



## Upcoming Events

### May

2nd, Tuesday, **Pilot Training** begins. Held every Tuesday during the flying season, weather permitting, begins around 5:00 PM.

9th, Tuesday, **Meeting at Field.** Pilot training.

16th, Tuesday, Pilot training.

**20th, Saturday, Armed Forces Day Fun Fly!** (see flyer in this newsletter)

23rd, Tuesday, Pilot training.

30th, Tuesday, Pilot training.

For a complete listing of our upcoming events, check our website:

<http://www.gallatineagles.org/calendar>

## Hello

Great turnout at the mall show. Thank you to all who came out and brought planes and were there to talk with people, I think it was a success for sure.

Next meeting we will talk about a schedule for our next event or Armed Forces Day fun fly. If the weather permits we should be meeting at the field.

Great things are moving forward on our field house. We are working on the first step of forming the pad for the concrete. Keep in touch for work days coming, we still have a goal to have it up by our fun fly. Keep your donations coming in we are sitting pretty good to get this project funded. Thanks to Butch for all your help getting everything lined up.

See you at the meeting  
Destry

## Back from Arizona

I spent 4 weeks in Arizona and stayed really busy. I built 4 benches for the shop-two for my daughter-in-law for her quilting area, one for airplanes and one for the machine shop area. I also rebuilt another airplane bench.

We spent time moving a washer, dryer, freezer, etc. We also went to the scale masters qual meet and a giant scale meet and even managed to get to a large hobby shop. Meantime, I cut out parts for a sea plane. I came back home to rest up.



Shirley got 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the shop for her quilting with the rest for airplanes and machine shop. The shop is only 2400 sq. feet but there is room to add another 100 ft in length to the south end.

At the giant scale meet, I saw three P-47s in formation howling down the middle of the runway about 10 feet off the surface. It made the whole trip worthwhile.

Chuck Curtis

## Safe Flying

Its spring and time to get ready for flying. The following is a checklist to go through before you bring a plane out to the field. I recently found several issues in a plane I had flown last year. It is amazing I didn't "re-kit" the 90 size Hanger Spitfire or worst yet hurt someone. This inspection may allow for successful trips to the field. Remember: Fix at home and fly at field, don't get it the other way around.

### AIRPLANE INSPECTION:

- Prop nut and spinner on tight?
- Inspect and replace propeller if nicked or damaged
- Engine mounting screws/bolts tight?
- Verify engine is not bound up and carburetor is free
- Servos are secure and servo screws are tight?
- Inspect pushrod clevises and keepers
- Inspect control surface control horns are snug
- Verify servo movement is free and not binding
- Wheels spin freely and wheel collars tight?
- Inspect wing hold down bolts and blind nuts

Replace old wing rubber bands  
Inspect airframe for loose parts  
Pull on control surfaces to verify hinge integrity  
Check covering for loose seams, tears and holes; repair  
Verify retracts work freely; if pneumatic, check for airline leaks  
Inspect fuel tubing for cracks and leaks, replace if needed  
Charge and Cycle Ni/Cad batteries, replace if battery does not meet milliamp/hour rating  
Disconnect and reconnect servo leads; watch for intermittent connections  
Pull on all wires to verify integrity of wire connection and solder joints  
Range check at field  
There is no check for “Dumb Thumbs”

**FIELD BOX INSPECTION:**

Verify fuel pump works and does not leak  
Verify starter and starter battery are in good condition  
Verify glow plug battery is in good condition and plug connection is tight  
Verify sunscreen is in flight box  
Verify AMA and FAA documentation is available

Fly Safe,  
Larry Nelson

**Mall Show**

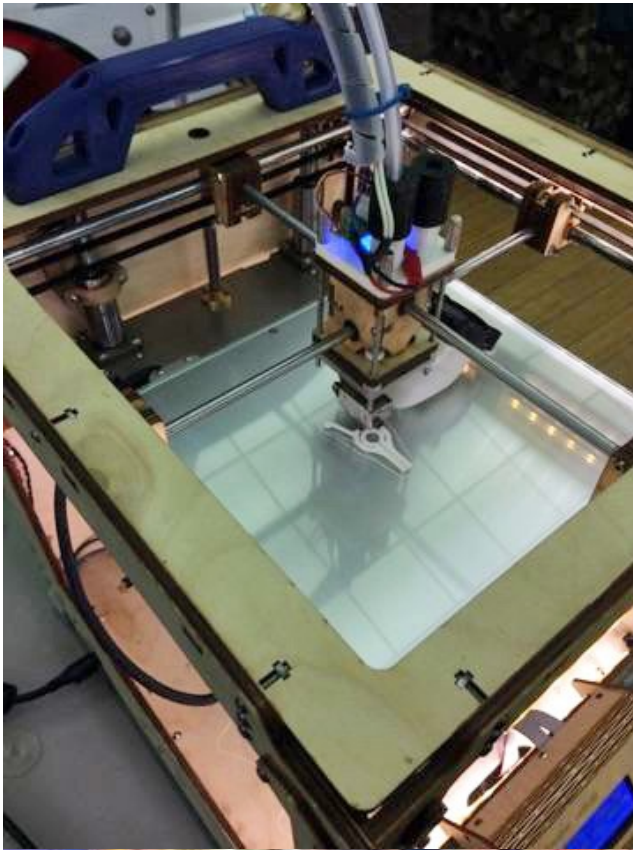
Last Saturday, April 29, was our annual display at the Gallatin Valley Mall. Here are some photos:



Ron's 12 foot Telemaster was an eye catcher!

A big Thank you to Central Hobbies of Billings for donating a great raffle prize





Top: Alan's 3D printer was busy making items like bag clips which he was giving away, and drew lots of attention!

Left: Aircraft parking space was at a premium.



The winner of the raffle prize!

I don't think anyone got her name, oops!

### Club Dues!

As we get close to our 2017 flying season, it's a good time to make sure your club **and** AMA memberships are current.



### Club Officers for 2017

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***Gallatin Eagles R/C Club***  
***FUN FLY !!***  
***Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017***  
***9 a.m. - 4 p.m.***  
***- Open Flying -***  
***- BBQ -***  
***Family Friendly***  
***Spectators Welcome!!***

**In honor of Armed Forces Day, participants are encouraged to bring military themed aircraft.**  
***GALLATIN EAGLES FLYING FIELD - BOZEMAN, MT***



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