



# Gallatin Eagles

## RC FLYING CLUB

Where is the snow? Don't worry it will come for sure. Been a pretty nice November I would say. I believe we had as much of a chance to fly as the summer months.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday and spent some time with family and friends. Last meeting was our first winter Saturday meeting. It went well, great turnout, I think we had around sixteen members. We also had some time to do some flying. Our schedule of Saturday meetings does overlap some with events of the Native Americans, but I reached out to MSU and my contact for the Native Americans and let them know what we had going on. Please do your part and if they are in their area please do not fly over them. They said they would do their part and not park at the end of the runway. We will continue to work together on shared space.

I have to say our New conference table work out great, it was nice to sit and talk among ourselves. December 9th will be our next Saturday meeting so please attend if you can. We will be announcing our member of the year, and also election of officers for 2024. We usually have a clubhouse swap meet, so bring your plane to sell, trade, or a good time to pick one up. If you can't bring it bring a picture and some information. The coffee will be on and maybe even some donuts and let's do some flying, see you there!

I wanted to take a moment to wish Adam the best of luck on his next adventure. He is moving to Wyoming. Thank you for being a part of this club and for all you have done and been a part of throughout the years. Adam left a couple planes in the clubhouse for someone to take for their next project so check them out.

We have a couple new young members up and coming! Paul's son Jeremiah is flying a glider with Paul and Jace received his first plane and is doing great. Great to see the diversity of this hobby, it is what really excites me.

Enjoy this weather and get flying, we will see you at the meeting.  
Destry

### Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events

December 9: Saturday, 10:00 AM, Meeting and Swap Meet at the field. Election of club officers for 2024 to be held.

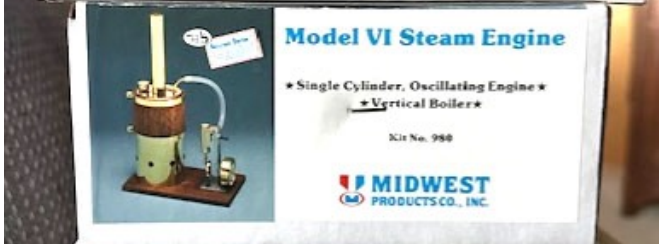
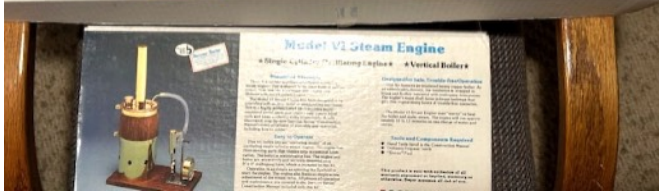
*January 1, 2024: New Years Day Fun Fly!*

*(Monthly meetings during winter will be held at 10 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Allows us to meet in the daylight, and maybe catch some air time!)*

For more information on club events see our website: [gallatineagles.org/calendar](http://gallatineagles.org/calendar)

### Something Different!

A friend of mine, club member John Patterson, is offering this boat model to anyone interested:



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Paul with son Jeremiah flying his glider.

Jace with his airplane.



## Building Season

Yes, it's that time of year again. Flying opportunities will still happen during our colder months but are less frequent than during summer. I became involved in this hobby during the mid '90's after being gifted a SIG Kadet Mk II kit, along with a Futaba 4 channel radio and a OS .35 FP engine. I spent most of a winter following the step-by-step instructions getting the wing and fuselage all framed up and ready for covering. It seemed simple enough, follow the directions, get it assembled and find a place to fly it!

OK, it wasn't quite that simple. I still needed a few things; covering, fuel tank, wheels, a glow starter, chicken stick, a fourth servo, and a few other incidentals like fuel, propellers, spare glow plugs . . . I might say it was a gift that kept on giving!

That summer, I think it was '97, I'd learned to fly well enough to land it reliably and the rest, as they say, is history.

Today, anyone getting involved in this hobby can buy an airplane with almost everything needed, including the transmitter all in one box. Most of the airplanes available are of foam construction with nice graphics already applied. These are great flying airplanes, and I understand the reason for their popularity (low cost, ease of assembly, etc.), but something I have really enjoyed over the years has been building a nice airplane in traditional wood construction, covering and detailing it and of course, flying it. Almost all balsa models can be set up for either fuel or electric power. There are still several vendors selling balsa airplane kits for those who wish to do so:

- [balsausa.com](http://balsausa.com)
- [oldschoolmodels.com](http://oldschoolmodels.com)
- [broad.com](http://broad.com)
- [hobbyclub.com](http://hobbyclub.com)

These are just the vendors I found in our AMA magazine. And speaking of AMA, if you're really feeling adventurous, they offer plans for a vast range of airplanes! Building from plans means you cut every piece of wood according to the plan drawing before anything is glued together!

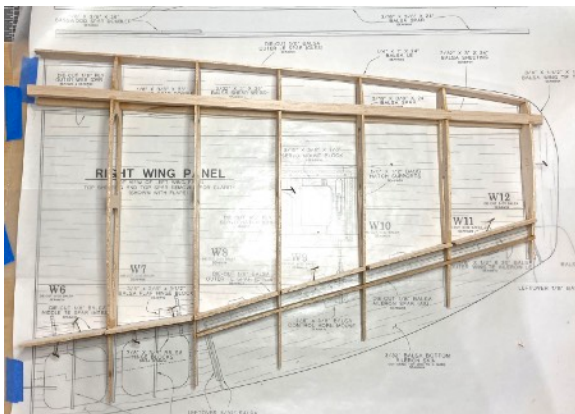


My current project is a 1/7 scale Hawker Sea Fury. I'm currently working on the wing which is in 3 sections, the middle contains the retractable landing gear and flaps, the right and left sections include the ailerons. It'll be in the 10-12 lb. range with a .91 four stroke engine. I plan (hope!) to have it flyable by summer '24.



Top left, left wing outer panel with sheeting on top.

Left, right wing spars and ribs. Above, stabilizer and elevator assembly.



If you're looking for another aspect of our hobby to explore, perhaps something that'll be challenging and rewarding, you might give kit building (or scratch building from plans) a try. Just remember, don't think about the hours spent building while your new airplane is airborne!

Stan Johnson

**Larry's Log**

Well, I finally did it after 50 plus years in the hobby. I stuck my hand in a moving prop. The OS .91 four stroke on my U Can Do 3D was flooded and I attempted to start it with my gloved right hand. It started backwards and instinct made me reach out with my left hand to stop the plane from backing off the bench. Yep, I reached right through the running prop. Four stitches in the index finger and 7 stitches in the ring finger. Broken bones and severed tendon. Surgery next on the index finger. Fortunately, Jeff Coghlin and sons were there to help pack up my planes and field stuff and send me on to ER. Thanks again, Jeff. Lessoned reviewed, don't fly alone.

**Prop safety:**

I have observed several unsafe practices at the field near running engines. After starting the engine, never stand in front of the engine or to the side in the propeller arc. Propellers have been known to disintegrate and throw prop blades. Even electric propellers can fly apart. After a flight, always inspect your propeller for cracks, chips, and damage. Never fly with an unbalanced prop. Replace that damaged prop. After a ground prop strike, verify the motor mount is still solid.

Now on the lighter side, we have a white weasel I believe living under the club house. He's cute, curious and eats lots of mice.



Keep on flyin,

Larry



Our new conference table! Thanks Destry for photos!

**Reminders:**

Make sure your AMA membership is current for 2024. We'd hate to have you miss flying on New Years Day!

If you're the last person leaving the field, make sure the clubhouse doors are locked! The left side door needs to be latched and the right side has two locks.

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