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# ***Rogue Eagle***

**March 2011**

**AMA URGENT CALL TO ACTION!**  
**FAA and Model Aviation Future**  
**See inside for details**



## **Events in March 2011:**

- 12 Swap Meet—McMinnville
- 26 Agate Club Pylon Racing
- 26 Swap Meet—Grants Pass

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Rogue Eagles.

I have a few things to communicate this month. First, thanks to 19 Rogue Eagles members who participated in our Feb. 19, short-notice workday. We sprayed for weeds, cleaned up, and did some necessary repairs at the field. These people not only pay their club dues, but donate their time and labor to continue to make our club and flying field one of the finest.

Thanks to Sam Arrigo for heading up the Field Maintenance Supervisor position. Thanks, Richard Schwegerl for coordinating an enjoyable Feb. 8 general meeting.

I hope everyone will take the time to read the March issue of Model Aviation articles dealing with the upcoming FAA regulations concerning model aviation.

We continue to have the less-than-desireable task of babysitting people who do not, or will not keep their AMA dues current. No one who flies at our field is permitted to fly without possession and presentation of his/her AMA card. You must place CURRENT AMA card on the frequency-pin board before you take the pin to put on your transmitter before you fly. The 2.4 Ghz users are required to do the same.

Every member is encouraged to help us to make sure this requirement is met. Please be considerate and respectful in approaching people about this issue, or any other. I hope this doesn't seem to be unnecessarily harsh, but we intend to see this situation resolved.

See You Next Time  
Joe



## Board Meeting Minutes Feb 22nd, 2011

### Opening:

The meeting was formally opened for business at 7.02 p.m. at the Central Point Senior Center by the President, Joe DeAscentis. There were twelve members present.

### Meeting Minutes:

It was decided to omit the reading of the minutes at this meeting.

### Treasurer's report.

Ruthie announced that the Share account stands at \$25-77. The Money Maker is currently \$2,342.87. The Checking account is \$8,467.83. This brings the total to \$10,836.47

### Runway surface.

Joe reported that a meeting was held at the field with Bill Schoenlieber of Pacific Paving, Ron Kelso and others, to examine the runway condition. Bill commented that the Asphalt was generally in good condition for its age. To fill the cracks, the best method is to force down a mixture of "high quality dry sand and cement". A price quotation for this potential work will be forthcoming. It would be nice to add a "one-inch thick overlay of asphalt". Bill will also quote for this. Extensions to the runway were discussed. Bill will also provide a separate quote for this. Bill stated that his price quotes would be just for the materials. He is not seeking a profit from the work.

Cracks continually appear in asphalt surfaces due to heat expansion and contraction. This can be avoided by cutting slots in the surface at regular intervals.

### New event proposal.

The "Oregon Extreme Freestyle Fun Fly" event, proposed by Steve Coleman was briefly discussed by the Board and received final approval to be added to the calendar of events.

### Charitable contributions.

The Secretary will dig further back in time in the meeting minutes to find what was decided for the level of "charitable contributions".

### Updated Byelaws.

The byelaws document has been updated as agreed at the last meeting. Distribution will be via the "web site" and the "newsletter".

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## **Board Meeting (continued)**

### **VHS Model Aviation tapes.**

Dale McQuiston brought in the tapes. It was agreed that Dale should dispose of the tapes by selling them off at the meetings etc.

### **Board Meeting frequency.**

There was some additional discussion on the time and frequency of the Board Meetings. It was decided that 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month was the preferred option for rescheduling the Board Meetings. To accommodate this, an amendment to the Byelaws will be proposed.

### **Treasury Check Book signatories**

Alan Littlewood agreed to be designated as one of the two “non-treasurer” signatories for the checks that need to be signed on club business when the occasion requires.

### **Auditing the books.**

There was a brief discussion on whether the books had been audited in the past and whether they should be audited in the future. Everyone expressed trust in Werner and in Ruthie, so no plans were made for future audits.

Ruthie mentioned that the version of “Quicken” that Werner passed on to her was too old to be able to operate on her more modern computer operating system. She needs to find a way to keep the books.

