



Eagles' Nest

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

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Happenings

Jack DeLisle



Pete Carcio gets the honor of having the first official flight at the River District R/C Eagles new field. I'd like to have a picture of Pete's P-12 Monster Pitts but I don't so picture a Pitts with a radial engine and done up in gorgeous Blue and Yellows and you have Pete's P-12 Monster Pitts.

I don't think Pete came up to Eagle Mountain to do anything but get a couple of flights in with the Monster but little did he know. First off he got initiated into the Pylon game we practice on Eagle Mountain and then he is setting around at the new field enjoying being an Eagle and I wonder if he is going to fly or just sit? Well, he finally gets out of his reverie, fuels up his plane, checks that all the controls work as commanded, starts his big two stroke, taxi's out, lines up, throttles up and he is airborne to become the first official Eagle to fly at our new field. CONGRATULATIONS PETE.

I had to leave about the time Robert Brown was readying his plane for the air so I'm saying that Bob was the second of our flyers to use the new field and

lets shake his hand too. One of those times when coming in second is still great, heh Bob.

Shortly after Nan and I returned to Michigan Ed London asked me if I would like to have a plane that Tom Gall had? It was crashed but other than the firewall missing and a few other minor dings looked fixable? I had an empty building bench and told Ed that, yes, I would like that plane.

The BBB (Breakfast at Big Boy) was coming up soon and we met there and after the breakfast Ed and I went to his truck and he brought out the Hammer 40 and as soon as I saw it realized that I had



built that plane some years before. It still had my AMA number on the wing even. Did I sell that Hammer 40? Give it to Tom after I crashed it? I'll never remember but it's not important.

I had an RCV58 four cycle engine and a Polk Hobbies 8 Channel receiver that needed proving and enough servos laying around so that I installed one on each aileron as opposed to the one servo driving both ailerons and other than that, made no other changes to the plane so it came out pretty much as built originally. A tad nose heavy with that big engine.

It got it's maiden flight on Memorial Day and it was a hand full getting it trimmed out but I got it down in one piece and it's ready to go again. Thanks Tom, where ever you are! And thanks Ed. It's a winner

Eagles Club Breakfast June 21, 2006

Maynard LaParl



Ah, Summer! What could be a better way to celebrate the first day of Summer than to have a friendly get-together with fellow Eagles? I think about a dozen members showed up at the Marysville Big Boy to chit chat. The weather calls for rain all day so I never brought a plane to fly. Either did anyone else. Bud Y. brought in a folder from the Eddy Elementary School fun fly demo. The children put it together to show their appreciation for the fun day. Seems their favorite of the show was "the crash." I won't mention whose plane went south out of respect. (How was that Archie?) After about a pot of coffee, each, and a good meal, I scanned the tables and it looked like all of us could use a nap. Sounds like a good idea to me. Happy Flying!!! --Maynard LaParl



NEWS FLASH: JIM LAUBENTHAL GETS HIS "WINGS"



The newest member of the RDRC Eagles received his "Wings/Pilot Patch" at Eagle Mountain this 20th day of June 2006. Jim progressed at a very fast pace due both to natural ability and working often on his computer flight simulator. Jim works afternoons at the truck plant in Pontiac. Consequently, I had to wake him up in the AM on days when flying time was available. He was very punctual (occasionally half asleep) when we met at the "Mountain". Jim was an excellent student and I want to congratulate him again on his accomplishment. Keep my golden rule in mind Jim: "Take-offs are optional but landings are mandatory"

Dave Waldecker

Propbuster Inter-Club-Invitational-Fly-In

Ed Olszewski

A model aircraft club is a place where R/C pilots have a chance to get together, fly and show off their stuff. Several times during the summer local clubs open their fields to other clubs allowing everyone to meet new friends, renew old relationships and just have a good time. It is only distance that separates R/C aircraft enthusiasts. On June 17, the Propbusters opened their field letting local R/C pilots get together for just such an occasion.

