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ROGUE EAGLE

Official Newsletter of the Rogue Eagles R/C Club - Medford, OR - AMA 534



A peaceful moment before the madness . . . On Saturday morning of the Airshow, CD **Larry Myers** takes a moment to pose with his stunning new 1/3-scale Balsa USA Super Cub. It's a sight to behold in the air!



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

"WHAT A SHOW - WHAT A CROWD!"

It was wonderful to receive such feedback from not only our members but just as important, our community! For me, nothing was more gratifying than overhearing conversations between our club members and guests celebrating our event, discussing the aircraft after each show, or how to become a club member; or personally witnessing the simple things such as proud parents taking pictures of their family members next to our aircraft or all of those kids running out to grab candy dropped by Bruce's Super Flyin' King! Those were moments in time that our guests will cherish for years to come.

"This was a wonderful family event, thank you!" Comments like that make everything we do as a club worth it, especially when it reflects such a positive impact for our kids and our community. Comments like that also help me understand and appreciate just how dedicated each of you are to our club, ensuring a first-class facility, accommodations, and air show experience; not just for our appreciative audience but for all of us, including our own family members.

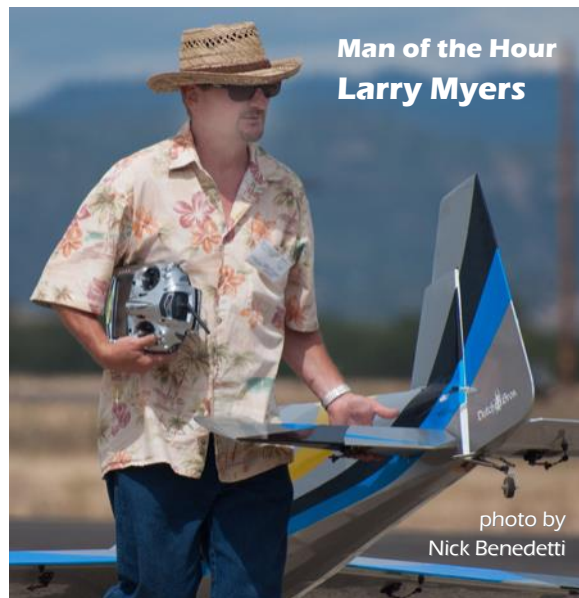


Panoramic photo by Nick Benedetti

Only effective leadership can pull off an event like we experienced over the past weekend. I'm not talking about just the two days of providing great entertainment for our community but rather, the months and months it takes to plan, organize, coordinate, communicate and execute every little detail. Details such as securing new raffle prizes, the many hours spent refurbishing donated raffle prizes, AMA applications, communication with participants, airshow schedule, creating and recording audio for each airshow act; all the way down to rolling up and securing the ribbon on the chase plane, modifying the airshow schedule on the fly, ensuring staging ...etc. etc. Not to mention, be the Contest Director.

No pressure, right?

Larry and Patty Myers, thank you for your outstanding effort and personal sacrifice to ensure our BEST airshow, year after year. You are truly an amazing couple and team. Thank you so much for all you have accomplished not only for our club but for the Children's Miracle Network and our community since 2008. You two are appreciated by every one of us. – Thank You!!!



**Man of the Hour
Larry Myers**

photo by
Nick Benedetti



Larry Cogdell, very few could have pulled off the media organization and resultant exposure like you did as our Public Relations Guru! It is your passion and you delivered, in every way! Congratulations Larry, you **knocked it out of the park** not only with our airshow but with organizing National Model Aviation Day at the Rogue Valley Mall, promoting the AMA and our club while enhancing our continued relationship with the Children's Miracle Network. You are a rock star and your extraordinary efforts made a difference for many in need.

👉 On the Friday before the airshow, Larry Cogdell appeared on the cover of the Mail Tribune Tempo, and inside was a full-page article promoting our hobby, our club, and the upcoming airshow. How awesome is that?