### **Field maintenance.**

Nineteen people turned up to help with the weeding and field maintenance activities on Saturday 12th. Joe expressed his deep appreciation for all these members who came to help at short notice. Sam Arrigo reminded that all work carried out at the field, even the impromptu casual work should be logged, so that we can provide the required statistics to the County.

Sam will be leaving a log sheet on a clipboard in the impound shed so that those performing any work can record it.

### **Frequency pins.**

Joe stated that too many members are going out to the flight line to fly and not having the appropriate frequency pin. A pin is required even when flying on 2.4 GHz. Transmitters.

Everyone please abide by the rules of the club.

## **Board Meeting (continued)**

### **Indoor flying.**

Danny Stanton announced that Indoor Model Flying was being re-instated at the Medford Armory. This will be each Monday at 7 p.m. and closing at 8:45 p.m. sharp.

### **Bathroom Hand Sanitizers.**

Jim Fowler mentioned that one of the sanitizers is broken and cannot be repaired. Joe DeAscentis said he would pick up a new one as a replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

From the official newsletter of the Tri County R.C. Club, New Jersey

## **Spring Prep**

It has been a long winter for some of us. We have cleaned our models and engines and checked all the electronics. But now that the equipment has been sitting for three months, it needs a little late-winter refresh.

What am I talking about? Battery cycling. If you are using Nicad or NiMH cells, you will need to recharge the batteries about now. These batteries tend to self-discharge over time.

This is also a good time to cycle the batteries and ensure that they still have the capacity to be viable for the coming flying season, or order new batteries if they are of diminished capacity.

Now, if you are using Li-Poly cells, you don't need to charge or cycle the batteries. However, you should check the voltage to make sure they have held the storage charge you gave them. You do bring the cells to the recommended storage voltage, don't you? Yeah, me neither. Well, I will be doing that soon since I bought a charger that can put a storage charge on a Li-Poly.

Oh, and while you're at it, go through your field box. Dump everything out and purge stuff you don't need. Put the paint stirrers (broken propellers) in a container for later use, or just throw them out if you have too many already.

Check your starting and glow batteries and charge them, too. If you have a power panel, remove it and inspect all the wiring. If you keep repair tools in the field box, make sure they are fresh (glue, fuel tubing, rubber bands, band aids, dressings, ointments [for the other guy, of course], etc.) While you're at it get some fresh cleaning solution and paper towels too.

Now, when the weather turns fair, you are ready to grab your stuff and go flying. end

## Member Spotlight: Meet Larry Cogdell



My current modeling interests are electrics and I love electric jets. I have been flying RCs for about 1 year and now have six airplanes (T-28, B-25, Extra 300, Carbon Z Yak 54, Habu and F18) and three helicopters (Blade MCX2, Blade 120SR and Trex 450). My newest airplane is the ERC FA18 from Hobby Lobby, which I flew for the first time yesterday. The attached picture shows the jet right before takeoff. The second picture is of the HABU jet.

My career is that of a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). I provide portfolio management, investment strategies and financial planning services. I am the owner and President of Planner4U LLC. My website is [www.Planner4U.com](http://www.Planner4U.com). I have been in business for 39 years. Originally from New Orleans, spent eight years in the USAF doing research and development work on the BOMARC missile system. We actually launched and tested the Air Force's only nuclear surface to air missile from Eglin AFB in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Lived in Germany for six years (3 of it in the AF, the remainder as a financial advisor). Moved to Medford in 1994 from Phoenix, AZ. My wife Laura grew up here in Medford.

Got into RC with the help of Joe DeAcentis who kept inviting me to events. Flew control line airplanes (remember the Cox .049s) forty five years ago. Have loved airplanes since I was a kid. My hobby passion (before RC) was flight simulators since the early 80s. I have almost every flight sim program they have made. I have a room in my house with rudder pedals, yokes, throttles etc. and a big screen projection system.

