

Frankenmuth Aeromodeler's Flight Line Gazette

Dedicated toward making R/C aircraft a family activity

Date: April 29, 2016

Next Meeting: May 3, 2016

Location: Aeromodeler's Flying Field

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:

President: **Bill Hendley**

VP: **Ike Ferrier**

Recording Secretary: **Brad Stricker**

Correspondence Secretary: **Jerry Cooper**

Treasurer: **Joel Zwerk**

Newsletter Publisher: **John Baillargeon**

Club Trustees: **Wayne Neuchterlein**

Brad Stricker

John Baillargeon

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

Visit us on the internet at: www.frankenmuthaeromodelers.com/

Check us out on Facebook as well.

Club News:

Hello All. Two months in a row with a newsletter....what's this world coming to? A few things to report on this month and then we'll hopefully be on to a great flying season. First off, and no offence, if I have the officers of the club listed incorrectly above, please just come up and tell me and don't holler at me too loud. Had enough of that last month..... It's all good so nothing to complain about.

Members Present:

We had 13 at the last meeting. That's about 80% of the paid membership. Great!

Visitors:

None lately.

New Pilots:

No one to report on this month.

Training and Field News:

April 16 was the date for the field opening. We had, on the average, 17 guys there most of the

time. That was a fantastic turnout. Almost 100% of the paid membership. It was nice to see some fellas there that we haven't seen in a while due to various reasons. Was great to see Keith Jewell again. Also Bob Weidenmiller was there and it was good to share a few laughs with him as well. He's going to be retiring in July. Fantastic. Now we can get him to the field and bust up a few of his planes..... just kidding. Looked like everybody had a great time and the work went fast.

Benny, Bill, and Jerry have the tractor repaired and it looked to be working fine. Our other mowing machine worked great as well. Nice to see everybody working together for the benefit of the membership. We've got a good thing going here.

The highlight of the field opening was presenting Larry with a new radio. It's an older version of the Spektrum DX-7 that Ike bought but didn't use. We took up a collection from the guys to pay Ike and presented to radio to Larry for his work on the new website. Well deserved.

Recent Club News and Events:

It's the start of another flying season and hopefully the field will be packed with planes and pilots. Training nights start on Tuesday again. There's been discussion of some other events that we'd like to have at the field this year including some pylon races, a tailgate swapmeet, and our "specialty nights". These would be slow flyer and Cub night, Warbird night, and a few others as well. Let's make this our best flying season.

The FAA still looks to be intent upon restricting our flying. AMA still in the fight but to what extent? Time will tell I suppose. For now I guess just try to follow the rules as best you can, well at least the ones that you can follow.....

Indoor Flying:

From what I could get through the grapevine, the indoor events at the Kern Pavillion went pretty well through the winter. More car and truck guys than flyers, but maybe some of them will see the light and get a plane.

Tips, Tricks, and other Nonsense:

Please check out your planes before you plan on flying them. Preparation is the key to success.

Here's some websites that may interest you.

<http://meco.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 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 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, May 3, at the Aeromodeler's Flying Field

Editor's Note:

Well, that's it. Brief and to the point. Looking forward to spending time with all of you out at the field this summer. I'm hoping to get out more this year so we'll see how that goes.

I thought this month's issue of Model Aviation was pretty good. Of particular interest, at least to me, was the article by Dave Scott. He has an RC flying school and the article was in the front part of the magazine. I'd encourage you to read it. I've gone through it probably a half dozen times by now. What I thought was very interesting is that the clubs that put their emphasis on flying were doing well. Not saying that isn't the main thing with our club, just an observation. They get new folks in the air as soon as they can. They put a positive light on things as opposed to telling someone that you're going to bust up a few planes before you get any good at it. That might be the case, but putting the fun of flying first gets people involved. You still need the politics and leadership in the club, but that's not the main thing, and certainly not why any of us joined the club. We joined the club to FLY RC AIRPLANES. No, not scolding anyone, and I'm no better than anyone else. The politics will always be there, but maybe we won't notice it so much if we're having fun flying. This was the best article I've seen in a long time in MA. I'm looking forward having a fun-filled year at the field.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, May 3rd.

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