



April 2018

Michael Rapuano – Editor

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT CLUB MEETING

April 19, 2018

1900 at Valparaiso

Public Library, Room 3

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2018

April 19

Club Meeting – EAM Membership

April 21

Fam-Jam – Phil Conner

May 5

Glider Social – Craig Deyerle

May 12

EAM 3D Fly-In – (TBD)

May 17

Club Meeting – EAM Membership

June 2

Glider Social – Craig Deyerle

June 21

Club Meeting – EAM Membership

2018 EAM CLUB OFFICERS

President:

Michael Rapuano 850-586-0556

Vice President:

Phil Conner 850-217-5526

Treasurer:

Robert Pacheco

Secretary:

TBD

Safety Coordinator:

Craig Deyerle

Message from the President

By Michael Rapuano

Members:

Its been a rough time for all in the club since the passing of our good friend Ron E. Van Putte. Thank you to all who participated in Ron's Hobby Shop Sale. It was a great time and hopefully we reduced the burden on the family. We will keep all posted if there is another sale soon.

The club is also providing fuel for its members and our sister club in Crestview. Since this is a burden to the club on our expenses, please come and pick up your fuel and payments can be made via, check, cash or PayPal. Mike Holderness is the holder of Fuel and I have some at my house too.

Thank you to all that attended the field cleanup day on March 10. Thank you, Phil Conner, for organizing this event!

Phil Conner
Frank Perkins
Michael Rapuano
Kevin Fears
Chris Kime
Jim Massey
Mark Pfeiffer
Mike Ryder
Robert Campbell
Robert Pacheco
Lee Prestwood
Carlos Reyes
Mike Holderness
Fred Carnes
Craig Deyerle

Thank you and go fly!
Michael Rapuano

Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Phil Conner

Eglin Aero Modellers
Monthly Meeting
15 March 2018

The meeting was called to order by the President, Michael Rapuano at 7:00 PM with 18 present.

The President Spoke about Ron Van Putte and his contributions to our club and the hobby as a whole. Ron will be greatly missed by all.

There was a motion forwarded and passed to rename the Eglin Aero Modellers field to The Ron E. Van

Putte Memorial Field. The motion passed. There was some discussion about plaques to be placed at the field in memory of Ron which will be handled directly by club members and paid with donations from the membership.

Secretary's report for February 2018 was accepted as published in The Beam.

The treasury balance is \$11,220.46. Treasurer's report was approved.

Chris Mikles gave a detailed briefing on what to expect if the club will be supporting a swap meet this year to be held at the County Fair Grounds. A tentative date is set for November 3rd. A motion was presented and passed to move forward, with questions answered on results if we have to cancel for any reason.

It was moved and passed to not support Marvel of Flight airshow this year due to the other scheduled events and lack of volunteers.

A tentative Date for a Civil Air Patrol Cadet fly day was set for June 9th with a contingency weather date of June 16th. Instructor Pilots and trainers will be needed.

President Michel Rapuano gave a public Thank You to Chris Kime for the purchase and installation of the transformer at the field which restored power. Thank You Chris!!

A general Thank You to everyone who participated in the recent Field Cleanup Day. This will be noted for your five-dollar discount on next

years' dues.

A motion was forwarded and passed to coordinate with Pam to Setup the Christmas Party this year at Golden Corral in Fort Walton Beach.

Since the revised MOU has been submitted, night flying was up for vote. A general discussion of the rules and modifications were voted on and passed with one abstention. Discussion involved new signage, procedures, and observers and their roles.

Due to Ron Van Putte's passing, we are left without access to a local hobby shop. Morgan Fuel has graciously agreed to allow our club to purchase fuel for sale to club members only at cost (No Resale). The rules are, we have to pick it up ourselves, and we must buy full cases at a time. Mike Holderness has volunteered to be POC for the initial fuel run.

There were three Model of the Month entries;

Ray Seip – V-Vert
Frank Perkins – Dolf plans Extra
Phil Conner – DF-032 Panther

Frank Perkins was the Winner.
Congratulations Frank!

SAD Patch
Jason Komondoreas, was awarded the SAD patch for his crash of his brand-new (new to him) P-51 on take-off.

As a last note, Kevin Fears awarded a MX2 to James Turner for his birthday

the next day and we all sang Happy Birthday to James.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Attendees;

Michael Rapuano
Phil Conner
Romeo Wright
Frank Perkins
Joe Shearer
Chris Mikles
Ray Seip
Michael Holderness
Mark Pfeiffer
Roger Gilman
Larry Glenn
Robert Pacheco
Chris Kime
Andy Whitten
Kevin Fears
Alan Bradshaw
James Turner
Fred Carnes

March 8, 2018 Don Hollfelder Memorial Saturday Sailplane Social
by Craig Deyerle

Well, we were supposed to fly on Saturday, but it thunder-stormed all morning. So, I delayed to Sunday. The forecast was for winds 8-10 mph from the northeast. It was also supposed to be rather cold for April with starting temps in the low 50s going to the low 60s. Turns out, it was a bit colder than that. At 0800 the temperature at the field was 48 degrees and the wind was 9 gusting to 15. It did warm up a bit. I took my coat off at 1115. Only Mark Owens and I arrived to fly. There were two helicopter guys as well and we shared the field with them. I neglected to bring the score sheet, so we really didn't write down the scores (although Mark wanted to do so). Mark and I alternated flying and timing. We flew constantly from 0915 to 1130, excepting times when the helicopters were buzzing about. We set the max at 7 minutes. Mark maxed on every flight, excepting one. He also found the landing tape on most landings. I only managed to max twice and consistently missed the landing tape. I did manage to land in the back of a pickup truck on one flight, but we will speak of that no more. At altitude the winds were blowing. You really didn't want to chase anything downwind today.

So, there you have it, Mark won and I was second.