



The Rogue Eagle



AMA Chapter 534

Medford, Oregon

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Park Flyer Craze...

Park Flyers have been around for quite a while now. When I first noticed them, I thought to myself yea, they are OK, but they seemed more for the beginner, plus most of my experience with electrics, was not very successful, to say the least. They were heavy, with high wing loading, and didn't have enough power to get off the ground, let alone be aerobatic. Dealing with expensive batteries, that didn't last but a very few minutes, made electrics, not my cup of tea. Being a high performance Pylon racer, that liked high performance sport aircraft, made the little Park Flyers unappealing, & did not interest me much, just like a lot of other R/C pilots.



About two years ago, some of my racing buddies that tour the big Pylon races, started showing up to the races with various Park Flyers, and flying them before, & after the races ended. It was easy to see, they were having way too much fun, plus some these planes were very aerobatic, & some were electric high performance 3D aircraft, that I found were a real handful to fly, even for the experienced pilot. I thought to myself, now were talking. I was introduced to some new names like IFO (indoor flying object), GWS Tiger Moth, Rare Bear, Crazy Max, Slow Stick, Pico Stick, etc.



Gino & I started off with the GWS Pico Stick, & quickly graduated to the GWS Tiger Moth. The performance was good, but the flight time was a problem. We spent more time charging batteries, than flying. This was a real pain, so I was set on a mission to solve that problem. I was used to running Duralite Lithium Ion batteries in my pylon planes, so I headed in the Lithium direction. Lithium Ion & Polymer batteries, are still experimental for R/C use, and it is hard to get correct information, so a lot was learned by the seat of the pants. We burned up a lot of motors, batteries, & speed controllers, but finally got it figured out. Instead of getting three minute flight times, now we were experiencing half hour, to one hour flight times, with super flight performance. Now we no longer burned up motors, or speed controllers, and thanks to our new "electronic wizard club president", Kai Aiello, we no longer burned up our batteries charging them. Kai designed a Lithium Ion / Polymer charger

that would charge our batteries to peak plus, & without burning them up.

I can't begin to describe how much fun we have been having since the bugs were worked out. About fifteen of us now have GWS Slow Sticks, Tiger Moths, & IFO's. We have been flying combat, cutting streamers, busting balloons, flying formation, doing aerobatics, and just plain having fun. Now we can fly at the club field, or drive five minutes to the closest park, soccer field, or our own front yards...

Run down to Al's Hobbies and pick up a GWS Slow Stick (\$35.00 with motor), a Micro flight pack, & come out and play with us. You will never get a bigger bang for your buck... No, I will never trade my fast, loud pylon racers, and gas sport planes, for just the Park Flyers, but the little guys have certainly earned a place or two in our hanger. Some of you guys that might think the Park Flyers are silly don't know what you are missing, plus a "real" modeler; will appreciate all areas of modeling. YOU CAN DO IT! ... Mike Del Ponte

WET & WINDY FUN FLY...MARCH 23RD



On March 23rd, the Rogue Eagles put on the annual, Wet & Windy Fun Fly. To our surprise, it was not wet & windy; in fact, the weather was just the opposite, dry & calm. It was a great day for flying, & to prove it, about 40 people showed up to have a little fun, in the Sun. The Wet & Windy Fun Fly is a simple, relaxing, no pressure event, & not a contest. The intent is to fly when & what you want, have a cup of coffee, fly some more if you want, or just shoot the bull with your friends, have a free Hot Dog & Soda, & then repeat all the

above if that's what you want to do... Every one had a great time. Many different types of aircraft were flown, War birds, 3D, combat, Fun Fly, Electrics, Sport, etc. There were combat streamers being cut, Helium filled balloons were let loose, for an attempt at balloon busting, the 3D pilots were torque rolling, the war bird people, were making high & low speed passes, & the sport fliers were doing their thing, etc, etc. At lunchtime, Danny Watson cranked up the BBQ, and fixed hot dogs for everybody. For those that could not make it this year, try to make it next year...it was a

blast!!!



Presidents Corner...

If you have been in this hobby for more than a couple of seconds then no doubt you have seen at least one set of "rules" pertaining to this great hobby of ours. The AMA application form, the Rogue Eagles application form, even the back of your Rogue Eagles club card has rules there for your viewing and, by signing the application forms, your saying you have read them and will abide by them. Well I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for owing up to your obligation and abiding by these "rules" and setting a good example. If your not sure what I'm talking about, look at the back of your club card. Our field is a safer place because of them.

