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ROGUE EAGLE

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Ron Kelso commits aviation with his El Gringito which he named "Old One". Photo was snapped by Rick Lindsey at the Vintage R/C Fly-In last September. Beautiful!





The Flight Plan *By Club Prez, Calvin Emigh . . . Throttle Up!*

Enjoy!

Who introduced you to model aviation? Who taught you how to fly? Who taught you how to build? Who introduced you to our club? Was it a friend, family member, hobby shop, or perhaps a random club member at an RC field you visited in the past? Each of us has a story to tell with pride and accomplishment. I always enjoy listening to club member's personal stories

including that magical moment when self-doubt turned to confidence and finally, flight proficiency.

As a youngster, I idolized my sister's boyfriend. He was a 17 year old who just happened to work at a local hobby shop in Phoenix, AZ. His name was David and as an 11 year old, he was greater than life because he and his father built and flew model aircraft. With my older brother's help, I secured my first job delivering newspapers for the Phoenix Gazette in an effort to earn enough money for a Carl Goldberg Gentle Lady sailplane. I remember just how proud I was to get my AMA card! Anxious for David's assistance with the build in my little 10' x 8' bedroom, I will always remember what David said to me, "You don't need my help - read the instructions, tape the plans down to a table with wax paper and build it!"

Copy that. (Cough)

The Gentle Lady 6' wing was supposed to be a polyhedral design but turned out less than perfect with leading edges not aligned and wing tips not exactly level with one another. Regardless, it flew great with a little Cox .049 power pod strapped on top of the wing with rubber bands. I was both blessed and hooked as a young AMA member.

I placed a local ad to sell my Dumas .10 RC boat and Tamiya Rough Rider car so I could buy a new Airtronics four-channel transmitter. Santa helped me out with a new bird, a Midwest Super Sweet Stick and a K&B .60. I built and covered the kit and with David's help, I had graduated to a four-channel bird! Thank you David.

