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# ROGUE EAGLE

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**Tim Agee** and his Goldwing MX2 with DLE-30 for power. Photo was taken a year ago, but the plane is still going strong. How many of us wish we had Tim's thumbs and reflexes? This guy can fly, and he's only getting better!



### My turn in the barrel

Well people, looks like you're stuck with me for a couple of years. I did technically volunteer for the job, but it was one of those stand-still-while-everybody-else-takes-a-big-step-backwards kind of things. That's okay. Really, it is. Quite a few members have already congratulated me and thanked me for taking this on. But I can't help thinking that between the newsletter and the VRCS event and running the meetings, sooner or later you are all going to get sick of me!

Our new officers met with the Emigh administration in December and there was a peaceful transition of power. It's hard to put into words how much I appreciate Calvin's help in getting me up to speed with all of the tasks that come with the hot seat. Speaking for the whole club now, thank you Calvin for your tireless work over the past two years. You're a hard act to follow.

### In fact, maybe that's the problem...

If you were at the Christmas banquet, indulge me while I repeat part of my speech. I got to wondering why it was so hard for a club with 150+ members to find a new president. We went two months without a single member even being willing to be nominated. After giving it some thought, it dawned on me that we have been blessed with outstanding leadership, not just from Calvin, but from Jay Strickland before him as well. These guys set the bar really high. They were both so good and accomplished so much, maybe the rest of us felt we couldn't live up to that standard. So I have already set a goal to reverse that trend and demonstrate that you just don't have to be that good. You know, as a service to the club, I plan to bring that bar back down and show you all that just about anybody can step into this role and do a passable job. Then maybe this won't be an issue for us again in the future. (Hope you're catching on to my weird sense of humor.)



### What about the newsletter?

Right now I plan to continue on as Ye Olde Editor during my term as president, then that's probably it. In a lot of ways, creating our newsletter each month is similar to building a plane. You need to collect the parts (photos, articles, cartoons, ads, etc...), build it by assembling the parts in a pleasing way, then finish it with last minute details and corrections. Then you get to share it with all the club members like one big show-and-tell. And it never crashes.

Here's some "inside baseball." Most of my newsletters have been finished ahead of time except for the president's column, which then becomes the last piece of the puzzle. Now that I'm wearing both hats, there shouldn't be any hold-up, right? But that does mean more work. The plan is to simplify the job by blurring the president's column together with the stuff that would be presented by the editor. Some columns may be much longer than others; we'll see...



As Ye Olde Editor, one thing I've avoided is begging for material. But maybe it's time to beg a little bit now. It sure makes my job easier when members submit stuff for the newsletter. (Shoutout to my top contributor over the years, Jack Shaffer!) It doesn't have to be a big deal. Got a new plane? Snap a few pics and send me an email with a little info. Got some old photos? Let's hear about it. Each one is worth a thousand words you know... Got a special skill to share or something to sell? We can do a free classified ad. Last month I put in my own want ad for a Super Tigre muffler, and got one in my hands the next week (thanks Chuck Smith!). The more voices we see here, the better. Please, help me out!

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### First flight of 2017 goes to...

Jess Walls! Are you kidding me? Jess and his wife along with Rod Graham got to the field at 11:45 on New Years Eve. First he tried to fly a 3D foamy illuminated by car headlights, which was fine up to about fifteen feet. After flying into the darkness and making a couple of dramatic saves below five feet, he decided to launch his trusty Night Vapor for the official flight at 11:58. Thankfully, there was just a breath of wind because the Night Vapor only scoots along at 6 mph or so. Jess says he flew a few minutes then began to hear explosions and see fireworks in the distance. Finally, Rod confirmed the achievement by saying, "you did it, it is 12:04 am."