The club lease of Agate Skyways is up for renewal with the Jackson County Parks Department. Our lease term runs for ten years and the responsibility falls to the current board to get that lease extended for another ten years. A letter has been drafted stating the desire of the Rogue Eagles to renew the lease. I do not foresee any problems but would like to keep the membership at large appraised of any situations that might arise. Again, all looks good.

A budget has been created and while it is still somewhat crude, it's a stake in the ground. I have high hopes that by gathering the information necessary to utilizing a budget, it will be easier and more productive to plan for club activities, improvements, and rainy days.

Until next time, keep them on the right side of the grass.

Your President,
Kai V. Aiello

2003 Board Members

Elected Club Officers

President-

Kai V. Aiello - 245-9336

Vice President-

Bill Grove - 660-6581

Secretary-

Danny Watson - 488-2179

Treasure-

Werner Bruckner - 664-2549

Board Members

Board Member at Large-

Mike DelPonte - 535-8800

Richard Schwegerl - 773-5479

Public Relations Officer-

Joe DeAscentis - 774-9519

Newsletter Editor-

Gino DelPonte - 535-8800

Events Coordinator-

Bud Shirley - 664-2667

Appointed Positions

Video Coordinator-

Eric Swenson - 245-3670

Field Maintenance Supervisor-

Sam Arrigo - 597-4537

Field Marshall-

Rob Chambers - 245-0239

2003 Events Schedule...

Grants Pass Swap-Meet
April 19th

Lee Renaud Memorial
Contest
June 7th

OMPRA North-South
Shootout
August 23rd & 24th

Spring Fun-Fly Contest
April 26th

Plat-I Float Fly
June 21st & 22nd

Airshow Interest Day at
Wal-Mart, Medford
August 30th

Float Fly @ Lake Selmac
May 10th & 11th

Military Fly-In Contest
June 28th

Airshow Media Day
September 3rd

OMPRA Spring Pylon
Race
May 17th

Selmac Float Fly
July 26th & 27th

Rogue Eagles 2003
Airshow
August 6th & 7th

Builders Contest
June 29th

OMPRA K. Falls Race
July 26th

OMPRA Championship
Pylon Race
October 4th

Ashland EAA Demo
May 18th

Kids Day @ Hawthorn
Park
August 2nd

Fall Fun Fly
October 18th

Member Information...

This New Year we have had a bunch of new members come in to our club, and I would like to be the first to welcome them...

-Robert Chambers
-Timothy Fredericy
-Robert Mellecker
-Eric Swenson
-Bobby Harris
-Forrest Carmichael
-Joseph Hasler
-Jim Hassler

-Billy Cropp
-Gary Lindsey
-John McGonagle
-Jim Morava
Welcome! to all of the new
members.
Your Newsletter Editor,
Gino Del Ponte

Upcoming Newsletter...

In the Upcoming Newsletter there will be a new article about Engine Protection, what the best after run oil is to use, how to take care of your motors.

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To:

**Next Meeting is April the 8th at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center, 228
N. Holly, Medford, OR. Please bring your show and tells!**

For Sale

- Pilot Kit Lake Buccaneer 25 size... \$75
- Bredi Brown B2 Miss Los Angeles kit 60 size... \$150
- Goldberg Electra Glider Kit w/motor... \$50
- House of Balsa Pitts S2A 40 size... \$75
- Half A St w/TD .051... \$50

Call Richard Schwegerl 773-5478
aka Flynsquirrel

Membership Renewal

Members may continue to update their membership status at the April meeting. Be sure to bring your dues of \$25.00. Also, you must be a current member of the AMA, so bring your 2003 AMA card for verification. Make checks out to the Rogue Eagles RC Club. Application forms will be available at the meeting. You may also renew by sending your dues, a copy of your 2003 AMA card and a \$25.00 check to the 2003 treasurer:

Werner Bruckner
925 North 5th St
Central Point, OR 97502

Please renew your membership as soon as possible. You will not continue to receive a newsletter if you don't renew. Furthermore, your flying privileges at the field will stop without an up-to-date member ship.

The Board.