The weatherman called for warm weather, clear skies, but threatened increasing winds. The threat of high winds may have kept a few pilots home, but those who showed up were treated to a fantastic day, Clear skies, sunshine, warm weather, with only a slight breeze-which made for just about a perfect day for R/C flying. Pilots from Propbusters, East Wings, SMAC, and the Eagles took to the air to treat about 100 spectators to the world of R/C flight.

Several Eagles put on a fine Combat exhibition, unfortunately there was frequency interference problems kept Ron Frantz's plane grounded. John Joachim, and Al Fournier engines refused to co-operate making them spectators also. Dave Waldecker, Archie Kammer and Bud Joachim took to the air, flew a fine sortie, and all demonstrated great landings, planes intact.

Don Forton (a Propbuster member) brought in and landed his full scale Robinson 22- two seat helicopter on the runway. He flew in to pick up Sheila Olszewski to take photos of the event

from the air. Don pre-arranged landing clearance for the event with park officials. Spectators were thrilled to see the full scale chopper. Jack



DeLisle announced to the audience that Don would not be performing the same inverted flight and aerial acrobatics that Carl Jones had just preformed minutes earlier with his Hirobo Freya 90 Evolution R/C helicopter. Sheila probably would have been happy to hear this, if she could hear over the roar of the helicopters engine from inside the cockpit.

Bud Joachim loaded his candy drop plane with 4 pounds of candy and "let it fall" for a couple dozen happy children. There is no way to describe the happy frenzy of children seeing candy drop from the sky.

Many pilots stayed and flew as the crowd dwindled until well after three in the afternoon. The sun had rendered my skin to resemble the color of a lobster, I was to regret not applying sunscreen when the day started- for the next several days.

The Propbusters want to thank everyone from all the local clubs who came out to help make the day a success. It is great to see everyone having fun, and enjoying model aviation, that is really what the hobby is all about.



Classifieds

Wanted: (free) Worn out - two cycle model airplane engine: I plan on slotting and milling it to expose the inner workings of aircraft engines for club demonstration purposes, and display at events.

Ed (810)367-6367

Aspire Hangar 9, 2 Meter electric sail plane. Excellent condition-ready to fly. Hitec Focus 3 radio (3channel), battery, charger. \$180.00

Ed 810-367-6367

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 jdhickman@advnet.net



Great Planes Skybolt Bi-plane, OS 91, Bison muffler, ready to fly

\$250.00 negotiable

Pete Charchio 313-886-8485



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

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Various transmitters Call

120 Stinger airframe \$ 75.00

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Enya 46 4 stroke engine \$ 65.00

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Lucky Stick 40 Tail dragger -ready to fly \$150.00

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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.

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Grumman G-44 Widgeon

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Republic Seabee

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

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Bob Samuelson 810-679-3962

Avistar trainer some dings and patches but still looks and flies great. \$75.00

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.



A letter to our neighbors

The following is a transcript of a letter sent to the occupants of the dwellings adjacent to the DTE ash disposal sight (our flying field) because of a third complaint to DTE. The letter was composed by Ron Frantz, and printed in the River district R/C Eagles newsletter by request of the Executive board.

Dear Neighbors,

Please allow us to introduce ourselves. We are the River District Radio Control Eagles. We are a community club of over thirty years standing. We are involved in several activities in the community including annual demonstrations for students of Eddy Elementary school and Marysville Public Schools as well as activities with various other groups including the Boy Scouts of America.

Until two years ago, we held our activities at a location at the corner of Range and Davis Roads. We were at that location for twenty-eight years. When the property changed owners and the land was put up for sale for development we were forced to look elsewhere for a base of operations. We approached DTE energy and requested their assistance. After some discussions they generously offered to accommodate us at their Range Road disposal site. We established our field there in the spring of 2004.

