

Eagles' Nest

RIVER DISTRICT R/C EAGLES
Remote Control Model Aviation Club
St. Clair County, Michigan

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River District R/C Eagles Club Pot Luck Picnic

By Bill Welser

Due to weather conditions on Saturday August 20th the picnic was moved to East China Park same as last year.



The Eagles picnic got off to a great start with Sam Grey bringing chocolate turtles a real hit with the ladies.

Eagles and their guest sat down to a delicious chicken and corn on the cob

dinner, lots of salads and sweet, sweet, sweet desserts, oh yes the scales tipped tonight.

Dave Waldecker and Bill Welser had their kites in the air but the wind would not cooperate and kept dropping off so they put them away and brought out the gas 4 x 4s and raced them around for a while.



Pete Charchio had the right idea. He was heading home looking for a big soft easy chair and long nap.

The last of us pulled out of the park by 6:30pm and headed for home.

We would like to thank every one that was able to show up and the Eagles club for picking up the tab!



Pylon Races

By Jack DeLisle

How did the third scheduled pylon race of the season turn out? Glad you asked!

After Archie Kammer, Bud Joachim, Dave Waldecker, John Joachim and yours truly set out the pylons we got ready for the first heat and by that time Pete Carcio and Jim Laubenthal showed up and they were drafted to help run the races. Gary Wilkerson was out in the field on the tractor and brush hogging the trails and he got done in time to help too so we had a fine crew for the July 23th races.



The first heat had Dave, Jack and John competing and it was a good one with all three of us finishing within a couple of seconds of one another. The closest heat that I have ever been

involved in personally. Dave said it was the best heat he had ever run and he won that one with John next and me almost catching them.

Another heat featuring Bud Joachim will probably go down in the annals of pylon racing as the only plane that actually went out of sight after rounding pylon number one and then popping up and finishing the heat. Gary Wilkerson said he actually heard the plane skimming the weeds and I believe him. How could he go out of sight and pop back up again after skimming the weeds? Thank the DTE for ending their mountain and putting in

a nice slopping embankment that's how!

After that close call the rest of the heats were sorta passé but I'll keep going with this piece anyway.

Archie had a new plain bearing engine, as required by our rules, and didn't want to lean it out and he was content to just cruise. He did well enough with that rich engine so watch out pilots when he feels he can get top R's going.

Unlike in the last pylon race, all of the planes were well mannered on take-offs so there was no crashes on the starts so Al Fournier should be able to get his plane back into the air and racing again with no problems?

Did I mention that John and I "touched" during the first heat? We did rounding pylon three and we both kept on flying and racing. When we landed and checked our planes all I found on my Scat Cat was a ding behind the engine in the fuel tank area? How it got there without any other damage will forever remain a mystery? Johns plane had a nick in his wing and a tear in the covering at the wing tip which he claims cost him a win? The way Dave flew that would be up for debate too.

Finally, the results of the race for the day: John Joachim first, Dave Waldecker second and Jack DeLisle third. I should probably thank Bud for cutting a pylon and practically giving me a win in one of the heats so I will. Thanks Bud.

Another thing. As we were opening the gate Gordon McCarty asked Archie what was happening and when Gordon heard about the pylon races he turned around and left to get some breakfast and never returned? Gordon, the races were all over by 10:15 AM and whenever we do hold the races there is always flying between heats if wanted. What I'm saying is that we don't close the field just for races or whatever so if one is scheduled come out and fly. It's your field too!

Midwest Extra 300xs Lives

By Gary Wilkerson

Brian Hicks 80" 300xs lives on. About four years ago at the Eagles old field on Davis road, a dead stick motor ended in the top of a 20 foot tree. With the help of Ray Dart who climbed the tree to help retrieve the plane. After seeing the damage Brian gave Ray the plane as this was not the first time it had been broken up.



Three years later I got a call from Ray asking if I wanted to finish and have the plane. Of course I said yes, as this was a gift from the airplane gods. My hanger 9-76" was crashed earlier this year. Ray had stripped and repaired about 1/2 the plane. So within a few nights it was ready to be covered. 5 roles of 21st century fabric. Later it

was set for the motor and electronics. My BME 50cc gas motor with a new custom designed by John Joachim twin quiet muffler was added. I also use a



TME smoke system, Futaba radio and hitec digital servos. With a 23x8 mifelik-c/f prop it was very quiet. Can't wait to do a sound test on it as the glow and 4-stroke motors at the field were louder than this motor. I will make a first (& hopefully many) flights when my back feels better. Thanks to Brian and Ray for a great plane.