What I like best about the club is how helpful everyone has been to me. Especially a new guy like me needs a lot of TLC. *(continued next column)*

A perfect example of this was just Saturday when I was ready to fly my new jet. Martine (check spelling) was holding my radio while I was connecting the batteries when he told me my airleron control was backwards!?! Opps, how could that happen? After we fixed that then we noticed the thrust vectoring was also working incorrectly. I did not have my books with me but Alex simply took my radio and reprogramed the mix to fix the problem without any books at all. Even though I had carefully checked out everything the day before and it appeared to be correct, I obviously was wrong. What if those guys weren't there? I would have a slightly crushed F18 for sale, only flown once! I learned another important lesson. The word PRE FLIGHT means PRE...just before you fly...check everything.

I look forward to helping the club by serving on the board with Joe and thanks to all who have helped me. I hope to pass on what I learn to newer members. It is always exciting to get to the field and talk to all of the members and see what's new.

Thanks Larry...Ed.

## Trash Barrels

Please, use the trash barrels to deposit litter. Even if it isn't yours, pick it up and throw it in the can. We all need to PITCH IN!

## Proposed By-Law Change

### Article V - MEETINGS Section 2

**The meeting of the board of directors - time and place - shall be determined by the sitting board of directors. Time and place shall be listed in the monthly newsletter. There shall be no meeting in December. All board meetings shall be open to all club members.**

## Flight Review?

When was the last time you flew with a flight instructor? We all get rusty at some things and even forget others. Full scale pilots must take a flight review with an instructor every two years, to review the rules and to demonstrate safe operation of the airplane. If you would like a refresher on the basics or help with some aerobatic maneuvers, contact one of our flight instructors to bring back that confidence that comes from being safe and proficient. REMEMBER—PRIDE COMES BEFORE A CRASH!



## Rogue Eagles 2011 Event Calendar

Month	Date	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>MARCH</b>	12	Swap Meet	Yamhill Cty Fair-grounds McMinnville, OR	Larry Miller 503 472 4987
	26	Club Pylon Race	Agate Field	Ben Musolf 541 608 7240
	26	Swap Meet	Grants Pass County Fairgrounds	Art Kelly 541 472 9683
<b>APRIL</b>	15-16-17	Float Fly <b>2.4 GHZ ONLY</b>	Agate Lake	Larry Myers 541 770 3390
	23	Pylon Race	Agate Field	Ben Musolf 541 608 7240
	30—May 1	IMAC Contest	Agate Field	Jeff Jarvis 541 773 5807
<b>MAY</b>	7	Swap Meet	Agate Field	Joe DeAscentis 541 890 2765
	14-15	War Birds	Agate Field	John Gaines 541 951 1947
	21	Pylon Race	Agate Field	Ben Musolf 541 608 7240
	25-30	IMAA	Castle Air Base	Mike Brown 503 549 3005
	28	Fun Fly-Pot Luck Lunch Keno Flitemasters Inv.	Agate Field	Rick Lindsey 541 776 5832
<b>JUNE</b>	3-4-5	Fun Fly	Klamath Glen	Sam Ellis 707 954 8284
	4	NSRCA F3A Primer FIELD REMAINS OPEN	Agate Field	Rex Leshner 541 554 2569
	10-11-12	NSRCA F3A Contest	Agate Field	Same as above
	18-19	Extreme Free Style Fun Fly	Agate Field	Jeff Jarvis 541 773 5807
	17-18-19	Float Fly	Plat I	Dave Olsen
	26	BBQ Fun Fly—Keno Rogue Eagles Invited	Keno, OR	Edward Huddleston
<b>JULY</b>	9-10	Float Fly	Lake Selmac	Art Kelly 541 472 9683
	9-10	War Birds over the Pacific	Cottage Grove, OR	Gus Phillips 541 643 9430
	15-16-17	IMAA Fun Fly	Agate Field	Cliff Sands 541 941 0503
	23	Pylon Race	Agate Field	Ben Musolf 541 608 7240
<b>AUGUST</b>	5-6-7	IMAA Fun Fly	Elkton	Bruce Harlow
	13-14	Rogue Valley Flyers Air Show	Grants Pass	Art Kelly 541 472 9683
	12-13-14	Dawn Patrol	Henry Estate Winery Umpqua, OR	Bruce Harlow 541 863 1920
	19-20-21	Fun Fly	Klamath Glen	Sam Ellis 707 954 8284
	20-21	Rogue Eagles Air Show	Agate Field	John Parks 541 776 0733 Larry Myers <b>Before 7:30pm</b> 541 770 3390
	27	Pylon Race	Agate Field	Ben Musolf 541 608 7240
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	3-4	VRCS Vintage Fly In	Agate Field	Richard Schwegerl 541 773 5479
	10	Fun Fly Pot Luck	Agate Field	Rick Lindsey 541 776 5832
	24	Pylon Race	Agate Field	Ben Musolf 541 608 7240

