



# Gallatin Eagles

## RC FLYING CLUB

**Hello,**

I hope you all continue to be healthy. The Covid did catch up with me, I caught it along with my wife and two co workers. I am thankful that it passed fairly quickly and my wife and I will not have any long term effects. I was quarantined for the ten days but was able to do some work from home like most of the world. I also found some time to order a new plane, you know a little Covid relief! Anyway, just a reminder it is still out there so be aware.

Last meeting I announced some pretty exciting news. We are super close to getting the power pole at the field removed after all these years. I have been in contact with MSU and the County, and things are looking good. One of our Members, Chris Ordeil, works for Northwestern Energy and is helping us on his side getting things lined up. This is super exciting and there are a couple of phases to this and we will need some help from the club. The first phase is to remove the pole that is out there now on the East end of the runway. Then we will put a new base pole over by our entrance as you come into our field on the right. There is a power pole there now with a transformer on it. This new base pole would be just North of it. The Club would need to buy a 200 amp meter box to put on the base pole. At this point the County will park at the new pole location in our park area away from the runway. This way the County can plug in their equipment at the new location. The way the power has been going out there is that MSU has been paying

the bill for the power. The bill is on budget billing at \$39 a month. To keep the relationship with the County and as a negotiation, I proposed to the County that our club would take over paying for the power so they can still park out there and plug in their equipment, in exchange they would plow our road to our Clubhouse throughout the winter. The last benefit of this is now that we are paying for our own power this opens up the opportunity to get power to our Clubhouse for interior lights, outside lights, charging plugs, heat, weather station, so many opportunities. This has been one of my long term goals for our club. Last meeting we had enough members to approve moving forward with this project. Come next January I will purpose raising our dues \$10 / year to help with covering the additional cost. We will go over all of this next meeting so please attend to have your voice heard. There are so many pieces to this puzzle, and it is hard to put in an email so that everyone understands the big picture, but like I said let's go over it next meeting, hopefully at the field. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

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### **Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events**

- May 4th, Tuesday, 5:00 PM - dark, weather permitting. Pilot training. Continues every Tuesday through Spring and Summer.
- May 11th, Tuesday 7:15 PM, Meeting at the field. Come early to enjoy some flying time!
- May 15th, Spring Fling, at the field.

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

We are preparing for some ideas to finish up on our spring Fling open house so bring your thoughts and creativity! I did reach out to Radio Shack and we have our sign from our bank window out there for advertising and they are excited to be a part of it as well.

Good stuff coming, see you at the meeting,

Destry

## Pima Air and Space Museum

I spent last week in Tucson, AZ visiting friends. It was a bit hot for my taste and I think I actually got heat stroke. Too many beers and not enough water. I got to visit the Pima air and space museum while I was there. If you ever get the chance, I would take it. Most of the "exhibits" are outside and they have a vast selection of planes to see. Everything from a tiny biplane called the Bumble Bee to B52's and even a Super Guppy. They also have a bunch of helicopters if that is your thing. I have attached a few pics. The other neat thing I visited was an Ace Hardware that had a hobby shop in it. I was surprised that there are not more hobby shops in this area but I only found 2 and one was mostly cars. The local RC field is in a city park and has a dirt runway. I was a little uneasy as I watched several edf's flying right over the adjoining soccer fields.

Ron







### Glacier RC Club

I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in attending our jet weekend event here in Whitefish MT on 6-19-21. Our club is located at GPS: 48.35310447033061, -114.29628752661985 off of Whitefish Stage Road in between Kalispell and Whitefish. Dry camping will be available on site. Anyone interested please mark your calendars and join for some Jet Flying fun. Thanks and happy flying.

Anthony Butlett  
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Glacier RCer's Club Treasurer



Larry's Log,

Chuck Banta confirmed we will start Tuesday night training sessions next week. All those needing help with flying or help with a new airplane come on out to the field. We fly from about 6 until dark.

I have been thinking how lucky we are to have such a great flying field, mostly from the work of Destry and a few others. Throughout the history of the club, we have flown in many

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locations. When I arrived in town in 1972, Bozeman Air Tragedy Society (BATS) was flying on Haggerty Lane. At that time, the road was paved and was seldom used. Then we moved to the top of the field where Life of Montana building is today. We flew on MSU's practice football fields on weekends and during lunch. Once Summit Engineering buildings were built on south 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, we flew on 15 acres there many years. I remember Hank Gary puffing his cigar while mowing the grass on a riding lawn mower. Sometime later, we changed the club name to Bozeman Telemetry Society (still BATS). Something in the name implied crashes? We tried an abandoned railroad right of way with mixed to poor results. For years we flew at Hysell's Sod farm on Springhill Road, guess what? No mowing. Then we got really lucky and we were able to fly on the abandoned North/South runway at the airport. Sixty feet wide and 600 feet long blacktop maintained by the airport. Even I could hit the runway. I did "strain" my first Dirty Birdy through the cyclone fence there. With security and safety an issue, we moved to a site off of Amsterdam Road. I was in Raleigh at that time, so I don't know much about that field. When I returned to Bozeman in 2005, we were at the current site (10927 Kelly Canyon Road) flying off of dirt and used conveyor belt material. Field improvements include demolition of buildings, paving the runway and taxi areas, adding safety fencing, and club house construction. WOW!!! AND further improvements are planned.

I'm sure I forgot a site or two, Chuck Curtis and Chuck Banta can fill in the blanks.

I'll see you at the field,  
Larry

#### Club Officers for 2021

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# Spring Fling and Open House

Saturday May 15th, 2021  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Gallatin Eagles Flying Field  
10927 Kelly Canyon Road, Bozeman



Come see what radio controlled flying is all about  
Contests of flying skill may be held\*  
Hands on instruction\*  
Swap items

\*weather permitting

## Red Baron's "Turkey Shoot"



Saturday June 5th, 2021

This is an AMA Sanctioned RCCA event. AMA cards required at registration. EIGHT Rounds of 2610 Scale and EIGHT Rounds of Open B combat. Registration at 8:00 A.M. First Sortie at 9:00

Entry fee \$20.00 for one event \$30.00 for both. Entry fee due at registration. AMA card to be presented at registration.

Bring your own Hard Hat. Lunch Provided! This is the 20<sup>th</sup> annual event, let's make a great one!!!!

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