Eagles Field Keeps Getting Better !

By Gary Wilkerson

Bud Joachim, Dave Waldecker, Archie Kammer, Mike Booth, Maynard LaParl, Al Fournier, Ron Frantz, Bill Welser, Jim Lubenthal, Gordon McCarty. Why have I listed these Eagles names? It is simple, these, and a few other members who I forgot to mention are what keeps this club running. Weather it is cutting the grass, Brush-hogging, or working on the equipment (which there has been a lot of this summer).

It has been 4 weeks since I have been up to the mount, due to my back surgery, and to hear of all the hard work done to maintain the equipment and the field is heartwarming.



The grass looks almost 95% filled in, and the roadwork is progressing, filling in the two bad spots. We receive 150 feet of road matt from an "un-named" construction company. Two sources of low cost or free road fill is being looked into. As stated in earlier e-mails and in the newsletter, we must stay on the roadway set up by DTE. This is why some 6X6 timbers have been put on the bypass roadway: some members have been driving on or next to the berm.

To list some of the behind the scenes jobs: The electric system on the Ford Tractor, a shorted wire wiped out the distributor and some other components, was repaired. The main cutting bar bolt was repaired. Wheel on the mower deck-repaired. The belt on the small tractor was repaired. This list is only a few of the repair jobs that Eagles members have jumped in and taken care of. All this, along with cutting the field trails and grading the roadway were taken care of by Eagles members. If I forgot to mention anyone, I am sorry- blame it on the medication I am on. A big "Atta Boy" goes to all the workers!

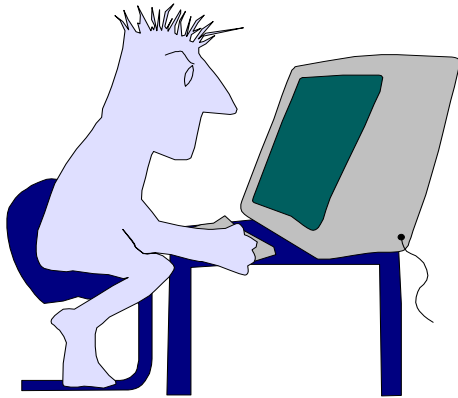
If you have not been up to the field in the last week or so, do your self a favor and go take a look. I know you will be surprised and very proud of how the field is coming.

PS.

What has happened to the mosquitoes?!? Last year they could carry you away if you were not careful, but this year has seen a big decline....

THOUGHTS

By Jack DeLisle



I got an E-Mail from Sheila asking if I had anything for the next newsletter and I answered back that I thought I had but

when I really did think about it, I probably hadn't?

With that bit of information I will try to correct that and so I'm setting here at the PC and banging away at the keyboard.

I hadn't seen any ads for the new Spectrum radio lately and that made me curious so I e-mail one of the guys in the Treasure Coast club in Florida and asked him how his Spectrum radio was working out? He and another Treasure Coast flyer had both bought the Spectrums when they first came out mainly because they solved the problem of flying at the clubs pond.

At the moment ,when you want to fly at the pond you have to make arrangements with somebody at the main field and have him or she tell you when the frequency was clear so you could fly and then have her pull the pin so you had the frequency and then when you were done flying your seaplane, call them back and have "your" frequency pin put back on the board. If it wasn't for cell phones you wouldn't even be able to fly at the pond I suppose. Except for special events.

The Spectrum radio solves the frequency problems and both of the guys who have that radio have been flying with no problems. In fact, one of them now has his

radio in a big gassy powered by a 23 sized engine with no problem. DISTANCE has also been NO PROBLEM.

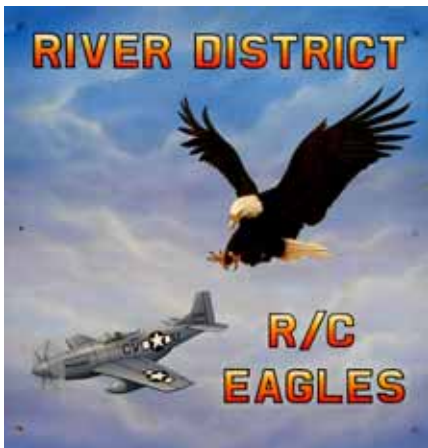
Spectrum has called the radio the "Back Yard Flyer" or something like that because of possible lawsuits or whatever but in the next paragraph say the range is on the order of 2000 feet. When I went to school 2000 was just about 2/3rds of a mile and no radio control pilot need ever fly that far away.