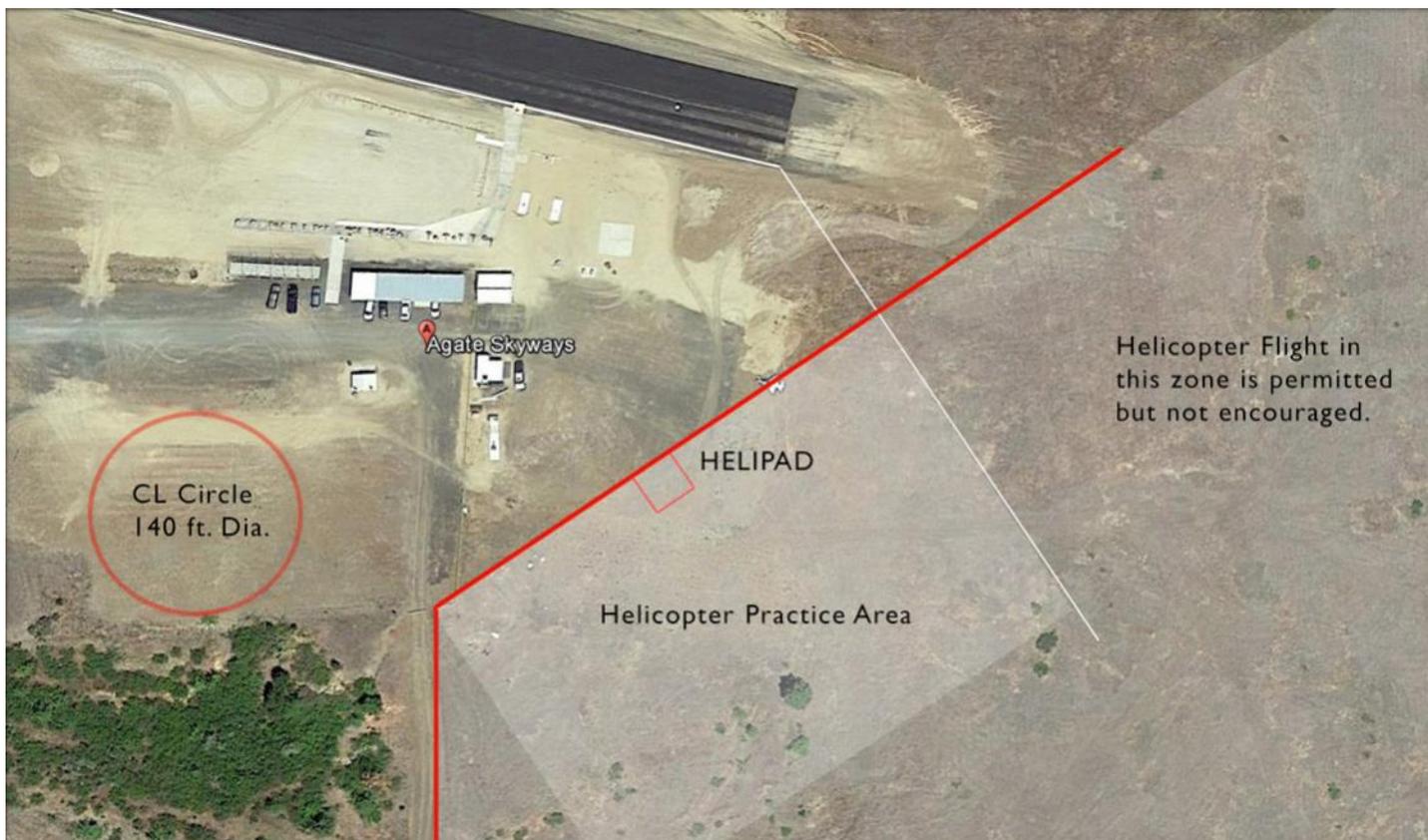
Respect at the flying field was not based on your flying skill or model building expertise rather, your ability to manage safe flight including frequency coordination and club compliance with transmitter impound rules. Regardless of club modeling experience or ability, everyone had fun without one worry (other than not sharing a frequency pin!). I relish those simple, innocent days I enjoyed during my youth. I'm sure many of you do as well.

Today, flying model aircraft seems a bit more complicated compared to my fond memories as a youth. Today, I feel our club members walk on egg shells. Egg shells that represent uncertainty, unanswered questions, or clarification of new "drone" rules imposed by the FAA. There is an "Elephant in the Copy Room" with politics playing first string.

Change will always be present in our hobby. It's way too easy to get caught up in current-day politics and just as easy to forget the reasons why you became involved in model aviation, who inspired you, your first model aircraft, nervousness and pride of your first flight, etc. Don't lose focus why we have so much fun at the field helping club members and developing friendships as we enjoy flying our model aircraft!

Yes, change is upon us once again and it will happen again and again, year over year. Bring it on. I will be at the field flying, enjoying my RC planes and your company.

Updated Diagram for the Proposed Helicopter Practice Area and Control Line Circle



You can see that the idea to combine the helipad and control line circle has been scrapped. The original idea had portions of the control line circle over-flying ground that is off limits to us for improvement. Since control line models need a full hard-surface circle for takeoffs and landings from any position, it was decided to move it to the area shown in the diagram.

The original plan had helicopters flying from a pad in the corner of a 90° flight zone. The plan shown here has the helipad angled to provide a straight deadline. The expectation is that most helicopter pilots will be practicing hovering over or near the helipad. But the straight deadline allows for limited back-and-forth flying as well. Keep in mind that helicopters are still permitted to fly from the main runway using the same approved flight zone as fixed-wing airplanes. But sometimes that can create conflicts, so the new practice area will be an alternative to provide helicopter pilots with a stress-free area to hover and practice forward flight. The board will be seeking final approval from the county before making these field improvements.

The Great Gutter Installation of 2016

(Known internally as the “Parker Project”)

Some dedicated club members spent the better portion of a nice Saturday morning putting up a gutter on our shade area. If it works as planned,



Photo by Pat Dunlap



Photo by Bruce Tharpe

no more drips on parked cars. Joy!

