

# Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's Flight Line Gazette

**Dedicated toward making R/C aircraft a family activity**

**Date:** May 28, 2015

**Next Meeting:** June 2, 2015

**Location:** Aeromodeler's Flying Field, Dehmel Rd.

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

The Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's meetings are open to the public. Club membership is not required to attend club meetings or receive pilot training. If you want flight training, just contact one of the club officers or club instructors listed in the newsletter.

## CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

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Visitors are always welcome to the club meetings and to join us at the club flying field. The flying sight is located at 9650 S. Dehmel Rd., Birch Run, MI.

See you all next month,

*Joel Zwerk*

Newsletter Editor

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Check us out on Facebook as well.

## Club News:

Greetings once again. I hope you haven't missed the newsletter too much. I know I should write these a bit more often but it's kind of hard to write things when there isn't much going on. I can only spread so much around. Anyway, here's a review of the last couple of months.

### **Members Present:**

We had 19 at the April meeting and 15 at the May meeting, which was held at the field.

### **Visitors:**

Dave Herald was our guest last month and also turned in an application for membership. Welcome Dave.

### **New Pilots:**

No one to report on this month.

### **Training and Field News:**

There isn't too much to report here. The season is just starting out and we're looking for new pilots to train. We're going to be putting an article together for the Frankenmuth News in the next couple of days. We're hoping that this will at least let the local folks know that we're out here and perhaps generate

some interest in our hobby. We can't beat the price since I know the editor of the paper pretty well. Might cost a couple of JeagerMeisters, but it's a sacrifice I'll have to make.....

The volunteer system of keeping the grass mowed seems to be working out okay. At least since I've been at the field. That's been a couple of weeks, though. Seems like it's been raining or gale force winds on Tuesdays but it's still early in the flying year. If you haven't signed up to help out there's plenty of days that are open. Mowing days are Monday morning and also Thursday evening. There's plenty to do in the upkeep of things as well so don't be bashful. Keith Jewell has been heading this up and there is a sign up sheet at the field. We've all got to remember that this is OUR club and that things will not get done on their own. Putting in some time to benefit all of us is not asking too much. We're all in this together.

### **Recent Club News and Events:**

There's been a couple of changes in the dues structure of the club along with the volunteer system for getting things done. News about that was sent in a prior email to the membership.

Jerome has been working with his local church youth group and will be making plans to have them at the field this summer. We're working out the details and will let you know about this soon. We're going to need instructors, whether in the air or ground school instructors, to pull this off. The plan is to have the kids here on some Tuesday evenings but not on meeting nights. If you have trainer planes and radio setups, please let us know. Thank you.

I'm also going to be scheduling some of the "Specialty Nights" that we had a couple of years ago at the field. I'm planning on Wednesday evenings again. In years past we had Warbird Night, Cubs and Slow Flyer Night, Helicopter Night, etc. There might be an interest in having an electric fly as well. This would NOT exclude anyone from flying anything they wanted. These were set up just to highlight different types of aircraft that you might not see on the ordinary evening.. I'd also like to do some sort of Pylon Race as well. Previously we'd have a "run what you bring" type of event. It's very true that the fastest plane does not always win. If you have any ideas on this, please let me know.

### **Indoor Flying:**

Dan Pierce headed up another successful indoor season at SVSU. Thanks again for the effort in leading this up. This type of thing takes a lot more effort than what you might think. Dan brought in \$362 for the club back in April. Thanks again, Dan for the time and effort.

### **Tips, Tricks, and other Nonsense:**

Well, get your planes done as it's almost time to get airborne. Here's a good tip for all of us. Make sure you check out your planes BEFORE you put them in the air. Check your connections, clevises, and control surfaces to make sure they are safe. We don't want anyone getting hurt out there.

Here's some websites that may interest you.

<http://mecoa.com/faq/> Engine Q&A, Was pretty good. Also American made engines.

<http://www.all-battery.com/index.aspx> A good and economical source for batteries

<http://www.radicalrc.com/shop/> Radical R/C

<http://switchglo.com/> Neat On Board Ignition system

<http://www.rc-diamond.com/> Very small servos

<http://www.outerzone.co.uk/index.asp> Free, full sized plans printable on your printer

[http://www.onlineconversion.com/electric\\_current.htm](http://www.onlineconversion.com/electric_current.htm) Electric current conversion calculator

<http://apexmagnets.com/> Good source for powerful earth magnets

<http://www.microfasteners.com/> Great place to buy bulk nuts, bolts, screws, etc.

<http://towerhobbies.com/help/convcalcs.html> Tower Hobby conversion calculator

<http://foxmanufacturing.com/> American Made model airplane engines. Great trade in policy.

<http://rogershobbycenter.com> Your local hobby shop located on State Street in Saginaw.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/index.php> Website with many RC related discussion forums.

<http://www.rcuniverse.com-index.cfm> Another RC discussion website.

<http://www.toysonics.com> All kinds of RC planes, heli's, and supplies. Too much to mention.

<http://www.hobbyking.com> Mail order RC items. Also have a USA warehouse.

<http://bridiairplanes.com> Bridi line of airplane kits. Great quality.

<http://rtlfasteners.com> Nuts, bolts, screws of all types for modeling. Reasonable prices.  
We'll be adding to the list, but at least it's a start. Also, don't forget to support your local hobby shop.

**Dues:**

Don't forget that club dues are being taken for the coming year. Please get the dues paid by December 31st. This makes it a lot easier on our treasurer.

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P.S. We'd like to get the dues in by the end of the year. That way we can keep our membership list current with the AMA. Thanks.

**Please be aware that the dues for 2014 are now \$60 per year, per member.**

**Instructors:**

Anyone wanting to learn to fly or improve his or her skills should contact:  
Wayne Nuechterlein of Frankenmuth 989-652-9048  
Tim Bruzewski of Saginaw 810-743-1400 (M-F, 8-5) 790-0031 after 5  
Ben Rinaldi of Davison 810-577-4158  
Joel Zwerk of Richville 989-928-3062

We are in the process of updating our list of instructors. If you have any interest at all, please let us know. This is a great way to promote your hobby and teach somebody how to fly as well. Thanks.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Monthly Meeting Tuesday, June 2 at the field in Frankenmuth. 7 PM.**  
**Flying Eagles Fly In, August 1, at Clements Airport, Bay City. Pilot Registration at 9 AM.**

**Editor's Note:**

Well, so ends the brief update of what's been going on with the club. It's still early in the year so there's a lot of time left to get out and fly. I'm looking forward to being out there as much as I can this year. The playing schedule is not too bad during the week, but the weekends are still way too busy.

I realize that this is going to be too late, but I did want to wish our Veterans out there a very blessed Memorial Day. I hope that you had a great day. There are no words that can express our gratitude for your sacrifice and service, and also the sacrifices that your family members made for our benefit. You've earned the honor with your blood, sweat, and tears. May you all be blessed with a long life. Live it for those that never got the chance, and may our great country never forget all that you've done for it...and us. Thank you.

**See you at the meeting Tuesday, June 2.**

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to the newsletter, please feel free to contact me at JZwerk@aol.com.