Jess summed up the experience like this: *"The goal was to fly from one year to the next. Did that. I also figured there was a pretty good chance that it would snow starting in the early hours and continue all day New Years Day so getting my flight in early seemed prudent. The gate was locked and we were all on the road by 12:15 am. I'd do it again, but dressed more warmly and with better lighting."*



### Things I like - Vess Propellers

I've met Robert Vess a few times in my travels and have always come away impressed. His modeling tastes lean towards speed - pylon racers and turbines. He's also an aero engineer and in my book at least, a genius. A number of years ago, he applied his skills to creating a new line of wood propellers, and I think they're outstanding for several reasons. First of all, they are wood, which has always been my preference from a safety standpoint, and they are lighter than molded glass-resin props. The shape and printed logos are attractive, the smooth, high-gloss finish looks great, they have always balanced easy, and the packaging is beautiful. Problem is, they can be tough to find. Here's some links with more info:

[Vess Propellers Online Store](#)

[Detailed Online Product Review](#)



### Speaking of old photos....

Most of you know that I was club president once before, many years ago. In fact, it was something like twenty years ago. The main accomplishment from that regime was the purchase and placement of our first storage container. The photo below was from that same timeframe, maybe even a little earlier.



On the left is my old Four-Star 120, originally built at Sig, with an OS 1.20 Surpass (with pump) for power. It was all neon yellow with white stars and black trim. Very easy to see! Also shown is my prototype Venture 60 with an O.S. .61 SF. That plane is now hanging in my office at BTE. Okay, sick of me yet?

### That's all for now

Time to wrap this up - gotta pace myself. It's also time to brush up on the Roberts Rules of Order and scan our bylaws again to at least appear like I know what's going on at our meetings. What worries me the most is the coffee - if that gets messed up, things can get ugly fast. Hope to see you all at the January meeting and looking forward to a new year with lots of flying fun and no drama.

*Bruce*

# Rogue Eagles Annual Christmas Party

Club members and spouses had a fine time and a fine meal again this year at Twin Creeks. Richard DeMartini summed it up in this note to the board:

*I want to send out a special thank you for those that helped with this years Christmas Party. This was the most well attended Christmas party in the history of the Rogue Eagles with seventy members in attendance.*

*Special thanks to Calvin for MCing, Larry Cogdell for audio-visual, and Larry and Patty Myers. This a fun event due to your efforts, and of course to club participation. Rich DeMartini, Event Coordinator*



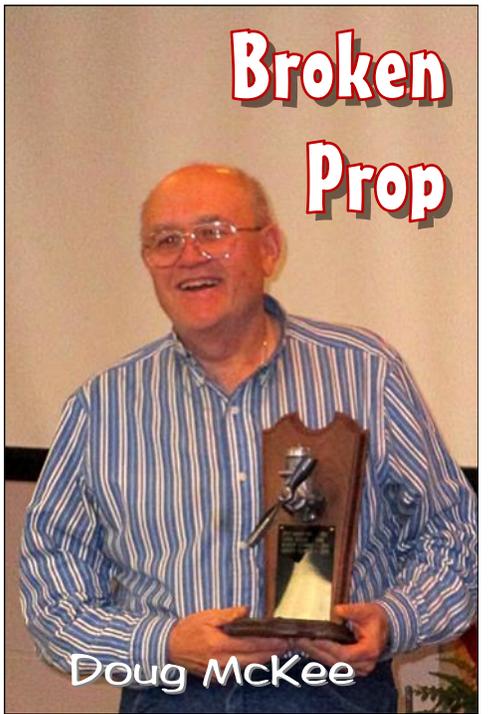
Of course, Rich deserves a tremendous THANK YOU from all of us for doing all of the planning and behind-the-scenes arrangements for us. Job well done!

Everyone in attendance went home with a door prize/Christmas gift - Some received multiple gifts. Another big THANK YOU goes out to Debbie Starks and Rob Merriman for calling out all of those raffle numbers. You both did great.

