



# Gallatin Eagles

## RC FLYING CLUB

### Hello

The end of November is here I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend it with family and friends.

Last meeting was out at the Clubhouse. We ended up moving it one week due to the weather and roads. We still had a pretty good turn out so thank you for all that could make it. Chuck Curtis was a little under the weather so I hope he is feeling better. We also announced our Member of the year which was a club first. A back-to-back winner Dan Matthews is this year's winner and also last year's, **Congratulations!** Dan has really supported our club and it has really become a part of his life. All summer long at the field every Saturday and Sunday, not only flying but getting to know all of you, offering his help and support and wanting to be a great part of the club. He really appreciates the friends he has made in the club and really loves to fly. On top of that his financial contributions to our field, the Wi-Fi installation, weather station, and Field camera all donated by Dan. thank you for all you do to help the club Dan!

I have been doing my best to keep up with the plowing of the runway, so far so good. I have been posting on Facebook when it is plowed or you can check it out on the Camera. The county will plow to the clubhouse as needed but no set schedule. If the snow does not get too deep too fast I should be able to keep up with the runway for more winter flying fun. Don't forget our New Year's Day fun fly is

### Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events December 2022

13, Tuesday, 7:15 PM, Meeting at the field.

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



Dan Matthews, Member of the Year being congratulated by club president Destry Jacobs.

coming up. We will talk about it next meeting. don't forget to renew your AMA and pay your club Dues. Our next meeting, we will reelect club officers and vote on cost of club dues so please make it if you can.

One quick thing on our field camera; Just a reminder the Camera is solar powered so the battery does not last a real long time so it is best to pull it up and look then close the app. We had someone leave the app open for over an hour and it killed the battery. I will keep an eye on it, we may have to connect to a power source. Thanks for using, it works great.

Things are looking pretty good, keep Flying!!

Destry

Jim Albright want's to sell all of his R/C stuff. He'd like to sell it in one fell swoop (swell foop?) but, if you're interested, give him a call at 406 599 4620. He has some large aircraft and gas engines.

If your AMA expires at the end of Dec, remember to renew to fly on New Year's day.

Chuck Curtis



Photos by Destry

### Larry's Log

This Thanksgiving season had me thinking of all the wonderful improvements the hobby has gone through in the last 50 years. My first radio was a Christmas gift from my wife. It was a Blue Max kit sold for \$250 in 1971. Yes, you had to assemble the radio. Solder, solder and more solder. The kit included many transistors, resistors, and capacitors and this was before integrated circuits. On 27Meg Hz AM, it seemed like I had to tune the receiver regularly. Connectors and batteries were some of the weakest links.



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Ten years later, you could buy an assembled radio for the about same price. It had much better connectors and receivers; but, still had interference problems with other radios. In the 1990s, narrow band FM radios came on the market. Greater reliability and more frequencies were available to the hobbyist.

Now we have 2.4 Giga Hertz radios. A world of improvement. Several hundred radios can operate at the same time. No frequency interference through channel hopping. Lithium batteries don't have "memory" issues like the NiCad batteries did. Receivers and servos are now inexpensive.

The other big change in the hobby, is the ARF products. You can buy an Almost Ready to Fly airplane complete with radio for about the same money as an earlier radio system. The manufacturers offer simple trainers and go up to complex ducted fan jets. I enjoy building airplanes taking weeks or months to complete. However, these ARFs require only hours to assemble.

Today, the weakest link in the radio system is the hand – eye coordination. **Pilot error.**  
Keep on flyin'

Larry Nelson

**A Message from the AMA:**

Dear member,

I am happy to announce that the Academy of Model Aeronautics has just been officially named as the first FAA-recognized Community-Based Organization (CBO). For more than a decade, Congress has looked to AMA to manage the recreational model aircraft community. We applaud the FAA for implementing the process and acknowledging that AMA's Safety Programming is the gold standard.

Now that AMA is a recognized CBO, we can start applying for FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) status for our club flying sites. AMA's Clubs Department will be reaching out to club officers soon via email regarding next steps for the FRIA application process.

We are honored to be your CBO and excited for what the future brings. This is a big step for our community and we look forward to growing the hobby together.

Sincerely,



Rich Hanson  
President  
Academy of Model Aeronautics



*A little tail heavy?*



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