Enough about the radio of the future? I hope they are still selling them?

I have been e-mailing with Bill Welser and others and the last e-mail I got from Bill was before the picnic/ potluck and his note reminded me about the event and went on to say that if it has rained and there were puddles on the road leading to our new field I was to go through the puddles and not around them or go back home. I questioned that and wrote back to Bill and haven't received an answer as yet?.

I offer this solution to the puddle problem, if it is true that we can no longer avoid them. Have the club buy an appropriate length of towing cable / strap with the appropriate fittings on the ends that will allow towing of any of the cars / trucks / vans that the members drive. Buy a couple sets of boots for the members and keep them with the tractor and station the tractor at the area of the puddles when not being used to service the field mowing wise.

Each member will have to be schooled on the use of the tractor but if they can drive a vehicle on our public roads that should be no problem. You may think I am typing this with "tongue in cheek" as it were but I am not. If we can't use the field much of the time because of the weather then why have that field????



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2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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R/C flight experience

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Membership in other R/C Aircraft Club(s) _____

In order to belong to **THE RIVER DISTRICT R.C. EAGLES inc**, you must agree to abide by the Club's Constitution, Rules and Fees. In addition, the privilege of flying solo requires that you have a valid **Academy of Model Aeronautics** (AMA) Card/License, and have certified "pilot" status, by a River District R/C Eagles instructor. Be sure to include your AMA number in box above.

Member's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I have read and understand the Eagles Constitution and Field/Flight Rules.

<p>DUES and FEES Junior.....no fee Yearly Dues : Contact board member For dues after 1/1/07 Late fee.....\$50.00</p>	<p>() JUNIOR MEMBER 19 years old or younger, on December 31, 2007. Please list date of birth for junior members only ____/____/____</p>	<p>Checks can be made out to the River District Eagles and mailed <u>along with this form</u> to the Treasurer: Mr. Sam Grey 906 BONHOMME CT. PORT HURON MI 48079</p>
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Classifieds

Wanted: New fledgling pilot looking for trainer plane, radio, starter box, assesories-etc
Travis 810-326-4332

Grove 480 electric flyer ,battery pack, receiver 40" ws Brushless geared motor (complete setup)
3 small "EM2" foamies -misc electric props
Tom Nichols (810)987-2546

Wanted: .19 and/or .23 Torpedo (Green Head) and .29 McCoy (Red Head) for "old Timers" events
Don Pearson 364-9258

Minnesota glove, as-new \$20
John Hickman, 987-5752 or jdickman@advnet.net

Stinger 40 by Lanier from kit w/s48" Magum 46xl
Built By: Tom Nichols Ray Dart, Eng. Inst.& Rig. By Ray Dart, NEVER FLOWN. LOOKING FOR GAS BOAT
Bill Welser 810-794-9776

Miniature Aircraft X-Cell 60 R/C Helicopter.

Never flown, needs rotor and electronics \$600.00
Don Copper 810-765-8504



Cap 232 Yellow aircraft 60/90 NIB ARF \$150.00

Edge 540-Hangar 9 ARF 1/4 scale new \$200.00

Edge 540-Phase3 W/Brushless motor NIB \$ 45.00

JR Quatro 4 channel NIB \$125.00

Various transmitters Call

120 Stinger airframe \$ 75.00

Sky Vista low wing trainer airframe \$ 35.00

Futaba, HiTec, JR Wall chargers each \$ 5.00

Tower 40 2 stroke engine \$40.00

Enya 46 4 stroke engine \$ 65.00

1/8 scale Mirage buggie Thunder Tiger with Radio -New Call

TD3D Electric mini-built up ARF- With Electronics and Brushless motor Call

Pylon Props D1 and D2 APC Call
Various wood props, various wheels

Ray Dart 326-0929

Classified ads are free

Spring is coming, clean out the attic, and pass the old trainer on to a new member, and buy something else! Don't use your simulator? Sell it to someone who will. Please e-mail to eagles1185@comcast.net Or send them by U.S. mail to the editor. Or just call us and let us know what you have.

Grant's custom Aircraft

PBY 5-1 Catalina

106" Wing, 1/12scale, 1270 Sq In, 23 lbs
64"length .60 2-Cycle 3 surfaces & Motor Servo, Motor .90 4-Cycle, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo.