Note that Calvin got commercial bids on this job in the range of \$650-\$750. We did the job ourselves for about half that amount. Many thanks to:

Larry Myers
Tom Everts
John Gaines
Richard Agee
Phil Swinford

Calvin Emigh
Larry Maerz
John Parks
Bruce Tharpe
Tyler Johnson

richard and tim agee

AMA EXPO 2016

ontario convention center

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Ye Olde Editor: I asked Richard and Tim to share some thoughts with us about their experience at the AMA Expo last month. They were kind enough to send some photos and answer a few questions...

Editor: What was your schedule like? Did you attend all three days?

Richard: We attended Friday and Saturday, and left for home Sunday morning. We stayed at the Double Tree hotel adjacent to the Expo so we could easily go back and forth.

Editor: Tell us about your drive down and back. Did you stop anywhere interesting, or just make a beeline for the show and home?

Richard: We drove down on Thursday from noon until 10 p.m. with stops only for fueling and food. We stayed in Lost Hills Thursday night, then on the road by 6:30 Friday morning. We were undecided on what route to take from here because of reports of snow, mud slides, and potential traffic delays along I-5. Any of these could cause us to arrive late. So, we chanced a route that would put us in Ontario by 10:30 a.m. Heading east into thick fog towards Bakersfield, then climbing through clouds in the Tehachapis and light snow flurries in the high desert, we emerged into sunlight and unrestricted passage all the way to Ontario in time to check-in and walk over to the Expo.

On our alternate route through the high desert I believe we passed the perimeter of Edwards Air Force Base. We saw large jets that looked like they were either stored or being disassembled. We also saw signs for a rocket test site and a collection of structures on a hilltop. Then we passed by a huge sign that said HYUNDAI and a road that lead to buildings in the distance. After we got home I looked at the area on Google Earth and saw an elaborate test track at the Hyundai site. Pretty interesting to see so much in such a desolate

location. We even saw several temple-like buildings as we continued south on Hwy 395.

Tim: We attended Friday and Saturday. On the way down to the Expo we made it to a little place called Lost Hills. We stayed at the Days Inn on Thursday night. Then got up early Friday and made it to the show. The Days Inn was nothing compared to the Double Tree by Hilton that we stayed in Friday and Saturday nights. We had Porter's for dinner Friday night and Saturday we had pizza delivered. I couldn't get over how nice the hotel was.

Editor: See some good deals at the show? Buy anything?



Richard: Thunder Power was selling batteries at a discount of 30%. Tim and I couldn't resist. Plus, we got some important questions answered about batteries we have. Pretty interesting!

Tim: There were good deals on a lot of the stuff. We went in to the swap shop on Saturday. I found a Hyperion Helios 90e. On the Expo side where all the vendors were, my dad found an Olympus pattern plane.

Editor: Any new products get you drooling?

Richard: Horizon Hobbies had my "must have" plane. I love cubs and wow did they have one... the new Carbon Cub (no Z). However, they were not selling anything. They directed me to the vendor across the isle who was selling their products. This vendor informed me they didn't bring a Carbon Cub... maybe next time.

Tim: One of the new products that Horizon Hobby was showing-off, that I liked, was a Hanger 9 Extra 330SC 60e. My dad saw a really nice Carbon Cub 15cc from Hanger 9.



richard and tim agee at the AMA expo 2016

Editor: I know QQ Somenzini was at the show. Did you get to meet him or any other celebrity modelers?

Richard: We ran into Art Kelly at the Expo. It was really fun to see him there. We visited, compared notes, and shared strategies.

