capture for 45 days. Because of a serious compound fracture of the left leg, he was unable to walk but did manage to pull himself backward through the jungle. Even with a broken leg, a skull fracture, and a mangled right hand he was able to escape shortly after his initial capture. Upon recapture he was taken to Vinh and thrown into a bamboo cell. He was 'interrogated' repeatedly, and in spite of his captors technique of twisting his damaged right hand he refused to disclose any information but his name. When not being 'interrogated' he attempted additional escapes with the only results being beatings.

Lt Sijan was soon moved to a POW camp at Hanoi. Even in his pitiful condition, he attempted more escapes all meeting with failure. His physical condition continued to weaken without proper food or medical attention and soon he developed additional respiratory problems. After many months of ill treatment, his health, but not his spirit, broke and one night he was dragged deliriously from his cell and never seen again.

Lt Sijan was promoted posthumously to Captain on June 13, 1968. On March 4, 1976 he was awarded posthumously the *Medal of Honor*; which was presented to his parents by President Gerald Ford. Captain Sijan thus became the first graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy to receive our nations highest decoration for heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

### Definitions – Continued from page 2

**CARPET FIBRE** - When others are bragging about their high-tech composite planes and you have only the Gentle Lady you built on the floor of your two-room apartment, mutter quickly (under your breath), "Yep, this baby's reinforced with Carpet Fibre!"

**CIRCLE TOW** - How to point someone in the direction of the scoring tent when you have both hands holding your plane together until the quick epoxy sets.

**CRASH** - Quick method of removing radio and engine from a model to fit them in your new one.

**CRASH** - Also: Synonym for "re-kitting" a model

**CENTER OF GRAVITY** - Point in which G-forces, dedicated to separating wing from fuselage, do their stuff.

**CANARD** - Frequently seen at ponds. Willing opponent for dogfights.

**COMPUTER** - Device that enables you to make mistakes at the speed of light.

**CYANOACRYLATE** - Special glue, designed to instantly glue fingers to balsa structures.

**CYANOACRYLATE** - Also: Special glue, instantly curing when parts are misaligned, will hardly (if at all) cure when parts are correctly aligned.

**CYANOACRYLATE** - Also: Substance used to make eyes water profusely at critical points in construction.

**CYANOACRYLATE** - Also: Stuff usually dripping on your clothes, turning them into armor and you into a modeler knight.

**DEAD STICK** - Two of these can be found on your transmitter after failing to properly charge your batteries.

**DEAD STICK** - Also: The Yucca your aunt gave you to clear the air in your workshop

after 3 months lack of water.

**DOWNWIND TURN** - Sensitive item that, when posted in UK.REC.MODELS.RADIO-CONTROL.AIR, will generate threads of 100 entry's and up.

**ENGINE** - Device designed to make noise. Will suddenly stop making this noise when beyond glide-in distance.

**EPOXY** - The stuff that has replaced the balsa after the flying season.

**FAIL SAFE** - Option on PCM radio's that allows a pilot to choose whether to crash near him, or a long way away.

**FLARE** - What someone has when they're good enough to show off.

**FLARE** - Also: Beginner's luck.

**FLYING WING** - To be seen after too tight a loop.

**FUEL TANK** - Plastic bottle, designed to leak when placed in totally inaccessible locations.

**FUSELAGE** - Optional interconnecting structure between wings and engine.

**FUSELAGE** - Also: Receptacle into which the R/C pilot stuffs money in the hope that his plane will fly better.

**GLITCH** - What you shout when you pull up elevator while flying inverted at 10ft altitude.

**GRAVITY** - Force of nature designed to reduce aircraft to their component parts.

**LANDING GEAR** - Structure to separate fuselage from runway after landing. Does not always succeed in doing so.

**LANDING** - Comes in multiple forms  
GOOD - The plane comes in contact with the ground, and all bits are still there. (rare form)

AVERAGE - The plane comes in contact with the ground, and most bits are still there. (most common form)

BAD - The plane comes in contact with the

ground, and all bits have grown in number but diminished in size. (common form)

**LUCK** - Comes in multiple forms:

PLAIN Very sparse on your side, but plenty with your flying buddies only they refer to it as SKILL.

TOUGH This is what you usually have. Your flying buddies refer to it as lack of skill.

BAD Same as TOUGH.

GOOD What you need the most.

**MEAN AIR CHORD** - That nasty minor eighth note caused when your wings snap on launch and whack together.

**MIXTURE SCREW** - Device to meter too little fuel to engine at critical moments.

**MONOKOTE** - The thing that ruins every ounce of hard work that you put into a plane to make it look nice.

**NOSEWHEEL** - Implement used to remove bulkhead.

**O.S.** - Initials of the two words that an r/c pilot says when he loses control going straight down.

**PATTERN PLAN** - Make a copy of the plans so when it crashes, you have the patterns to build another one.

**PROPELLER** - Rotating knife that cuts holes in the air, which the aircraft falls into, thus propelling the aircraft.

**PROPELLER** - Also: Handy tool to cut away excess skin on knuckles.

**PROP NUT** - What Glider pilots call Power pilots.

**P-51 MUSTANG** - What beginners use to learn to fly.

**RADIO** - Expensive electronic device to randomly alleviate overcharged batteries.

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