It is our desire that our activities do not negatively impact our neighbors and until recently we believed that was the case. Other than one incident on Labor Day weekend 2005 we were not aware of any complaints. On that day one of our neighbors called the County Sheriff to complain of noise and close proximity of our operations. We took steps immediately to control the situation. We asked the Sheriff deputy to give our name and phone number to the complaining party and requested that they call us directly if problems continued. We also implemented restrictions on early morning and late evening flying. We changed our flight patterns to move aircraft further from the residents. The last step that we took at that time was the purchase of a decibel meter to measure the noise level from

our aircraft. In the absence of further complaints we believed the issue was resolved. In late May of this year we were informed that our activities were still causing unacceptable noise levels to one or more of our neighbors. Upon learning that the problem still existed we immediately took drastic actions to alleviate the problem. We closed our field and moved our operations to a new location about 1200 feet further away from the nearest neighbors. We also shifted our flight pattern from a northerly flight path to a southerly flight path, an action that provided another 1000 feet of separation at the point of closest approach to our neighbors. These steps seemed to solve the problem until an incident occurred Wednesday evening June 13, 2006.

We believe that if our membership is adhering to the field rules our presence should be unnoticeable to you. If, however, the problem still occurs it has to be due to somebody who is in violation of our rules. In that case we would like to identify the responsible party so that we can take enforcement steps against them. Flight to the North of our existing flight line, in the direction of your houses, is in violation of AMA and club rules, and must be stopped. We are taking steps internally to stop these violations; however, if the problem continues we are asking for your help. Please help us resolve this issue to your satisfaction by immediately calling either of the persons below if you notice people flying before 9:00 AM or after 8:00 PM, or if you have noise or proximity issues at any time.

Ron Frantz
Bud Joachim

Either of the above persons can get to the field in short time to identify offending flight operation and the responsible party.

The River District RC Eagles has always worked to be a good neighbor and a responsible part of the community. This issue is our number one club priority. We look forward to working with you to resolve this problem.

Thank you,
River District RC Eagles Executive Board

River District R/C Eagles

Meeting Minutes

June 6 2006

Officers in attendance:

President: Tim Toutant, Vice President: Gary Wilkerson, Treasurer: Sam Grey, Secretary: Bill Welsler.

Member in attendance: 19

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

Motion to approve May minutes made by Jack D. and seconded by Ed O. – motion passed.

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

Committee Reports:

Ron F. Reported that DTE I concerned about the noise and visual of our airplanes by the neighbors. They are pleased that we moved the field and are flying the way we are this should take care of the problem.

Stone for road was cancelled until the field has been ok

Gary W. reminded us not to fly till 9am and stop at 8pm

Field Development Committee- New field is up and running. The committee is done

Jack said the grass cutting is all set. Gord M will cut the last two week of June

MONEY OWED OR DUE:

Archie ordered new dip stick for tractor and fixed chain on mower

Y.B. Cook paid \$20.00 for the club trainer

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion on when the field is opened or closed and who makes the decision

Jack made a **motion that the decision to fly** or drive on the road would be by COMMON SENSE, field and flight line rules be updated . seconded by Bill W. - motion passed

Moved by Jack D. to adjourn. Seconded by Ed L. – motion passed

50/50 was won by Al H.

July Meeting change notice from Sam Grey

Our normal club meeting for July would have fallen on the 4th. Therefore, it was scheduled for July 5th. However, the Marysville Library closes at 5:00 PM Wednesday. Since Thursday July 6th was open this will be the date for the meeting.

