



# Gallatin Eagles

## RC FLYING CLUB

### Upcoming Events August 2017

**Tuesday, 1st Pilot Training**

At the field, 5:00 PM until dark

**Tuesday, 8th Club Meeting**

Meeting at the field 7:15PM

Pilot Training

At the field, 5:00 PM until dark.

**Tuesday, 15th Pilot Training**

At the field, 5:00 PM until dark.

**Saturday, 19th Combat Event  
Where Eagles Dare**

Open-B and 2610 Scale

Red Baron's Flying Field. Shelley,  
Idaho

**Tuesday, 22nd Pilot Training**

At the field, 5:00 PM until dark

**Tuesday, 29th 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](http://www.gallatineagles.org/calendar)

### Hello

Warm enough for you? Definitely taking advantage of early morning flights when it is cool and calm.

A couple events took place since last meeting. Unfortunately i did not make it to the combat meet at the field but it sounds like we had a great turnout for spectators and pilots. Thank you to all that were able to help set up and help put the event on, we could not do it without the help. The Bridger cup was also at the fair grounds the same weekend I missed that too but I did see a quick story on the news that was pretty cool. I believe Alan can give us a recap next meeting. Our next planned event is the September swap meet and Fun Fly.

I was able to get a donation letter to Butch for Simkins-Hallin Lumber for a \$500 donation for materials for our field house. We will be doing more building as time allows so keep an eye out for update emails.

Larry Nelson was the volunteer who came through and got the rebar to reinforce our pilot station poles, thanks Larry!

Keep flying see you at the meeting

Destry

## Battle for the Mountains 2017

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and services for the event. Your efforts are appreciated. The field looked great, lunch was perfect, and coolers full of icy drinks were perfect on a hot July day.

We'd planned to run two separate events, 2610 Scale and Open-B. Unfortunately some of the Idaho competitors were not able to make the trip, leaving us below the minimum necessary for the Scale portion of the contest. To compensate, we flew 8 rounds of Open-B, giving everyone a lot of airtime. There was less carnage than usual, but still enough to keep the spectators entertained. The big gnarly tree on the hillside claimed a couple of planes, which is typical. Its sometimes hard to judge distance in the heat of battle. One of my own planes clipped the tree, putting it into a dramatic vertical spin. Fortunately, the plane recovered at the last second and finished the round.

I struggled with engine problems most of the day. 3 otherwise reliable planes refused to do what they were supposed to. So I mostly flew around at "half throttle" and watched everyone harvest my streamer. After the event was over, Brett suggested I try one of his propellers. Why? Its the same size and pitch as the one I'm already using, just a different brand. Slapped his prop onto my warbird and a voodoo curse was lifted. Instantly the engine went to 20,000 rpm, the plane probably reached 70-80mph, and had unlimited vertical performance. Needless to say, I have some of his props on order for next months event.

Scott Stringham from Utah won a decisive victory, he was completely unstoppable. Flying a customized Mako, he was able to harvest every streamer in sight. Congratulations on the win, and definitely looking forward to mixing it up in Idaho next month.

Brian Westberg

Final results:

1st Place	Scott Stringham	2432
2nd Place	Matthew Horton	1388
3rd Place	Stan Johnson	1328

I ran across a Li-Poly battery at Office Depot that is good for 5 v at 1000 mahr for \$5. I bought one and I'll try it for a flight pack. They're for recharging phones and have a USB port and a small D-connector.

The combat meet was a financial draw. We came out about even on food and the entry fees from the pilots went back to them as prizes. Lots of spectators and Bryan Newman was chief cook. With lots of help, the day went well.

I went to the Ogden air museum. It has really grown and is a very nice museum now. Indoors is a B-17, B-24, B-25, B-26, P-47 and a P-38 along with quite a number of other aircraft. If you go through Ogden, It's worth seeing.

Chuck Curtis



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**Parting Shots**

Oshkosh 2017 is ready to wrap up another year as I write this. I borrowed a couple photos from the internet!

I was there 20 years ago and remember seeing a row of 35 Mustangs all in a neat line. Probably one of the coolest things about Oshkosh as an airshow, it covers everything from ultralights and home-built aircraft, to the latest military types!

SJ