The highlight of the night was the presentation of our annual awards. It was a pretty lively nomination process this year, particularly for the Broken Prop award. Here's a listing of all the nominees (sorry if I missed any):

Modeler of the Year	Member of the Year	Most Improved	Broken Prop
Scott Hudson	Calvin Emigh	Harvey Gilmore	Doug McKee
John Gaines	Larry Cogdell	Tim Agee	John Gaines
Ron Kelso	Larry Myers	Richard Agee	Paul Starks
Paul Starks	Jess Walls	Rob Merriman	Larry Myers
Ray Wasson	Richard DeMartini	Conner Robinson	Richard Schwegerl
Larry Myers			
Mort Sullivan			

Not Pictured (sorry!) is **Jerry Stinson** who received his award as **2016 Pylon Champ**.



# CHILI DOG FUN FLY - JAN 1, 2017

Photos by Rick Lindsey, Jack Shaffer, and Bruce Tharpe



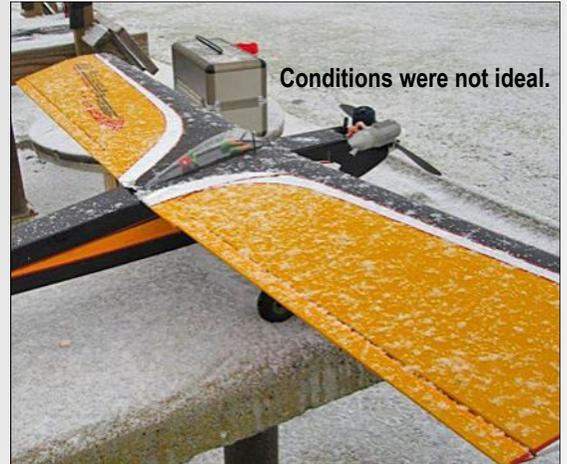
This is how the year started - grey skies and snow.



Some of us could handle it.



Some just stayed inside.



Conditions were not ideal.



But at least there was a fire.



Later on, the sun came out.



It was still cold though.



And then we feasted like animals. The End.

## The FAA has issued nearly 23,000 drone pilot licenses in just three months

That's over 300 new drone pilot certifications a day.

by [April Glaser](#)

[link to the online article](#)



Since the Federal Aviation Administration clarified the rules for commercial versus recreational drone flying at the end of August, nearly 23,000 people have become licensed commercial drone pilots, according to the FAA.

The agency released its rules for commercial drone operators on Aug. 31, requiring pilots who fly for work or business to pass a test and become certified. The FAA says that, between Aug. 31 and Dec. 9, over 28,000 people applied to become a professional drone pilot and 22,959 licenses were issued.

That means more than 300 people a day (that's weekdays) across the United States have become certified drone operators in roughly three months.

The number of certified unmanned aircraft pilots, however, pales in comparison to the number of drones registered with the FAA, which was over 550,000 as of September and amounts to an average rate of 2,000 drones registered a day.

Hobbyists — amateur photographers or those flying for fun who aren't making money from operating a drone — don't need to get certified. But anyone flying an aircraft that weighs more than half a pound does need to register the drone with the FAA, which can be done online.

Drones are now being used in all kinds of industries, from real estate to cell tower inspection. In October, President Obama awarded a grant of \$2.2 million to train coal miners how to professionally fly drones in southwest Virginia. The emerging global construction drone market is valued at \$127 billion, according to research published in May from PwC.

The aeronautical knowledge test to become a certified drone pilot does require some studying. Pilots have to go to a local testing center that offers the drone pilot certification; it usually costs about \$150 to take the exam, according to the FAA. ♦

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[www.rogue-eagles.org](http://www.rogue-eagles.org)

## Meeting Information

The next two General Membership Meetings are scheduled for

Tuesday 7pm, January 10, 2017

Tuesday 7pm, February 14, 2017

We meet at the Central Point Senior Center, 123 N 2nd Street in Central Point.

[Click here for directions](#)

## More from the Christmas Party



Martin Sherman received his honorary lifetime membership plaque from Calvin Emigh.



Conner's folks, Kristen and Travis Robinson.

## Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

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