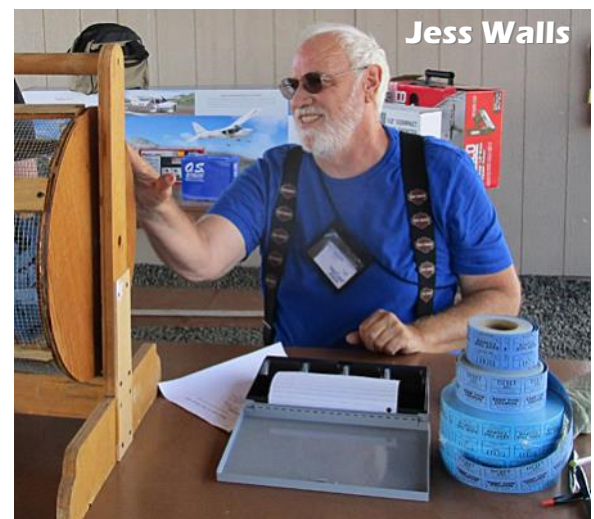


Jay Strickland, it takes a unique ability to be an “impromptu” Master of Ceremonies and I think we all agree, it’s in your blood! I don’t know how you do it but your ability to verbally captivate our guests with aircraft history, acting as narrator during flight sequences, simple reminders to visit Victory Dog , encourage raffle prize participation, or provide entertainment during down time takes quite a skill set and no one does it better than you. Thank you, Jay!

To the “Parking Crew”, Rob Merriman, Paul Chapman, Rich Hume, Cal Zurowski, and Bob Wolcott – without you guys we could have had a real parking mess on our hands! Thanks guys for stepping in and assisting our guests with our parking dilemma. You may not know it, but you are true heroes that saved the day!

To Jess and Pat Walls, thank you for promoting our raffle prizes during the airshow! Thanks also to Phil Baehne for selling club merchandise. Your assistance is appreciated by every member and our club.

Gary Neal, thank you for all you do not just with ensuring (enduring) sanitary latrines but your efforts with field preparation, airshow participation, and representing the Rogue Eagles as a true ambassador.



John Gaines, Larry Maerz, and Tom Everts, thank you for organizing our work parties to prepare our field for our airshow, the field looked amazing! Thank you so much. Same goes for the TEAM who stayed behind and assisted with the break down, THANK YOU SO MUCH! Your help relieves a lot of pressure on our CD when the event is over.

Perhaps the most important message... I want to thank our pilots and those who contributed either past, present, or in spirit. WE put on a heck of a show for a great cause!

Congratulations to each of you – Go Eagles!

Calvin



Psssst... Hey, don't forget to renew your AMA membership prior to September 15th! Renew for two years if you can... and save BiG BuCkS! 😊

Images from the **Rogue Valley Mall Show**



Model Aviation Day - August 15, 2015

A big boost to our airshow promotion happened two weeks prior, thanks to the amazing organizational skills of our PR Coordinator, Larry Cogdell. For one entire day, from open to close, shoppers at the Rogue Valley Mall got to see our display of aircraft, fly a simulator, and learn about our hobby. And around 1500 of them walked away with a flier for the airshow! Here are the club members who made it all happen:

Larry Cogdell

Richard Agee
Tim Agee
John Gaines
Dave Bartholomew
Ray Wasson Sr.
Ray Wasson Jr.
Paul Chapman
Jess Walls
Dale McQuiston
Calvin Emigh
Scott Hudson
Ben Musolf
Rick Lindsey
Bruce Tharpe

[Newswatch 12 Video Report](#)

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Jack Shaffer Visits

Richard Schwegerl



Having talked Richard into an interview, I met him at Punky's Restaurant in Medford, a favorite spot for both of us. I discovered that Punky's has a relationship with Richard. It is a meeting place for several veteran groups and has a large room to handle their meetings. Richard invited me into the room to see a photo on the wall that is of Richard back in his Army days during his duty in Thailand. (The picture is to the left of Richard.)



Would have liked to have spent the day hearing about Richard's military duty and the conversations of the other veterans meeting that day while enjoying a great Punky's breakfast. We moved on to eat our own breakfasts, and for me to learn more about Richard's airplanes and, of course, the Eagles.

