

The Fliteline

Screaming Eagles R/C Club, Inc.

AMA Charter Club No. 298 – Est. 1970
P.O. Box 694 – Plainfield, Indiana 46168
Bob Groves, Editor - rgroves827@aol.com

Next Club Meeting

7:00 PM – Monday – January 4, 2010

Plainfield Public Library – 1120 Stafford Rd - Plainfield, IN 46168



www.screamingeagles.org
Also on Facebook

January 2010 – 40th Anniversary



Bill Pence

President's Report

wpence@indy.rr.com

Well let me start out by saying thank you to all that voted me back into office...and Bob and Dave, my arm should be better by spring!

Ok, here we are going into a new year and I know everybody is working on a new project that you just can't wait to get out to the field, but we all have a job that we need to take care of now. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! Our club is slowly getting smaller and I was asked to try to revive it. So with the help of a few good men, we are going to try. This is not going to be an easy thing to do, but with the help of EVERYONE I think we can pull it off.

Some of the things we are going to try include bringing back giant scale, maybe some sort of racing, fun flies, and a picnic or two. I would also like to see someone step up and take on some shows like we did at Lowes two years ago. We have also started working with the cub scouts in Avon and that is going to expand into Plainfield and Brownsburg, so if anyone wants to offer any help or other ideas please let me or any of the club officers know. If everyone does not help in one way or another we will not have a club that we can all be proud of and we will become another one of those clubs that used to be.

Thank You for your help and understanding.



Shea Farnsley

Vice-President's Report

serotta24@att.net

On December 15, 2009 the Screaming Eagles R/C Club were called upon to do a Show & Tell for White Oak Charter, Cub Scout Pack #391 in Avon. The Pack is led by Simon Davies and is composed of 6 smaller Dens bringing the count to approximately 30-40 children and their parents.

Screaming Eagles R/C Club members in attendance were Chris Atwood, Doug Fish, Bob Groves, Eric Mohr and Shea Farnsley. The program began with an informative lecture on high power rocketry to coincide with a recent "make, take and launch" that these kids had completed. Impressive displays were on hand of Level 1 and Level 2 high power rockets for these kids and parents to see. Videos of recent high power launches at the AMA Headquarters were also presented.

Following the high power rocket presentation an introduction of the Screaming Eagles R/C Club followed. A power point presentation and informative lecturing showed pictures of the club field and facilities, airplanes, helicopters, buddy-box training, aerobatic flight and large group gatherings at the field. The children and parents were shown the basics of the buddy-box training by Doug Fish with a demonstration of the club trainer.

The children and parents were also shown the basics of radio control flight with a demonstration of a radio control airplane by Chris Atwood. Bob Groves demonstrated a radio-controlled simulator that later in the evening was a

huge hit with every child in the building. Chris Atwood also demonstrated flights on a small electric helicopter by flying it through the gymnasium. Several large aircraft and accessories were on display for all to see.

At the conclusion of our presentation we were all thanked and received very well and were quickly questioned by many of these children and their parents. We thanked them all for the opportunity and invited them to the club field for more information and demonstrations.



Chris Atwood's control surface demonstration



Shea Farnsley's Model Rocketry Presentation



**Eric Mohr - Doug Fish - Chris Atwood
The good, the bad, and the talented ☺**



Shea and Doug demonstrating buddy-box system operation



Parents were attentive and asked several questions



Promotions & Event Committee

emohr@indy.rr.com

Eric Mohr

Welcome to 2010. I have taken on the task of being the Events and Promotions Chairman for our club. Over the next year, I will be asking for help from my fellow club members to help bring life back to our club.

First off, what events or promos would you as a club member like to see? One thing to keep in mind is that we need to schedule early as the calendars are filling up quickly. Several of our members have re-activated the IMAA 561 Chapter and we are planning on having a giant scale fly-in this year. We will also be hosting the City-Wide Fun Fly this year. I want to get together with the Black Sheep Squadron and form a partnership for events such as the 4-H fair, Area Town festivals and maybe club get togethers. I look forward to enjoying a fun year of flying ahead.



Editorial Report

rgroves827@aol.com

Bob Groves

PREF/STOP TRANSITION UPDATE...The relocation of the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility to the former Indiana Women's Prison in downtown Indianapolis was completed on December 16, 2009. In their new location PREF was renamed IREF, the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility.