Presidents Perspective

Tim Toutant

I must say that this months meeting was a total disaster. All of us acted like a bunch of children and shouldn't have gotten that far. This is supposed to be a fun hobby to have commradery and swap stories about our planes and take care of some business. No one can please everyone accept try to understand another's point of view without getting mad and start name calling. I for one will not tolerate it and if this happens at a meeting again, I will close the meeting. If a person is instigating the problem at the field, that person shall be asked to leave and nothing more will be said until next meeting. This should not have to go into the bylaws. This is part of my responsibility as your elected



official as Club President. This kind of situation should not get this far ever again. Our club is a club of enthusiasts not a corporation or industry and should be treated as a place to have fun. I was totally embarrassed by the actions of all of us when my Fiancée had the opportunity to be at her first meeting. Each committee has a responsibility to their respective area and if it means to get an item for the field and is a reasonable cost get it. Sometimes time is of the essence and there is no time to have a meeting to discuss dollar issues. I would have to say \$125 is reasonable and if we want to vote on it to be put in the bylaws this way let's do it. Anything more than this would have to be voted on by the membership. However, for tractor maintenance if something major breaks, we have to accept whatever the cost is without question or vote. If you have a different way of doing things than volunteer your time for that committee. No one should complain about me being the President as no one else wanted to do it. I have a family which is my number one concern, not the club or the hobby. I'll do the best I can with time I can devote to the Eagles and try to have some fun in the meantime. If I hear anymore name calling, hand gestures, or anyone being rude at the field spinning tires, making your own trails or flying because you just want to without regard to safety, I'm Done as the President and will go somewhere else and the distance or cost won't matter. Now lets go have some FUN and FLY.
The President Tim Toutant

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July**
- 2nd- Combat 9:00 AM
 - 6th- Club meeting 7:00 PM
 - 5th- Club breakfast 9:00 AM
 - 19th- Club breakfast 9:00 AM
 - 22nd-Bi-Plane Rally@Goodells 9:00AM
 - 23rd- Pylon 9:00 AM
 - 29th-AMA District VII Fly-IN 10:00 AM
 - 30th-AMA District VII Fly-IN 10:00 AM
- August**
- 1st- Club meeting 7:00 PM
 - 2nd- Club breakfast 9:00 AM
 - 5th-Combat @Propbusters 9:00 AM
 - 5th-Propbusters 4H demo 9:00 AM
 - 6th- Float fly 9:00 AM
 - 12th- Pylon 9:00 AM
 - 16th- Club breakfast 9:00 AM
 - 20th- Potluck Picnic 4:00 PM
 - 26th- Float fly 9:00 AM
 - 26th-SMAC TFT 9:00 AM

July Meeting - Date Change
 The River District Club R/C Eagles Meeting date has been move to **Thursday July 6th** due to a scheduling conflict at the Marysville Library.

"Gathering" Canceled

This years River District R/C Eagles-Gathering of the Eagles originally planned for July 8th, has been officially canceled by Majority vote at the April meeting.

Bi-Plane Rally

Saturday July 22nd, 9:00 AM The SCC Propbusters are hosting a Bi-Plane rally at the Propbusters field starting at 9AM. There will be no raffle or concessions, probably not even a lot of spectators. It is just a flight line full of Bipe's, Tripe's, (well, you get the idea) showing off and open flying. The day is not just limited to showing off your bipes, bring your other special planes! Should be a good time for all. There will be a Transmitter Impound, and frequency control.

AMA District VII Fly-IN July 29th&30th

Sponsored and Sanctioned by the AMA Hosted by The Radio Control Club of Detroit Open Flying 10 till 5 each day. All Size & Type Aircraft Invited! Airplanes-Helicopters-Control Line, Food, Vendors, Raffles, Prizes, Rest Facilities Limited Camping, Ample Parking, 1200 x 500 ft. Grass Runway For more Information go to: www.rccd.org or: Don Veres (586)725-4322 / Mike Pavlock (586) 716-1854

Field Closure Notification Procedure

There will no longer be official closures of the Eagles flying field due to bad road conditions, every member should use their common sense; if the road conditions are muddy- don't drive up the hill and risk ruining the road. Members will be notified of any other field closures (ie. safety or by order of DTE) by e-mail or US mail from the executive board, or in the club newsletter.