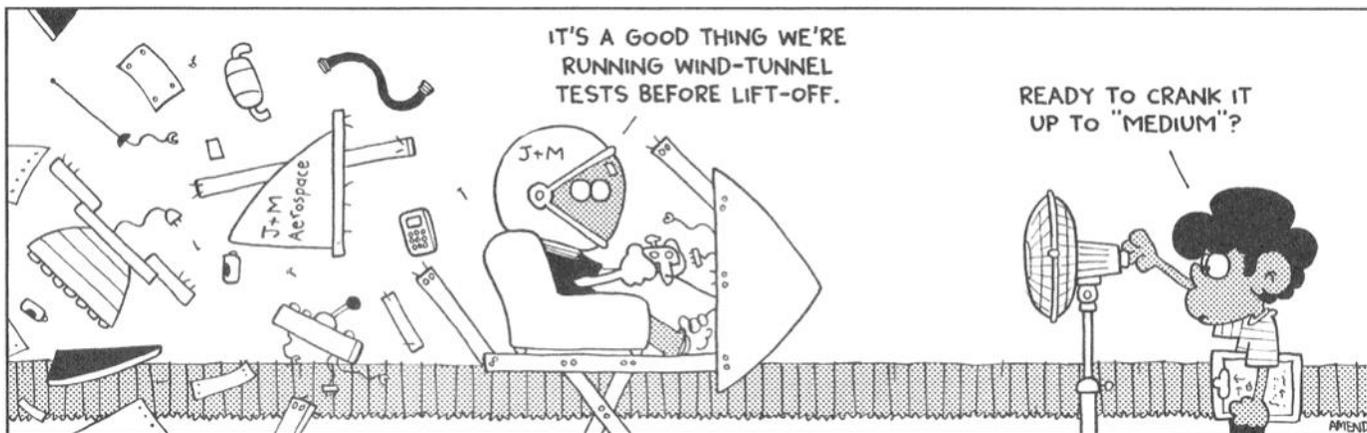
At the AMA tables we met the mom of one of Tim's idols, Andrew Jesky. She was very nice and was very supportive of Tim. She shared stories of Andrew and encouraged Tim to talk to him. This was definitely a high point for both of us.

Tim: We saw QQ Somenzini flying his Extra, but never got to meet him. We stopped at his booth many times. At the AMA booth I got to meet and talk to Andrew Jesky's mom. She was really nice.



Editor: Maybe most important, what was your favorite meal on the trip? (I'm all about the food when I'm on a road trip...)

Richard: Our favorite meal was found in the hotel at the Porter's restaurant. We were tempted to order room service after the full day at the Expo, but decided to explore. Porter's had so many choices... we went with familiar... a chicken quesadilla for Tim, and a nachos supreme for me. These were both unlike any we have ever seen or tasted before. A truly perfect end to the perfect day!



Multi-Charge Cable

\$16.99 from Progressive R/C

Ever get a new plane (or boat, or car) with a weird new battery connector? Or tried to help a new guy charge his plane and you don't have the right charge cord? Maybe you need one of these in your stash. I really like how all of the connectors with exposed contacts come with a tight-fitting cap to prevent shorts. Progressive RC has become one of my favorite online suppliers - I trust their products.

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attach your own connector!

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FROM THE "WHAT JUST HAPPENED?" DEPARTMENT...

AMA Carl Goldberg Vital People Award

Presented to Ye Olde Editor at the January General Meeting



Man, it's been a month and I'm still not sure what I did to deserve this! But it's hanging proudly in my office now and it's gonna stay there. Deserved or not, it doesn't just happen in a vacuum. It takes pre-planning, time, and initiative to nominate somebody for this award. In this case it was our highly-esteemed Prez who did the dirty work of making me sound good on paper. Thank you Calvin, what a genuinely NICE thing you did there!

I did a little research and learned that Carl Goldberg and his wife Beth created this award in 1985 to recognize vital people that contribute to model aviation at the local level. Carl passed away a couple of years later, and the award sort of faded away in the early 1990s. AMA resurrected the award in 2009. Like many of you, I have seen the little articles and columns in Model Aviation mentioning the award winners over the years. I remember thinking that these must be amazing folks, the kind of modelers that I'd like to know!

