



Hello Everyone,

Well Winter came around just about when we figured, a cold snowy start to 2025. Last Saturday meeting was a pretty good turnout. We had a good discussion on the year coming up and what we all want to see. As far as our scheduling of events, we did table the final until our February meeting, so please bring your ideas to the next meeting. We do our best to keep events around the same time every Year that way it is consistent year to year so people can plan accordingly. We came up with a short list of items to work on this spring including, Table repair and staining, tree trimming, mower shed roof repair and updating our port a potty. All and all the flying field is in pretty good shape. Our biggest discussion is our yearly membership dues. Currently we Have fifty-two members and we only have 20 members that have paid their dues for 2025.

**Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events  
2025**

February 8, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Meeting at the field.

(Monthly meetings during winter will be held at 10 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month. This 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)

There is discussion of upping the dues or having a penalty if not paid by a certain time, but I have a hard time agreeing to either, my sole goal of this club is to make it as cost effective to join but also support the conveniences that we have all voted on and supported. If for some reason you feel like what we have is unreasonable, then showing up at the meetings and being a part of the discussions is best. We have one of the best if not the best flying sites around, and I am proud to be a part of it and support it, so when I see year after year dues not paid but the field getting used it just does not feel fair to the rest of us. I realize that when we need something there are people that step up and donate but I would rather all of us just do our part. We are not trying to make a profit, just support up keep on the Runway, Maintenance, and utilities.

We are working on a way to pay/donate from our website but that involves the IRS so that takes a bit. I will be making a new lock box out in the clubhouse for dues you can drop off there. you also can always take them to Brian at Western Drug, mail a check to the P.O. box on our application or even Venmo me, & I can put it right in the club account. I am very passionate about not raising dues and being fair to ALL members and really seeing this club keep growing and staying strong.

Thanks for all who are helping keep the runway clear. Larry and Brad helped after the last meeting and Josh has gone out a couple times. The new to us big snow blower is working well, really throws the snow. Blowing is working better than plowing, the berms on the edges are not as big. Also thank you to Ralph for plowing our parking lot. I just filled the gas can that is in the clubhouse so we are ready for the next snow. It has been nice to use both the runway and the snow again this year.

I have been working on our club You Tube channel and posted my first Drone video, check it out, we are @gallatineagles. I never thought I would enjoy flying a FPV drone so much just like you're in the pilot

seat! Oh yes maybe a little motion sickness.

Come out to the next Saturday meeting, let's catch up and do some flying!

See you out there  
Destry



Photos by Destry



Larry's Log,

Memories...We use to fly at the abandoned North-South runway at the Belgrade airport. It was great, we had about 400 feet of blacktop runway 60 feet wide. And airport maintenance took care of any patching and plowing that needed to be done. It was built during WWII for pilot training. Current club members had a key to get through the cyclone fence. This was prior to 911.

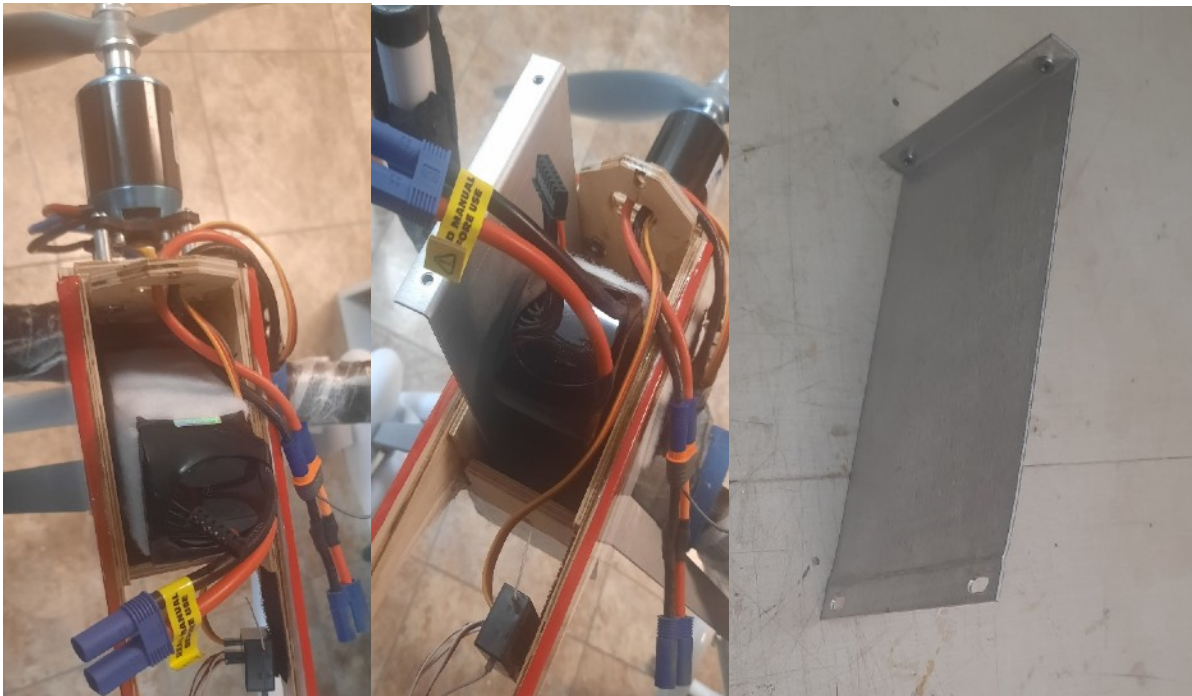
Sometime around the fall of 1989, a beginning pilot was flying his gas-powered trainer and the plane got away from him. He reported seeing it climbing away in large circles heading for the Bridger mountains. We figured that would be the last we saw of it. In the spring, a rancher near Wilsaw saw his cattle huddled around something in his field. He went over to investigate and found an RC airplane laying upright in the field. It must of a had a smooth landing, no damage!! At that time Bozeman actually had a *real* hobby shop on east Main Street. The rancher brought in the plane and the pilot got his plane back. What a trip across the Bridgers to Wilsaw about 20 miles away.

As Paul Harvey use to say, "and now for the rest of the story". Sometime in the early 1990's, a pilot crashed his RC airplane in the airport area. A Delta pilot reported to the tower that the RC pilot could find his crashed airplane between the taxiway and the active runway. Well... that was the end of flying at the airport. We were lucky the RC plane didn't damage the full-size airplane or hurt people. The abandoned runway was great while it lasted.

After a false start, I got my electric U Can Do 3 D flying. This uses an old wing and tail group with a scratch-built fuselage. It flies just as well as the gas-powered plane does. I'm using a BL50 motor with a 70-amp ESC and 6 cell 5000maH brick battery. It is the same weight as the gas-powered plane with 10 ounces of gas.



I used Velcro to secure the battery inside the fuselage. A new tool was needed to get the battery in and out of the plane. This sheet metal plate slides between the Velcro halves splits the Velcro and allows the battery to be positioned correctly and removed.



Happy pilot after his P51 sortie. (Brad Moholt)



Keep on Flying!!

Larry

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