My interview of Richard was not one of disappointment, so hang in there, we are going on a trip with the Flying Squirrel. When I called Richard to set up the interview, I told him that, as part of the my interview, I would like to know what kind of nut fell from his family tree. His comeback was "Oh, you don't know my nickname?" He said it was the Flying Squirrel. Not sure if I have the details straight, but his nickname has something to do with his being born and raised in Dunsmuir, hunting squirrels, his tree trimming business, or from the fact

that Richard claims he is a little flighty.

After our great Punky's breakfast, I followed Richard down to his home to get into airplane stuff. Richard's love of airplanes, the Eagles and modeling is very apparent when you go into his shop. Richard's wonderful wife, Brenda, came out to say hi. His brother, Greg, was up from Milpitas for a visit. It was great to meet these members of Richard's family.



As I walked in the back gate, Richard had to stop and do some pondering on the fate of his P51. He mentioned that his buddy, Clark Wolf, was tinkering with the carburetor, or coil, or something to that effect. Maybe, that Oregon emblem will help.



Richard showed me his trailer for hauling his warbirds. I could write more about how Richard has made this into a shop on wheels. I had to stop and admire his awards and photos.

Jack Shaffer Visits

Richard Schwegerl



While visiting Richard in his shop, we talked a lot about the events that he favors.



Warbird events are at the top of the list and it is evident as you look around his shop. Here is a photo of Richard with one of his recent awards from the warbird event in Cottage Grove.

Richard has his share of kits in backlog, but the wayward pilots caught my eye. Notice the feet dangling at the top edge of the photo.

As we talked about warbirds, I could not help but notice the Top Flight Corsair about to take to the air.

(photo above, right)



Here is a collection of posters from the Watsonville Antique Fly-In. Richard and his family are big fans of this event.



Golly, had no idea I was this boring when I do my interviews.



No Eagles shop would be complete without a few U control planes hanging around. Richard's is no exception. Oh and yes, Richard likes to fish.





Richard invited me into his and Brenda's home to see their craft room.. They split this room in half, but I think Richard has a little spillover into Brenda's area..

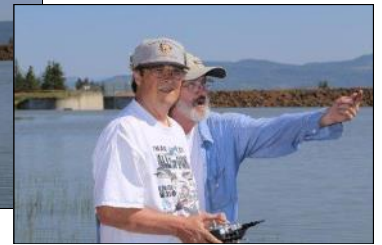


I always end my interview with an anecdote. Richard did not let me down. Seems as though Richard had just parked at the airfield when he noticed that one of our senior members was having a problem with his plane. The plane was just about over the "No Fly Zone" house. Richard asked if he could help. The fellow quickly handed him the controller. Richard regained control of the plane and managed to land it short of the runway. The plane was a glider and the pilot must have had a senior moment and installed the wing backwards.

I want to close this interview with what I think of tells the whole story of Richard and Clark Wolf at this year's Agate Float Fly. This is what being close friends is all about. The captions tell it all. . .



Everything is fine and Clark Wolf is making a nice approach.



Everything is not so fine, but Clark got it in.

Jack Shaffer

More Richard Schwegerl FACTOIDS

Joined Club: 1981. The only current members we could think of that have been in the club longer are Martin Sherman and Joe Hasler.

Club Service: Richard was our first Public Relations Officer and held that position for ten consecutive years. He has also served as a Board-Member-At-Large numerous times.

First Model: All-yellow Cox J-3 Cub control-liner.

First R/C Model: Thermic 50 with a Cox .010 flown single channel.

Favorite R/C Model: Giant-Scale KMP P-38 Lightning with twin gas engines.

Clark Wolf Adds His Thoughts...

Richard Schwegerl has been my friend, building buddy and R/C buying, selling and swapping partner for almost 15 years. I have learned more than a few new and some great old building techniques from Dick. He is always willing to teach a new pilot what he has learned from his years of experience. He always has a cheap trainer to sell to a new pilot. He is passionate about the hobby and not afraid to voice opposition to anything that he feels might harm it. I am not sure why he hangs around me. I am always joking, teasing, and in general giving him a bad time.