The facility located in Plainfield has been renamed the Short-Term Offenders Program (STOP) that will come on-line in the next three to six months. In the meantime, the correctional officers will continue the motor patrol on the perimeter road, which means we need to continue using our emergency flashers during ingress and egress to the flying field. If stopped, be prepared to show your club membership card. If you have guests coming to the field, tell them to use their flashers and, if stopped, to identify themselves and to inform the officer they are going to the flying field.

We had smooth transition when the facility changed from the Indiana Boys School to PREF, and we have no reason to believe this transition will be any different. We all hope that once the new STOP facility is populated and organized that we can once again provide an offender flying program. Time will tell and we will keep you informed as STOP progresses under Superintendent Osburn.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK...

- I was curious about the hinged antenna on the 2.4 giggle-hurts transmitter. Seems everyone has an opinion about how it should be angled, or not angled. So I called tech services in Champaign who said, "The antenna should be angled up to 45°, which keeps you from pointing the antenna directly at the airplane." I have flown at all different angles without any apparent affect, but now I will follow the tech guy's advice to be on the safe side, especially on my giant scale airplanes.
- Did you hear the latest rumor about Doug Fish at his daughter's recent wedding? Tsk, Tsk, Tsk. You'll not hear it from me. ☺
- If anyone wants to write an editorial opinion germane to the club and/or its activities you are welcome to do so. Please remember the deadline for submissions of articles, classifieds, photos is the 25th of each month. (Beware...articles belittling your beloved newsletter editor may result in unintended consequences for you, you pets, and maybe your loved ones.) ☹
- I am new to Facebook, but am thoroughly enjoying it. It is a neat way to stay in touch with family and friends across the fruited plain...pictures are a special treat. In addition, the Screaming Eagles and IMAA Chapter 561, along with most hobby supply houses, have group pages on Facebook. Join them....a great way to communicate and to keep up with "wazzup".
- The AMA chartered the Screaming Eagles R/C Club, Inc., forty years ago this year. Larry Ross is the only remaining charter member active in the club. (So much for his claiming to be 39 years old.) Dave Bloomer joined the club shortly after it chartered, so he is an "almost" charter member along with being a much-maligned club elder with some behavior quirkiness. ☺ ➔ Dave is seeking ideas on how the club should celebrate this noteworthy occasion.



Giant Scale News

Bob Groves, IMAA 14521

rgroves827@aol.com

Chapter 561 now on Facebook

Chapter 561 of the International Miniature Aircraft Association was established in 1995 with 36 members. For the next four years, these chapter members attended IMAA events in Indiana and the surrounding states. The Screaming Eagles R/C Club held several giant scale, helicopter, and jet events starting in the mid 1980's which continued for several years.

Back then, since interest in large-scale aircraft was high, several flyers elected to form an official chapter of the IMAA. These members named the chapter the Indy Eagles Squadron. Membership was open to any IMAA member regardless of their local club affiliations. Membership in the Screaming Eagles was not a requirement.

One of the benefits of the chapter was its members banding together in a common interest, traveling to other events, and flying at different club fields. This same situation occurred with other chapters who traveled to events held in Plainfield. Several members of other clubs joined Chapter 561 making the chapter a way of enjoying the hobby with a broader bunch of like-minded hobbyists. However, the chapter became inactive by 2000 even though many of its members remained as IMAA members and continued flying giant scale aircraft.

A recent resurgence of interest in large-scale aircraft, along with a desire to increase efforts toward increasing activity at the field, recruiting new people to the hobby, and holding different kind of club events, provided an impetus to reactive Chapter 561. It required five current IMAA members to reactivate the chapter. Five former chapter members who were still active IMAA members, (Andy Clark, Bob Groves, Mike Karnes, Dave Poland, and Joe Wilkins) agreed to participate along with new IMAA member Eric Mohr. Based on these members, Don Vineyard, IMAA Secretary /Treasurer made the official reactivation of Chapter 561 official on December 15, 2009. The Indy Eagles Squadron is now listed on the official IMAA website.



Giant scale rallies attract many serious-minded modelers

Membership in IMAA is required to join the Chapter 561 roster. If you are interested in joining Chapter 561, simply join IMAA at their website <http://www.fly-ima.org>. It costs \$25 per year and includes a great quarterly magazine. I suggest you go to the IMAA website above and learn about this large special interest group. Many of the ARF airplanes you may be flying meet IMAA requirements of being true quarter scale, or an 80" monoplane, or a 60" biplane. Generally, the box advertising boasts when it is IMAA qualified.