Quick story: Back maybe twelve to fifteen years ago, I was growing my kit business and travelling to a lot of trade shows. For one show in Texas, a good customer of mine named Joe Jopling opened his home to me to help save the expense of a motel. Probably the swankiest resort I've ever stayed in! Let's just say Snowflake (my old blue van) looked very out of place in his upscale neighborhood. I remember driving an RC speed boat around in his pool... Anyway, I was very pleased to read in Model Aviation that Joe was given this very same award in 2014. It was a good excuse to write to him and get back in touch. Hmm, think I'll send him a copy of this newsletter to let him know I got one of my own...

It's been said many times before, but it's the people that make this hobby, and this club, so much fun. It's been a joy to be a part of this group for over twenty years now. And this award? It was a tremendous surprise and a tremendous honor. Thanks to the Goldbergs, Calvin, and everybody else who was involved, and special thanks to my dad, Bruce Sr., who bought me my very first kit many moons ago - a Carl Goldberg Li'l Wizard!

Bruce Tharpe

This is Jay



Jay doesn't like the sun to get in his eyes when he's flying his model airplane. So he made a round plate to block the sun. But Jay needs both hands for his controller, so he put the plate on a stick and stuck it in the ground next to a flight station. Jay says he just needs to move his head a little bit to keep the plate between the sun and his eyeballs. Now Jay can fly his model airplane safely. And Jay says everybody else at the field can use it too.

Judging from his facebook postings our friend and popular club member **Dave Bartholomew** is living life to its fullest right now in Arizona. He's been spotted with an RC float plane at a lake, and reports he's been flying kites when the wind picks up. Here's a photo he snapped while flying his powered parachute over the Salton Sea. We miss you, Dave. Stay safe!

FROM THE YOU-GOTTA-SEE-THIS DEPARTMENT...

ARF Factory Video - This is the most complete video of an ARF factory that I've ever come across. It's the Extreme Flight factory in Wangniudun, China. We all probably have a picture in our head as to what it might look like - watch the vid and see how close you were!



To see the video, click here: <https://vimeo.com/127409244>



McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Swap Meet 2016



March 12, 2016

Yamhill County Fairgrounds
2070 NE Lafayette Ave.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Vendor set up Friday March 11th 4pm to 7pm
Vendor set up Saturday March 12th 8 to 9am
Swap meet hours Saturday 9 am to 2 pm

Wall tables are \$20
Floor Tables are \$15
General Admission
\$2 per person at the Door

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19th Annual Swap & Shop

March 19th, 2016

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Vendor Set up, Saturday 7:00 a.m. **
Doors open to public: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Early Registration by MARCH 4th
Tables \$15.00

Registration After MARCH 4th or on day of Swap Meet
Tables \$20.00

(Includes 1 admission PER TABLE)

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The moment you first realize it's going
to be a long day at the field...



Welcome to the Rogue Eagles!

We gained several new members this month...

Kirby Wheeler from Central Point

Elaine Wheeler from Central Point

Lloyd Russel, Jr. from Grants Pass

DJ Coplan from Medford



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Upcoming Event

**Polar Bear Fun Fly
and Swap Meet**

Myrtle Creek Airport

Saturday, February 13th

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Club Info Page

For information about the club, how to join, past newsletters, photos, and much more, please visit the Rogue Eagles website.

www.rogue-eagles.org

Meeting Information

The next two General Membership Meetings are scheduled for

Tuesday 7pm, February 9, 2016

Tuesday 7pm, March 8, 2016

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

[Click here for directions](#)

Seen at the January Meeting



Jess Walls likes control line and RC, so he uses both to control his ARF Flight Streak (above). He flies the controliner with a standard U-control handle in his right hand, and an RC transmitter in his left. The transmitter is used only for throttle, so Jess can land any time he wants. Clever!

Jay Strickland brought his old RC combat ship to possibly stir up some interest. Combat was really popular in the club several years ago, and he thinks it would be fun to start it up again. Contact [Jay](#) if you want to get in on the action...



Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

For more info, call Phil Baehne at **541-727-7059**



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