Grumman G-44 Widgeon

80" Wing,1/5 scale, 15 Sq Ft , 24 lbs, 60"length .60 2-Cycle 3 Control Surfaces & Motor Servo, Motor .90 4-Cycle Servo, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo.

Republic Seabee

70"Wing, 630 Sq In, 8 lbs, 48"length, .40 2-Cycle 4 Control Surfaces

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Thunder Tiger Piper Cub ARF 81" wing. Flown 3 times. A hard landing took out the landing gear but has been repaired. Just add your equipment and your ready to fly. \$140.00

Viper U2 combat planes. 2 complete planes, \$30.00 each

Tim Sonnenfeld 810-765-3608

Club Attire

Club Caps are available for purchase from the club at \$13.00 each. Each is custom embroidered for our club, and have either a black or maroon brim. See Bud Joachim. (810) 329-3810



Club Embroidery is available for coats and other attire By Heather Jones, Contact Carl Jones for more information.



River District R/C Eagles
MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2006

Officers in attendance:

Treasurer: Sam Grey

Member in attendance: 6

Minutes taken by Sam G.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve July minutes made by Archie K. and seconded by Bud J. – motion passed.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Archie K. and seconded by Bud J. – motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Treasurer explained that the update of the "member fuel & hats" account in the budget now includes the hats which were approved at a regular meeting. Attention was also called to the deletion of the A.M.A. revenue account in the amount of \$185.00 since this was received in 2005.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calling attention to the letter from the President in the July 25th newsletter the Treasurer informed the members that the issue of whether to include neighbors or Edison management to our picnic of Aug. 20th was referred to this meeting for consideration. After a full discussion, including road access to the field, it was moved by Archie K., seconded by Bud J. and carried to postpone any invitation and reconsider it next year.

There being no other business the **meeting was adjourned** at 7:22pm

ATTENTION EAGLE MEMBERS!!!

Be sure to make the Sept 5th meeting. **On the agenda will be the raising of membership dues.** We need your input and positive discussion. I look forward to seeing you there.

You vote counts!!!

Thank you,
Bill Welser-Secretary

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September	
5th- Club meeting	7:00 PM
6th- Club breakfast	9:00 AM
9th- Pylon	9:00 AM
9th-Propbusters charity FF	9:00AM
10th- Combat	9:00 AM
16th- Fun fly	9:00 AM
16 th-East Wings Fly (17th rain)	9:00 AM
17th-Whirlybirds@Goodells	8:00 AM
20th- Club breakfast	9:00 AM
October	
1st- Float fly	9:30 AM
3d- Club meeting	7:00 PM
4th- Club breakfast	9:00 AM
7th- Pylon	9:30 AM
18th- Club breakfast	9:00 AM
22nd- Combat	9:30 AM

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 Thank you, Bill Welser-Secretary

Lost: Back 2/3 of large winged combat plane on side of mount. Electronics in it. Please call Gary : 388-1066

From Executive board: To R.C.R.D Eagles August 3, 2006 Re: Present status of complaints. Please be informed that since letters were mailed to residents adjacent or possibly effected by our flying, neither Bud Joachim, Ron France or D.T.E , to our knowledge, have received any new complaints about aircraft noise nor proximity flying. The new field location and the care exercised by the members seems to have done the job. Thanks Eagles, you are the best. -Sam Grey

A note from DTE to stay off the grass on the way up to the mountain. There is only one road to the field, if it is to muddy stop and go back, Do not drive around the puddles or splash through them. Timbers have been installed to keep us off the grass road. Thank you -From Executive board

Michigan Whirlybirds
 The Michigan Whirlybirds are hosting their annual fun fly at the Goodells County Park. the event will be held on Sept.17th, with 'choppers taking to the air at 9:00am. Come on out for a good time!

Propbusters Charity Fly-In
 September 9th the Propbusters will be hosting their annual charity fly in for the benefit of Earthkeepers. The origination works with schoolchildren to show them how they fit into nature. Bring a plane , or just enjoy the show.

East Wings Fly-In
 Fun Food and R/C Flying on M-19 north of Memphis on Sept 16th (17th rain day) A great day to fly, and meet fellow R/C enthusiast from other clubs. Bring a plane and have a great time!

The Ford Tri Motor will be at Pontiac Airport providing rides from 8 am to 6 pm each day, starting Aug. 31st through Sept. 4th. The cost is \$40 if an EAA member, or \$50 for others. The plane has nine seats and gives a decent trip.-Pete Waters