Crowds were so big we had to double the pit line

In the meantime, I am serving as the IMAA correspondent for the chapter, so let me know if you want more information, or let me know when you have joined IMAA and I will add you to the chapter roster. If you join on-line be sure and show on the application that you will be a member of Chapter 561. They print that on your membership card. There is no charge for Chapter 561 membership. Planning is underway for a giant scale rally at the Screaming Eagles field in 2010.



The carpeted pit and taxiway were asphalted in 1997

Make your check payable to the club and bring it to a meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 694, Plainfield, IN 46168.

→ Remember that you need a current Club and AMA membership to fly at STOP. This protects the Club and STOP in case of accidents.

Membership cards will be mailed after AMA membership is confirmed. Names of members that are current with the Club and AMA will be posted at the field. Thanks to all the members who have renewed already! I look forward to hearing from the rest of you.



Ron Richardson

Secretary's Report

ronalderichardson@yahoo.com



Dick Dietz

Treasurer's Report

ridietz@tds.net

Your Future Field Fund totals \$3025

These funds have been deposited in a CD for security and to gain interest. Thanks to all the members that supported our 2005 campaign or have contributed since then. You made this possible and successful.

Additional pledges are welcome and donations continue to be made to this fund. If you are interested in making a donation, send your check to me or bring it to a club meeting.

The Screaming Eagles Treasurer's Report is presented for review and acceptance at each club meeting. Copies are available to all members upon request. Call or email your Treasurer if you want a copy. Or you can attend the meetings with me.

We currently have 64 members paid for 2009 and have budgeted for more. I'm sure we can find even more candidates to join us in our great hobby. Bring a friend to the field or meeting and let's make it happen!

2010 Dues Schedule for New Members and Renewals

Full Club Membership

Single	Family	Junior
\$75	\$100	\$30

Control Line Membership

Single	Family	Junior
\$25	\$35	\$10

Call to order: 12/07/09 - 7:00 PM - (12 members present)

Secretary's Minutes: Read by Ron Richardson.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Dick Dietz. Motion to accept by Bill Pence, 2nd by Eric Mohr. Dick reported the donations to PERF totaled \$2659.42 for 2009.

Introduction of guests: John Rifkin from the Danville club. John presented us with Information about indoor flying at the Plainfield Aquatic Center.

Membership Applications: None

Chairman Reports:

PREF: Bob Groves gave an update of the changes going on at PERF. PERF is closed to volunteers and visitors at this time.

Event: Eric Mohr volunteered to be Promotions & Events Chairman.

Field: John Nyland reported that he used 8 gallons of crack filler and filled the low spot in the pit area with cold patch.

Newsletter: Bob Groves has started the Newsletter and ask for articles.

Instruction: None - **Safety:** None - **Promotions:** None
Website: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Bob Groves made a motion to close nominations and elect the proposed Slate of candidates. Dave Bloomer 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Announcements: None

Raffle: No raffle was held.

2010 Screaming Eagles R/C Club Officers



Bill Pence, President
wpence@indy.rr.com



Shea Farnsley, Vice President
serotta24@att.net



Ron Richardson, Secretary
ronalderichardson@yahoo.com



Dick Dietz, Treasurer
ridietz@tds.net

Executive Committee



John Nyland
jnyland@indy.rr.com



Doug Fish,
IM FISHY5@aol.com



Erik Mohr
emohr@indy.rr.com



Mark Crittenden,
Past President
mcritt1@comcast.net

Committee Chairmen



Ron Richardson, Safety & Instruction
ronalderichardson@yahoo.com



John Nyland, Field
jnyland@indy.rr.com



Doug Fish, IDOC Aviation
IM FISHY5@aol.com



Andy Clark, Information
aclark@abcdigital.net



Eric Mohr, Promotions & Events
emohr@indy.rr.com



Bob Groves, Newsletter
rgroves827@aol.com

Reminders:

- ❖ ***Come fly on our annual New Year's Day event starting around 9:00 AM.***
- ❖ ***Renew your AMA and Screaming Eagles Dues for 2010***
- ❖ ***Join the IMAA Association***
- ❖ ***Be kind to your family and your beloved newsletter editor!***

Happy New Year!