## **AMA CALL TO ACTION**

### **WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN TODAY!**

Model Aviation, as we know it, may be forever changed by the decision of the FAA to regulate our hobby. The FAA feels that the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS) is in danger by the proliferation of sUAV's and the technology explosion that allows those sUAV's to operate as never before. This all sounds valid until you look at how the FAA interprets this issue. The problem is that the FAA is apparently unwilling to differentiate between commercial use and recreational use and has therefore lumped the two together. The activities and environments of these two categories could not be further apart. Putting Model Aviation in the same category as a combat UAV, an "eye in the sky" spy vehicle, or other military or commercial uses is unbelievable.

**Below is the website we encourage all of you to visit and send your letters to our Oregon Representatives, Jeff Markley and Ron Wyden and Greg Waldon**

**Just follow the steps on the website and your letter will go to all three...**

<http://amagov.modelaircraft.org/4077/this-is-placeholder-call-to-action/>

**You do have a voice! Do this TODAY!**



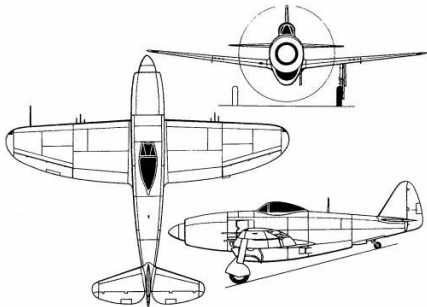
**VERSUS**





## Aircraft of the Month

### XP-72 Superbolt



#### Specifications (XP-72) General characteristics

Crew: One  
 Length: 36 ft 7 in (11.15 m)  
 Wingspan: 40 ft 11 in (12.47 m)  
 Height: 16 ft (4.88 m)  
 Wing area: 300 ft<sup>2</sup> (27.9 m<sup>2</sup>)  
 Empty weight: 11,476 lb (5,216 kg)  
 Loaded weight: 14,433 lb (6,560 kg)  
 Max takeoff weight: 17,490 lb (7,950 kg)  
 Powerplant: 1× Pratt & Whitney R-4360-13 radial engine, 3,000 hp @ sea level (dash 13 engine) (28 cylinders!)

#### Performance

Maximum speed: 480 mph[1][N 1] (789 km/h at sea level)  
 Range: 1,200 miles (1,932 km)  
 Service ceiling: 42,000 ft (12,805 m)  
 Rate of climb: 5,280 ft/min (26.8 m/s)  
 Wing loading: 48.1 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (235 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)  
 Power/mass: 0.24 hp/lb (0.39 kW/kg)  
 Armament

6× 0.50 in Browning machine guns  
 2× 1,000 lb (476 kg) bombs

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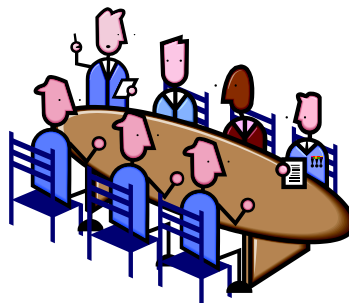
## **Club Meeting Schedule**

### **ROGUE EAGLES GENERAL MEETING**

**SECOND TUESDAY** of each month at 7:00 in the Central Point Senior Citizens Center, 123 N. 2nd Street, Central Point, OR. **Members and Visitors welcome!**

### **ROGUE EAGLES BOARD MEETING**

Held on the **FOURTH TUESDAY** of each month at the same time and location as the General Meeting. All members are invited to attend.



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