Many many more R/C flying and building years good buddy,
Clark

P.S. DO NOT LET DICK FLY ANY OF YOUR REALLY REALLY GOOD AIRPLANES!!!



Molalla Maneuvers

Event Report by Art Kelly

Car grilles pointed north, headed up I-5 and a few hours later pulled into the R/C field in Molalla, OR. The week end of August 8 & 9 unveiled the 5th contest of the Precision Pattern season here in the Northwest. The season will culminate with the Medford Pattern Classic on the week end of September 26 & 27.

Traveling pilots are always appreciative of the efforts made by host clubs in providing a field that is in good condition for an event. Molalla was no exception. Although the grass was dormant the club had mowed the entire field and we taxied our planes onto a comfortable, cushy landing surface.

While Paul Chapman was recovering from his cataract surgery, the remaining members of Medford's OCPT once again represented the "baja" end of the state and our numbers were bolstered by Jerry Stinson.

Saturday's flying was challenging with high, gusty winds throughout the day, but Sunday was a primo flying day. Ray Wasson Sr. has all but locked up the District 8 championship in the Sportsman level. Another win and he will likely start hearing mumblings about "time to move up to Intermediate." Ray Jr. has obviously been spending a lot of time on the practice line as his flying has improved dramatically over the summer. Ray Sr., Jr. and Jerry were the only participants in the Sportsman level so Medford was assured of a clean sweep of the big money in this contest. Art took third place in Advanced with a total of five pilots. Best of all, we all finished the week end with our airplanes intact, no folded gear, and no lost canopies.

An added interest factor in Molalla was six pilots flying in FAI, the top level of pattern competition. And it was a tight contest. Alex Safarik, from Seattle and entering his junior year at UofW, pulled his Seahawks paint-schemed airplane from his car and revealed its counter rotating power system (think no

torque).

A number of the long term pattern pilots flew some rounds in Classic Pattern (often called Ballistic Pattern.) Big Bob Knudsen would be smiling upon hearing this information. We will try a couple of rounds at the Medford contest. If anyone has a vintage pattern plane lying around, come out and give it a try. 'Til then...






The Myrtle Creek Airport Support Group
& the Myrtle Creek-Tri City Area Chamber of Commerce Invite You To A Special

Fly-In Event On

Saturday, Sep 12, 2015

At French Field
I-5 Exit 106 (Weaver Road)

Breakfast:

8:00~11:00 am: Pancake Breakfast (Includes Pancakes & Eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee): \$5 {Cash Only} Per Person.

Special Attractions:

Fly-In of Experimental, Light Sport, Ultralights* and General Aviation Aircraft Parked For Up Close & Personal Viewing, Remote Control Flying Demonstrations, Open Invitation For Classic Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles for Show & Shine. *Ultralight rides available (fee). Don't miss the FUN!

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Upcoming Events

SEP	12	Flightmasters Pot Luck	Sportsmans Park (Keno)	Mike
	19	Pylon Race #4	Agate Field	Rich DeMartini 541-245-9858
	26-27	NSRCA Pattern Contest	Agate Field	Art Kelly 541-472-9683
OCT	3	Pylon Race #5	Agate Field	Rich DeMartini 541-245-9858
	10	Fun Fly and Pot Luck	Agate Field	Jay Strickland 541-830-7976

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position is open



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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, September 8

Tuesday 7pm, October 13

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

[Click here for directions](#)

August Meeting Highlights

John Gaines brought in this BTE Reaction 54 that he is building for club member Dan Gellner. Dan bought the kit (and a turbine many years ago), built some of it, but finally enlisted John's help to get 'er done. The bubble canopy is a modification that John added to the basic design. John will glass the plane and finish it in patriotic red, white, and blue, using a scheme like his Super Sportster.



Click the pic for more info on the BTE Reaction 54.

Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

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



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