



Upcoming Events June 2017

Saturday, 3rd

**Red Baron's Turkey Shoot D-DAY -
Combat Event.** Open-B & 2610 Scale.
Red Baron's Flying Field, Shelley, Idaho.

Tuesday, 6th

Pilot Training
At the field, 5:00 PM until dark.

Saturday, 10th

Field work - more details to come!

Tuesday, 13th

Club Meeting
Meeting at the field 7:15PM
Pilot Training
At the field, 5:00 PM until dark

Tuesday, 20th

Pilot Training
At the field, 5:00 PM until dark

Tuesday, 27th

Pilot Training
At the field, 5:00 PM until dark

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

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

Hello!

First of all thank you to all who helped get ready for and set up for our Armed Forces Day fun fly. Unfortunately, Tony and I could not make it, so it was great to see the club come together and make it happen!

We had a group of pilots come from Sheridan WY, not sure if there were other out of Towners but that was so great that they came! It is always an awesome feeling to get to show off our field. Something to be proud of.

I have spoken to Butch Keys about building the field house, and the concrete is done and ready to build on and as of right now we plan on building next Saturday June 10th. Not sure what time we are starting but plan for a field work day, weather permitting.

See you at our next meeting at the field!

Destry

Armed Forces Day Fun Fly

May 20, 2017



Above: Runway 26 ready for use! Photo by Stan Johnson

Below: A scene from mid day during the event. Photo by Chuck Banta



As Destry mentioned in his opening address, we had visitors at our event from Sheridan, Wyoming and from Billings, MT. I managed to take one photo during the day, it was busy from the start with a lot of flying going on. I think it was rare when no one had an airplane or multi rotor aircraft airborne and at times there were 4 or 5 flying simultaneously. Weather was being difficult to predict until about a day before the event so we made no arrangements for the usual grilling of burgers and hot dogs. Instead, we took orders for Jimmy John's sandwiches and Chuck Curtis picked up and delivered them to us. Thanks Chuck! Thanks also to Larry Nelson, Lee Fisher and Alan Beard for field preparation (mowing, weed control) the day prior to the event. What a great way for us to begin our flying season!

Stan Johnson

FAA Registration

It was my intention to put a reminder about the FAA registration requirement in this newsletter. I'm sure most of you have already heard that the requirement was voided by a Federal Appeals Court just a few days ago! Chuck Banta sent me this article from Forbes, and the AMA website has detailed information about this for anyone who'd like to know more. It appears that we're back to only needing our AMA membership as it was before December 2015!

SJ

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Federal Appeals Court Voids FAA Registration Rule For Model Aircraft



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In a stunning David versus Goliath case, John A. Taylor, a model aircraft enthusiast and insurance lawyer, beat the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Justice in a case challenging the legality of a December 2015 FAA rule requiring model aircraft to register like manned aircraft.

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia **ruled** that the FAA's registration rule, as it applies to model aircraft, "directly violates [a] clear statutory prohibition."

The statute that the Court refers to, and that Mr. Taylor relied on in his challenge, is Section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. That statute prohibited the FAA "from promulgating any rule or regulation regarding model aircraft." The Court found that Congress had "weighed in" on the issue of the regulation of model aircraft and the law codified "the FAA's longstanding hands-off approach to the regulation of model aircraft." The statute defines model aircraft as an unmanned aircraft that is capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere, flown within visual line of sight and flown for hobby or recreational purposes.

The Court expressly states in its decision: "The FAA's Registration Rule violates Section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act." The Court further vacated the registration rule to the extent this applies to model aircraft. According to aviation attorney, Loretta Alkalay, it is possible that the Department of Justice will appeal this decision but she believes it is unlikely that the Supreme Court would grant an appeal. "We should know in the next couple of weeks how the US government plans to implement the Court's decision, if it decides not to appeal," she said.

Little Things Cause Big Trouble

We had a great fun fly with some out-of-towners there. It looks like we'll have a good year for the club.

It's time, too, to check batteries and replace them if necessary. Batteries are a small part of an airplane but can cost you the whole plane quite easily. Recycle nicads, replace dry cells and check your electric power aircraft batteries.

I have a lot of balsa wood, plywood and other aircraft materials such as hinges, links and some covering materials. If you get in a bind, give me a call.

Chuck Curtis

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.

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